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THE WEEK  
**AHEAD**

MONDAY

**Holiday closings:** Canton Township offices will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. They will reopen 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

**Summit on the Park** is closed Monday for the final day of its annual maintenance period. It will reopen Tuesday. Summit hours are 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday.

The Canton Public Library is closed Monday and reopens at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Sunday hours (noon-6 p.m.) begin Sept. 9.

**Trash pick-up:** Canton residents with Monday trash pick-up will receive service on Tuesday. Regular routes for the rest of the week will be pushed back a day.

WEDNESDAY

**Newcomers:** The Canton Newcomers hold the first meeting of the season 7 p.m. at the Hanford Clubhouse in the Sunflower subdivision on Hanford between Canton Center and Beck roads. For more information call (734) 495-0520.

FRIDAY

**Free picnic:** Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan will host a free picnic 5-7 p.m. at Attwood Park, Howe and Annapolis, in Wayne.

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## Report: More Canton classrooms

**■ A new elementary school in southwest Canton and the conversion of an existing Canton elementary to a middle school are among the recommendations made by Superintendent Kathleen Booher.**

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The closing of some elementary schools, major additions to others, the "repurposing" of Central Middle School and a new middle school in Canton are all included in a draft report detailing facility changes recommended by Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher.

The report, given to the Board of

Education at a retreat in Wayne nearly two weeks ago, also indicates several transformations in curriculum, including adding pre-school education, multi-age classrooms, and talented and gifted students at each elementary building.

"This is a strategic initiative to improve the quality of education," said Booher. "Right now it's an incomplete draft." The draft was put together after nearly 600 hours of discussion by Booher's CORE Team Administrators.

Among the facilities recommendations:

■ converting one Canton elementary school — Hoben, Eriksson or Field — to a middle school.

■ reassign students at Central Middle School to other middle schools and redesignate Central.

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## Board members say facilities study is a good starting point

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School board members indicate they didn't know the draft report on facilities and curriculum was coming. However, most agree it will give them a base from which to begin discussions on the future of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"We need a process to determine what our community wants in our schools, and about selling some of our old physical plants" said Trustee Judy

Mardigian. "A magnet school would have a lot of appeal to parents who want something different."

Trustee Darwin Watts doesn't like the idea of eliminating elementary schools.

"It might be better financially, but our product is education," said Watts. "We should think strongly about adding buildings so we can create smaller schools, which is a better learning environment for kids."

Board member Steve Guile said it

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### 'Pawing' for a summertime dip



PHOTOS BY DONALD J. ALLEY

**Dog Daze at the Summit:** Mandy Sanford of Canton brought her Yorkshire Terrier, Finley, to swim at the Canton Summit Dog Daze event last weekend. The pool's shallow end was ideal for the many smaller dogs like Finley and (at right) Erin Collin and her Shitzu, Buddy. The dog owner swim was held during the Summit's annual maintenance shutdown. The pools in the aquatics center were drained and cleaned following the event.



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## Girl OK after getting trapped in bus door

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An 11-year-old Plymouth Township girl escaped serious injury after dangling outside a Plymouth-Canton school bus along North Territorial Road Wednesday afternoon.

Maureen Mackie was carried for about 500 feet outside the bus when the service door caught her backpack as she was exiting at her Burning Tree Road stop.

"My body was out of the bus, but my backpack wasn't," she said. "The bus doors closed and then it started moving."

"All I could think about was slipping out of my backpack and falling on the side of the road," she said. "I started to scream real loud."

Maureen's mom, Mary, was playing the piano in her home near the bus stop when she heard the screams.

"I heard this blood-curdling scream and I knew it was Maureen," said

**■ 'My body was out of the bus, but my backpack wasn't. The bus doors closed and then it started moving.'**

—Maureen Mackie, 11.

Mary Mackie. "I was terrified when I saw her hanging from the bus. I thought she was dead."

The bus finally stopped, and Maureen, fortunately, was left with a couple of scrapes and bruises.

"It was just that same morning I was discussing bus safety with her," said Mary Mackie. "It was lucky she had both straps on, and she only weighs 68 pounds, otherwise she could have fallen under the bus. She must have had a guardian angel on her shoulder."

According to Mary Mackie, the bus

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## Siwik murder exam now set for Sept. 10

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The preliminary exam for a man accused of first-degree murder of a Canton woman was adjourned Friday to Sept. 10.

Eugene P. Siwik, 28, of Dearborn Heights was arraigned Aug. 17 on the murder charge and assault with intent to commit unarmed robbery, and is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

He's charged with the June 25, 2000, murder of Leposava Filipovska, who was 62. Filipovska did not return home that morning after working the night shift at the Willow Run GM plant. Her body was found late that morning behind a Michigan Avenue Clark gas station Dumpster.

The Wayne County Medical Examiner determined Filipovska died of a heart attack, but police believe the heart attack occurred

during a struggle with Siwik when he tried to rob her.

Canton Police Sgt. Charles Raycraft said police continued to investigate because Filipovska's death seemed suspicious.

Police got a break on the case last month when inmates in the Calhoun County Jail, where Siwik was also serving 90 days for unrelated charges, tipped off police.

The tipsters said Siwik had told them details about the alleged murder and his involvement, which led to his arrest by the Canton Police Department.

Siwik faces mandatory life in prison if convicted of felony murder. Assault with intent to rob is punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Siwik has also been convicted of two prior felonies — a 1999 drunk driving and 1997 cocaine possession — which doubles the maximum penalty on each conviction.

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## Leadership class still has openings

The Canton Chamber of Commerce still has openings for the 2001-2002 class of Leadership Canton.

The Leadership program, established in 1994 and sponsored by the chamber, is designed to ensure a continuing source of skilled and motivated leaders for the Canton Community. The program helps current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the community.

Participants will meet monthly, usually on the third Friday, from October through May. Each daylong session will address a specific community topic and will include guest speakers, tours of area facilities and extensive interaction with other students. Participants or their employers are responsible for

**Participants will meet monthly to address a specific community topic, hear guest speakers and tour area facilities.**

tuition, which covers all basic costs, meals and program materials. Limited practical scholarships are available to non-sponsored participants or individuals representing non-profit organizations.

The course may be taken for credit through Cleary College of Business.

The yearly class is limited to 25 participants. For an application or more information, call the chamber office, (734) 453-4040.

# Man cited for kicking dog

An 18-year-old Plymouth man was cited for cruelty to animals last Sunday after being reported by a delivery man.

The man was delivering furniture to a Canton home in the 8300 block of Alton for a Livonia furniture store. The delivery man saw the teen kick a 5-month-old puppy across the living room floor. He then picked up the puppy by the collar, and threw him against a wall.

The 29-year-old owner of the house asked why he had hurt the puppy, and the teen said the dog made him angry.

He was issued a ticket for cruelty to animals and is scheduled to appear at the 35th District Court in Plymouth later this month.

### Angry teen arrested

A 14-year-old Plymouth Salem High School student was arrested after she allegedly attacked her mother, causing a two-inch gash in mother's forehead.

Police were called to the fami-

ly's Woodale Way house early Wednesday morning for a domestic dispute. After the girl and her mother were interviewed and advised, officers left.

They returned an hour later, just before 8 a.m., after the girl allegedly went into a rage, and began throwing things. One of the things she threw was a glass vase, which hit her mother in the forehead.

The girl insisted she didn't throw the vase at her mother, and the vase didn't hit the mother at all, but hit the wall and shattered.

The girl was taken into custody and later transported to a youth home.

### Pizza pilferer

Canton police were called to investigate a suspicious-looking man. The man was arrested, and it was his pizza that gave him

## COP CALLS

away.

Police were called last Friday to Fireplace Today, 42599 Ford Road, because the 28-year-old Detroit man was behaving suspiciously in the store. Employees said the man was taking price tags from merchandise and putting them in his pockets.

Police determined he was not still in the store, but found a man matching his description sitting outside, in front of nearby business Kids Kingdom, eating a pizza.

Officers were told by Kids Kingdom employees the man had stolen the pizza, which had olives on it.

When officers talked to the man, he said he bought the pizza. However, officers noted there were black olives on the ground and in the bushes behind the man.

Officers also noted the man's

pockets were full of various items, and he was wearing several layers of clothing.

He was arrested, and police found on his person a stolen leather appointment book and two cell phones.

The man told police the tell-tale pizza was a gift, and he had read an employee's mind, which told him to take it.

### Dog helper bitten

A jogging good Samaritan was bitten by the poodle she was trying to help.

Police were called to the 46000 block of Spinning Wheel Monday. A woman told police her dog had been hit by a car early that morning, and later died.

A jogger passing by stopped to help the dog, and the dog bit her, puncturing the skin. The dog's shots were up to date, but it was transported to the Westland Humane Society for rabies testing.

The jogger went to the hospital for treatment.

# Building trades students get land

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## VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Van Buren Schools officials have split the Elwell Elementary School property into five separate parcels, so the district's building trades program has land on which students can build homes.

The school currently sits on 37.12 acres at the intersection of Bemis and Elwell roads in Sumpter Township. District officials have carved the property into five parcels, four of which will be used for the building trades program. Each of the four

is slightly larger than an acre, and all have about 150 feet of frontage on Bemis. One of the lots (Lot B) sits on the corner and also fronts Elwell.

The school will remain on the fifth parcel, which is approximately 30 acres and has extensive frontage on Elwell.

According to Superintendent Larry Tabor, the move became necessary after the district looked at acquiring other properties for the program near

Belleville where students built past homes, but couldn't find anything affordable.

"We looked, but there just wasn't anything available for us," he said.

The building trades program currently has about 40 students. The plan is for them to construct homes on each of the four parcels. With a few exceptions, they will be similar to the 20 or so that have been built by students in the past, according to Tabor.

"In the past, all the homes have been built in or near Belleville, so they had city water and sewage services. This will be the first time any of the homes will be built with septic and drain fields. So it's a new challenge for our students," he said.

Bill Nagy, supervisor of vocational education, has been working with Sumpter Township officials to get all the necessary permits, and to make sure there are no wetland issues or other deterrents. He said the township recently gave the district approval to subdivide the property.

"Sumpter Township had certain requirements that had to be

met, including each of the lots had to be a minimum of one acre and have 150 feet of road frontage. We had to go to the Wayne County next, and they gave their approval," he said.

The Board of Education approved the split Monday, with the only opposition coming from president Karl Gorham. He lives right across the street from the school and doesn't want to see the homes built on the property.

"The school is a landmark for the people in this area. It's visible from both roads. To put houses in front of the school, especially on lot B on Elwell Road, which is the busiest of the two, kind of bothers me. As a property owner that lives across the street, I'm opposed to the development," he said.

Nagy estimates that the homes, once built, will be in the neighborhood of 1,800 square feet.

Plans for the homes aren't finalized, but Tabor expects students to begin building soon. He said once they are completed, the homes will be put on the market.

"Our intent is to begin building on one of the lots this year, and we're moving towards that. It's definitely our goal," Tabor said.

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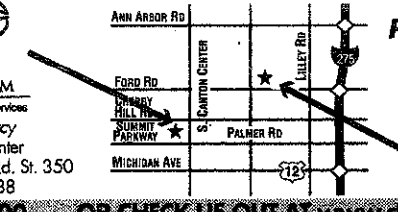


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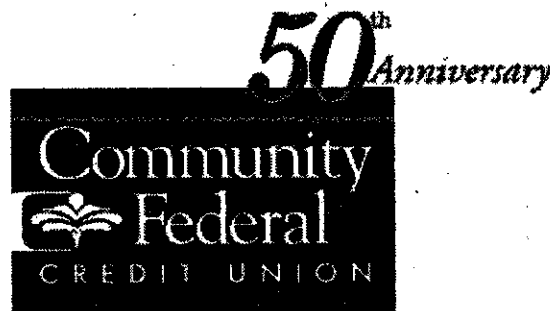
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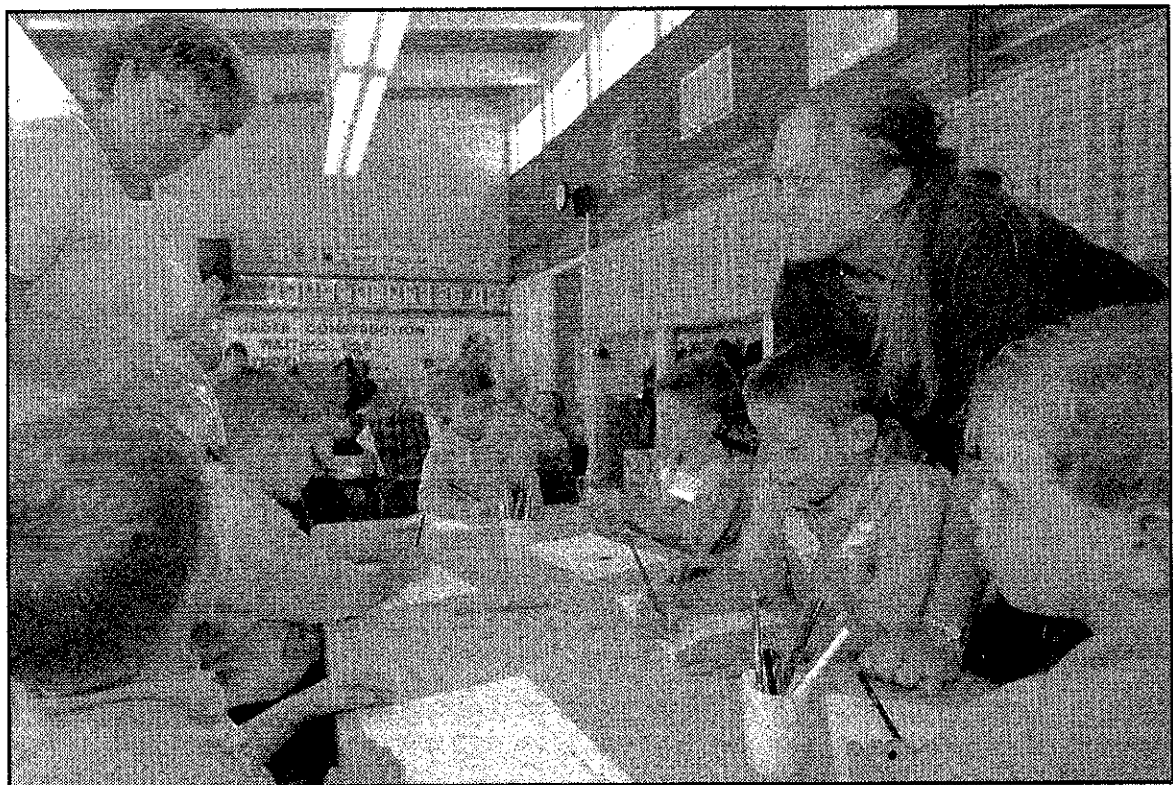


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**Snack time:** Teacher Penny Zmikly passes out a snack of carrots to the afternoon kindergarten class on her first day of the newly-offered kindergarten class at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth Monday. Kindergarten assistant Kelly Behn works with Dylan Roney, at right. Below, Zmikly talks about rules with the afternoon kindergarten class.

## OLGC adds kindergarten for 2001-02

For the first time in Our Lady of Good Counsel's 52-year history, kindergartners were among the students to walk through the door on Monday's first day. Principal Ted Behn said adding kindergarten has been a goal of his since his first day on the job. "We've been talking about bringing them in here since I started here as principal 16 years ago. It was so exciting to finally see them here. They are so adorable," he said. OLGC in Plymouth is in the process of major renovations, including converting an old church into a number of classrooms. According to Behn, adding the kindergartners was major reason for the renovations, because they needed more space. In all, there are 48 kindergartners. Half attend in the morning, and half in the afternoon.



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## Classrooms from page A1

- build a new elementary school in southwest Canton.
- sell or lease Tanger, Starkweather, Central Maintenance, and the E. J. McClendon Educational Center.
- convert Miller Elementary to the school administration and Board of Education offices.
- turn Fiegel Elementary into a school of choice.

"The addition of pre-school programs and all-day kindergarten at every elementary building does create the need for classrooms," said Booher. "We would also like to add a 1-2-3 multi-age classroom in each school."

Booher is recommending additions to as many as eight elementary schools, which would house at least 600 students each. The additions include making sure those buildings have separate gymnasiums and multipurpose/cafeteria rooms.

"It would be more economical to operate fewer buildings, so it's very possible we'll have to close some elementary schools," said Booher. "We need to relocate the education centers to where the kids are, like the southwest corner of the district. So, we'll look at repurposing or selling buildings in the lower attendance areas of the district."

Concerning Central Middle School, Booher said "we would retain ownership, but do something different with the building. We hope some partners step forward to make it a multi-purpose building."

"I would like to see a popular magnet school, International Academy, located there," she said. "In the rest of the building we would like a partner to work with us, both with programs and financially, which would serve the community without making it a burden. For example, the

city (Plymouth) and residents have expressed interest in keeping it a recreation center."

Concerning curriculum, Booher said she'd like to see the TAG (Talented and Gifted) program a part of each elementary building.

"The model we are using for TAG is an old one and needs to be updated," said Booher. "Currently, it requires children to be shuttled. We could use that time in the classroom. Plus, it would allow siblings to go to school together, and we could open the program to more children."

Booher said before there is any finalization of the plan, the board and community will be involved.

"The community will have input, and we've said that all along," she said. "The board needs to have conversation. We're at the stage of generating ideas."

## Board reaction from page A1

will be a number of years before any of the plan is ready for implementation.

"Consolidation is necessary in many of our operations because of budget constraints," he said. "Central Middle School is an emotional issue. We need to look at preserving the character of that community."

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said the city would be interested in looking at a partnership with the school district concerning Central Middle School property.

"There is some very valuable recreational land at Central Middle School, which was identified as a priority in the city's recreation master plan," said Sincock. "The athletic fields, tennis courts, football complex and open space could be put together in a multi-faceted program."

"We already have a great partnership with the schools," he said. "The land the Cultural Center sits on is owned by the school district."

Plymouth city commissioner

David Byers, who has made Central Middle School a central issue of his re-election campaign, wants to make certain the people will be heard when it comes to the school's future.

"I've been criticized that Central isn't a real issue, but everything I'm seeing is opposite of that," he said. "If the school board says there's a financial issue with Central and it needs to be addressed, then let's get a group to think out of the box to do that."

## Family rallied behind kitten

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A furry freak of nature turned into a rallying cause for a Livonia family.

On Aug. 19, the Ross' family cat, Carlyle, gave birth to four kittens, which is not unusual except the last one to emerge bore two faces. Shadow lived four days before dying Aug. 23.

"When I would tell people, they would say, 'C'mon ... How gross,'" Tom Ross said. "When they would see it, they would say 'Aw, how cute.'"

"They were all rooting for it to

live because it would have been an interesting cat to have."

The oddity sparked interest in Ross' household. Family stopped by the Parkdale home to see the curiosity.

The animal shared one skull and brain, but had four eyes and two mouths. When Shadow yawned, both mouths opened simultaneously but the cry only came from one, Ross said.

Shadow was the last born in the litter and weighed 3.36 ounces. Ross and wife Maralee tried to keep the kitten alive by feeding it with an eye dropper after the mother ignored it.



PHOTO BY TOM ROSS

**Im-purr-fect:** This is Shadow, before she died. "They were all rooting for her to live," said Tom Ross.

# Cream and sugar

## Coffee house owner lives to serve.

### NEW BUSINESS

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
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Tony Zimba finally found his calling — in a steamy, frothy cup of coffee.

Since April, Zimba has owned and operated his Canton coffee shop, La Mocha. The cafe is located in the Center Square plaza, tucked between Canton Center and Sheldon Center roads, where the two meet.

His uncle owned the shop before Zimba bought it, and invited him to come manage the store.

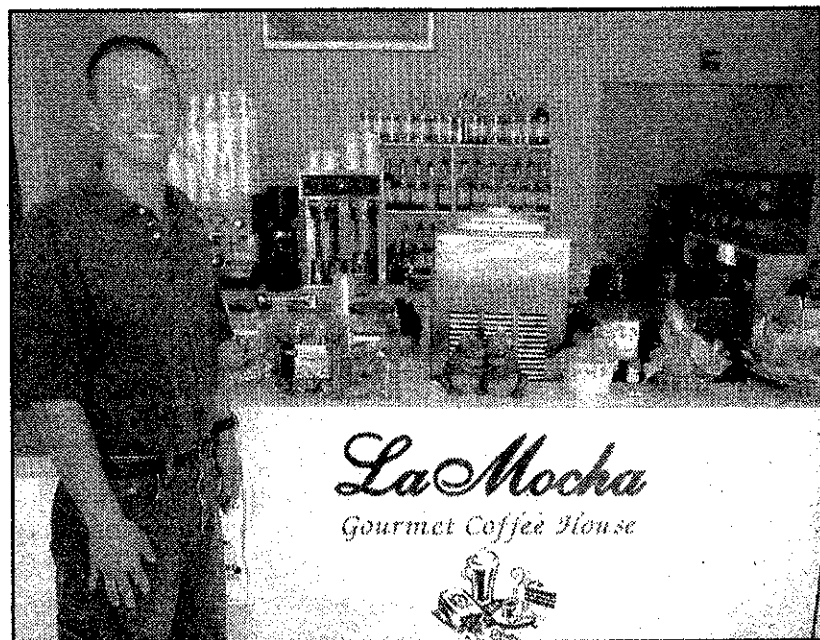
"I at first worked one day a week, just to help out my uncle," Zimba said. "Then one day turned into two, which turned into three, then four, before I came to manage the store full-time."

Zimba's uncle saw ample potential in the way he interacted with customers and served coffee mixed with enthusiasm, and offered him the chance to buy the store.

"To own a business like this, it has to be hands-on ownership. I have to be here all the time, or the business won't succeed," Zimba said.

He isn't there 24 hours a day, but it's pretty close. He opens the shop at 6:30 a.m. every weekday and closes up at 9 p.m. He then spends from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday minding the store. Zimba gives himself one day of rest and his only part-time employee works the Sunday 9-5 shift.

"I don't mind the long hours. I'm doing this for myself," Zimba said, adding that no business person succeeds alone. From the patio, he turned and waved to his mother, who was sitting in a large plush chair inside the



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**New owner:** Tony Zimba bought the former Extreme Beans from his uncle in April. He plans to expand the menu and add book readings and an open mic night at the Canton coffee house.

shop. "She comes in on Thursday mornings and works for a few hours so I can sleep in."

Other family members are helping Zimba with his plans for the store's future.

Later this fall, Zimba will enlist the help of his sister, who will lead a book club in the coffee shop.

Also on the menu for fall will be one open mic night a week.

At 30, Zimba isn't too modest to admit he's just youthful enough, and just hip enough to appeal to the teenage caffeine aficionados from the nearby high school. At the same time, adults are drawn to his clean and comfortable store with its extra-smooth coffee and quality baked goods. The bright-green, frog-themed decor goes a long way in creating an atmosphere that's family-friendly enough for even the youngest customers.

"I hope to attract a lot of the

school kids for some evening entertainment. They come in after school now, but I think they would like to have one night a week where they can come play their guitars or sing," he said. "I'm trying to offer something for everybody."

To meet that challenge, Zimba brought in Breyer's ice cream, which he will serve year-round, and soon hot entrees will be back.

"I'll be serving hot entrees in a bread bowl. We'll have a meaty chili, a beef stew, and one chicken dish." As cooler evening weather sets in, Zimba is also bringing back desserts to the menu.

"A lot of my customers like to walk over or drive in to have their coffee and pie in the evenings, especially after summer passes, and they're not busy with barbecuing and things in the evening," Zimba said.

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# Trees from page A1

When it comes to trees in your yard or on private roads, you're on your own, Paison said.

"If you're seeing any signs of stress, that's when you should call a professional," Paison said. "If trees lose their leaves or change colors early, have visible spots or bite-type marks, a licensed arborist can offer a prognosis and treatment solutions."

"Some can be treated, and some can't," he said. "A lot of times there is no treatment or it's so toxic you wouldn't want it in your yard."

Paison suggested maintenance is the best cure for tree disease.

"In an ideal world, we'd all have a tree service we use regularly," he said. "But if you haven't used one in a while you can call one to assess your trees, and have them come out periodically, every couple of years or so."

### Buyer beware

While losing an old tree certainly can be disappointing, los-

ing a new tree to disease can be very frustrating.

Canton resident Kim Saker was furious when trees she bought in the spring at a large local nursery died before summer was half over.

"I spent \$1,000 and a couple weeks later, they were dead," she said.

Saker called the nursery three times and each time she was given conflicting information.

"I was told to put a root stimulator on them, so I did. Then I was told to fertilize. Finally I was told to check for mites, and sure enough they were there," Saker said.

Because she bought the trees on sale with no warranty, Saker had no recourse to recover her money or replacement trees.

"It all depends on the different nurseries," Paison said. "But warranties can be tricky because even though you can get a warranty, sometimes it's like pulling teeth trying to get money or a new tree."

The best protection against

buying unhealthy trees is obser-

vation, said Paison. Trees should have healthy looking foliage and its bark should appear healthy all the way around the tree. There should not be any visible scrapes on the bark, and the bark should be intact. The tree should also have healthy looking limbs, because several broken limbs could indicated disease.

### New tree trouble

Residents in Fairways West subdivision have also had problems with new trees dying.

"We have dozens, if not 100 dead trees out here," said Steven Cottrell, Fairways West homeowners association board member. He said developer Richard Lewiston has been receptive to residents' concerns, but there is some disagreement regarding who planted the trees, and who's responsible for replacing them.

"There are four different builders here, and so far we can only speculate on who planted the trees," he said. "I don't have problems pointing my finger wherever it has to be pointed to get this eyesore resolved, but so far we can't figure out who's responsible."

According to one resident who asked not to be named due un-

related pending issues between him and his builder, the problem is widespread in the new subdivision.

"The whole subdivision's trees are dying," he said. "So the builders came out to most of the houses and put in a new tree, but then when those died, they said it's not their problem."

The man said his builder suggested he call Canton Township offices to participate in Canton's tree replacement program in which the homeowner and the township split the cost of planting a new tree.

"But why should I have to pay that and why should Canton have to pay? That's coming from our tax dollars," he said.

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said the replacement program was launched several years ago as part of the township's original beautification projects.

Far better than the replacement program is prevention, Goulet said.

"A lot of times people inadvertently kill their trees by over watering," he said. "They water their trees like they water their grass, and the trees don't need that much water. With Canton's soil having so much clay, the ground becomes soaked and the roots become waterlogged and

## How to keep your trees green

In order to enhance the quality of life in Canton, the township requires planting of street trees when new homes are built. Regular maintenance of street trees is the responsibility of the homeowner, as is the grass between the sidewalk and the curb. Canton's experts offer the following tips for caring for your trees:

- Inspect trees annually in the spring or summer. Look for a reduction in the growth of twigs, buds or leaves. Inspect for spotted or deformed leaves and twigs, and trunk decay indicated by loose or damaged bark, or by mushrooms on the trunk. Look for crown dieback. If there are any of these signs of problems, contact a licensed and insured arborist.

- Mulch the root zone of the trees with a 2- to 4-inch layer of loosely packed organic material to keep the soil cool and moist. The mulch should cover the entire area under the canopy of the tree, but should not be placed against the trunk. Leave a 1- to 2-inch gap around the trunk to avoid decay.

- Prune small dead and nuisance twigs as needed. Larger limbs should be removed by a licensed professional.

- Be cautious about over watering. Trees do not need the same amount of water as grass, particularly new sod. Once or twice a week, a 20-minute sprinkle should be ample when the weather is dry. When the weather is average, water new trees once a week at most.

Canton Township is printing a new brochure about street tree care for homeowners. The brochure should be distributed by the end of the summer.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI to consider the following items:

- Z-01-14 555 Forest Ave. Non-Use Variance Requested Lot Split, Lot Area & Street Frontage Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Ross Financial
- Z-01-15 399 Ann Street Non-Use Variance Requested Back Yard Setback - New Two Car Garage Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Bill & Marge Szezechowski
- Z-01-16 774 Pacific Street Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback - New One Car Garage Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Mary Herr
- Z-01-17 300 N. Mill Non-Use Variance Requested Front Yard Parking Zoned: RM-1, Multiple Family Residential Applicant: April & Paul Dobbs

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Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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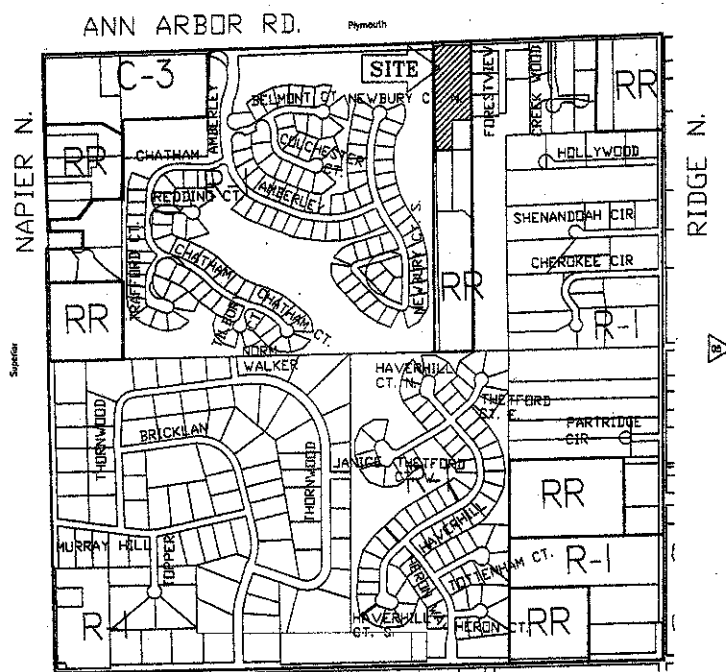
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 10, 2001 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**HROMEK REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 021 99 0014 001 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL, TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located on the south side of Joy Road between Ridge and Napier Roads.



### ZONING MAP SECTION 6

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the above address prior to Thursday, September 6, 2001 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON  
Chairman

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE REZONING:

231, 233, 261 AND 263 W. SPRING REZONE FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-1, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL APPLICANT: BRIAN MIKULEC

SITE PLAN APPROVAL: TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER 860 YORK STREET ZONED: I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL APPLICANT: MIOP, INC.

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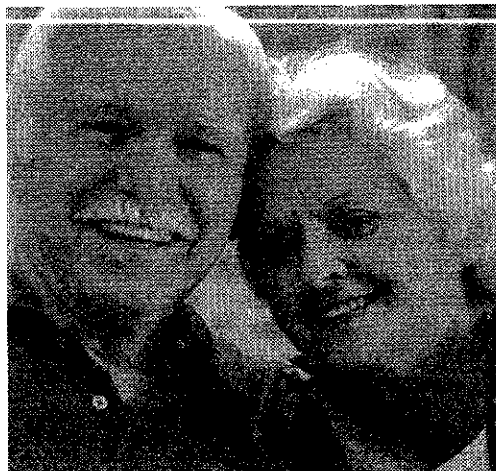
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rot." Goulet explained builders have an obligation to replace the trees once during the first year, but after that, it's the homeowner's responsibility to replace the trees, or participate in the township's tree replacement program.

## Bus accidents from page A1

driver became distracted by students in the back of the bus and took off before Maureen was clear of the door.

The bus driver was not ticketed by police. However, the school district has temporarily relieved the driver of his duties pending the district's own investigation.

Glen Mackie, Maureen's father, said they want to make sure it doesn't happen again, to any student.

"We want to make sure there is a procedure for bus drivers to follow when kids are getting off the bus," he said.

Transportation Director Melvin Latnie said "There are a number of procedures and safety guidelines bus drivers follow, which are reviewed during training before school starts."

The incident was the second of two school bus accidents Wednesday. According to the district, school bus No. 84 was transporting Discovery Middle School students home when it hit a car that stopped suddenly

in front of it at the corner of Cherry Hill and Sheldon Road. No one was injured in the mishap.

The incident is under investigation by Canton Township police and the district administration. The bus driver has also been suspended from his current duties pending the investigation.

Regarding both incidents, Judy Evola, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools, said, "In all situations, the safety and well-being of all Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students and staff is always the top priority, of paramount importance and should never be compromised. We care very much about the safety of every student attending Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and riding in district buses. Please be assured that every precaution is being taken to ensure all students' safety."

## CAMPUS NOTES

Dean's List  
Christopher Sample, son of

John and Carol Sample of Canton, was included on the Dean's Honor List at Michigan State University for Spring 2001. He also won a MSU Study Abroad Scholarship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation. Currently he is studying in Great Britain with the MSU's Mass Media Program at the University of London and at the University of Edinburgh. He is a 1996 Plymouth Canton graduate.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, daughter of Dr. Cindy Marriott and Dr. Joseph M. Fitzgerald of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list of Macalester College for academic achievement during the spring semester of 2000-2001 school year.

Syracuse University School of Information Studies has named Armand Dukes of Canton to the Dean's List for the 2001 spring semester. He is a senior majoring in information management and technology.

**Scholarship**  
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi recently awarded a scholarship from Eastern Michigan University to Karen Papa, a senior from Canton. She is a double major in political science and psychology. She has been active in the Stoic Society, Psi Chi Honor Society in Psychology and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society in Political Science.

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# Expect delays, detours as major road work continues

Students heading back to school this week – or, in most cases, the bus drivers, parents and guardians who chauffeured them – likely found road maintenance projects that will slow traffic well into the fall.

In Livonia, scheduled work on most major thoroughfares is complete, with the big exception of the I-96/I-275/M-14 repairs. That \$51 million Michigan Department of Transportation project, which includes extensive resurfacing, the rebuilding of a stretch of the freeway, and repairs to bridges and the I-275 interchange, will run at least through October.

On Newburgh Road, which is maintained by the city, drivers can expect periodic lane closures between Five and Eight Mile roads as workers replace individual concrete pavement slabs. Newburgh is the only major road in this year's slab replacement

program, said city engineer Bob Schron.

A scheduled Wayne County project, the widening of Merriman between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, has been postponed until next spring.

Beginning the project as planned would mean leaving the road in poor condition over the winter, and a natural gas pipeline also has to be moved before work can begin, said John Roach, spokesman for the county's roads department.

Here is a roundup of the status of major road projects in area communities:

## Redford Township

In Redford, the resurfacing of Beech Daly between Six Mile and Grand River, the only major road project to be done in the township this year, should be completed by mid to late September, Roach said. Expect lane closures.

## Canton Township

Canton has several projects in various stages of completion.

■ Canton Center Road between Ford Road and just north of Warren Road is being widened to five lanes. Canton Center from Ford north to

Maben Road has been reopened. Traffic shifts will occur until late September.

The entire project is expected to be completed in early October, according to the township's Web site.

■ Beck Road has been repaved between Cherry Hill and Ford, but restoration work and sign installation will continue until mid-September.

■ A traffic shift has taken place between the county line and just west of Beck on Michigan Avenue, which is being rebuilt. Most of the work is expected to be done by mid-November.

## Westland

In Westland, two major resurfacing projects are nearly complete. One is on Carlson between Marquette and Ford, and the other is on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Both are expected to be finished just after Labor Day.

## Plymouth area

In the city of Plymouth, the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey is closed for infrastructure repairs. It is expected to reopen next week.

In Plymouth Township, Hagerly will be closed north of Ann

Arbor Trail until late fall.

## Farmington area

Two Farmington-area road-widening projects – on Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile, and on Orchard Lake Road from I-696 to 10 Mile – will likely tie up back-to-school traffic, according to Craig Bryson of the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Both projects are being completed without detours. "They will cause traffic delays," Bryson said.

Both are expected to be completed at the end of November.

## Job Fair scheduled for Sept. 19

Those looking for a job in virtually any career, but don't know where to turn, might want to circle Wednesday, Sept. 19, on their calendars.

That's the scheduled date for the sixth annual Job Fair, co-hosted by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Home-Town Communications. This year's event again will take place at Burton Manor in Livonia, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Last year's event drew approximately 2,000 job hunters from throughout metropolitan Detroit, and hopes are to duplicate that level of interest.

Meg Lyczak, manager of inside outside classified sales for the Observer, said because the job fair is general in scope, there is no particular theme or focus.

"We have banks, health care (companies), retail stores and industries" lined up to get acquainted with those who are looking for new jobs and careers, explained Lyczak. "It's going to be across-the-board."

Lyczak does suggest that attendees come to Burton Manor armed with plenty of resumes.

Meanwhile, Lyczak said there still is plenty of room for businesses to sign up for the "across-the-board" event. She can be reached at (734) 953-2068.

Burton Manor is located at 27777 Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road and on the south side of Schoolcraft.

## Head Start calls toll free

Wayne County Head Start has just made it easier and less expensive for parents to learn more about Head Start.

A new toll free phone number, 1-(866)534-KIDS, now links any called to a Head Start operator.

Wayne County Head Start is a free child development program for 3- and 4-year-olds. Wayne County offers programs serving most all communities except Detroit (its operates its own Head Start) throughout the County.

To find out more about the program, contact 1-(866)534-KIDS.

**What:** Sixth Annual Job Fair  
**Who:** Co-hosted by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Home-Town Communications  
**When:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19  
**Where:** Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia  
**Why:** To enable employers and job hunters a chance to meet

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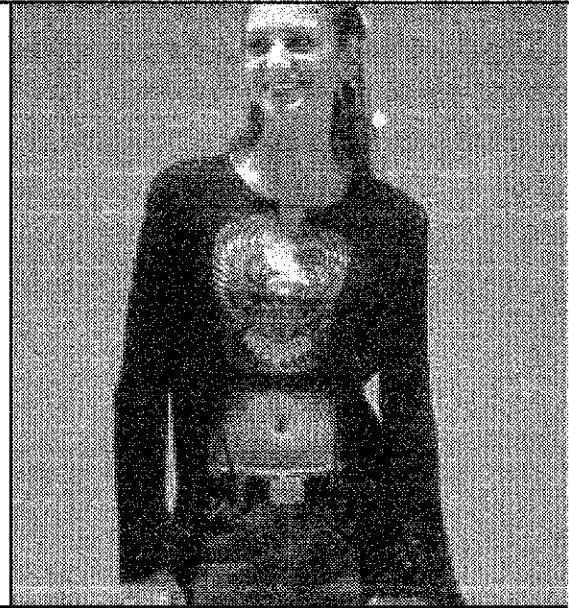
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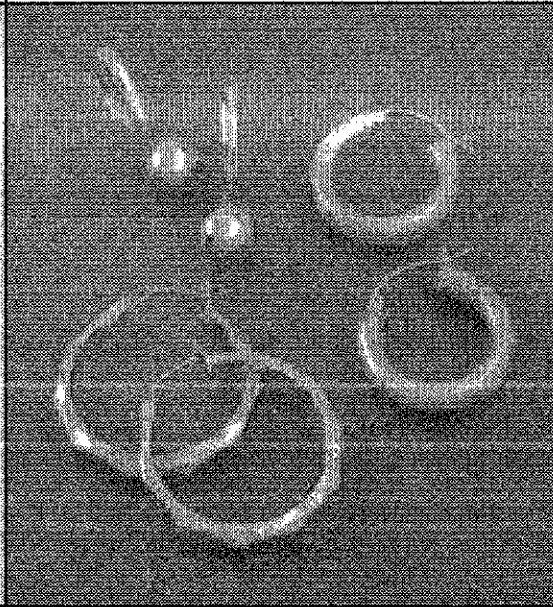
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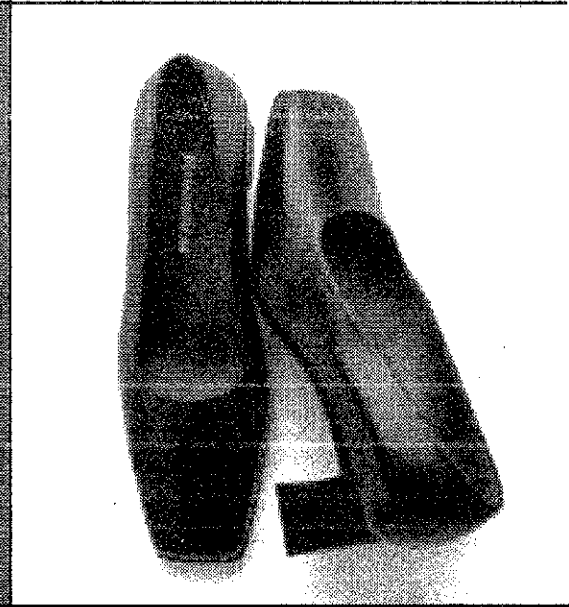
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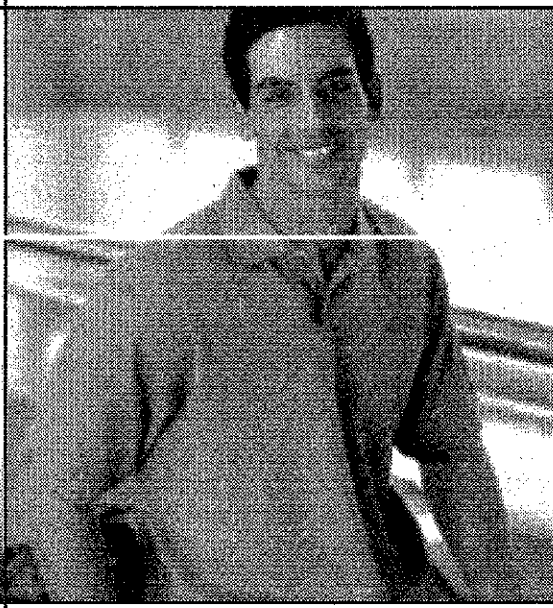
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**Joint effort:** Nicholas Farmer of Canton, 4, and sister Courtney, 7, show off their Canton Police identification packets after completing the fingerprinting and photo session at Gateway Country store on Ford Road. The computer seller recently teamed with the Canton Police Department to create the identification packets and a floppy diskette containing a photograph and information about the children. Dozens of area families stopped in during the three-day event. Pictured at right, Gateway Solutions Advisor Nathan Pilkington measures Nicholas' height as his sister looks on.



**OBITUARIES**

**VIVIAN M. GERRES**

Services for Vivian Gerres, 79, of Canton were held Aug. 31 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Andrew Webster officiating.

Mrs. Gerres was born Sept. 6, 1921, in Shabbona, Mich., and died Aug. 28 in Port Huron. She was an executive secretary with an automotive company.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Adam Joseph, and brother, Edward Phetteplace.

Survivors include sisters, Jane Huggard, Eunuce Kreger and Helen (John) Parry.

Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

**LILLIAN PRZYSTUP**

Lillian Przystup, 87, of Plymouth died Aug. 25 in Livonia. She was born Aug. 21, 1914, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her son, William Przystup.

Survivors include son, Jack Przystup of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**THOMAS C. ANTAYA**

Services for Thomas Antaya, 69 of Plymouth were held Sept. 1 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Mr. Antaya was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Canada and died Aug. 30 at Angela Hospice. He

worked as a driver for a linen company.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa; son, Jeffrey T.; daughter, Janet T. (Richard) Nelson; daughter, Joan M. (Douglas) Budden; daughter, Julie A. (Phillip) Kerr; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

**SAMUEL "SAM" FALVO**

A funeral Mass for Samuel "Sam" Falvo of Redford was Aug. 29 in St. Valentine Catholic Church.

Mr. Falvo was born in Heilwood, Pa., and died Aug. 26, 2001, after a heart attack. He served in the Sea Bees in the Navy during World War II. He was a business owner of the Gulf (later Marathon) service station at the corner of Michigan and Livernois.

Mr. Falvo was active in the Boys and Girls Club of Detroit. He loved baseball; coaching Little League, RTJAA, Barney McCloskey and Westside Seven teams over the years. During his coaching years, he often took many of his "team kids" to Detroit Tigers games. He also belonged to the VFW Romanowski Post.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; son, Mark; daughters, Denise and Sandy; sister, Katie; and 10 grandchildren, TJ Atkins, Jeremy, Justin, Danny and Cody Jagosz, and Sam, Tedi, Sean, Gabriella and Catherine Falvo. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family members live in Redford, Garden City, Livonia, Westland, Canton and Farmington.

Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WEBSITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AND WEBSITE HOSTING SERVICE**

The Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for developing a comprehensive Township website and providing internet website hosting service. The Township would prefer a single source for both services.

Bid packets, containing instruction and bid specifications, are available in the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, MI., during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bid packets cannot be mailed.

All proposals must be submitted by 3 p.m., on September 21, 2001, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked as "WEBSITE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT AND WEBSITE HOSTING SERVICE" and hand delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, MI.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**Ford donates engines for P-CEP program**

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Auto Technology Program recently received a donation valued at over \$40,000.

The Ford Motor Dearborn Engine Plant donated and delivered 10 new 2000-01 automobile engines to P-CEP. The engines, of various types, will be used in auto classes to help students learn about the construction and operation of newer car components.

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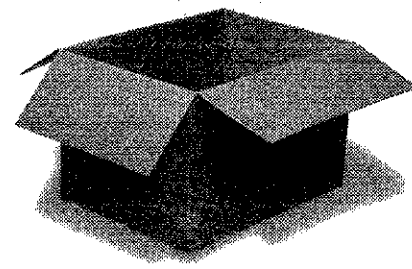
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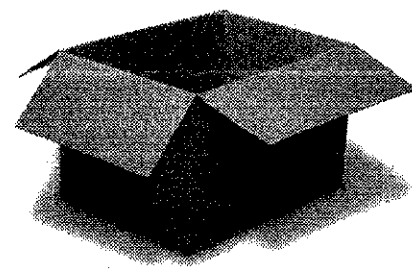
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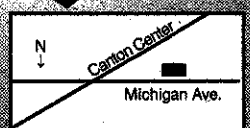
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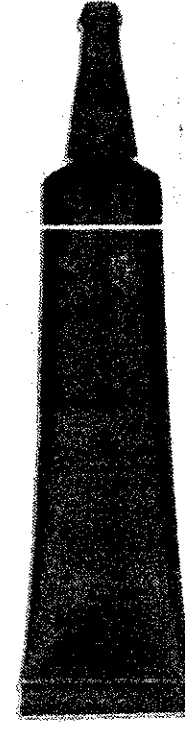
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## Wolcott awarded

The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association has awarded one of its four annual \$1,000 scholarships to Oliver Wolcott, son of former Plymouth-Canton athletic administrator Brian Wolcott.

Oliver Wolcott graduated from Plymouth Canton HS last June with a 3.89 grade-point average. He was a standout on the football, basketball and baseball teams, earning all-conference honors as a shortstop in baseball.

"Oliver Wolcott was an exceptional athlete, but more importantly, he was an exceptional individual," said Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey. "He is the type of person that you just love to coach."

The MIAAA has awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships to sons and daughters of the state's athletic directors. Since 1997, the MIAAA has awarded four \$1,000 scholarships.

Oliver Wolcott will start his freshman year at Michigan State in the next few days, planning to study molecular biology.

## Heinzman certified

Sue Heinzman, athletic director at Plymouth Canton HS, has been recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association as a certified athletic administrator.

To earn this distinction, Heinzman "demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration," according to the NIAAA release. In gaining the certification, Heinzman went through a process that included an evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written exam.

The NIAAA is a national organization consisting of all 50 state athletic administrators associations and more than 5,800 individuals.

## Madonna falls

Madonna University's men's soccer team gave up two second-half goals and ended up losing to Judson College 3-2 in its opening match of the Ralph Kerner Classic at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind.

Goals by Nick Szczechowski (from Plymouth Salem), assisted by Patrick Griffin (Plymouth/Catholic Central) and Casey Cook (Canton/CC), and Jonathan Johnson (Plymouth Canton), assisted by Griffin and Matt Koontz (Livonia Stevenson), gave the Crusaders a 2-1 lead. But they couldn't hold on to it.

Doug Koontz (Canton) started and made seven stops in goal for Madonna. He was relieved by Matt Strabbing (Canton) with 12 minutes remaining.

The loss left the Crusaders at 1-1.

## Tryouts

Tryouts for a newly-formed Michigan Indians 12-and-under travel baseball team will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 at Massey Field in Plymouth. The team will play approximately 50 games next summer, including Little Caesars League and tournaments.

For more information, call Ben Kosmalski at (734) 416-1151 or e-mail Bob Cleary at realey79@mediaone.net.

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's (CCJBSA) 13-and-under boys travel baseball teams will have tryouts for the 2002 season at 10 a.m. Sept. 8 at Flodin Park, located off Saltz. The team will play 40-plus games, plus tournaments.

For more information, call Dan Boylan at (734) 981-4855, Dave Giove at (734) 981-4471 or Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

The Canton Cardinals 11-and-under travel baseball team will have a tryout for its 2002 squad at 9 a.m. Saturday and again at 5 p.m. next Sunday (Sept. 9) at McClumpha Field No. 2 in Plymouth Township Park. The team will play in Little Caesars, a 40-50 game schedule, including five tournaments.

For further information, call Kevin Betz at (734) 397-5995.

The Canton Cardinals 12-and-under baseball team will have a tryout for its 2002 team at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at McClumpha Field No. 4 in Plymouth Township Park. The team will play in Little Caesars, a 40-50 game schedule, including five tournaments.

For more information, call Don Plester at (734) 453-7089.

## Salem survives Troy

BY C.J. RISAK  
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Cover sports long enough and you realize coaches are the absolute worst barometer when trying to figure who won and lost a game.

Oh, they'll know the final score (usually), but if you bypass that and just listen to their description of the game and how it played out, then try to decide on your own who won and who lost, chances are you'll draw the wrong conclusion.

Case in point — Plymouth Salem hosting Troy in boys soccer Wednesday.

Troy coach Carlos Wheatley: "I'm very pleased with our play. We needed a game like this. We played Clarkston last night and even though we won 3-2, we didn't play as well.

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"We played very well tonight. I'm much happier with the way we played."

Salem coach Ed McCarthy: "I think we caught them pretty flat at the start. We had a chance to put a couple in early and didn't take advantage of it. And we absolutely did not defend well in the second half.

"We have to get stronger in the back. No question. I thought going to something more traditional, with a sweeper (in the second half), would help, but even when we adjusted we didn't do it very well."

So who won? Why Salem, of course — 2-1.

The victory raised the Rocks' record to 2-2-1. Troy, which

played Thursday, fell to 1-1.

Truth be told, the Rocks played very well for the first 20 minutes. And they got a goal, scored by Shane Smith following a Brian Popeney restart from 40 yards out. Colts' keeper Edin Alic attempted to come out and grab the kick, but it escaped him and Smith was there to bury it.

That goal came 10:21 into the match, but it was all Salem could manage despite being quicker to the ball and keeping the play in Troy's end most of the time. The Colts started to adjust, however, and for the final 20 minutes of the opening half, play was even.

It didn't stay that way in the second half. Troy came out looking like a different team, taking

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**Ball control:** Salem's Chris Conlisk (8) and Troy's Nathan Zuzga (9) battle for control of the ball during Wednesday's hard-fought match.

## Chiefs club North

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Due to a Michigan high school football mercy rule, the game clock ran non-stop throughout the entire second half of Friday night's Plymouth Canton-North Farmington game.

Due to a deceptive, well-oiled offensive attack, the Chiefs' running backs ran non-stop throughout the entire first half of the game, pacing Canton to a 35-0 halftime lead and 42-0 victory over the outmanned Raiders.

The convincing home win boosted Canton to 2-0 (1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association). The Raiders dropped to 0-2 (0-1 in the WLA).

Once a team gains at least a 35-point advantage over its opponent — like Canton did Friday night — the game clock is stopped only for timeouts in the second half, according to the rule.

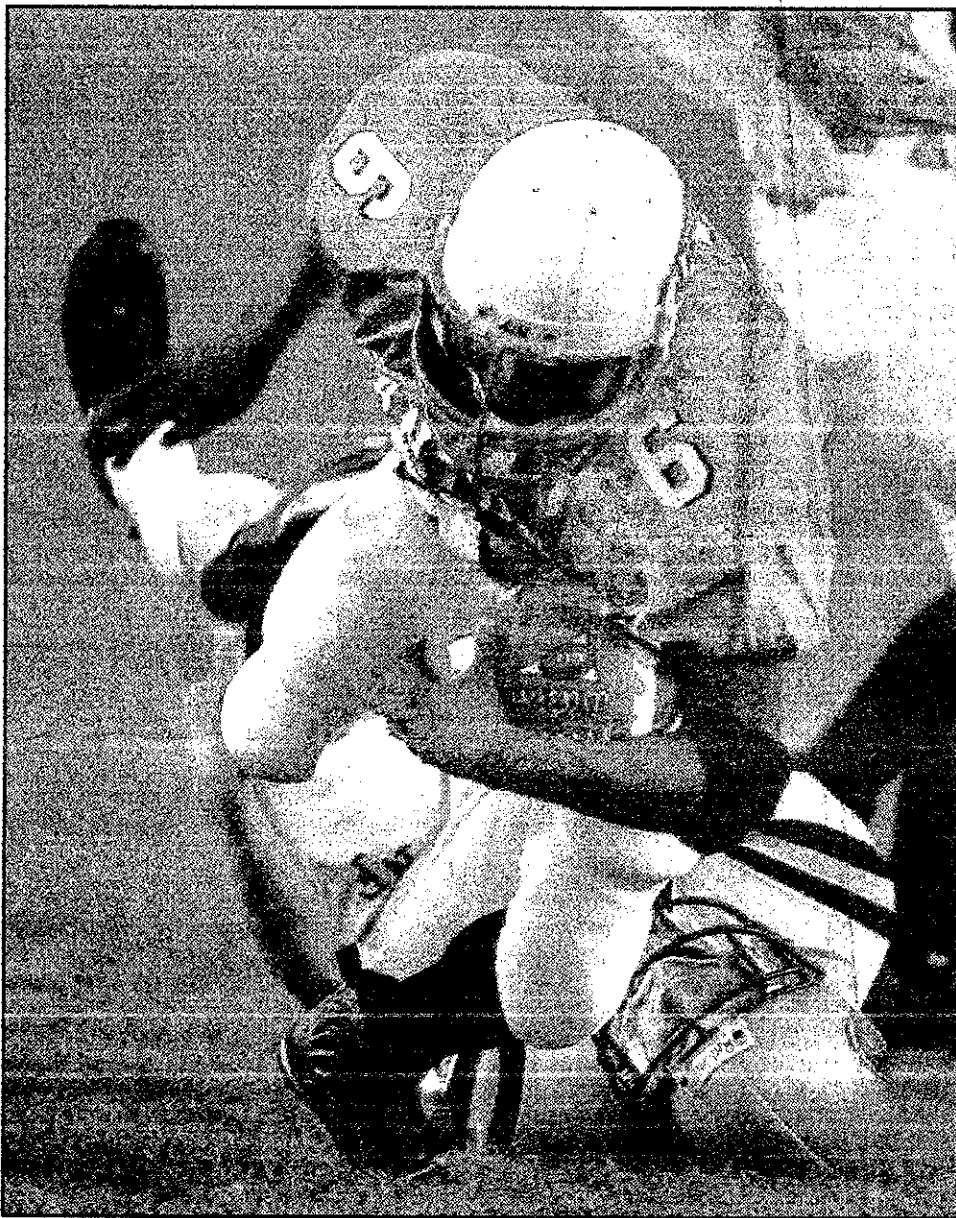
It made for a very swift and uneventful second half for both teams after a one-sided fireworks show for the Chiefs in the opening 24 minutes.

"No matter who we're playing or what the score is, we're always looking for improvement," Canton coach Tim Baechler emphasized, a few minutes after Friday's game. "And I saw improvement tonight, especially on special teams and in our tackling.

"Offensively, I was pleased with the way we blocked tonight. Defensively, I liked the way we played on third downs. We're still committing too many penalties (five for 52 yards). We still have a ways to go, but we're getting there."

North Farmington coach Rich Burrell said his team's execution could have been better against the Chiefs, but he couldn't have been happier with some of the intangibles his team displayed.

"I was very proud of the way our team stayed composed, even when we were down 42-0," Burrell said. "A lot of times, a team will get way down and lose its composure. But these kids kept a positive attitude and they kept working hard right up until the last whistle. You can't ask for much more than



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Plunging ahead:** Canton had little trouble moving the ball against North Farmington, demonstrated by Brandon Yopp as he runs over a would-be Raider tackler.

that."

You also can't ask for much more than Canton running back Dane Kobus contributed to the Chiefs' offense: 158 yards on 12 carries and three touchdowns in just over two quarters of action. Baechler sent in the reserves on

offense and defense following the first series of the third quarter.

Kobus, who also played a solid game at linebacker on defense, reeled off four runs of 25 yards or better.

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## FOOTBALL

Harrison's  
1st quarter  
buries Rocks

Farmington Harrison rolled to its second victory of the young football season Friday, scoring a 56-13 victory over visiting Plymouth Salem.

The top-ranked Hawks, who needed just nine plays to score their first six touchdowns, racked up 37 points in the first quarter and led at halftime, 50-13.

Harrison opened the scoring with quarterback Drew Stanton throwing the first of two TD passes to flanker Agim Shabaj, the first covering 40 yards. Mike Kloosterman kicked the first of six straight extra points.

Marcus Woods had scoring runs of 2 and 56 yards to help boost the score to 21-0, and Harrison added a two-point safety when a bad snap on a Salem punt sailed out of the end zone.

Stanton connected with Shabaj, his future Michigan State University teammate, for a 46-yard TD pass, and Charles Pickett had an 8-yard run to complete the scoring in the opening period.

Woods had another 56-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter to give the Hawks a 44-0 lead.

Facing the Harrison second-team defense, Salem's Myron Covington scored touchdowns on runs of 9 and 1 yards.

The Rocks (0-2) had scoring drives of 12 and five plays, respectively. Drew Bringley kicked the PAT after the second touchdown.

With seven seconds left in the half, Pickett scored his second TD on a 1-yard run to make the half-time score 50-13.

Harrison's Bill Richeson finished

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## MEN'S SOCCER

New coaches aim  
is to take Ocelots  
to NJCAA title

BY C.J. RISAK  
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The forces of nature are something Dominic Scicluna strongly believes in. As he assumes the title as coach of Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team, together with Joe Kurta and Lamar Peters, he wants his team to believe it too.

Which is why he begins practices by reciting philosophical passages, aimed at making the players realize that everything, the mental and the physical, are fused. Whatever a player does, it affects everything around him.

"Like dropping a pebble in water," Scicluna said, "and watching the ripples spread."

The three SC coaches know the kind of ripples this Ocelot team could cause in the NJCAA Division I.

"Our goal is to win the national championship," said Kurta. "This is my fourth year on this team and I have to say this is the best talent we've had

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## Big story

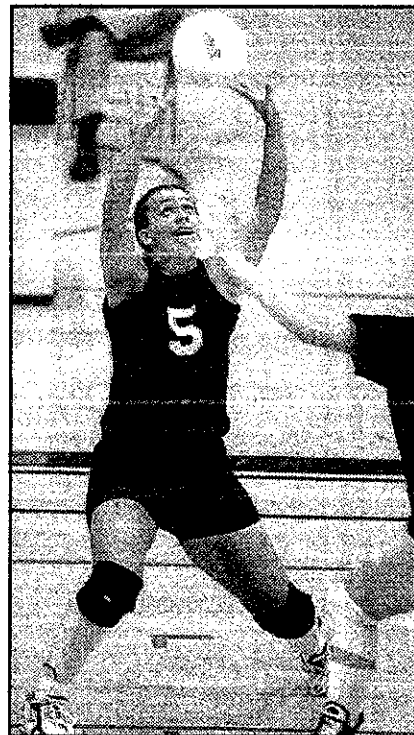
## Taller Ocelots may pose quite a threat

BY C.J. RISAK  
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There will always be losses to overcome — it's the nature of collegiate coaching. Some years, those losses will be more prominent than others.

It could be a season like that for Schoolcraft College's volleyball team, which loses five players who were starters on last season's 24-13 team: Lauren Ruprecht, Nicole Boyd, Amanda Yaklin, Meagan Sheehan and Rebekah Thornton started at some time last year, and Jessica Tilson was a key substitute.

Knowing that St. Clair County CC, which captured the NJCAA Division II title last year as well as the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference crown, has some key returnees to bolster a strong recruiting class won't make SC coach Tom Teeters' job any easier. But Teeters hasn't exactly been sitting around waiting for prospects to knock on his door.



FILE PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Major asset:** Jana Nitschke showed she could do it all last season, including set.

In fact, this could prove to be one of the best teams the Lady Ocelots have fielded in quite a while. It certainly will be one of the tallest.

"We're taller than we've ever been, by far," said Teeters, whose team last year finished second to St. Clair in the conference with a 14-2 mark.

He does have some notable returnees. Like Andrea Kmet (from Westland/Livonia Franklin), a 5-foot-10 outside hitter; and Fran Hamilton, a 5-11 talent who could end up playing outside hitter, middle hitter or setter; and Jana Nitschke, a 5-10 setter/outside hitter from Germany; and Amy Kiefer, another strong 5-10 outside hitter who started last season.

Although the losses from a year ago are severe, there are reasons Teeters believes this team will be better. Notably, last year's team was without Ruprecht, perhaps their best middle hitter, for most of the season due to injuries. That

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 Wayne at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.  
 Garden City at Belleville, 7 p.m.  
 Thurston at RU (Kraft), 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.  
 Harrison at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.  
 N. Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7:30 p.m.  
 Canton at Northville, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 C'ville at Luth. Northwest, 1 p.m.  
 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.  
 St. Agatha vs. Light & Life at Taylor Kennedy, 1 p.m.  
 Borgess at Benedictine, 2 p.m.  
 Redford CC vs. O.L. St. Mary at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
 Fairlane at C'ville, 6:30 p.m.  
 Woodhaven at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
 St. Agatha at Franklin Road, 7 p.m.  
 Ply. Christian at A.A. Richard, 7 p.m.  
 Ypsilanti at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
 Franklin at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.  
 Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
 N. Farmington at RU, 7 p.m.  
 Milford at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
 Howell at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Huron Valley at School-Deaf, 5:30 p.m.  
 C'ville at Roeper, 6:30 p.m.  
 Luth. W'sid at Flat Rock, 7 p.m.  
 Flint N'western at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
 Mercy at Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.  
 Ply. Christian at Flat Rock, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
 Woodhaven at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
 Wayne at Belleville, 7 p.m.

Brighton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
 Berkley at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
**(Salem Tournament)**  
 Northville vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.  
 Salem vs. A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Salem Tourney, 3:30 & 5 p.m.  
**PREP BOYS SOCCER**  
**Monday, Sept. 3**  
 Salem at E. Lansing, TBA.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
 Grosse Ile at C'ville, 4:30 p.m.  
 Garden City at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.  
 CC at Toledo St. John, 4:30 p.m.  
 Baptist Pk. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
 Churchill at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.  
 W.L. Central at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
 Northville at N. Farm., 7 p.m.  
 Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
 Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 C'ville at RU (Kraft Field), 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 Wayne at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.  
 Garden City at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.  
**(Huron Valley Luth. Invitational)**  
 Luth. W'sid at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
 Agape vs. Michigan Lutheran at Lutheran Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Redford CC at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.  
 Wat. Mott at Harrison, 12:30 p.m.  
 N. Farm. at Wat. Kettering, 12:30 p.m.  
 Stevenson at Troy, 1 p.m.  
**(Huron Valley Luth. Invitational)**  
 Winners at Luth. Westland, 11 a.m.  
 Losers at Huron Valley, 11 a.m.  
**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Wayne at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.  
 Churchill, Stevenson, Farmington,

Canton at Oakland CC, 4 p.m.  
 Harrison, W.L. Western, N. Farm., Glenn at Central City Park, 4 p.m.  
 Salem, Franklin, Northville, W.L. Central at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 W. Bloomfield Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 9:30 a.m.  
 Dearborn Invitational, 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
 Ladywood at N.D. Prep, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Salem, Franklin, Northville, W.L. Central at Cass Benton, 4 p.m.  
 Mega Quad at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
 Churchill, Stevenson, Farmington, Canton at Oakland CC, 4 p.m.  
 Harrison, W.L. Western, N. Farm., Glenn at Central City Park, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 W. Bloomfield Invitational at Kensington Metropark, 9:30 a.m.  
 Dearborn Invitational, 10 a.m.  
 U-D Mercy Invitational at Cass Benton Park, 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS TENNIS**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
 Ladywood at Divine Child, 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 Romulus at Wayne, 4 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Novi at Canton, 4 p.m.  
 Marian at Ladywood, 4 p.m.  
 John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 Salem Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 Monroe Invitational, 8 a.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 Livonia Public Schools Inv. at Fox Creek, 3 p.m.  
 Wayne vs. Trenton at West Shore, 3 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 4 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 7**  
 Riv. Richard Inv., TBA.  
**GIRLS SWIMMING**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
 Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Dearborn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
 Churchill at John Glenn, 6 p.m.  
 G.P. North at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 WLAA Relays at Salem, noon.  
 EMU Relays, TBA.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
 S'craft at Coll. of DuPage (Ill.), TBA.  
**Monday, Sept. 3**  
 Ind. Wesleyan at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 S'craft vs. O.L. St. Mary at Macomb Tourney, noon.  
 Madonna at St. Francis (Ind.), 2 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
 S'craft vs. Hudson (N.Y.) at Macomb Tourney, TBA.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
**Sunday, Sept. 2**  
 S'craft at Lake County, TBA.  
**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
 S'craft vs. Moraine Valley at College of DuPage (Ill.), TBA.  
**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
 S'craft at Coll. of DuPage (Ill.), TBA.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
**Tuesday Sept. 4**  
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday, Sept. 7-8**  
 Julie Martin Memorial Tourney at Madonna, TBA.  
**TBA** — time to be announced.

**SC soccer from B1**

to work with."  
 Scicluna agreed. "We have the potential to win the national championship," the former Redford Catholic Central standout said. "But that doesn't mean anything when compared to a team that isn't as talented but works hard and achieves it."  
 There are several obstacles that must be dealt with for the Ocelots to make a title run — not the least of which is the change in coaching. Van Dimitriou, who has served as SC's head coach for the past 18 years, has been battling cancer for the past year. In the last two weeks, his health has taken a turn for the worse and he relinquished his position, leaving it to his assistants.  
 It hasn't been easy. "He was like a father to me," said Kurta. Added Scicluna, who lost another of his mentors, his uncle Paul Scicluna, to a car accident two years ago: "It's been an emotional transition for all of us."  
 Still, the team carries on. Its season started yesterday with a match against Meramec CC in the College of DuPage Tournament outside Chicago. The Ocelots play Springfield in their second match of the tournament today.  
 These games should help the coaches put together a starting lineup — which isn't easy, simply because of the abundance of talent. "Everyone will have a big influence on the team," said Kurta. "They're going to have to fight for their spots at every practice."  
 No one will have a guaranteed spot. It's the only way a team can be successful."  
 At the top of the potential list is Tom Eller, considered one of the state's premier players at Livonia Stevenson in 1999. Eller, however, neglected his studies and had to put his collegiate soccer plans on hold — until this season.  
 What will make Eller even more dangerous is the company surrounding him. Dan Lipou, another Stevenson grad, led SC in goals scored last season; he's also a valuable leader

**WHALER NOTES**

**WHALERS TICKETS**  
 Individual game tickets for the Plymouth Whalers are now on sale the Computware Sports Arena box office. They may be purchased by calling (734) 453-8400 or by logging on to www.plymouthwhalers.com.  
 Ticket prices will remain the same for the third-straight year, with executive reserved

seats at \$8 each and V.I.P. tickets at \$12 each. The Whalers also offer a special Family Value Pack for certain games. The Family Value Pack includes four executive reserved tickets, four hot dogs, four soft drinks and two game programs for \$36.  
 The Whalers play most of their home games on Friday and Saturday nights, with the home

season-opener scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 vs. the Erie Otters. Fans can come early for a pre-game celebration featuring Nickelodeon characters Angelica and Rocco from Rugrats. Joining them will be Whalers' mascot Shooter, Lovely the Clown and Balloon Man Dan.  
 Pre-game festivities start at 6:00 p.m.

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and a lack of depth made SC vulnerable.  
 "This team will be much deeper," said Teeters.  
 This team will be particularly tough to handle if those returning can handle their new, expanded roles. Kmet "is probably our top athlete," Teeters said. "She'll play on the left side this year. And she's our top-returning receiver."  
 Hamilton was the team's co-most valuable performer, an honor she shared with Yaklin. "She can play any one of the front row positions, and she did some setting for us last year and may this year, too," said Teeters. "She has a really strong attitude."  
 Nitschke is another with all-around ability; she was SC's main setter last season. "She has good court sense and is a serving specialist," Teeters said. Kiefer started at outside hitter last season and has improved defensively, but an ankle injury this season has set her back a bit.  
 Now the newcomers. First, set-

ters Teeters is planning to use — and he is thinking about utilizing an offense with two setters — are 5-7 freshmen Ioana Vescan and Kellie Korn. Vescan is a 20-year-old from Romania who has an abundance of experience and is strong defensively, while Korn is a "very good athlete" with great ball control and a very good jump serve.  
 As far as the offense is concerned, Teeters won't lack options. Noelle Swartz (Canton/Westland John Glenn), a 6-0 outside hitter, was signed last year but injuries to both knees kept her out of action. Now, after a redshirt season, she returns and could play anywhere on the front row.

Katie Drews (Livonia Stevenson) is a 6-0 hitter and strong blocker who will play the right side or middle, while Kerstin Marshall (Livonia Franklin) is a 6-2 presence in the middle or on the right side armed with a potent serve.  
 There's more. Sarah Hesse is a 6-0 right side hitter who has solid blocking skills and is improving quickly, while Carly Szajnecki is a 5-11 middle/right side hitter who boasts great leaping ability to go with strong all-around talents. And Meghan Mitchell was a 5-8 middle hitter at Dearborn Divine Child who can fill any of the hitting spots and be a primary passer, too.  
 Filling defensive specialist roles

will be Jessica Walker (Redford Thurston), who is just recovering from an ankle injury, and Desiree Betts (Livonia Ladywood), a good back-row blocker who can block and defend.  
 It should all add up to a better all-around team. "I think defensively we'll be a much stronger team and offensively we'll be stronger," said Teeters. "We recruited the best athletes we could get and in the process we got a lot of middle hitters. That's going to give us some options."  
 Should Teeters be able to piece this together properly, in the next month or so, then the Ocelots just might give St. Clair a bit of a run. Maybe.



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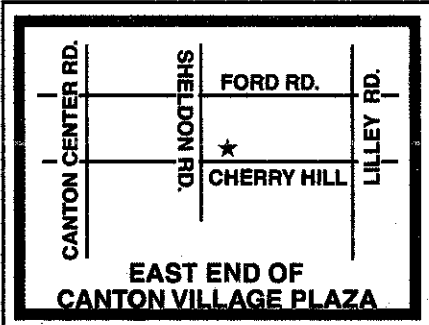
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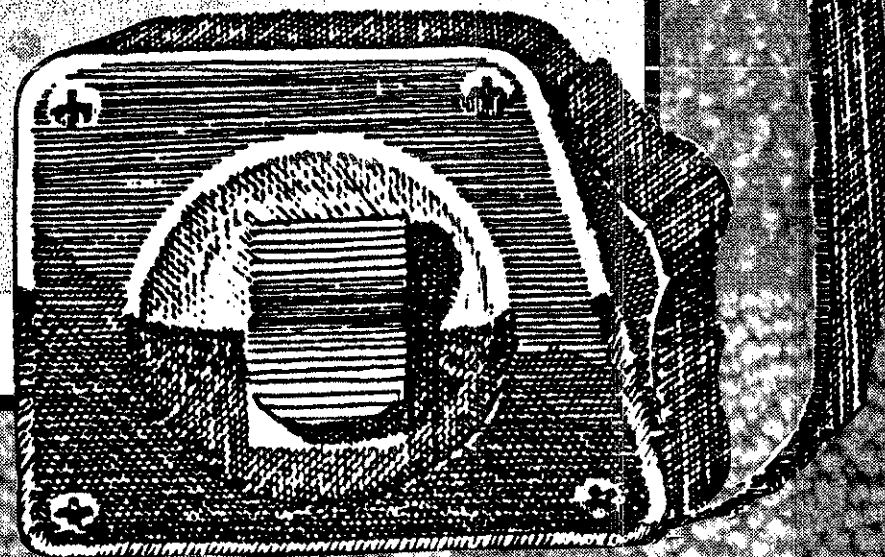
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**YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

•Tryouts for the 13-year-old Michigan Lake Area Rams baseball team will be Sunday, Sept. 9, 16 and 23.

For more information, call Mark Falvo at (313) 537-3449 or Jack Falvo (248) 471-1748.

•For more information about the WaCo Wolves' 2001 10-year-old travel baseball tryouts, call Tim Broughton at (734) 953-0786.

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The Motor City Volleyball Club is running a fall training season from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sept. 9 through Nov. 11 at Henry Ford Community College.

The cost is \$325. For more information, call Larry Wyatt at (734) 522-1680.

**ADULT HOCKEY SIGNUP**

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association is in need of goalies, primarily in the over-40 age group, for the upcoming season.

But the FHAHA is still accepting team entries for its 18-and-over division, and it has player openings in the over-30 and over-40 leagues.

The season starts Sept. 4. The team fee for the 18-and-over bracket is \$3,750 for 22 games and playoffs. For players in the older age groups, the fee is \$650 for 44 games and playoffs.

To register call the FHAHA at 471-6004 and leave a voice-mail message.

**BASEBALL TRYOUTS**

The Michigan Rattlers are scheduling fall baseball tryouts for its 13-year-old travel baseball team for the 2002 season. The season consists of league, tournament and national play, running about 65 games.

Interested players and parents should call Jim Martin at (248) 477-9830.

**SOCCER SHOOT EVENT**

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department and the Livonia Elks Lodge will hold a Soccer Shoot Competition for youngsters 8-13 at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Bicentennial Park.

Winners from the competition, on fields 3 and 4 in back of the park, advance to the state contest in Big Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Boys and girls competition will be held in three age divisions, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Ages are as of Aug. 1, 2001.

Registration is day of the event only.

The 8-9 age group gets three kicks at each of five variously sized goals while the other two age categories get 15 shots with points scored for hitting various sectors of the net.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

**INLINE HOCKEY LEAGUES**

The Skating Skating II is accepting registrations for its fall and adult leagues.

Several youth age brackets available from 16 and under.

The youth cost is \$120 for 10 games (includes jersey, championship shirts and referee fees).

Youth evaluations begin Friday, Sept. 14. Ages are determined as of Jan. 1, 2001.

Adult leagues are 17 and over, also 30 and over.

For more information, call Dave Jackson at (734) 459-6401; or visit [www.skatingstation2.com](http://www.skatingstation2.com).

**ADULT HOCKEY LEAGUES**

•Registrations are now being taken for the Fall and Winter Adult Hockey Leagues playing in the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Arctic Pond and the new Canton Ice Arena.

Leagues will be for over-21,

over-30, over-40 and over-50 and will play from September through March. Games will be played in the evenings.

For registration forms, see the web site at [www.rspi.net](http://www.rspi.net).

Call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658 with questions or email him at [john@rspi.net](mailto:john@rspi.net), or call the Arctic Pond at (734) 207-7663.

•The Retirees' Hockey league for over-60 players is resuming drop-in play Aug. 21 at the Arctic Pond Ice Arena in Plymouth. Cost is \$11 per game with play scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday and Friday mornings.

All Senior players are welcome. Free coffee and doughnuts are provided after the games.

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**FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

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The season will consist of six games followed by playoffs. There is a six-team minimum and a 12-team maximum.

The cost is \$525 per team or \$69 per individual. All individuals will be placed on a team and receive a uniform. Age is determined as of Sept. 1, 2001.

To register, call (248) 669-9817, or email [totalballwixom@aol.com](mailto:totalballwixom@aol.com). Registration forms and checks should be made payable to: Total Soccer Wixom, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, Mi. 48393.

**WHALERS NEED INTERNS**

The Plymouth Whalers are accepting applications for game night interns for the upcoming season. Whaler interns will assist with game night activities, including give-aways, promotions, assisting in running the matrix board and music, and reporting game scores to the media.

While this is a non-paying position, interns will receive two game tickets for each home game along with Whaler apparel to be worn on game nights. Interns will be required to work all home

games and possible outside appearances during the season.

If interested, contact Scott Kelley at (734) 453-8400 or fax your resume to (734) 453-4201 by Aug. 30. The Whalers' season starts Sept. 13 at Windsor.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The Canton Soccer Club and the Great Lakes Women's Soccer League are teaming up to form an eight-week recreational soccer league this fall.

All games will be played at 5 p.m. Sundays at Independence Park in Canton, beginning Sept. 9.

If interested, contact Becky Widlak at (734) 737-0137 or register on-line at [www.GLWSL.com](http://www.GLWSL.com).

**FIGURE SKATING SIGNUP**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold registration for figure skating from 5-8 p.m. (residents) and 7-8 p.m. (non-residents) Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon.

Half-hour sessions are available for seven weeks. Classes will be available from 4-7 p.m. Mondays and 4:30-7 p.m. Thursdays. A class for tots will be from 9-9:30 a.m. Fridays.

The fees are \$40 (residents) and \$55 (non-residents).

For more information, call (734) 466-2679.

**HUNTER SAFETY COURSE**

The City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department is staging a hunter safety course from 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21 and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at the Sheldon Senior Citizen Center, 10800 Farmington Road (south of Plymouth Road).

The cost is \$10 per person. Minimum age requirement is 11 1/2. Participants must show a social security number. (Persons born after Jan. 1, 1961 or later need certification in order to obtain a hunters license.)

Pre-registration is required beginning Monday, Aug. 13 at the Parks and Recreation office. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

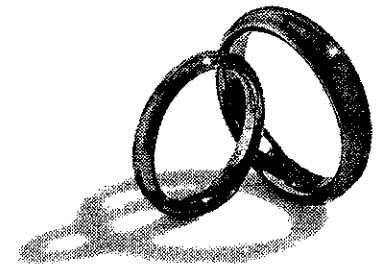


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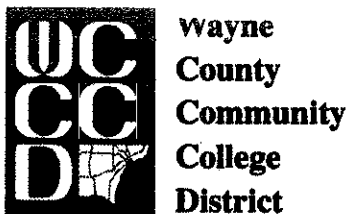
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Musicians use creativity to survive in New York

Michele Ramo leans across the table as if to share his excitement. On Labor Day he'll play violin with the National Jazz Orchestra of Detroit at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival in Hart Plaza.

What musician wouldn't be enthusiastic about performing a tribute to Detroit jazz legend Harold McKinney with Marcus Belgrave and Teddy Harris? But the concert holds special meaning for Ramo. When the former Livonia resident arrived in Detroit from Sicily 12 years ago, McKinney took him under his wing. Ramo played his last concert with McKinney, who recently died, in 1999.

## Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival

**What:** Michele Ramo and the National Jazz Orchestra of Detroit perform a tribute to Harold McKinney

**When:** 3 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 3**

**Where:** Absopure

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tion, call (313)

963-7622 or visit

the Web site at

www.detroitjazz-

fest.com

"Playing with all those cats is interesting, even to be included with them is an honor," said Ramo, who played concerts in Switzerland, Spain, Germany, Italy, Norway and France with James Carter's Chasin' the Gypsy Band in June and July and as recently as Saturday at the Detroit jazz festival.

Ramo isn't letting any grass grow under his feet since moving to New York with his wife, Heidi

Hepler, in October of 1999. The two made the move as a way to further their career as a jazz duo. But it hasn't been easy. New York is a tough market for any performer. The competition is overwhelming. Your best chance of being "found" is by playing the smaller clubs and restaurants around the city. And that's just what Ramo and Hepler have been doing.

When they first arrived in New York from Livonia, the duo took a 6-month gig at the Italian restaurant Grand Ticino in Greenwich Village.

"You never know who's sitting in the room listening to you," said Ramo. "It can be a small room with three people in the audience. You never know who they are. You always have people thinking about developing and promoting talent and going around to these places looking for fresh talent."

"To be in New York is risky and chancy," concedes Ramo. "A lot of people can't afford to do just music while they're waiting."

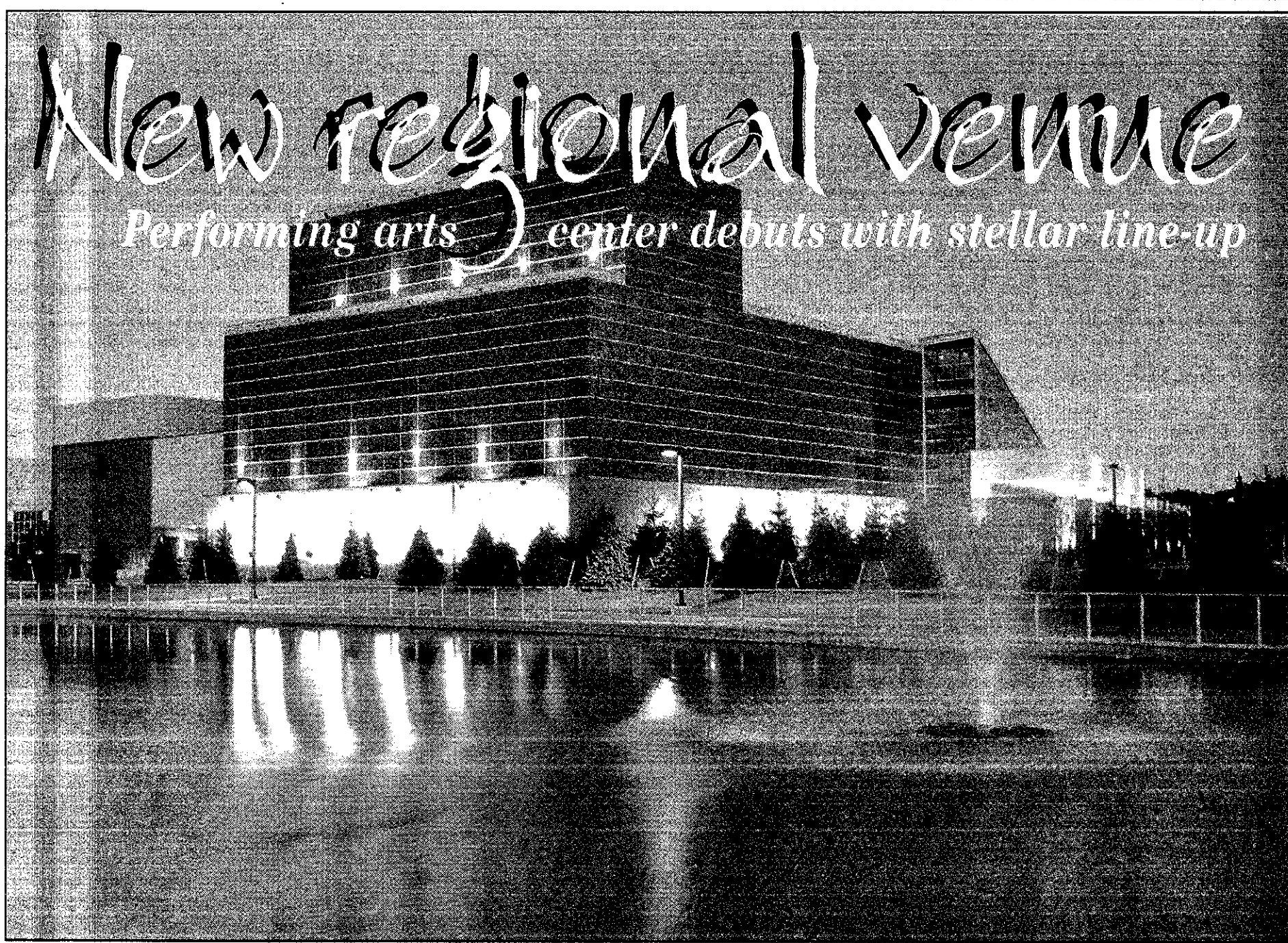
Ramo initially supplemented the couple's income by teaching classical guitar at Luther Music in Manhattan. That's where he met guitarist George Rensan who walked into the store one day. Within minutes of their meeting the two began jamming together on their instruments.

"It's important to make these connections so when they need a guitarist or violinist they know who you are," said

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**Jazzy duo:** Michele Ramo plays with the National Jazz Orchestra of Detroit on Labor Day. He and wife Heidi Hepler moved to New York in October 1999 to pursue their music career.



**Regional venue:** The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center will spotlight a variety of artists when it opens. The \$43 million facility, designed by TMP architects of Bloomfield Hills, will seat 1,201 theater patrons. (below)

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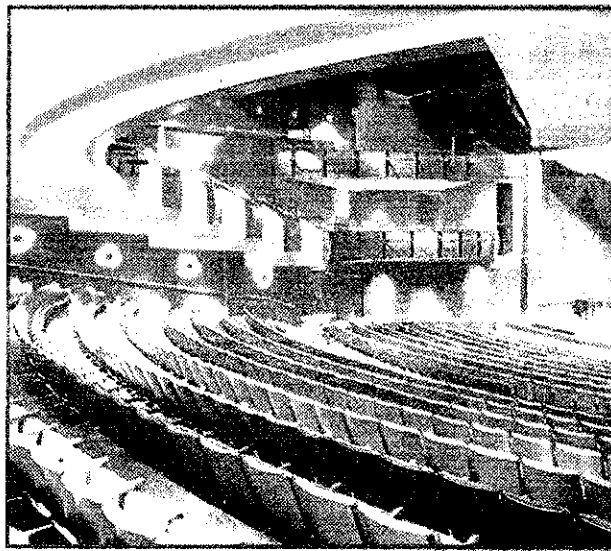
Workers hurriedly move flats across the floor back stage. With less than a week to go before the opening of the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, there's little time for more than a smile and hello.

The set must be in place when Dick Van Patten and Frank Gorshin begin rehearsals for *The Sunshine Boys* the next day. Van Patten and Gorshin kick off a national tour of the Neil Simon comedy with their performances at the Dearborn performing arts center Sept. 15-16. But before they do, the city will host a series of opening events and concerts in the \$43 million facility. Designed by TMP Architects of Bloomfield Hills, the contemporary-style structure will house an 1,800-square-foot art gallery in addition to the 1,201 seat theater.

An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 5, to introduce the public to the 198,000-square-foot space. The Padzieski Art Gallery presents its pre-



**Upcoming production:** Dick Van Patten and Frank Gorshin are currently in rehearsals at the new performing arts center.



mier exhibit on Thursday, and on Friday Melissa Manchester launches the performance series. The following night Lou Rawls gives a concert in conjunction with a gala benefit which includes a performance by the Mark Phillips Band.

## Ford Community &amp; Performing Arts Center

**What:** Open house with performances by the Dearborn Big Band and Ford Motor Chorus and backstage tours.

Admission is free.

**When:** 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 5.

**Where:** 15801 Michigan

Ave., east of the South-

field Expressway, Dear-

born. For information, call

(313) 943-2354.

Please see inside for

upcoming events.

Money raised from the black tie event will go to the Dearborn Community Foundation, a nonprofit that supports the center, and cultural and recreational programs in the city.

So far, the nonprofit has raised \$10 million for the center. An additional \$23.8 million came from a bond approved by the city's voters. A nearly \$400,000 cultural arts

budget will keep the city-owned and operated facility running. Ticket sales and rental fees will provide additional revenue.

"I'm excited we're opening the art gallery with an exhibit that features artists with ties to Dearborn including Robert Gniewek, Robert Scheffman, Lois Teicher, Frederick Birkhill, and Robert Piepenburg (Farmington Hills)," said cultural arts coordinator EmmaJean Woodyard as she led a tour of the new community and performing arts center. "The evening concludes with the unveiling of an outdoor sculpture by Russell Thayer (Lathrup Village).

"We have a very ambitious schedule that includes professional and community artists. A partition system for dividing the gallery in two will give flexibility when we hold our *Small in Scale* show, a statewide juried art competition, and an exhibit of Japanese dolls from the Japan Foundation. We have all sorts of exhibits planned through the end of 2002."

Patrons attending concerts, plays, opera and ballet will appreciate all of the planning that went into the center which also houses swimming pools and a health and fitness area for city residents. The theater is a work of art in itself with no seat more than 90 feet from the stage and its 87-foot high orchestra

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**Gala evening:** In addition to a concert by Lou Rawls, a fundraising celebration will offer a strolling dinner and an opportunity to meet the singer.

## Museum reopens with miniatures and dollhouse show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Beth Stewart marvels at the large-scale Victorian doll house greeting visitors to the Plymouth Historical Museum. It's no wonder it took McLean Ambrose 10 years to build the Queen Anne style home. The peak of the high tower alone measures 56-inches.

As director of the museum, Stewart couldn't let the recent acquisition go unnoticed so she decided to curate a miniatures and doll house exhibition to welcome it to the collection. The 4-foot by 4-foot doll house is the perfect accompaniment to an exhibit of miniature furniture and paintings by N.D. Walker just a few steps away. Walker's full-scale paintings, miniature paintings and furniture are arranged as room settings.

"I think it's so unique," said Beth Stewart who discovered Walker's talent while he was painting walls during renovations at the museum. "I've never seen them combined."

*Miniature Collector* magazine thought Walker's Togetherness Sets unusual enough to feature them in its January edition.

"It incorporates my art and miniatures into one complete unit," said Walker, who began painting on canvas 23 years ago after his brother asked him to do a mural in his home.

Walker painted walls for a contractor by day to support his family so he thought why not. Before long a geometric rainbow colored the wall. Word of mouth spread about his talents for brightening up

home interiors. More murals followed until one day Walker decided to give canvas a try.

"I wanted to learn to blend background colors for the geometric shapes," said Walker who began showing his oil paintings in 1994. Since then, he's exhibited at the Museum of African American History, ArtTrain in Wayne in 1999, and several times at the National Conference of Artists Gallery in the Fisher Building in Detroit.

At the same time he was developing painting skills, Walker began building miniatures. Much later, a perfume box belonging to his wife, gave him the idea for the Togetherness Sets.

"I'd like to see people have a better understanding of miniatures," said Walker who will be on hand to discuss his work Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9 at the museum. "Most people associate miniatures with toy and doll furniture but miniatures are done to scale. It gave me a better understanding of antique furniture -

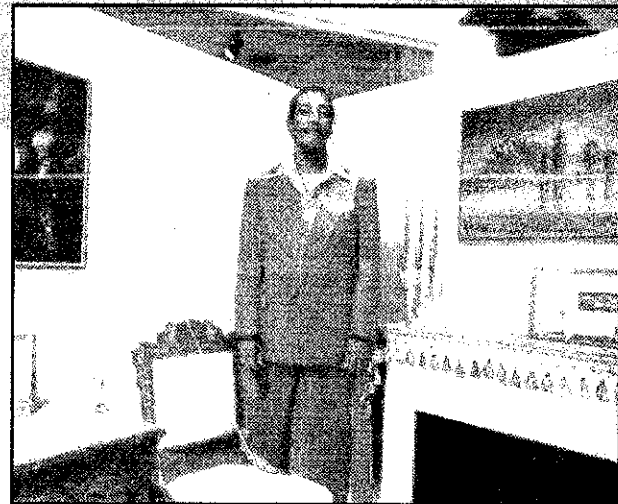
Chippendale, Heppelwhite, which I'm not able to afford but I can build the miniatures."

And of course he needed paintings to go with the furniture.

"Miniature paintings are not that difficult to do," said Walker. "It helped me develop my patience."

Walker needs plenty of patience in his day job

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**Small stuff:** N.D. Walker exhibits his paintings and miniatures at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

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Ramo, who returns to France and Italy to tour with James Carter's Chasin' The Gypsy Band in September.

It's Hepler's day job to connect with agents and club owners. The couple's one bedroom Queens apartment is filled to overflowing with press releases and other materials submitted in the hope of finding work — or that one big break.

"You have to have a strong spirit; it takes lots of energy going around the city," said Hepler, who's staying at her family's Livonia home while in town. "We've been hitting the bricks like we did in Detroit only a hundred times harder. You're in the subways at 3 a.m. after visiting clubs to distribute press packets in the middle of the night. It's a very interesting process because there's no formula. There are no specific auditions you can go to but you still have lots of bills to pay."

When they return to New York the couple will be paying the

bills by playing in an upper west side Brazilian restaurant. They've also recorded a CD of original music, *We Finally Met*, scheduled to be released in the next couple of months, along with a reissue of Ramo's *Essence of Romance*, retitled as *Costiera*, the village in Sicily where Ramo grew up.

Eventually, they know someone will discover them. But until then, Hepler and Ramo are taking it one day at a time.

"One day you have work, one day you don't," said Hepler. "It takes creativity to survive, creative juggling, creative financial management."

And if their creativity carries over from their music writing, the two will have no problem surviving in New York until that big break.

*Have an interesting idea for a story? Call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net*

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where he paints everything free hand. The weathered looking sign for the Plymouth fairground, at the end of Main Street inside the museum, is Walker's handiwork. The fairgrounds stood south of Ann Arbor Trail, east of Main for 30 years and hosted many a horse race.

Looking at the sign, as well as the shops along Main Street, brings back memories of early

Plymouth. Designed by architect David Reitzel, the museum first opened in 1976 with 1,600 square feet of displays including the general store and shops. Thanks to the generosity of Margaret Dunning, the museum was able to add an extra 10,000 square feet to help educate visitors about Plymouth's history. But the displays and public research center, complete with computer, are only part of the renovation. A new gift shop will

help the museum raise money. Plymouth potter Kathy Sandberg has created plates and bowls especially for the museum to sell in the shop.

"We're really pleased with how everything came out," said Stewart. "Lucky Plymouth architect David Reitzel was still around to design the addition. The size of the building was adequate when it first opened, but as time went on, our collections were increas-

ing. Then we acquired the big Lincoln collection. We needed more space. There's huge amounts of archival material. We never had room for anything before. Now we have plenty of space for labeling, cataloging and organizing items in the collection."

The Lincoln collection, which will be on permanent display at the museum, opens with a gala event in February.

# Art Center from page C1

and choral shell.

"It's very accessible for people with disabilities," said Woodyard. "There's continental seating with no center aisles and lots of leg room. It's a very intimate theater."

The green room back stage boasts a bath and shower for the star. Chorus members are treated nearly as well in a dressing room where rows of chairs rest ghost-like in front of mirrored walls. Soon the room will fill with performers putting on make-up and changing costumes.

"The chorus dressing room is just like you'd see in the movies," said Woodyard. "There's also a costume shop, and a loading dock to unload sets. It was designed to bring in professional productions. But it will also be home to the Dearborn Symphony, Youth Theatre, Community Chorus, Big Band, and Vanguard Voices."

"We're striking a balance between professional and community theater but also community groups like the Dearborn Ballet Theatre and Dearborn Symphony."

Work on spaces like the studio theater or black box, which will be used to hold smaller productions, rehearsals, auditions and receptions, is nearly complete. Activities housed in the older part of building which served for years as the civic center, are well underway. Seniors are already

meeting in rooms to do wood carving, quilt and paint.

"I'm more nervous than excited now," said Woodyard. "I'm concerned about the little details."

Theater manager Jack Raeburn is running around attending to all those details as well.

"Things are coming together," said Raeburn. "I'm excited. It's sort of a special opening. It's the only performing arts center opening in the area in the last 10-15 years. I think it's a strong statement about Dearborn and western Wayne County. I hope it will do for this area what the Macomb Center did. We're filling a local and regional niche, offering things you don't normally get to see in an intimate setting."

Volodymyr Sheshiuk wishes the city of Livonia would open a similar facility. He's been talking about recycling the George Burns Theatre for 10 years. Sheshiuk conducts the Livonia Symphony Orchestra which presents its regular season concerts in the Churchill High School Auditorium. He's especially looking forward to leading the orchestra when it joins the Dearborn Ballet Theatre in a production of *The Nutcracker* at the new performing arts center in late November.

"I'm jealous," said Sheshiuk who also plays violin with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra. "I wish Livonia would also have a performing arts center. I'm more for a modest size. We don't need something so extravagant."

It can be a place that draws people together — a good auditorium with good acoustics."

Quinto Milito is grateful that Dearborn decided to build the new performing arts center onto the old Dearborn Civic Center. As artistic director of the Friends of the Opera, he's waited years to be able to present a major production in the area. On Saturday, Sept. 22, his wish comes true when the Friends of the Opera present Verdi's *Messa da Requiem*. The program features mezzo soprano Irina Mishura from New York's Metropolitan Opera, soprano Fabienne Colson from France and tenor Lee Eung Jin and bass Lee Eun Suk, Korea, along with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra under Kypros Markou and the Vanguard Grand Chorus with director G. Kevin Dewey. A bronze sculpture of Verdi by artist Robert Schefman will be unveiled that evening in the lobby.

"It's the greatest thing that could happen to the community and surroundings," said Milito. "I've performed throughout Europe and longed to have an opera house here. The dream's come true."

*The performing arts center is still looking for volunteers to work during performances and art exhibits. If you'd like to become an usher or gallery docent, call (313) 943-2354.*

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 7*

**THE MUSKETEER**  
Set in 17th-century France, this is the story of the young musketeer, D'Artagnan (Justin Chambers), who seeks revenge against those responsible for the murder of his parents. Other featured players include Catherine Deneuve, Stephen Rea, Tim Roth and Mena Suvari. Peter Hyams helms the drama.

**AN AMERICAN RHAPSODY**  
Exclusively at Landmark Maple Art. In the darkest days of the Cold War, a Hungarian family sacrifices wealth and privilege to escape to the West and gain

freedom from Communist repression. Amid the chaos of their late-night border crossing, their youngest child is left behind. They go on to build a new life in America, while in the Old Country, a peasant family raises Suzanne as if she were their own. Featured players Natassja Kinski, Scarlett Johansson, Tony Goldwyn and Lisa Jane Persky.

**BREAD AND TULIPS**  
A housewife's unexpected trip to Venice ends in companionship and love. Showing exclusively at the Detroit Film Theatre.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSASSINS**  
The story tells of a city in ruins and one man's desperate journey to make sense of his life. The semi-autobiographical tale by Fernando Vallejo centers around the writer's return to his birthplace of Medellin, Colombia, which four decades later has degenerated into the drug capital of the world. Though he has come to die, he begins a relationship with Alexis, a young man caught in the continuous gang warfare that touches every life in Medellin. Making their feature film debut are German Jaramillo, Anderson Ballesteros and Juann David Restrepo.

**ROCK STAR**  
Inspired by the story of salesman Tim "Ripper" Owens, the front man of a Judas Priest cover band who wound up becoming the new lead singer in the actual group, this heavy metal fable features Mark Walberg as Chris "Izzy" Coles, a supply salesman who performs in a tribute band, Blood Pollution, before



Mark Wahlberg stars in *Rock Star*

getting a part in Steel Dragon. Featured among Blood Pollution are musicians Blas Elias (Slaughter), Nick Catanese, Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) and actor Timothy Olyphant. Numbering among Steel Dragon are actors Dominic West and Jason Fieming, and musicians Jason Bonham (Bonham), Zakk Wylde (Ozzy Osborne) and Jeff Pilson. Lending femme support throughout is Friends' Jennifer Aniston as Wahlberg's love interest.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements Showcase Cinemas, Westland 1-8, Star Theatres, and others. Lists titles like 'The Fast and the Furious', 'The Matrix', and 'The Matrix Reloaded' with showtimes and prices.

BOOKS

New novel examines the 'Hearts of Men'

BY ROBYN D'ANGELO STAFF WRITER

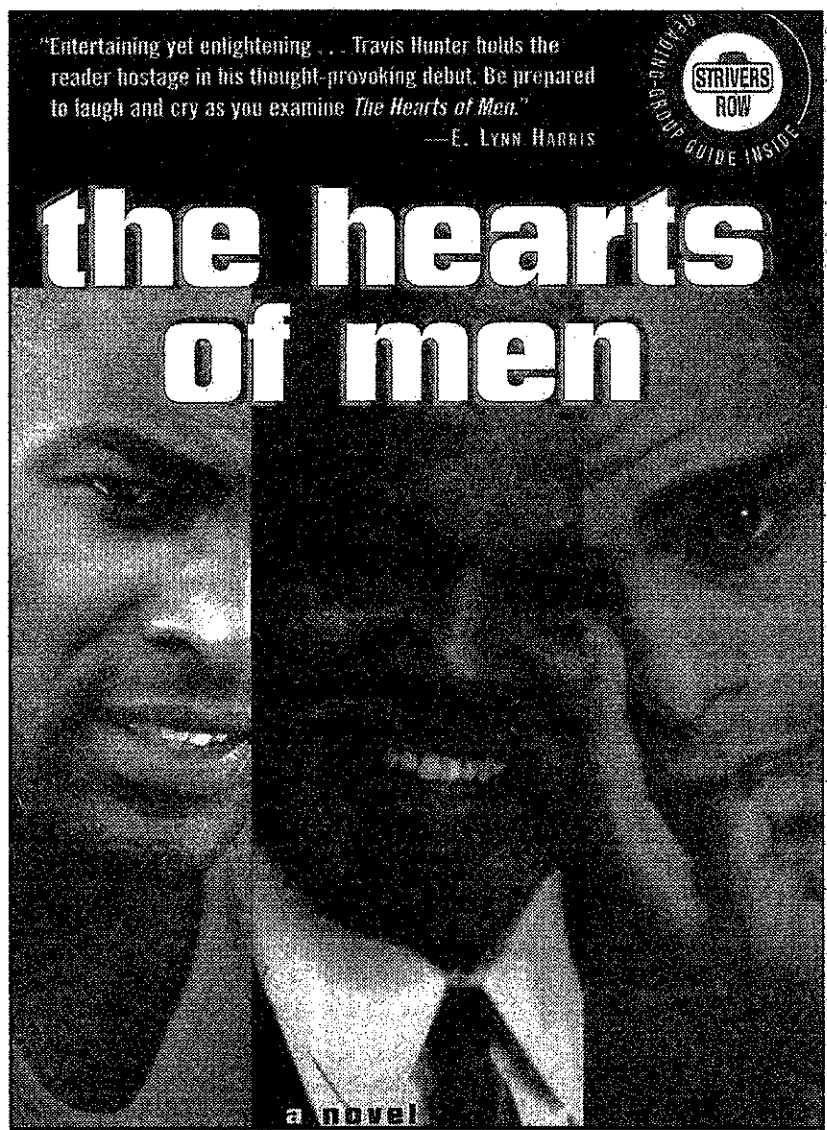
All are at a turning point in their lives, where the scales of fate could weigh for or against them. All are living comfortable lives, but each is missing something within his soul.

All are African American men struggling to forge a path different than the one society tried to cut for them: a life of crime, a life lived in subjection to poverty and to the pain and fury caused by white racism and hate.

"Life is about being a servant...it's never about you." In the beginning, Prodigy is a self-proclaimed "Player," using his charms to gain random overnight stands with a variety of women.

Bernard, Poppa Doc's son-in-law, is a man devoted to his 9-year-old daughter and his wife, and has an intense desire to provide for them everything he missed as a child living off the charity of others.

As his family complains about his time spent at work, coupled with growing tension in the bedroom, a wedge quickly forms and threatens to drive them apart for good.



Travis Hunter holds the reader hostage in his thought-provoking debut. Be prepared to laugh and cry as you examine 'The Hearts of Men.'

in the tangled, overgrown road of his marriage, he needs his father-in-law's wisdom to give him the courage to cut through the thorny underbrush of deception and bitterness.

Poppa Doc himself, though the source of comfort and counsel for many others, is not without his own hardships. Recently diagnosed with cancer and struggling to get a message of responsibility and respect through to his own 33-year-old son, he contemplates the struggles of his family members and strives to give them the emotional and spiritual support they need to move out of difficult phases of selfishness and denial.

The Hearts of Men is an honest, eye-opening novel that raises and addresses many questions of modern society from the viewpoints of both the younger and older generations, and shows that although not always easy, the road to self-improvement is worth the struggle.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features events at area bookstores, libraries and literary gatherings. Send news leads to Steve Kowalski, Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax them to (248) 901-2573 or e-mail to skowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25 Author Gregory F Michno signs his newest Death on the Hellships. This book describes the heroic efforts of World War II American and Allied Prisoners of War. 7 p.m.

Southfield Public Library has the following announcements: DREAM GARDEN SERIES A display by Elaine Redmond titled Dream Garden will be hosted Mondays every day but Sunday.

Baldwin Public Library in downtown Birmingham has the following event planned: THROUGH SEPTEMBER The Children's Buggy Art Show, a collection of children's drawings and poems of insects, will be exhibited.

Barnes & Noble, at 2800 S. Rochester in Rochester Hills, has the following events planned: 'MAKE IT MONDAYS' Activities, adventures in crafts and storytime are held each Monday at 11 a.m.

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ART BEAT

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ARTS CLUB MEETING

Three Cities Art Club holds its first meeting of the season 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Plymouth Township Administration Building on the northeast corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

The program features Al Larson who will bring examples of paintings/photographs to show how Frameworks reproduces them as prints. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Marilyn Meredith at (248) 262-9711 weekdays, or (734) 397-2348.

GUEST SCULPTOR

Redford sculptor Silvio Barile will be the guest lecturer for the Garden City Fine Arts Association meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the Redford Bakery on Plymouth Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly.

For anyone who'd like to car pool, meet at the back entrance and parking lot of the Maplewood Community Center off Balmoral and Merriman in Garden City at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Shekinah Errington at (734) 764-2247 or the bakery for directions (313) 937-2288.

Barile will give a tour of his sculpture garden behind his bakery. The garden features sculptures made from poured, shaped and imprinted concrete. Many of the pieces are over 6-ft. tall.

Barile's folk art style reflects his love of his native Sicily, Roman/Italian history, and his life experiences and perceptions. His work often incorporates text, marble, glass and found objects.

SINGERS WANTED

The Farmington Community Chorus holds auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 11 at the Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

The 80-voice chorus, under the direction of Steve SeGraves, is seeking to expand its membership. It includes singers from the metro Detroit area.

For more information, call chorus

manager Kathy Hall at (248) 471-4516.

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is holding auditions for new members 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 North Territorial.

Additional audition dates are Sept. 11, 18 and 25, by appointment only. To schedule a time or for the location of the Sept. 11, 18 and 25 auditions, call (734) 455-4080.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir holds auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 11 in room 310 of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Fall semester choir rehearsals begin Tuesday, Sept. 11. The 50+ voice choir includes Schoolcraft students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metropolitan area. Participants may elect to receive regular academic credit through the college.

For more information, call choir president, Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or the college's liberal arts department at (734) 462-3453. To schedule an audition, call director Gerald Custer at (734) 481-3453. Clason and Custer can also be contacted via e-mail by visiting the Web site at <http://members.tripod.com/schoolcraftchoir>.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Plymouth Symphony Society holds the 55th season annual meeting and 56th season kick-off 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth.

In addition to a review of the past season, music director/conductor Nan Washburn will talk about upcoming programs in the *Alive With Musical Color* season. Season subscriptions will also be available.

Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of U Take the Cake of Plymouth. For information about the meeting, new season, sponsorships, and volunteer opportunities, call (734) 451-2112 or visit the Web site at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

TENT SALE

The Village Potters Guild is holding a tent sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 in the parking lot outside the Guild, 340 North Main behind Jack Dunleavy's Grill, Plymouth.

For information, call (734) 207-8807.

Twenty potters will exhibit a variety of items, none priced at more than \$30.

"Some of them are leftover items from the season and slight irregulars so it should be lots of fun," said Donna Williams, a Plymouth potter. "You make lots of work as a potter and this is a way of clearing our shelves. And we thought it would be a nice way for people to meet us."

If you'd like to try your hand at making art, don't miss the tile table where for \$5 you can paint your own. Proceeds will be donated to First Step, a Plymouth-based organization dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence and rape.

TREASURE CHEST CRAFT SHOW

The Village Painters present their fifth annual Treasure Chest Craft Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9 at Central Middle School, Church and Main Street, Plymouth.

Admission is \$2. For more information, call (734) 454-4168.

This boutique style show was previously held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. It features many hand painted items including furniture, jewelry, and clothing as well as oil paintings and watercolors.

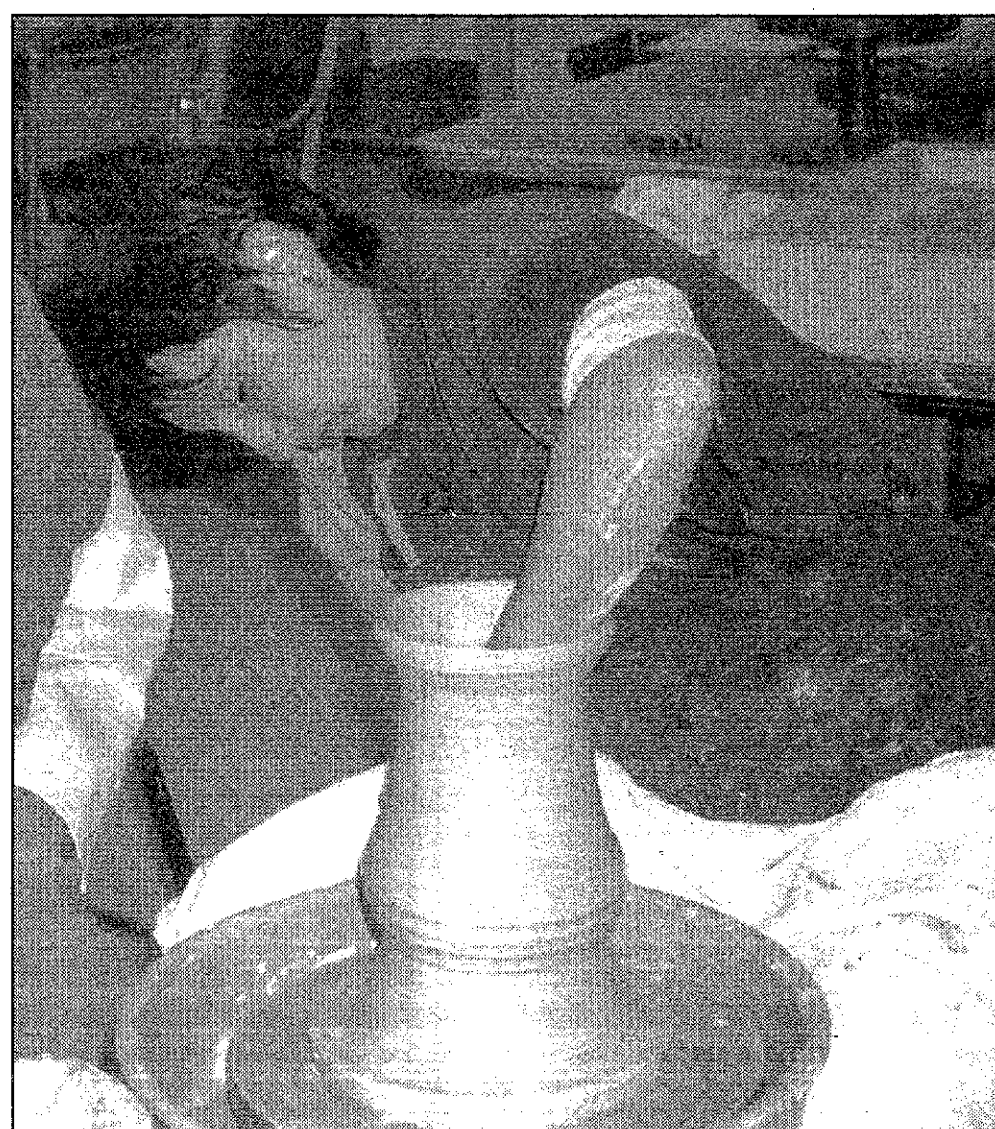
The Village Painters is a local chapter of the National Society of Tole & Decorative Painters. The show is a fundraiser for the chapter. A portion of sales will help continue The Village Painters' education program for members. It also helps fund a needy family at Christmas and for supplies to paint ornaments to decorate a tree for the Festival of Trees (benefits Children's Hospital). Money will also go toward the memory boxes which members paint for the infant bereavement program at Providence Hospital.

YOUTH THEATER

Paper Bag Productions announces auditions for its 19th show, a musical version of *Stuart Little* 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 at 19586 Farmington Road, three blocks north of Seven Mile on the southeast corner of Farmington and Carl, Livonia.

Auditioners should be prepared to sing whatever they sing best. Cold readings will be from the script.

For information, call C.J. Nodus at (810) 344-7774.



Tent sale: Rachail Laine is one of 20 members exhibiting in the Village Potters Guild Tent Sale Saturday, Sept. 8, in Plymouth.

CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT

D & M Studios holds its 11th annual student show Monday-Sunday, Aug. 27 to Sept. 2 at 8691 North Lilley Road at Joy, Canton.

The works culminated from this summer's 26 art camps at D & M Studios, Canton Summit on the Park, and the Plymouth Cultural Center. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday, until 3 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

For information about the exhibit or fall classes, call (734) 453-3710.

GLASS BEADMaking WORKSHOP

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is holding a 10-week frameworking workshop Sept. 14 to Nov. 17 in the

department of natural sciences on campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

Livonia resident Don Miller, a faculty member in the department of natural sciences, will teach the workshop. Glass beads have been made by winding molten glass onto metal rods for several thousand years. This form of beadmaking is currently the fastest growing area of the glass crafts.

The history and basics of beadmaking, characteristics of various glasses, and a wide range of decorating techniques will be covered.

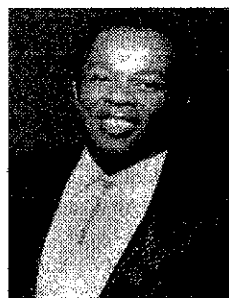
The cost is \$250 and includes all instructional and material fees. Enrollment is limited. Call Miller at (313) 593-5262.

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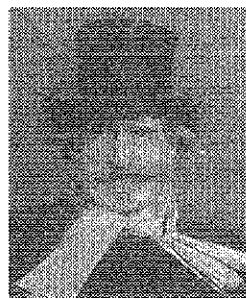
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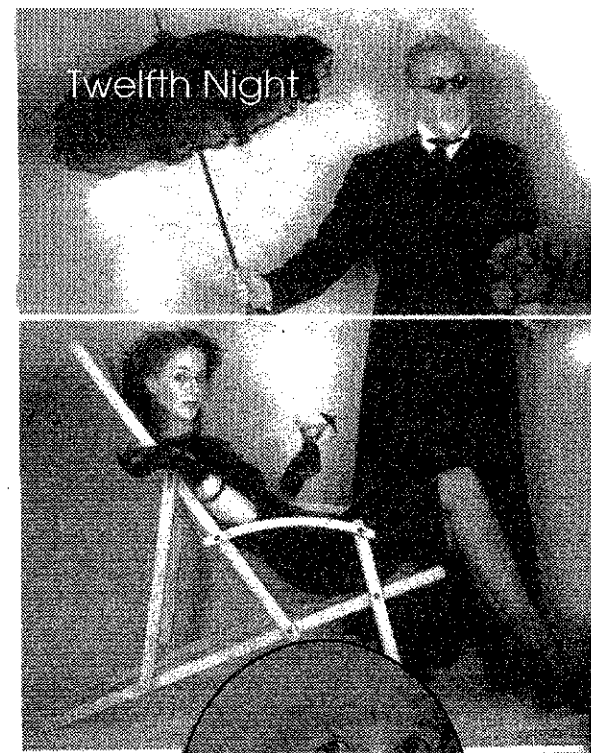
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## Water isn't always good for the skin

### DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

By now I'm sure you know water is the healthiest drink you can consume.

But you probably don't know about the unhealthy effects that water can have on skin and hair.

Rather than having a hydrating effect, water sometimes robs your body of external moisture, especially in the summer when water comes with the sun.

But just because you're exposed to the outdoors and frequenting chlorinated pools in the summer, doesn't mean the season has to be a dry one.

A few do-it-yourself tricks will allow to jump right in and make a splash.

How does the pool affect skin?

They say it's important to rinse out a swimsuit after being in a pool, so the garment's color does not fade. Well, the same applies to your body. Chlorine really sticks to the body and when it's not rinsed off, the chemical causes drying, itching, flaking and blotching.

To avoid these unpleasant effects, use an exfoliating alpha-hydroxy acid cream such as Eucerin Dry Skin Therapy Lotion, which is available at any good drug store. An alpha-hydroxy cream will aid in shedding dry skin cells that have absorbed chlorine, leaving you with a healthy glow.

What about hair after pool use?

Chlorine chemically falls in the same category as bleach. It extracts moisture from the hair shaft and lightens color, whether it's your real color or not.

Though it's unlikely you spend as much time in a pool as an athlete training for the Olympics, even small amounts of chlorine can drastically change hair color and texture.

To protect color and texture, spray a mixture of conditioner and water on to the hair before going in a pool.

The hair shaft is like a sponge, so the conditioner in the spray fills the shaft, leaving no room for chlorine. The spray also preserves chemical treatments applied to your hair and prevents dryness.

What are the lakes doing to my hair?

Believe or not, local waters do have impurities.

But, wait, all the news isn't bad, as fresh water does have some healing powers.

Fresh water aids in mending acne more quickly. It also has been known to induce skin detoxification.

Still, long exposure can dry and irritate the skin.

To avoid such negative effects, frequently apply a heavy sunscreen. Doctors recommend one with an SPF of 30.

Besides, sunscreen works double-duty; it protects against harmful sun rays in addition to being a moisturizer.

How does fresh water affect hair?

Good news! Fresh water isn't bad for your hair.

It gives thickness, which is always great, plus a beautiful, healthy shine.

But you still have to be careful. When you're at the lake, the sun is sucking moisture from your hair and drastically lightening its color.

Some women pay a lot of money for that California beach hue, but if you like your hair color the way it is, try adding a protective barrier of oil, such as Philip Kingsley Hair Cap (available at Saks Fifth Avenue) before you swim. It's a great conditioner, too.

How does shower and bath water affect skin and hair?

Most homes have hard water, which means it contains dissolved minerals like calcium and magnesium. When you bathe in hard water, soap and mineral "curd" settle on the skin, leaving a residue. This not only makes you feel unclean but also can clog pores, causing breakouts and even a rash.

Ideally, use a water-softening unit. However, there are soaps that break down hard water scum. Just remember to apply moisturizer after showering because these soaps can dry out the skin.

When you shampoo with hard water, hair feels sticky and looks dull and limp. The culprit is the "curd," which forms when shampoo meets minerals.

Remember, chlorine is often added to tap water to kill bacteria and this can definitely damage hair.

Use a clarifying shampoo once a week, and don't wash your hair with every shower. Just style it as usual and see what happens. You may be surprised how healthy your hair becomes.

Now you're ready to enjoy the last few weeks of summer with a big splash.

If you have a question for Mary Anne Toccalino, send her an e-mail at [matmkup@yahoo.com](mailto:matmkup@yahoo.com). Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant. She studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects for film and print.

## Stylish, but why not healthy? Annual fashion show will focus on well-being



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Creative forces: Barsoum Bouchar (left), owner of Birmingham's Virtuoso Salon, and Phyllis Johnson, a lifestyle expert, will unite style and well-being on the Birmingham Fall Spectacular runway.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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When Barsoum Bouchar, owner of Birmingham's Virtuoso salon, detects even a vibe of negative energy lurking near his clients, he jumps to his feet and prepares to sweep it out the front door.

Phyllis Johnson, a lifestyle expert and native of Detroit, feels as strongly about her role as a nurturer of positive spirit. The quest for good health and spirituality is the most important lifestyle trend of the new century, she insists.

Since well-being and style are the themes of this year's Birmingham Fall Spectacular, slated for Sept. 12, it only makes sense to have Bouchar and Johnson behind the scenes.

"There's a way to balance wellness and style," says Johnson, who developed the event's themes and is producing its fashion show. The annual event, a benefit for the Beaumont Pediatric Cancer

Survivors Scholarship Fund, begins with a strolling dinner and hits its peak with a runway show of fall fashion provided by local retailers. Bouchar and his team of stylists and makeup artists will work their magic on the show's models.

Runway looks will fall into four categories, the natural elements of earth, air, water and fire, as a way to show that style and well-being aren't exclusive.

"Our challenge is to look at the models and see how we can represent the elements and this approach of well-being and natural beauty," says Bouchar.

Hair pulled back into slick ponytails might represent water, while the season's rich burgundy and brown tones might symbolize earth.

By focusing the event on health and well-being, Bouchar and Johnson hope to draw more attention to the cause. "We hope to identify Birmingham as this wonderful stylish town that nurtures itself and promotes personal growth," says Johnson.

**What:** 12th Annual Birmingham Fall Spectacular to benefit the Beaumont Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund

**When:** 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12

**Where:** Under outdoor tents between The Community House and the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham

**Tickets:** General admission, \$65 in advance and \$75 at show; patron seats, \$175, and benefactor seats, \$250. Patron and benefactor tickets include early admission, VIP show seating, bar tickets and valet parking. To purchase, call (248) 644-1700 or visit Astrein's Jewelers, Tender or Imelda's Closet, all on Maple Road in downtown Birmingham.

**Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. By fax, (248) 644-1314. E-mail, [nstafford@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:nstafford@oe.homecomm.net). Deadline for publication is two weeks in advance.**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

#### SCHOOL SHOPPING PROMOTION

Westland Shopping Center marks back-to-school time with a shopping promotion. Shoppers with store receipts of \$150 or more receive a messenger bag and Westland Shopping Center gift certificate worth \$5. Bring receipts to the mall's customer service center in East Court, through Sept. 10 and while supplies last. For more information, call (734) 421-0291.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

#### ART ON THE GREEN

Downtown Franklin's Labor Day celebration features the 21st Annual Art on the Green fine art show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Village Green on Franklin Road, just south of 14 Mile Road. Event is free. For additional information about the art show and Labor Day events, call (248) 865-9382.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

#### FALL TRUNK SHOW

The Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, hosts a fall trunk show featuring Maralcyce Ferree jackets, vests, coats and outer wear accessories, through Sept. 8. Store hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday. For additional information, call (248) 851-9862.

#### YARN GARMENT SHOW

The Knitting Room, 251 Merrill Street in Birmingham, hosts a samples show of garments made with fibers from Rowan Yarns featuring both current and new yarns, through Sept. 16. Store hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. For additional information, call (248) 540-3623.

#### MAC MAKEUP EVENT

Makeup artists from MAC introduce Haute Voltage, the line's fall color collection, and consult with customers, through Sept. 8, at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy. To schedule an appointment with a makeup artist, call (248) 816-

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

#### MALL CONCERT SERIES

Northland Shopping Center in Southfield hosts a series of free jazz concerts on Friday and Saturday afternoons every other week through September 22. Join John Douglas & Jazz Head on Sept. 7 and 8. All concerts run noon-2 p.m. at center's Outdoor Court. Free refreshments will be provided. For additional information, call (248) 569-6272.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

#### FASHION SHOW AUDITION

Audition for the Livonia Mall's back-to-school fashion show, to be held Saturday, Sept. 22. Registration runs 10 a.m.-noon. Auditions run 1-3 p.m. For additional information, call (248) 476-1160.

#### ANNUAL CHILI CONTEST

Prepare your palate for the 23rd Annual Michigan State Chili Championship Cook-off during Plymouth's annual fall festival in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Event includes a chili cook-off, pancake breakfast, children's activities and live entertainment. Proceeds benefit several Plymouth service organizations. For more information including how to enter chili cook-off, call (734) 455-8838.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### TIFFANY BRIDAL SHOW

Tiffany & Co., the Somerset Collection in Troy, hosts a bridal show featuring fashions by Alvin's Bride; three seminars covering pearls, table settings and wedding stationary; and information about entertainment, catering, photography and floral services, 6:30-8:30 p.m. For additional information or to make a reservation, call Margot Abramson at (248) 637-2800.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#### ESCADA FOR FALL

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Escada fall 2001 collection in an informal fashion show with light buffet lunch, noon, Escada Boutique, second floor. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Please make reservations by Sept. 10 by calling (248) 424-9001, ext. 40.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

#### BRIDGE COLLECTIONS SHOW

Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, presents the Best of Bridge, a showing of fall 2001 sportswear collections, to benefit The Child Abuse and Neglect Council, 5 p.m. wine and hors d'oeuvre reception, 6 p.m. fashion show, Designer Bridge Sportswear, second floor. Tickets are \$35 and \$50. To make a reservation, call (248) 332-7173.

#### TRUNK SHOW

Sherrri's at the Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield features Skinz Designs in a trunk show with informal modeling, through Sept. 15. For more information, call (248) 626-7470.

#### LANCONE FOR FALL

Learn about Altitude, Lancome's fall color collection, at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through Sept. 15. To make a personal appointment with a makeup artist, call (248) 816-5100, ext.1064.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

#### JEWELRY DESIGNERS VISIT

Jules R. Schubot Jewellers, 3001 West Big Beaver in Troy, welcomes jewelry designers Leo de Vroomen of De Vroomen Designs and Gianni Stivanello of Ambrosi, along with their recent collections, at a champagne reception, noon-8 p.m. The designers and their collections will also be in the store from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. For more details, call (248) 649-1122 or (800) SCHUBOT.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

#### BILL BURNS VISITS

Meet designer Bill Burns and view his fall collection at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Event includes informal modeling and lunch in Studio 121, second floor. To make a reservation, call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1550.



# Berlin, still struggling with its past, looks ahead

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE  
SPECIAL WRITER

When the new Jewish Museum opens Sept. 9 in Berlin, Germany, perhaps it can serve to mark an end to that city's guilt over World War II and the Holocaust.

More than 55 years of penance should be a long enough prison term, especially since Germany's young people are three generations removed from Hitler's regime.

To me, the city publicly apologizes for World War II in many ways. These include: Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church with its bombed-scarred steeple juxtaposed against a modern version erected in the early 60's; subterranean rows of empty white bookshelves outside the university library memorializing the Nazi book burning on that spot May 10, 1933; a site immediately adjacent to the Brandenburg Gate designated for a Holocaust Memorial.

Rather it is Berlin's progress away from its years as a city divided between east and west that fascinated me when, in early August, I returned to Berlin for the first time in 40 years.

My husband and I spent three days in Berlin in August 1961 during a summer of student travel in Europe. Although construction of the Berlin Wall was a week away, the tension between east and west was already concrete. So were the blocks of gray, prefabricated Soviet-inspired buildings, the lack of goods in the stores, and the total indifference to anything resembling merchandising compared to the vivacity and relative prosperity of West Berlin.

Now distinctions between east and west are disappearing daily beneath the sounds and sights of construction cranes.

In my mind, it began with the rebuilding of Potsdamer Platz — a no man's land during the years of the wall. Now, with its avant-garde architecture and wealth of entertainment venues and cafés, the square has returned to its



**To Freedom:** Memorial to those who died trying to defy the Berlin Wall.

pre-World War II function as the heart of Berlin.

To some degree we tried to retrace the steps we took all those years back, along a route that National Geographic Travel magazine recently labeled one of the most famous walks in Europe.

We begin at the breathtakingly remodeled Reichstag building (never occupied by Hitler) and climb its winding ramps (think the Guggenheim Museum in New York City) under a glass dome for views of Berlin in every direction. We, by chance, set off early and are there by 8:45 a.m. Later, we read that this is Berlin's No. 1 tourist attraction. The lines are long as we leave.

## The Berlin Wall

Heading east we examine the outlines of the Berlin Wall deliberately set into the pavement and pass the memorial of painted crosses representing those who died trying to escape.

We walk through the Brandenburg Gate in quite a different manner than 40 years ago. Then, although it was open, Communist guards scrutinized our passage. This time, we only have to wend our way through construction, as the gate is in the process of renovation. Immediately inside, the gray pre-Wall cityscape either has been replaced with new buildings or is

marked for reconstruction.

A new bank designed by California-based architect Frank Gehry and the rebuilt Hotel Adlon lead off the restoration of the famous Unter den Linden — Berlin's famed pre-war Champs Elysee. It is also home to the Russian, French and British embassies. Fears of terrorism reportedly have delayed reconstruction of the United States Embassy on its original site.

If I ever go back, I'd stay at the Adlon, which, according to Fodor's "was until its destruction during World War II Europe's ultimate luxury resort, hosting the likes of Kaiser Wilhelm II and Greta Garbo." Just walking through its exquisitely designed lobby, you know that it once again is Berlin's hotel of choice for those who opt for both luxury and history.

Equally impressive is the rebirth of Friedrichstrasse — the city's pre-war Fifth Avenue. Yes, we were agog at the size and wares at KaDeWe, the largest department store in Europe, which on our previous visit put to shame its Communist counterpart. Its gastronomic floors, complete with cafes for every food item imaginable, relegate even Bloomingdale's New York City store to the back burner.

But our purchases are made along Frederickstrasse, where one-of-a-kind boutiques and the

renown French department store Galeries Lafayette offer the latest European fashions beautifully displayed in stores designed by the latest architects.

A block east, the French and German churches mirror one another across Gendarmenmarkt, a truly beautiful square. Between the churches is the reconstructed 17th Century Schauspielhaus, one of Berlin's main concert halls.

Doubling back to Avenue der Linden we come upon a series of buildings including the German State Opera House, Humboldt University and the New Guard House which are representative of classic German architecture. In what I take as still another apology, the New Guard House is deliberately empty except for a modern Pietà, a statue of a mother holding her son killed in war.

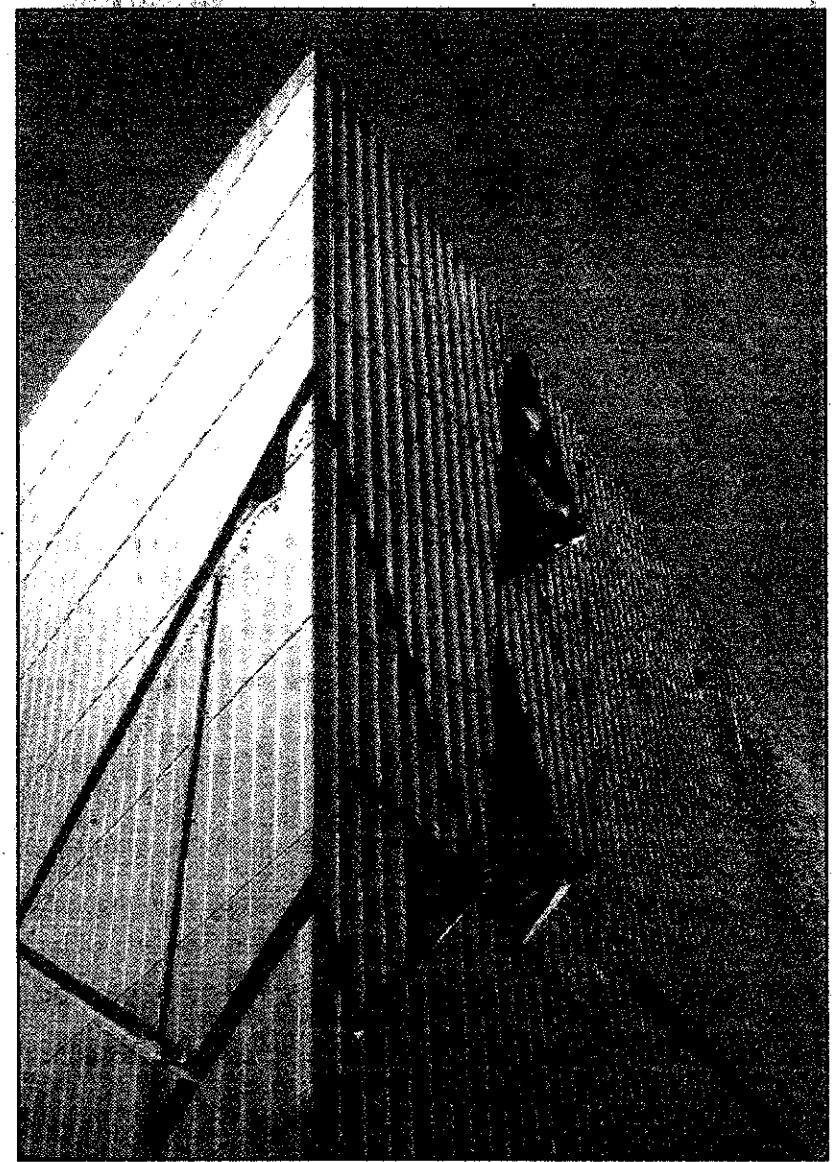
## Many museums

Museum Island across the Palace Bridge over the Spree Canal hosts five museums, three of which are being restored. We are able to visit The Pergamon, which was built to house the Pergamon Altar, a massive Greek Temple dating from 180 BC. It was discovered in what is now Turkey in the late 19th Century and somehow carted off to Berlin.

Heading further east toward Alexanderplatz, reminders of the Communist regime are more in evidence. Apartment buildings, the Communist's pride — the highest TV tower in Europe — indeed the square itself lack imagination and grace.

Though large, Berlin demands to be walked or biked. Public transportation is easy and efficient and bike lanes run throughout the city even alongside the Tiergarten — Berlin's Central Park — that has plenty of paths of its own.

Food-wise, Berlin is making its way although a couple of the highly-touted restaurants we wanted to try — notably the Michelin starred First Floor — are closed in August, when Europeans are on vacation. (Cultural-



**Grand opening:** The Jewish Museum that opens Sunday, Sept. 9, is titled "Between the Lines" by its architect Daniel Libeskind.

ly, it also was off-season.)

We stick to baguettes for lunch and that great dark beer, but have a truly outstanding dinner at Bamberger Reiter which fuses German cuisine with Asian and French. I have to confess that I absolutely devoured French fries in a bag from a street vender, choosing what the friendly vender said was a "home made" curry from a variety of sauces you can choose to pour on top.

Travel agents say that Berlin's a hard sell. In fact, the trip that

I took was only a third full. I attribute that to still-lingering post war attitudes. Maybe the opening of the Jewish Museum, if not the offer by Germany to aid the peace process between the Israelis and Palestinians, will heal hearts and open minds.

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## Do you really know chianti?

Tuscany is central Italy's most important region, contributing over centuries to literature, art, culture, and of course, wine. Chianti, the best known wine of Tuscany, is produced in the gently rolling hills between Florence and Siena.

The landscape includes tailored vine rows, gray-green olive groves, low pines and tall, slender cypress trees in a beautiful patch work quilt of green against the dried grass of summer.

The wine we know as chianti has been produced for eons. The Antinori family, for instance, can trace its history to 1385. Other established aristocratic families like Frescobaldi and Ricasoli have made chianti, planted on their considerable land holdings, for centuries.

Chianti has always been a food wine, not a cocktail or aperitif; one to enjoy with friends and family at the table. It was and still is a beverage, not to be collected or cellared, but to drink on an everyday basis. In Italy, families dilute the wine with water for the children or add ice cubes in summer when the temperature demands it. The wines are made to complement, not overpower food. That means that they are not overly fruity and never oaky.

Chianti has always been based on the sangiovese grape variety, but years ago was blended with 10 to 30 percent

white varieties, such as malvasia and trebbiano. This created a light wine for near term drinking, not a serious wine with international appeal.

**New vision for chianti**

DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita) regulations are a government effort to improve wine quality in Italy. Codes govern the number of planted acres, determine the geographical boundaries, allow only certain grape varieties, regulate yields at harvest and the wine production methods.

Producers seeking the DOCG label must submit their wines to a tasting panel which approves it as having traditional characteristics and style.

"Since chianti gained DOCG status in 1984, and producers began complying with its regulations, the wines, on the whole, have excelled," said Giancarlo Roman, winemaker for Castello di Gabbiano. "In Chianti, we are no longer required to add white varieties to our red wines."

Since then, chianti may also contain 10 percent non-traditional varieties like cabernet sauvignon or merlot, as long as it is at least 75 percent sangiovese. Chianti may also contain up to 10 percent each canaiolo (a red variety) and white varieties.

More recent changes in the DOCG regulations now allow the production of 100 percent sangiovese wines that can legally be labeled chianti.

"Our landscape hasn't changed much in hundreds of years because we protect our forests and restrict building and vineyard planting," explained Roman. "At Castello di Gabbiano, like all Tuscan estates, we cannot dedicate the entire property to grapes, even though it would be the most profitable use of the land."

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# Food in the spotlight

## Chefs cook up delights at Culinary Extravaganza

Fabulous foods from top area restaurants, an appearance by Survivor Chef Keith Fanie, and a wine tasting seminar highlight Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza 2001.

Restaurants such as Tribute, the Greektown Casno, the Golden Mushroom, Five Lakes Grill and Excalibur are among the approximate 50 eateries that will have samples of their most exciting dishes ready for event patrons.

Culinary Extravaganza is the principal fundraiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. All proceeds are dedicated to helping students meet their educational goals. Last year's event raised more than \$130,000.

"The event is geared specifically to benefit students across the board," said Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts.

Fanie, who gained national notoriety on the television program "Survivor: The Australian Outback," will prepare a dish for tasting and will sign copies of his cookbook. Other activities include a free wine-tasting session conducted by Madeline Trifon, master sommelier and wine director of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation, and a live auction with food-related prizes.

Of course, there will be food served, and plenty of it.

"What we're trying to do is have a first-class venue in terms of restaurants, and we are pretty selective in who we're inviting," Konowalow said.

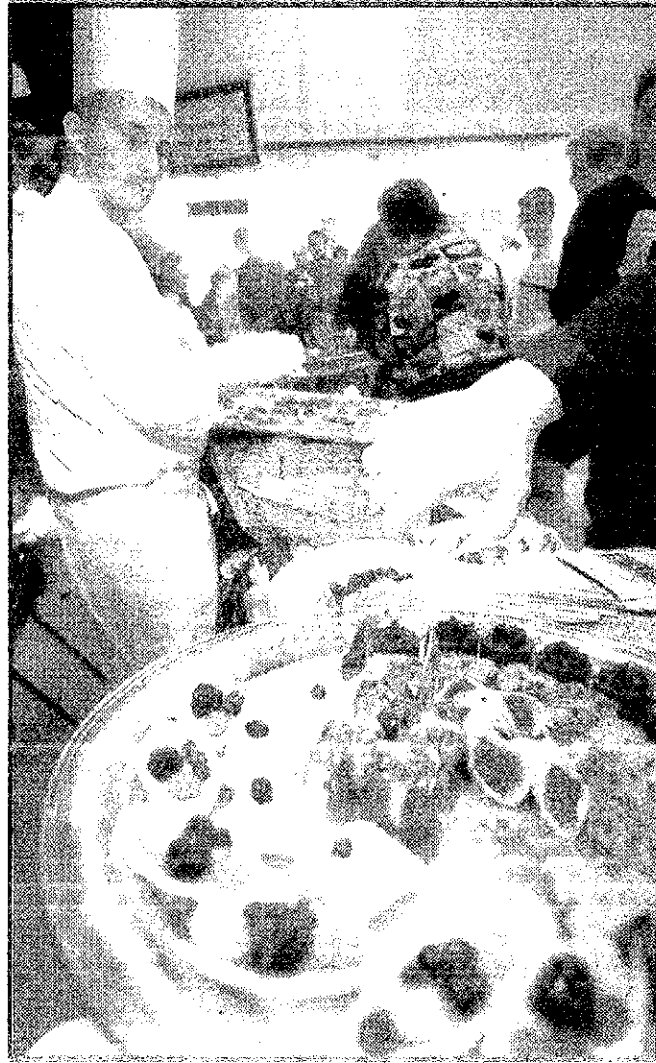
"We were really happy with the event last year."

Extravaganza patrons can sample oysters from Tom's Oyster Bar; ribs, wings and ginger vermicelli from Arbor Brewing Company; lobster Florentine sherry bisque soup from the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train; a variety of Middle Eastern dishes from La Shish Restaurants; Michigan wines from the Michigan Grape and Wine Council; and baked goods and rye breads from Zingerman's Bakehouse.

Other participating restaurants include Carver's Steak and Chops, Elite Catering Company, Zoup, Schoolcraft's own American Harvest Restaurant, The Farm Restaurant, the Dearborn Hyatt, Emily's, Bonfire, Little Italy, More's and Steve and Rocky's. Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, Cadillac Coffee Company, D'Vine Wine and Pelee Island Winery will bring abundant samples of their products.

The live auction will present bidders with food-related packages including a beer making party for 12 at Local Color, a gourmet dinner prepared in your home by a Schoolcraft chef, restaurant and wine gift certificates and a Survivor package.

Winners of a raffle will receive one of four prizes: two round-trip airline tickets to anywhere in the contiguous 48 states, a woman's ring in yellow gold with diamonds and blue topaz, a Las Vegas trip for two, or a tour of Pelee Island Winery and overnight stay with dinner for four.



PHOTOS BY TOM HUBBELL

**Finest flavors:** Last year's Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College featured delicious wares from culinary arts students at Schoolcraft College and popular restaurants in the Detroit area. Chef Jason Weaver from the Ritz Carlton looks on as guests enjoy this tray of sweet delights. Guests also can enjoy delicious wines at the event.



### Schoolcraft Culinary Extravaganza 2001

**What:** Approximately 50 eateries will have samples of dishes for patrons to enjoy. The event is the main fund-raiser for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. Proceeds contribute to student scholarships.

**When:** 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23

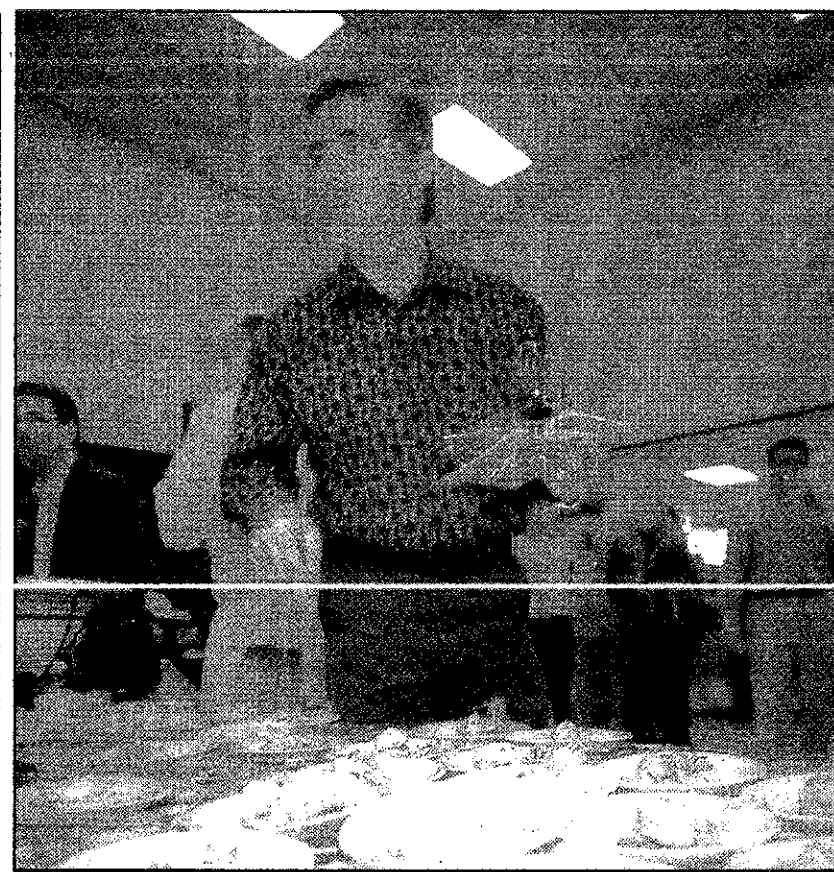
**Where:** Waterman Campus Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

**Tickets:** \$40 per person, two for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 or three for \$10. Both can be purchased by calling the Development Office at (734) 462-4670. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and checks are accepted.

### Participating restaurants

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| American Harvest Restaurant         | Local Color Brewing Company        |
| Arbor Brewing Company               | Loving Spoonful                    |
| Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream          | Mama Mucci's Pasta                 |
| Bonfire Bistro & Brewery            | Michigan Grape & Wine Council      |
| Busch's Cadillac Coffee Company     | Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train |
| Carmela Specialty Food Distributors | More's                             |
| Carver's Steak and Chops            | Motor City Casino                  |
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| Dearborn Hyatt                      | Pelee Island Winery                |
| Elite Catering Company              | Pillsbury                          |
| Emily's                             | Ritz-Carlton                       |
| Epoch Event                         | Steve & Rocky's                    |
| Essence Restaurant                  | The Farm Restaurant                |
| Excalibur Restaurant                | The Golden Mushroom                |
| Five Lakes Grill                    | Tom's Oyster Bar                   |
| Great Oaks Country Club             | Tribute Restaurant                 |
| Greektown Casino                    | Venti Uno (MGM)                    |
| Guernsey Dairy                      | Grand Detroit Casino               |
| Henry Ford Museum                   | Vine 2 Wine                        |
| LA Express                          | Zingerman's Bakehouse              |
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**Sweet stuff:** Last year's event allowed food lovers to enjoy samples of appetizers, entrées and desserts. George Quick of Westland inquires about a brandade.

## Chili cooks compete Saturday for World Championship

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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If you love chili, head to Plymouth this Saturday.

Chili connoisseurs can enjoy a feast of samples this weekend at Plymouth's Fall Festival Chili Cook-off in the Gathering at Kellogg Park. The event is also the Michigan State Chili Championship.

For cooks who take their chili, and now salsa, seriously, the competition is a big deal, but it's also a lot of fun.

Winners in both the chili and salsa contests advance to the 2001 World Championship in Reno, Nev., set for Sept. 30.

The winner in the state chili contest at Fall Festival wins \$1,000 and a trophy, in addition to the chance to compete in Reno. Trophies also go to the rest of the top five finishers.

The winner of the salsa competition gets \$100 and a trophy. There's also a trophy for the best booth.

The competition starts with the cooks' meeting at 1 p.m., and food preparation from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Cooking starts at 2:15 p.m., with judging to start at about 5 p.m. The public can sample the chili after that time for 50 cents. Proceeds will benefit community service groups of Plymouth, including the Rotary, the Lions Club, Kiwanis and others.

Judging in the salsa competition starts around 3:15 p.m.

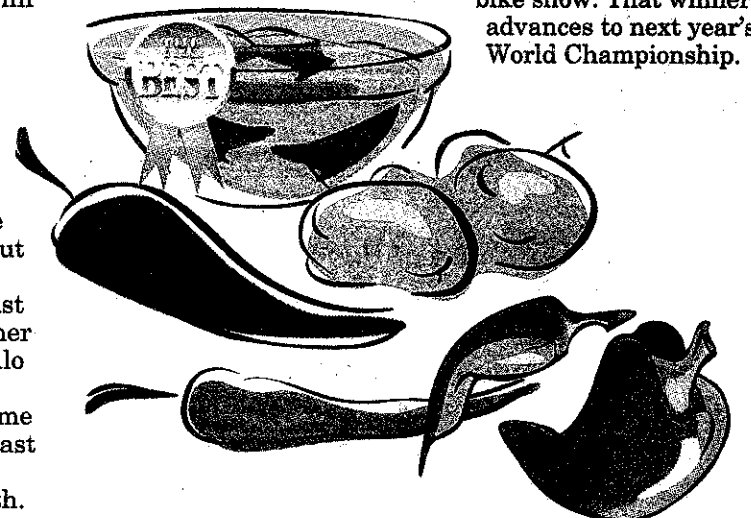
Cook-off guru Annette Horn suggests getting your samples early. Typically, she says, demand overcomes supply after about 30 minutes.

Diane Lentz of Nicholasville, Ky., won last year's chili title, beating more than 40 other chiliheads with her Belle Breezing Bordello Chili.

Kandace Kirkey of Royal Oak, a first-time competitor, won the salsa championship last year.

Leo Buk II of Trenton had the best booth.

Another chili championship – the Great Lakes Regional – is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7, also in Plymouth during the motorcycle bike show. That winner advances to next year's World Championship.



# Fall into a harvest of fruits and vegetables

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Fall is harvest time and what a cornucopia of vegetables we enjoy. We celebrate the autumn harvest with winter squash, pumpkin, corn, beans and cranberries.

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farms. This produce brings rich flavors and great variety to the table.

## It's time for squash

Squash are the first wild plants ever cultivated. It is easy to grow, as it is a vine. Squash is used in soups and casseroles and stuffed in pies. Pumpkins can be made into purees and, of course, make excellent pumpkin pie. Squash is an excellent form of beta carotene and vitamin C.

Corn represents the third largest cereal crop in the world and it is used in different ways.

Dent corn is used to make cakes and tortillas, while flint corn germinates the fastest and ripens before the first frost. Popcorn bursts in heat, while flour corn produces very fine flour.

Waxy corn is grown in China and used to prepare corn flour, while pod corn is covered by a membranous bract and its cob is surrounded by a purple bract. Sweet corn often is eaten on cob or cut off and frozen or canned. Unfortunately, corn also is one of top food allergens as it is widely present in many popular foods.

Beans and peas can be eaten hot or cold, in soups or in salads, as a main dish or side dish, as a sandwich filling, or sprouted as a sandwich topping. Beans contain a wide variety of nutrients.

To cook beans, place the drained, soaked beans in a large pot with fresh water and add seasonings such as a bay leaf if you wish. (Do not add salt or acidic foods like tomatoes or lemon juice as this delays the softening process and, therefore, lengthens the cooking time.) Bring the water to boil, skim off foam that forms, and reduce to

simmer. Cover the pot with a lid, but keep the lid slightly tilted to allow steam to escape. Cook until tender, generally one to two hours depending on the type of bean.

## Top off a salad

Cranberries can be eaten as jelly, sauce or dried. Dried cranberries are delicious topped on salads or eaten as snacks. Cranberries are high in vitamin C.

Irving Baker, a gardener who lives in West Bloomfield, has been growing his own vegetable garden for years. He finds that

eggplant, green pepper, tomatoes, green beans and pickles are easiest to cultivate because they grow straight up. He's grown the more difficult vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes and onions.

"All vegetables are interesting," says Baker, "I eat most everything."

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste. See related recipes.

## Enjoy fresh produce with these recipes

Recipes courtesy of Barbara Beznos, a registered dietitian. Visit [www.integratednutrition.com](http://www.integratednutrition.com) for more information.

### POLE BEANS

3 medium onions  
1/2 cup olive oil  
Juice from 1/2 lemon  
1 teaspoon sugar  
Salt and pepper, if desired  
1 teaspoon of dill  
2-3 pounds of pole beans, washed, stems removed, sliced diagonally  
1 1/2 cups boiling water  
Brown onions in olive oil. Add

all the seasonings, lemon and sugar. Add beans. Cook for 30 minutes on low.

When beans are soft, add boiling water and cook another 30 minutes. Serve with yogurt on the side and keep beans at room temperature.

### FALL TOMATO SALAD

3 medium tomatoes, chopped  
1 green pepper, diced  
1/2 bunch green onion, chopped small  
1/2 bunch parsley, chopped  
1 cucumber, chopped  
4 red radishes, sliced thin  
1 tablespoons of mint, chopped

1 clove garlic, crushed  
olive oil  
Juice of 2 lemons  
Salt, dash  
Black pepper, dash  
Sugar, dash  
Mix and marinate 30 minutes before serving.

### WHITE BEAN SIDE DISH

1 cup of beans (navy), soaked overnight  
2 stalks celery  
1 medium-size onion  
3 carrots  
2 cups peeled tomatoes, chopped  
1/2 cup marinara sauce

Parsley, dash  
Oregano, dash  
Thyme, dash  
Salt, dash  
Black pepper, dash  
1/2 cup olive oil

Sauté celery, onions and carrots until soft. Add chopped tomatoes to mixture. Add marinara sauce, parsley, oregano, thyme, salt and pepper and 2 cups boiling water and boil until beans are soft.

Check liquid often to ensure some remains in the pan.

## Here's a healthier potato salad

Picnic safety is one concern - healthful picnic foods is another. Too many are laden with fat and calories. Try some revamped and healthier versions of old-time favorites at your next tailgate party. This potato salad boosts health-protective ingredients and streamlines the fat and calorie count.

### TWO-POTATO SALAD

1 pound 3/4-inch diced boiling potatoes, preferably yellow-fleshed (peeled)  
1 pound 3/4-inch diced sweet potatoes (peeled)  
1/4 cup Dijon mustard  
3 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
2/3 cup minced shallots  
1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary leaves  
1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme leaves  
4 cups loosely-packed, washed spinach leaves, torn into bite-size pieces (or use baby spinach leaves and leave as is)  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Place boiling potatoes and sweet potatoes in separate pots with enough cold water to cover. Cover with tight-fitting lid and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook until just barely tender. (Potatoes will continue cooking after they are removed from pot.)

Meanwhile, make dressing by mixing mustard and vinegar in bowl, and gradually whisking in oil until smooth and well combined. Mix in shallots and herbs. Season to taste with salt and pepper, as desired.

When potatoes are not quite completely tender when pierced with a fork, drain and transfer to large bowl. Mix in half the dressing (about 1/4 cup) and set aside to allow potatoes to absorb flavors while cooling.

When potatoes are cool, lightly mix in spinach and remaining dressing. Adjust seasoning with additional salt and pepper, as desired. Makes 12 1/2-cup servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 128 calories, 5 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 19 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 148 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## Wine from page D1

Over hundreds of years, Chianti has proved to be a good region for growing sangiovese, but removal of forest land for planting new vineyards is not permitted. In fact, growers must obtain government permission to plant vineyards. Even though there is much open land in Chianti, the number of plantable acres is fixed. The only way a farmer can increase production is to purchase the "right to plant" from another grower who does not grow grapes, but could under the regulations.

"A good chianti shows the distinct flavor of the sangiovese grape," Roman added. "Nice

berry and blackberry flavors, but not bold or excessively fruity. A hint of green olives, too. The wines are crisp, with good acidity that goes well with most foods, both Italian and American."

Super Tuscan wines are made outside of the DOCG regulations and usually include generous amounts of cabernet sauvignon or merlot as well as sangiovese. Super Tuscans are not labeled chianti. They are given proprietary names and are expensive wines attracting collectors. They are meant to be aged and consumed at special occasions.

How do you recognize which

chiantis are meant for everyday drinking and which for special events? That's easy, look at the price. When purchasing a chianti depend on a tried and true producer from this short list: Antinori, Badia a Coltibuono, Banfi, Castello di Volpaia, Castello dei Rampolla, Dievole, Frescobaldi, Gabbiano, Monsanto, Ricasoli, and Ruffino.


The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and dining for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

## Rice featured

The California Wild Rice Advisory Board has launched a Web site about California wild rice.

From recipes and news releases, to the history of the California wild rice industry, [www.cawildrice.org](http://www.cawildrice.org) provides useful hints and helpful facts about California's most upscale, gourmet grain.

Visit the California wild rice Web site at [www.cawildrice.org](http://www.cawildrice.org) to discover an array of information on the California wild rice industry, basic cooking instructions and nutrition information, recipes, news releases and information.



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# Whole wheat pasta: dark, healthy and delicious

BY DANA JACOBI  
SPECIAL WRITER

The mere mention of whole-wheat pasta sends most Americans calling for take-out pizza.

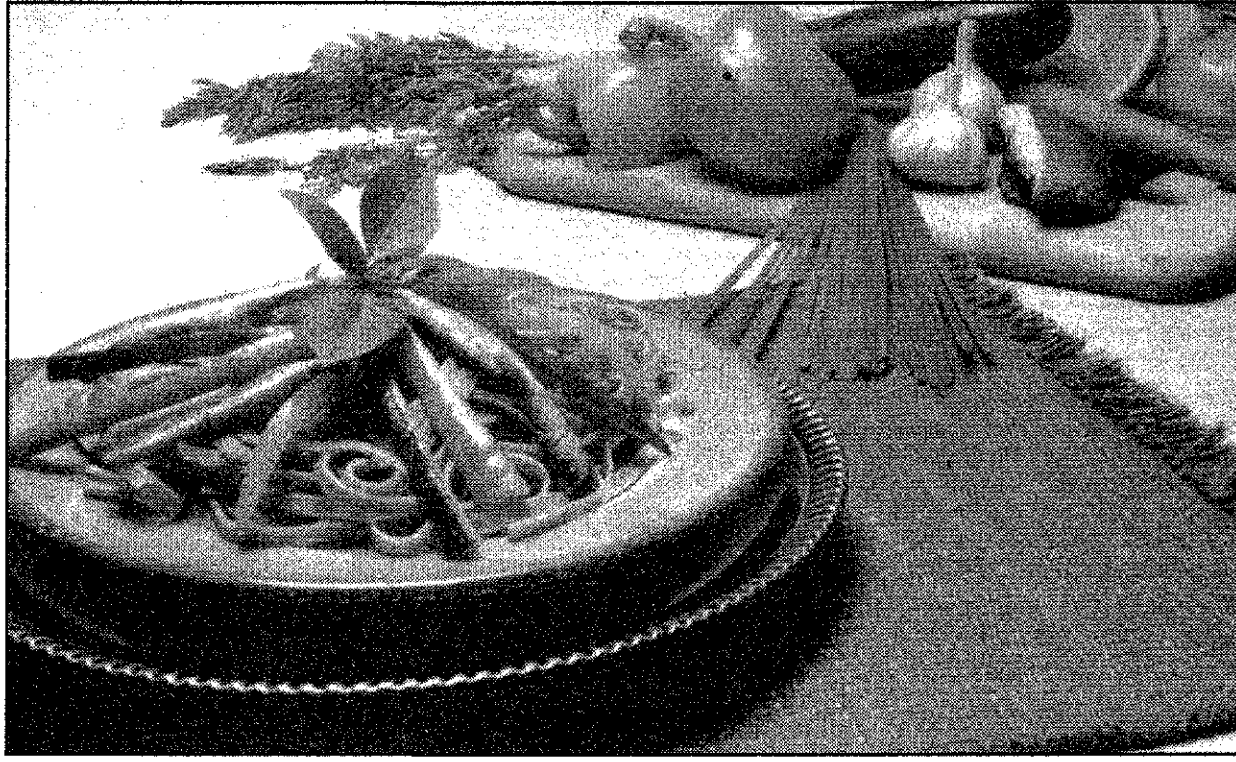
The Italians, however, eternally particular about their pasta, make dark, whole-grain spaghetti, linguini, ziti and more, which are all as delicious as the highly refined kind, but substantially more healthful.

Rather than using the bitter-tasting, hard, red wheat flour employed by American pasta manufacturers, pasta makers in Italy use the same durum semolina for their dark pasta as they do for the golden pasta common here.

Rustic-looking, Italian whole-wheat pasta has a pleasant earthy taste, and the familiar supple, springy texture we like rather than the crumbly, doughy quality typical of whole-wheat pasta products typically found in health food stores.

It is also nutritionally superior. It retains the fiber-rich bran coating and vitamin-rich germ of the grain, and is high in complex carbohydrate. It also provides up to seven grams of fiber per serving compared to one or two grams in the regular semolina pasta.

Fortunately, most supermarkets carry Italian whole-grain pastas made by several companies. A growing number of them



**Whole wheat pasta:** It retains the fiber-rich bran coating and vitamin-rich germ of the grain, and is high in complex carbohydrate.

also offer pasta di farro, made from farro, or spelt, according to the traditions of Puglia, a region in southwestern Italy. This ancient form of non-hybridized wheat has a flavor between that of whole wheat and buckwheat, another dark grain. (Devotees of

Japanese food may know the flavor of buckwheat pasta from soba, the popular noodles served either hot or cold.)

Throughout the country, restaurant chefs are sparkling their menus with farro and good quality, whole-wheat pasta dish-

es, topped with a wide range of either sautéed or roasted vegetables, or a refreshing uncooked salsa. Here is a colorful, tangy combination of whole-wheat pasta and a marinated medley of raw vegetables.

## WHOLE-WHEAT PASTA WITH SUMMER VEGETABLE SAUCE

- 1 small yellow bell pepper, halved and seeded
- 1/2 medium orange bell pepper, halved and seeded
- 1 medium zucchini
- 1 medium carrot
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup finely-chopped fresh basil leaves
- 12 ounces whole-wheat linguini
- 2 large portabella mushrooms, stemmed
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley, for garnish

Cut bell peppers lengthwise into very thin strips. Halve zucchini crosswise, then lengthwise into quarters. Cut away soft part with seeds and discard. Cut squash lengthwise into very thin strips. Halve carrot crosswise, then lengthwise into quarters. Cut

away light-colored, woody centers and discard. Cut carrots lengthwise into very thin strips.

Place all vegetables in medium bowl. Add garlic, zest, vinegar, oil, salt, cayenne and basil. Toss well to combine. Set aside to marinate.

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, prepare mushrooms. Cut edges off each to make squares. Halve each crosswise. Slice away brown undersides, including gills, and discard, then slice into long, thin strips. Add to bowl. Toss well until mushrooms are moist and start to soften. Drain pasta. Divide among 4 shallow bowls or plates. Top each with a quarter of the vegetables. Spoon over the marinating liquid. Garnish with parsley and serve. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 394 calories, 7 g. fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 75 g. carbohydrate, 15 g. protein, 13 g. dietary fiber, 314 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of *The Joy of Soy*.

## Pantry provides the goods for bean salad

When the sun is scorching, your energy is zapped and your family is famished, a quick and easy meal-in-a-salad is as close as your pantry shelf.

Even if your stock of fresh produce is low, you can create scrumptious and hearty salads with canned beans and vegetables. Laced with whatever fresh vegetables and herbs are on hand, bean salads will gratify your family's appetite and supply them with solid nutrition and health-protective substances.

Beans are an important part of a diet that lowers the risk of cancer and other chronic diseases. Although some canned beans are high in sodium, some of it can be washed off with a cold-water rinse, which will also help reduce the degree of flatulence some people experience with this low-fat food.

The great variety of beans, including pinto, navy, red kidney, black and garbanzo beans (also known as chickpeas), make it easy to mix and match for an endless variety of salads. And the fact that many types of

beans are canned makes this type of salad especially easy.

You can use precooked beans in most recipes that call for dried beans and vice versa. One and one-fourth cups of dried beans equals 3 cups of cooked beans. The average-sized can of beans contains about one and two-thirds of a cup of beans.

Make a quick salad by combining a can each of green beans, red beans and garbanzo beans. Mix in a small amount of chopped onion and one-half teaspoon each of crushed dried basil, oregano and thyme. Dress with oil and vinegar or a reduced-fat dressing and chill for two hours before serving.

Enhance green salads with garbanzo beans for extra protein, or purée the beans for a healthful dip to serve with raw vegetables as an appetizer or snack.

Canned or frozen vegetables make excellent additions to a bean salad. Combine chickpeas with canned hearts of palm or artichoke hearts and canned or frozen corn kernels. Toss in finely chopped bell pepper, garlic

and minced fresh cilantro or basil leaves. Season with olive oil and red or balsamic vinegar, and add salt and pepper to taste.

The following bean salad makes a perfect picnic or patio entrée. Corn may be substituted for one of the bean varieties, if desired. Serve it with whole-grain bread and fruit for dessert.

### THREE-BEAN SALAD WITH TANGY CORIANDER-CHILI DRESSING

- 1 can (about 15 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) garbanzo beans (chick peas), rinsed and drained
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) black or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (about 15 ounces) corn, rinsed and drained (optional, in place of 1 can beans)
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, finely minced

- 1/2 tablespoon chili pepper flakes, or to taste
- 3 tablespoons crushed dried cilantro (coriander leaves)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Mix beans and corn in large bowl and set aside.

In blender, place juice, oil, garlic, chili flakes and cilantro (coriander). Purée until smooth and well blended. Adjust seasonings if needed, adding salt and pepper to taste.

Toss beans with dressing. Cover and chill, stirring occasionally, 3 to 4 hours or overnight. Makes 4 1-cup servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 344 calories, 9 g. fat (1 g. saturated fat), 49 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 17 g. dietary fiber, about 600 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## COOKING CALENDAR

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Send files in a text format.

### FARMERS MARKETS

#### WILSON BARN

The Friends of Wilson Barn will host the 12th annual Farmers Market 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Saturday until Sept. 30 at the Wilson Barn on the northeast corner of West Chicago and Middlebelt in Livonia. The market offers fresh produce, honey and a variety of crafts. Vendors pay \$10 a week for a 10-foot by 20-foot space. WIC Fresh Start coupons accepted. For information, call (734) 427-4311 or (734) 522-5039.

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#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

CONTINUING EDUCATION Schoolcraft College begins another semester of continuing education classes in the culinary arts department 6-9 p.m. Tues-

day, Sept. 11, when instructors will discuss vegetables and how to prepare them. Other evening classes in September include pasta cookery, Monday, Sept. 17 and 24, and basic cooking techniques for fish and shellfish, Tuesday, Sept. 18 and 25. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.



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## Cancer grant

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center was recently awarded a \$26 million dollar, five-year grant and an "outstanding" rating from the National Cancer Institute. The grant paves the way for increased cancer research, care, prevention and education. The new funding will enable the U-M to establish new operations, including facilities for DNA-based molecular and immune monitoring, and new programs in connective tissue oncology and head and neck cancer. The grant will also help new research results move more quickly from labs to clinics giving U-M patients access to cutting-edge therapies.

## Diabetes on rise

A recently released study by the American Diabetes Association showed that Michigan has more obese people than any other state. Because obesity is the number one cause of diabetes, Michigan residents need to be aware. "Education is the key with this disease," said Donna Rice, Wellness Program manager at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Botsford recently received the ADA's Education Recognition Certificate, which assures that the hospital's educational programs meet national standards. Botsford's wellness program for diabetics offers patients one-on-one and group counseling, insulin pump programs, insulin management programs and support groups.

## Wasp, bee stings

More than 20 mail carriers have been stung by wasps or bees in the past month, and the United States Postal Service wants your help. The postal service offers these tips to help reduce wasp and bee stings:

- Inspect your mailbox and be sure stinging insects are not nesting in or around it. If nests are present, they need to be destroyed.

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- Wasps and bees love the flowers that customers plant around their mailboxes. Stings that occur around these boxes endanger mail carriers as well as newspaper delivery people and children.

## Breast cancer study

Starfish Family Services is lending assistance to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in trying to reach women who might qualify for an important research project. Karmanos Institute is conducting a study on family history and breast cancer. Participation in the study simply means being interviewed about family history, thoughts, impressions and feelings about breast cancer. Interviews will take about one hour. If you are an African-American woman, at least 18 years-old, and have a mother, sister or daughter that has been diagnosed with breast cancer, please call Majorie Wood (313) 745-1699, or (800) KARMANOS to request an interview. Interviews can be conducted at one of the Starfish Family Service locations, or at another convenient location.

## We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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## epidermolysis bullosa

EB  
Rare skin disease

## New surgical procedure helps generate new skin

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Sarah Thurmond, 12, has a skin disease that causes painful blistering from the slightest pressure. Her body is covered with sores. Wearing a short sleeved shirt and shorts one hot August night, her arms are a bright pink in many places where the blisters are healing.

Everyday includes a regimen of wound care to prevent infections. Her feet are wrapped with bandages to avoid blistering from the friction of touching the ground. Even going to the mall is too much for her without her parents putting her in a stroller.

There's a constant awareness that if she makes the wrong move, even brushing her elbow against a counter, can cause her skin to tear. Sarah is fed every night through a feeding tube.

For those EB patients who can eat, the pressure from the food around their lips often will break the skin and cause wounds around their mouths.

The disease is called epidermolysis bullosa and is also known as EB. Sarah said the toughest thing about having EB is: "I can't do some of the things that other kids can do — like ride a bike."

## Inherited

Sarah's brother, Josh, 13, also has the inherited EB. This summer has been especially hard for Sarah, Josh and their parents, Carol and David, because the Westland siblings have undergone multiple treatments of a new procedure called, Apligraf, which involves applying genetically bio-engineered skin onto their bodies. This technique became available to EB patients in November 1998.

The Apligraf procedure involves using the foreskin of circumcised babies, which is grown with cow collagen. One donor can produce the equivalent of four football fields of skin.

"We're hoping that the Apligraf will take over and the good skin will overtake the bad skin," David said.

If research is successful, he added, there might be a day when EB patients could have Apligraf on their entire bodies.

Apligraf is applied to lesions that won't heal on their own, explained Dr. David Fivenson, Henry Ford Health System department of dermatology director of clinical research and wound healing services. The process is particularly helpful when children are reaching milestones, like learning to walk or hold pencils.

"If they have a lot of sores on their feet they won't want to use their feet," Fivenson said. "This offers a potential to help these children heal and lead a better quality of life and hopefully it will lead toward a cure. This pulls at your heart strings more, because it's kids, it's genetic and they're not going to out-grow it."

Josh's and Sarah's hands are bandaged to avoid infection. Carol and David painstakingly spend a lot of their days changing dressings. Josh also has physical therapy to keep his hands from losing mobility and to keep his fingers from fusing together.

The Thurmond family talked about how EB has permeated every moment of their lives during a recent get together at Suzanne and Steve Kolakowski's home in Plymouth Township.

The Kolakowski's have a son, Ben, 7, who has EB. They were joined by Sandra Paratore who has a daughter, Katie, 2, who also has the rare disease.

"Here in Detroit we have a great team of physicians at Henry Ford Hospital helping Katie with



**Support:** Suzanne and Steve Kowalkoski reap the benefits of talking about EB with other local families.

her Apligraf treatments," Sandra Paratore said adding that Katie was the youngest patient in Michigan to receive this treatment two years ago.

The Paratore's started the Kisses for Katie Foundation in 1999 to support research for a cure and to help local families deal with the effects of the devastating disease. They also hope the Kisses for Katie Foundation will generate local and national awareness about the disease and that it will get the word out that EB isn't contagious.

Since the disease is rare, with about 12,500 people in the United States affected, a lot of people don't know about EB and even medical profession-



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**Play time:** Sarah Thurmond (left) plays with Sandy and Katie (far right) Paratore. Sarah's hands and feet are bandaged to prevent infection.

als, sometimes, are unfamiliar.

When Katie was born doctors told Sandra and her husband, James, she wouldn't live a year. That she has lived two years is an incredible miracle for the ParatORES.

"Being proactive, seeing the people they tell you to see and having faith all plays into that," said Sandra, who is seven months pregnant and has been told that genetic testing shows the baby doesn't have EB.

There are three categories of EB, distinguished by severity, that are identified by blisters, scarring and how deep the wounds penetrate. A small percentage of EB patients die in infancy and others die from internal blistering before they're 20.

Skin cancer usually develops in patients with a specific type of EB when they're 15 to 35 years old, according to an article in *Medicine Journal*, June 2001.

"EB has a wide spectrum of morbidity and mortality ranging from nuisance blisters to death in infancy and everything in between," Fivenson said.

## Knowing what to do

Support from other parents with children who have EB is essential in overcoming the tremendous emotional drain of the daily struggles, restrictions and worries. Their doctors even recommend talking to other parents to get advice about care and medical treatments. Suzanne Kowalkoski noted that sometimes the "expert" opinions aren't always right for their family.

For instance, all the literature she read recommended that they should avoid letting Ben interact with other children when he started kindergarten. That meant putting him at the end of lines and away from other kids so he would lessen his chances of getting wounds.

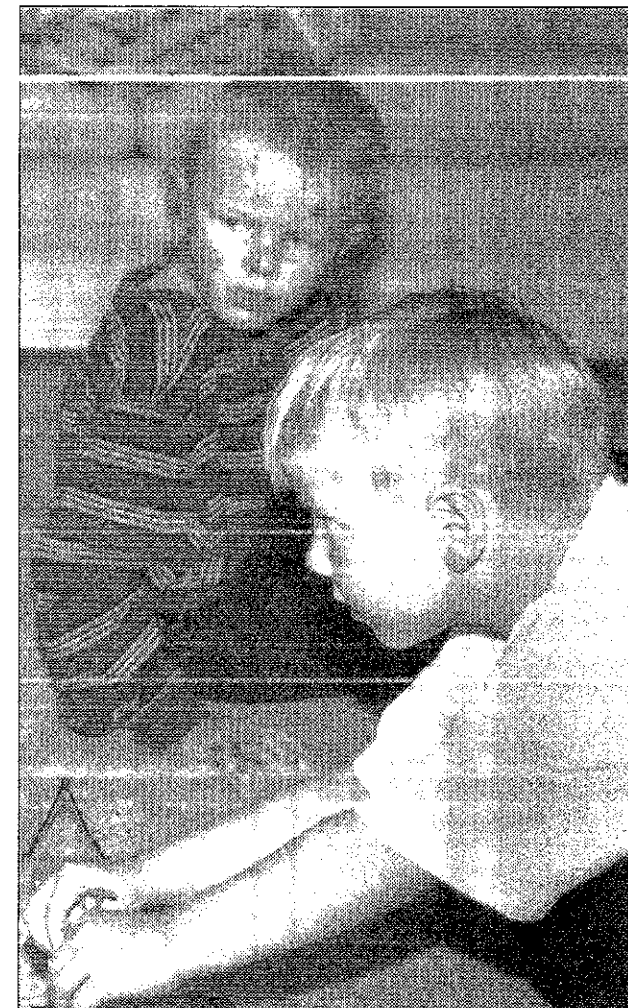
The Kowalkoski's, however, decided they wanted Ben to be as much a part of the classroom activities as possible. Early on he knew what it was like to be line captain and to take part, fully, in classroom activities.

Steve Kowalkoski said he worried that other kids would be insensitive and mean to Ben, but the students at his school are sensitive to his feelings and actually look out for him.

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In fact, though, the stares and comments from strangers is another big part of the emotional stress that EB brings for the families. People regularly ask Paratore how Katie got her sores. Most assumed it

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**Brothers:** Tom and Ben (background) Kowalkoski play with Legos while their parents talk with other parents about Ben's condition upstairs.

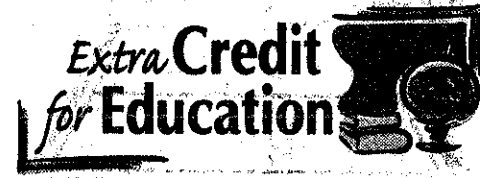
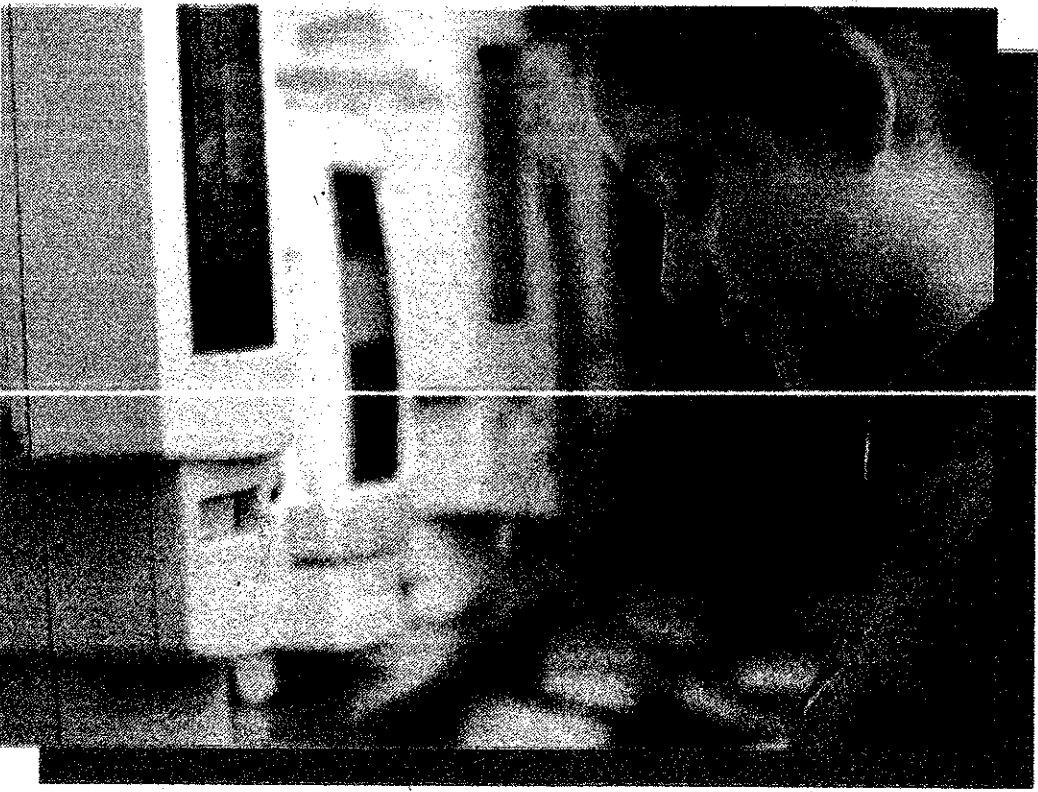


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Houses and condominiums in different price ranges are singled out for recognition based on design, architecture, special features and value for price.

Experts in the industry evaluated floor plans and pictures

All 45 homes across southeastern Michigan nominated for Showcase of Distinctive Homes will be open at no charge through Sept. 23. Price of the homes ranges from \$183,500 to \$3.2 million.

Ten addition homes for low income buyers in Pontiac's Unity Park nominated for showcase awards are open for visitation only by appointment.

"People can take a break from their daily routines to dream a little and get ideas and inspiration as they tour these homes," said Stephen J. Taglione, president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Westminster & Abbey Homes in Bingham Farms.

"The showcase is a great time to see some truly amazing homes built by BIA master builders," Taglione added. A plan book containing pictures, descriptions and locations are available at Standard Federal Bank branches and at the model homes.

The information also is available on the BIA web site at [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org) Here's a brief summary of the showcase winners:

**Unity Park, low income housing, Pontiac.** The Aspen, Skyles Homes.

The house of 1,250 square feet features three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The builder also notes its gourmet kitchen, elegant master suite with cathedral ceiling, full basement and attractive exterior elevation.

Price is \$120,000. The Aspen, (Lighthouse Community Development, (248) 920-6060 Ext. 2400) is on Osmun east of Woodward and south of Auburn Road.

**Condominiums.** Indian Wells Condo, MacLeish Building.

This home can range from 1,720 to 2,100 square feet with a three or four bedroom option and 2-1/2 baths. The model has three bedrooms



**Wilton II:** Gourmet kitchens and dramatic master suites are featured in homes like this one built by Heritage-Nosan Homes in White Lake.



**Huntington III:** This home of 3,500 square feet in Plymouth contains four bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths and a three-car garage.

including a first-floor master, decorative cabinets, volume ceilings and architectural moldings.

Price is \$349,900. Indian Wells Condo, (248) 524-3244, is off Crooks north of 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak and open by appointment.

**Homes priced \$170,000 to**

**\$300,000.** (TIE) The Crestwood, Westminster & Abbey Homes; and Greenbriar IV, Ivanhoe-Huntley.

The Crestwood, 2,379 square feet, features three bedrooms with loft or optional fourth bedroom and 2-1/2 baths.

Price is \$252,900. The Silver Creek community in

Brownstown Township offers estate-size home sites, paved walking/ bike trail and open spaces.

The Crestwood, (734) 783-5851, is off Van Horn Road west of Telegraph.

The Greenbriar IV contains 2,450 square feet with four bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, custom windows in the family room and volume ceilings throughout.

Price is \$268,900.

The Woodland Springs community in Howell contains open spaces, several natural ponds and easy public access to Lake Chemung.

The Greenbriar IV, (517) 545-1300, is off Hughes Road a mile north of Grand River.

**Homes priced \$300,000 to \$400,000.** Wilton II, Heritage-Nosan Homes.

This home features nearly 3,000 square feet of living space with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The builder touts gourmet kitchens and dramatic master suites.

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The Wilton II, (248) 698-3011, is in White Lake's North Broadmoor community off Union Lake Road about a mile north of Cooley Lake Road.

**Homes priced \$400,000 to \$550,000.** The Huntington III, Huntington Park Homes of Plymouth LLC (Steuer & Canvasser.)

This home of 3,500 square feet contains four bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, three-car garage, country kitchen with large island and pantry, and a computer loft overlooking the foyer and grand room.

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The Huntington III, (734) 454-5518, is in the Huntington Park community at Powell and Napier roads in Plymouth Township.

**Over \$550,000.** The Portofino, Cambridge Homes.

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# Paint adds luster to decor

BY CAROL MCGARVEY  
BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS BOOKS  
For AP Weekly Features

Nothing transforms a room to a quick, fresh look like paint. It's an easy and economical way to change the mood of a house.

Today's carefree decorating techniques have opened up the home to new ideas. Don't be shy about trying some of the colorful techniques. Sponging and ragging are only the beginning.

Many other ideas can help you showcase your imagination and can act as a backdrop for items in your home that are special in achieving an overall look.

There are room-by-room approaches using decorative finishes, which can work in all rooms of the house, from kitchen, dining and living rooms, bathrooms and bedrooms and home offices.

Decorative finishes work easily in contemporary or traditional homes and in casual or more formal settings. Creating faded fresco,

rolling and ragging, combing, linen, moire stripes and blended spots offer inspiration.

These hints will add to a project's success:

- Allow yourself several days on decorative finish projects. While some steps take a short while, the overall project might take time.

- Repair the walls, if necessary, before you start.

- Try color combinations on a practice board.

- When choosing the sheen of your base coat remember, the higher the sheen, the more decorative coats of paint or glaze will slide around, allowing for easier manipulation. A flat base coat will act like a sponge and absorb color from top layers of paint.

- Mix commercial glaze with paint or pigment for transparent colors for walls. When using glaze, the more glaze added to the glaze/paint mixture, the more transparent the glaze will be.

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- Use double-paned glass for windows.
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### MEYERS ON MORTGAGES

by GARY S. MEYERS

**ARMS TAKE A SHOT IN WEAKER ECONOMY?**

One of the best standbys for savvy home buyers has been the adjustable rate mortgage, better known as an ARM, which traditionally rides slightly lower than fixed-rate mortgages (FRMs). However, the recent downturn in economic indicators, along with tweaking of interest rates by the Fed, has caused a shift in the relative advantages between the two.

The trouble started last year, when the Fed started raising interest rates to counter fears of inflation. In the first half of the year, rates went up a full percentage point. At the time, ARMs and FRMs rose at about the same rate, with ARM rates staying about 1.5 percentage points below FRM rates, according to a report recently released by Freddie Mac. The report adds that ARMs held 30 percent of the mortgage market during that period.

During the last half of the year, however, things started changing. The rate increases started being felt in the economy. The U.S. Treasury Department started issuing fewer securities and began paying off long-term debt, reducing the supply of securities that many interest rates are tied to.

"We entered an inverted bond curve," said Norm Stein, vice president of lending with a major Bancorp. "When that happens, long-term debt starts looking better than short-term debt, and fixed rate mortgages start to look better and better against ARMs."

According to Freddie Mac, as the economy slowed in the second half of 2000, interest rates on FRMs fell over 1.7 percentage points, while short-term rates stayed at relatively high levels.

"According to Freddie Mac's 17th Annual ARM Survey, the interest-rate advantage between ARMs and fixed-rate mortgages fell to a record 0.37 percentage points for the traditional one-year ARM," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac. "Consequently, the ARM share fell to 16 percent of loans issued in November, compared to 29 percent at the same time last year, according to industry sources."

Stein said that in many cases, the effects are temporary, but in this case, the inverted curve had some staying power.

"This particular situation usually comes right before a recession," Stein said. "At first we thought that it was happening because the country was paying down a lot of long-term debt, but then the other indicators started sliding, and it didn't let up."

"What does this mean for consumers? In the short run, said Stein, it means don't go running after ARMs. They'll be pretty hard to find anyway.

"We've been seeing this trend for the last six or seven months, as rates have gone down. It's not that we're not offering them anymore, it's just that ARMs don't make sense right now. You're better off getting a fixed rate, and if rates go down any more, you can always refinance."

But if you're already in an ARM, don't just ditch it because they don't look good. Take a closer look and determine whether or not it can still benefit you. If you're in a one-year ARM, you may want to see how low it goes. Timing, however, is everything.

"Many people are getting out of their ARMs because the effects are delayed," said Stein. "Even though rates are going down, they're still making monthly payments based on higher rates, and it's going to be a year or so before they see the effects. If they get into a lower interest fixed-rate, they'll see the effects immediately."

In addition, longer-term ARMs may cause some people to miss lower rates completely. "If you got in a three-year ARM at the beginning of this cycle and rates start going back up," said Stein, "you could miss all of the benefits, so it's better to lock in a lower rate now."

While the Fed's emergency rate cut earlier this month and the expected rate cut in the next few weeks could take some of the sting out of the economic picture, it may not be enough to reset the ARM/FRM relationship for a while.

According to Freddie Mac projections, the interest rate easing will have the greatest effect on short-term ARMs tied to the one-year treasury note. It adds, however that the ARMs' share of the mortgage origination market will more than likely not break the 25% mark anytime soon.

"In any event," Stein remarked, "it's all relative. In these good times, we've gotten greedy for the low rate. I remember a time in the not-too-distant past when we thought the interest rates would never again go into the single digits. Now we're scrambling to scoop up that extra one-half or one percentage point to get the absolute lowest possible rate."

So if you love the thrill of the hunt, it may be time to dis-ARM yourself.

"If you're in an ARM," said Stein, "especially a long-term one, you may want to get out and lock in the low rate. If you're not in one, it doesn't make sense to think about it."

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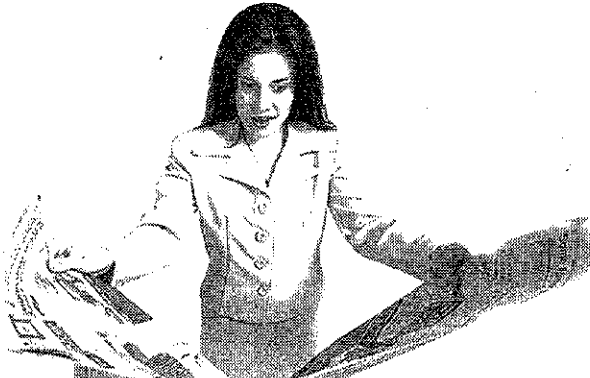
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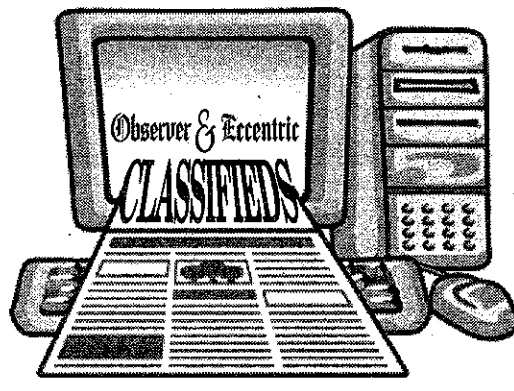
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# Many extras highlight farmhouse simplicity

The traditional look of a farmhouse can be found in the Picket Fence (G24-713).

It has a wrap-around covered porch with a different roofline, a second story and large windows that accent the face of the home.

The garage sits on the left side facing the side. Columns have been used with the porch railing to enhance the facade.

The foyer inside the front door has an archway to the left into the formal dining room and a stairwell beyond. The dining room has a coffered ceiling and large windows facing the front. There are swinging doors leading to the kitchen at the rear.

To the side of the kitchen is

the laundry/utility room. On the opposite wall is storage closet and the door to the two-car garage is between. A pantry is situated on the wall opposite the kitchen next to the swinging doors.

The C-shaped kitchen makes excellent use of the counter space with an eating bar running along the outside of the counters facing the breakfast/family rooms.

Off the breakfast room is a door leading to a large screened porch. The porch is illuminated with two skylights overhead.

The elongated family room has an entertainment center on the rear wall with a bookshelf on one

side and bench for storing games and controls on the other side.

A door to the covered front porch is on the front corner of the family room.

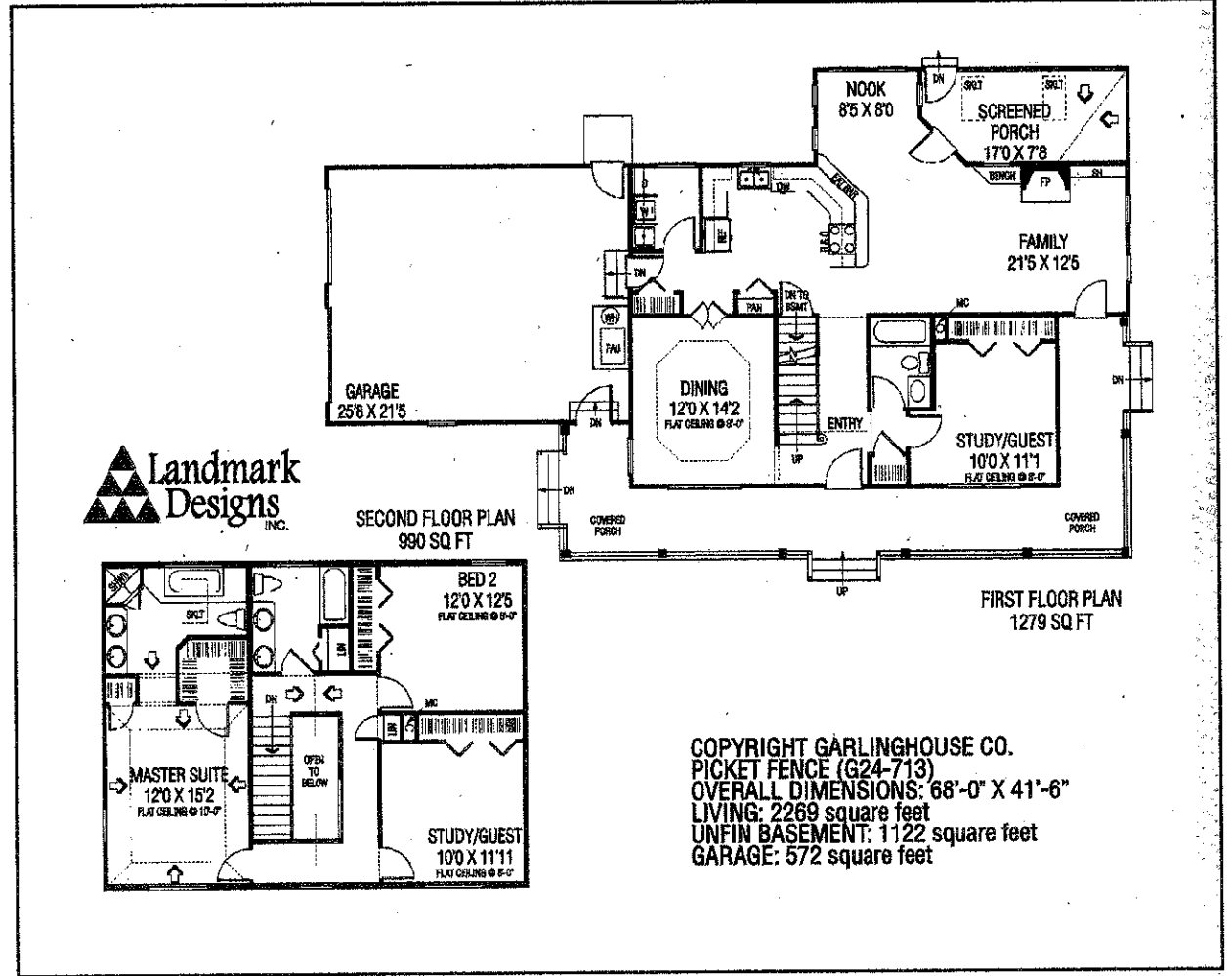
Off the foyer to the right is a study/guest suite. This would also be ideal for use as an in-home office. There is a full bath accessible to the rest of the home, just outside the study/guest suite.

The bedrooms for this farmhouse are upstairs.

The master suite has a coffered ceiling with archways between a large walk-in closet and a smaller wall closet. The master bath beyond has an oversized corner shower, a sunken tub with a skylight overhead and dual sinks.

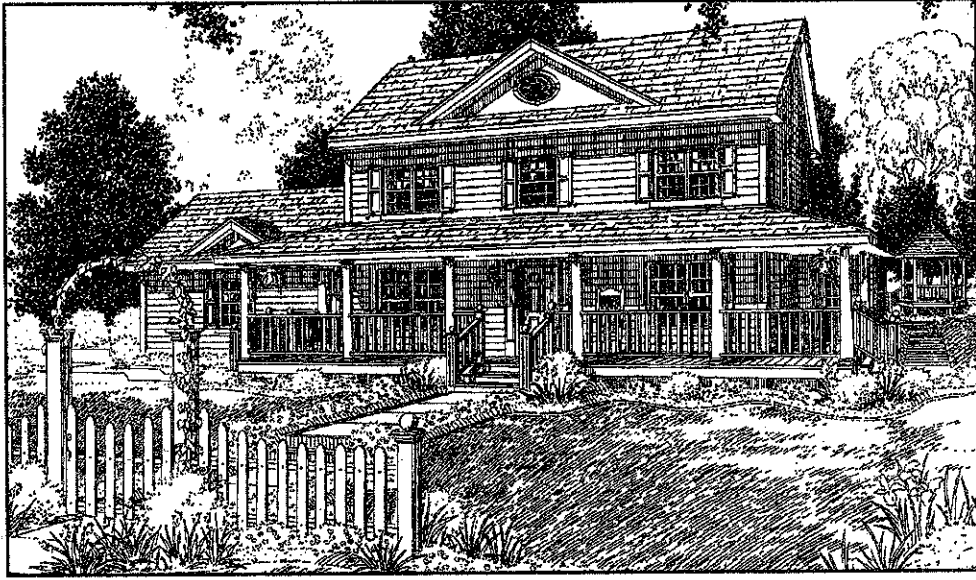
The other two bedrooms are on the opposite side of the upstairs and a full bath with a tub and dual sinks is between at the head of the stairs.

Many extras have been packed into the simplicity of the Picket Fence. It would be easy to work at home, to entertain guests, or just enjoy the family in this special home.



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# Inventory your home to recover from a burglary

You're ready to take a trip before the long days of summer have changed to the shorter days of fall. You think you have everything covered: tickets in hand, reservations made, luggage packed.

So far, so good. But have you given any thought to safeguarding your property while off enjoying this well-deserved vacation?

Most people don't, and now is the time to check this important item off your to-do list.

Actually, it can be done any time of year and it should.

To assist the public in safeguarding their assets, MetLife Auto & Home is offering free Personal Property Inven-

tory brochures that will allow property owners the ability to keep careful track of their valuables.

Such an inventory can become invaluable if your home becomes the target of a burglary. The inventory is available by calling (800) 638-5433.

"Although many people feel that they have a good handle on what valuables they possess, you'd be surprised how many items you may overlook," said Chris Cawley, MetLife Auto & Home's senior vice president of customer service.

"Take this simple test. Close your eyes and try to recall every item you have in your own living room. Then check to see how many items you've

forgotten. How would you be able to report these items to the police or your claim adjuster in the event of a break-in?"

Two out of every three burglaries in 1999 were residential in nature, with the greatest number occurring during summer months while people were on vacation, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

Property theft is estimated to cost consumers over \$3 billion, with an average loss per burglary of \$1,458.

"Having an inventory on hand most definitely helps in the event of a theft," says Detective Sgt. Napoleon Brito, of the Providence, R.I., Bureau of Criminal Identification.

"Without an inventory, people often don't realize something's missing until days or weeks later, at which point, the trail is colder.

"Also, in the event that stolen property is recovered, there are a number of occasions where we cannot return it to its rightful owners because we don't have an adequate description. Inventories help to ensure that recovered valuables make it back where they belong," Brito said.

Making an inventory is easy. The important things are:

- List the major items in every room of your house;

■ Take down the name of the manufacturer, brand and date of purchase;

■ Record the make, model and serial number of all electronic items;

■ Videotape or photograph your valuables and keep receipts of major purchases;

■ Store the videos, photos, and receipts in a safe place away from the home - such as your office or in a safety deposit box, if you have one;

■ Make sure you update your inventory every few years.

To secure more information about the inventory brochure, you can visit MetLife's Web site at [www.metlife.com](http://www.metlife.com) or call (800) 422-4272.

## Remodeling affects air

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As part of an ongoing educational partnership to raise awareness about indoor air quality issues, the American Lung Association Health House Project and 3M have just released "A Guide for Healthier Home Remodeling."

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Here are several tips:

- Consider isolating work areas from the living space with plastic sheeting or zipper doors.

- Shut off air ducts in the work area so dust and contaminants are not drawn into the living area.

- Don't occupy a recently painted room until it's been thoroughly ventilated for several days.

- If you have pets, limit their access to the remodeling area so they don't track contaminants throughout the home.

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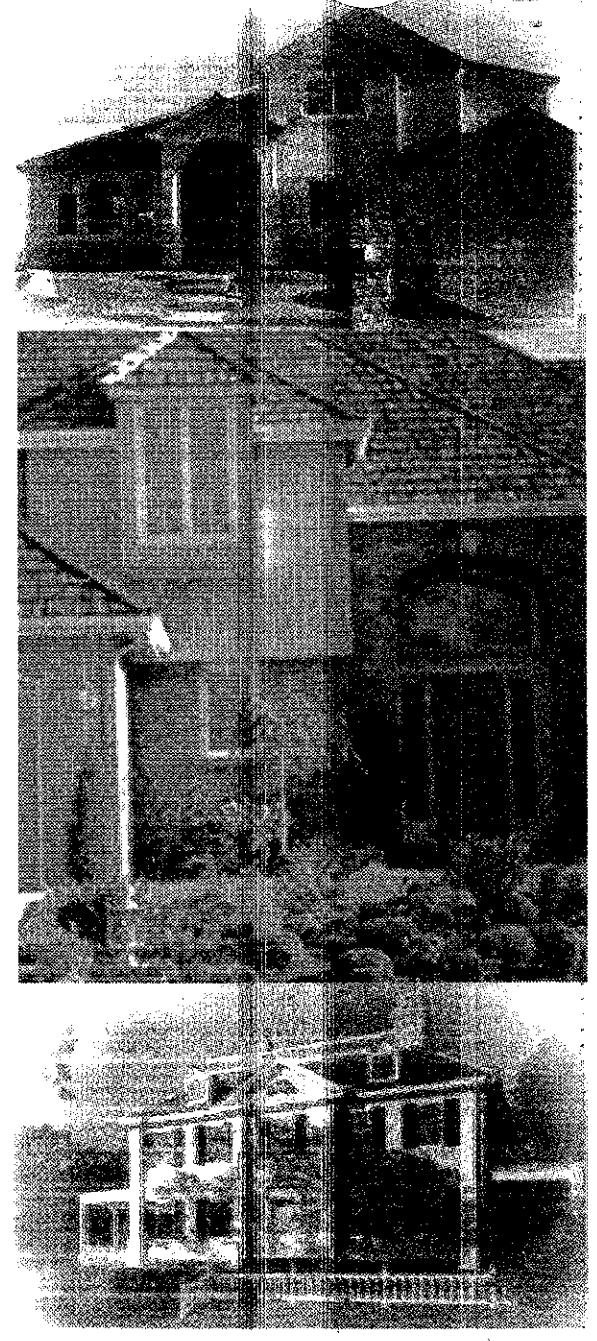
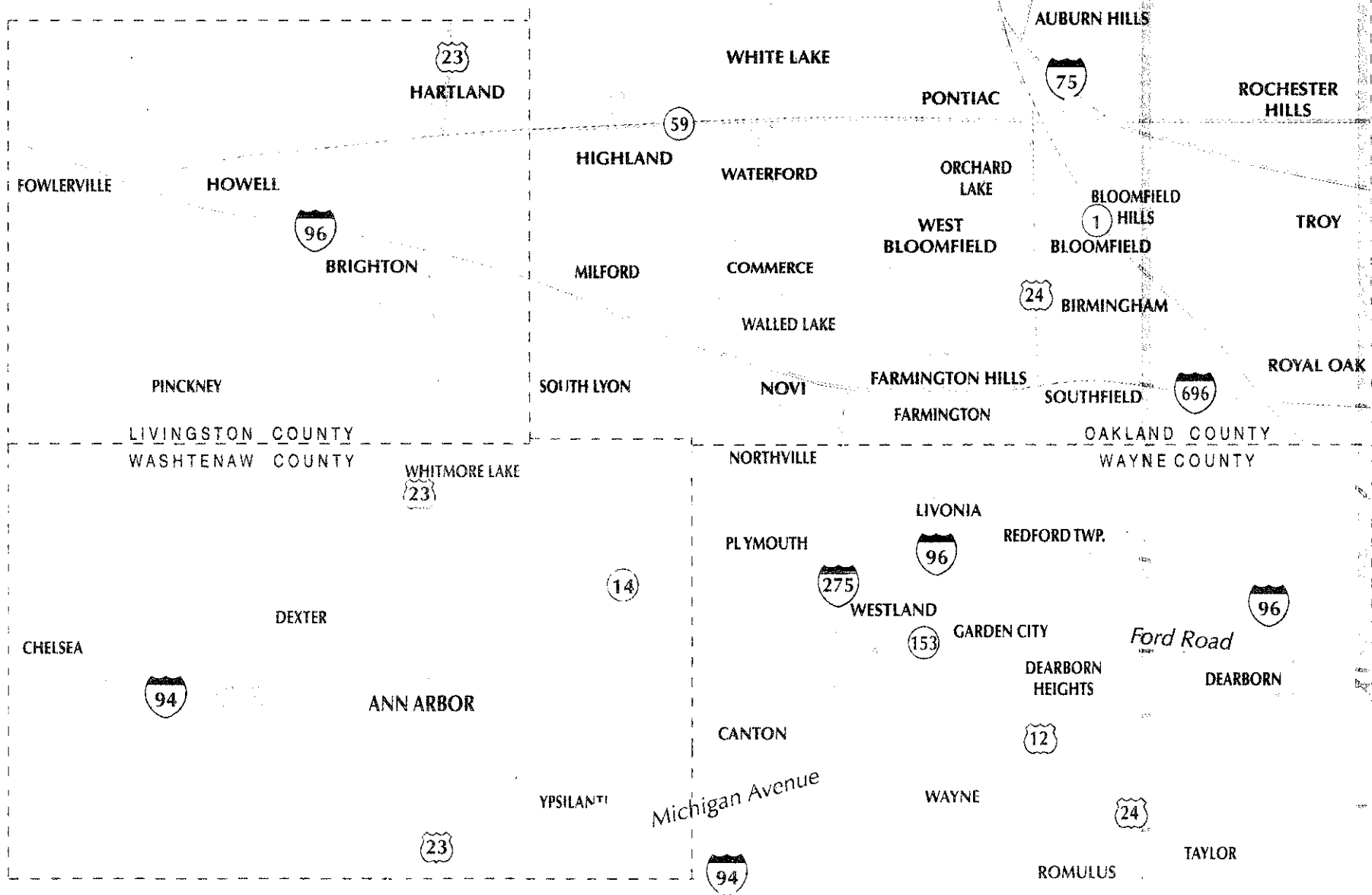
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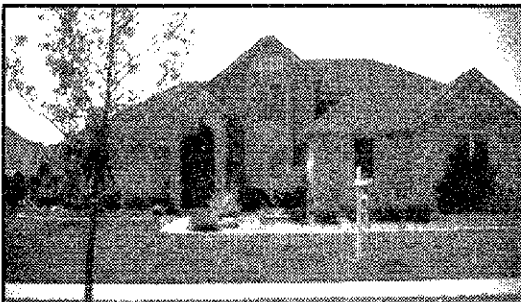


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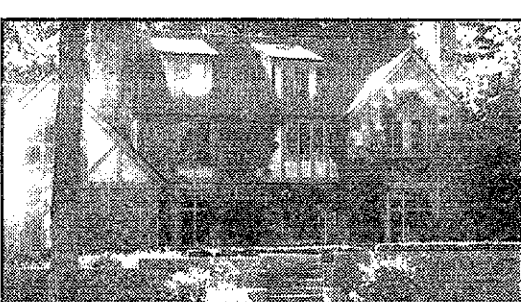
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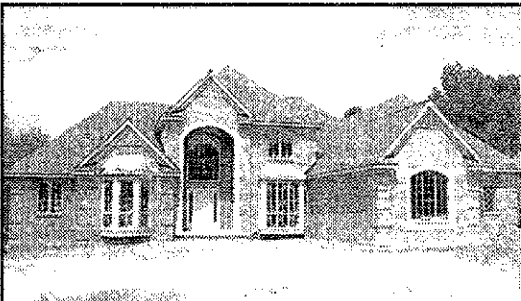
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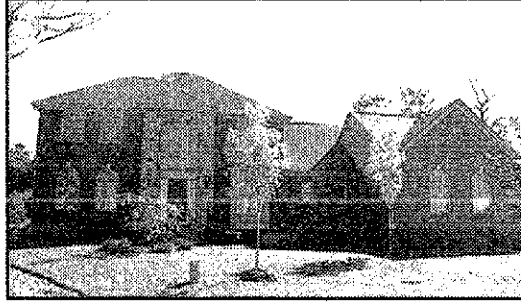
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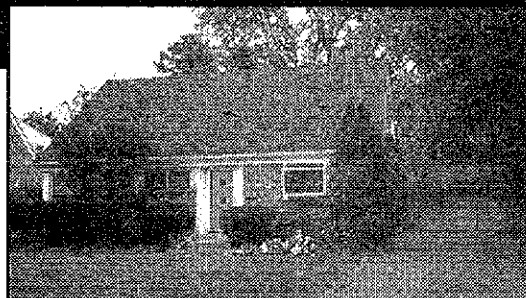
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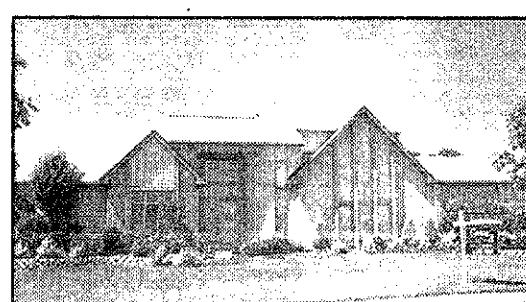
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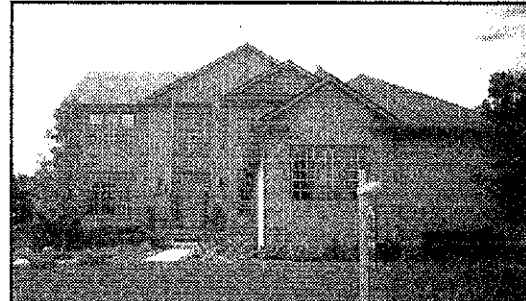
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