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**Chill cookoffs:** Local cooks are ready to turn up the heat at the Michigan State Championship Chili Cookoff in Plymouth, and the 12th annual Chili Cookoff at Al's Copper Mug in Walled Lake./B1

### MONDAY

**Closed:** Due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday, city and township offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7. Regular municipal services will resume as scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

### TUESDAY

**Business:** The Plymouth City Commission will meet at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street at 7 p.m. for their regularly scheduled commission meeting.

**School agenda:** Plymouth Canton school board members plan to meet at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Building for a board of education meeting. The meeting is held at 478 S. Harvey Street in Downtown Plymouth.

### WEDNESDAY

**Township business:** Members of the Plymouth Township Board will gather at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall on the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Mill Street. The public is welcome to attend.

**Future:** The Plymouth City Planning Commission is hosting their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street.

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## Increasing pupil count cramps district schools



Student enrollment in the Plymouth Canton School District continues to rise beyond the preliminary projections made by school officials. Larger classes are causing some overcrowding and student transfers.

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school district preliminary enrollment figures show an increase in the number of students for the 1998-99 school district much higher than previously predicted.

The latest figures show enrollment in kindergarten through 12th grade at 16,374 students, which is 628 students over last September's official count given to the state.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel, said the numbers are coming in higher than the district had anticipated.

"This increase certainly wasn't expected because we projected flat growth this year, just like we had last year," said Goldman.

Goldman expects the official increase, to be counted Sept. 23, to show an increase "somewhere in the 400's, which is still significant to me."

Ginnie Murdoch, the district's supervisor for pupil accounting, said 16,374 students would give the district close to its highest student count in its history, if the figures stand. Murdoch's figures show the district's all-time high enrollment of 16,884 was recorded in 1980.

The projected total increase for Canton and Salem high schools is 177 students. That would put their total population at 4,844 students, a new record. The previous high was in 1980, when the official count was 4,799 students.

School officials have said that when the complex was built, it was designed to handle approximately 1,700 students at each high school.

"The ninth grade is one of the biggest freshmen classes we've had in a long time," said Murdoch.

The elementary school population is projected to be 318 students higher, for a total of 7,732. The middle school numbers are the most manageable, according to administration officials. A projected increase of 133 students brings the middle school population to 3,798 at the five schools.

"We expected to hire one special education teacher this year because we projected flat growth," said Goldman. "However, because of the significant increase, we ended up creating 16 new teaching positions."

Verna Anible, the district's director of K-12 instruction, said plans for the increase were made just in time for school to start.

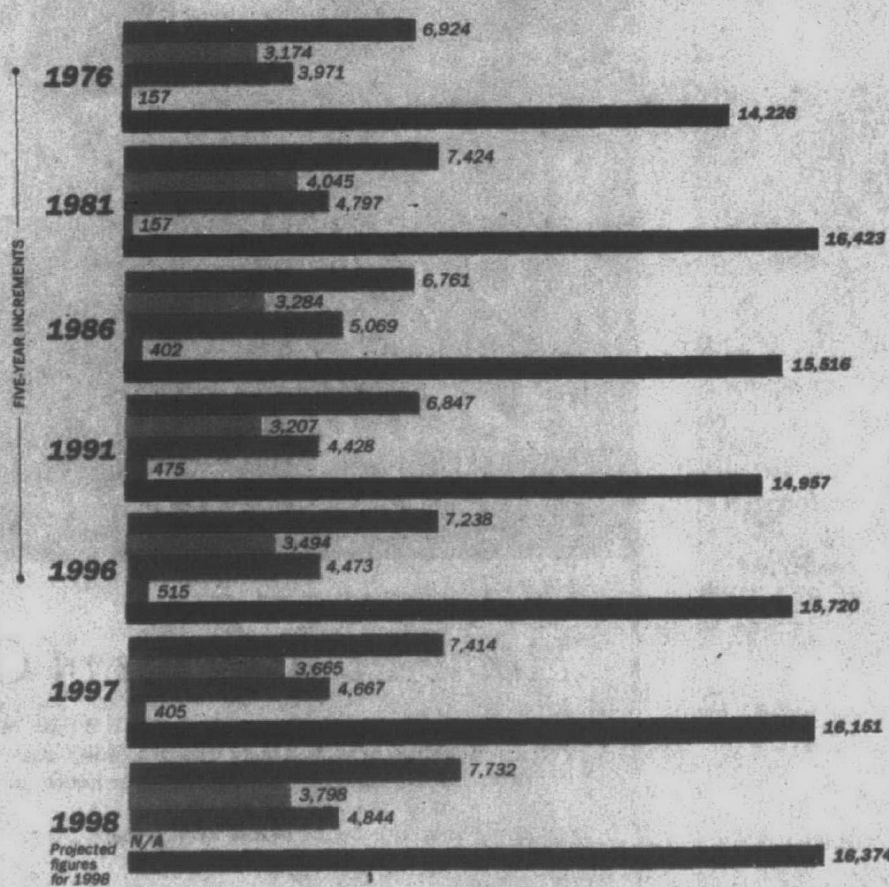
"We saw some of the growth early enough in August so we could hire teachers, get rooms ready and purchase supplies," said Anible. "It's become a real challenge to the budget."

Space has become a big problem for the administration, especially since a new elementary and high schools slated to be built are currently in litigation. And, district officials are hoping that voters will approve a new middle

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### Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Headcount Enrollment

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## Let the campaigns begin!

While candidates are pounding the pavement, dominating the airwaves and the print media, we believe voters have a lot to say. We'd like to hear from you - the average voter - on what you believe are important issues in the November election for governor.

The Observer will host a Citizens' Election Roundtable later this month and we're looking for a few residents to join others throughout your hometown circulation area for a lively discussion of what's important to you - the average voter.

The roundtables will include discussions on the gubernatorial race and statewide ballot issues (physician-assisted suicide and Clean Michigan).

Roundtables will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 23-24, in our corporate headquarters at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

We're looking for a good cross-section of voters. So if you've got an opinion and are available both evenings, please fill out the guest form which accompanies this article.

We'll notify you if you are selected. The sessions will be photographed and serve as the basis for stories to appear on the Plymouth Observer op-ed pages before the Nov. 3 election.

Our readers are well-informed and have lots to say - we know because you write us, e-mail us and fax us on a daily basis. We're counting on a robust discussion of the issues. You provide the opinions, we'll provide the snacks and the moderator.

### Tidy tot



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

**Clean sweep:** Three-year-old William Richardson of Plymouth lends a helping hand with the yard work Tuesday.

## Plymouth editor named

Valerie Olander has been named editor of the Plymouth Observer.

She replaces Joanne Maliszewski, who moved to the Farmington Observer in July.

"Val's appreciation of community journalism, her attention to detail and her passion for accuracy and fairness make her an excellent choice for Plymouth editor," said Susan Rosiek, managing editor of the Observer Newspapers.

Olander, 33, has worked as a reporter for the Canton Observer since May of 1996.

She began working for the Observer & Eccentric in 1991 in the Oakland County offices as a reporter. In January of 1994 she left for a reporting position at the Dearborn Press & Guide where she was recognized by the Michigan Press Association for spot news coverage. Olander returned to the Observer as a copy editor in 1995.

She is a 1987 graduate of Central



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Val Olander

Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a 1983 graduate of St. Agatha High School in Redford Township.

"I'm looking forward to becoming part of the Plymouth community after getting a bird's-eye view of what it has

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## Fall festival upcoming

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The 43rd Plymouth Community Fall Festival opens Friday with traditional events and entertainment for all.

A highlight this year is the addition of the Michigan State Chili Cookoff from 1-6 p.m. Saturday. "We anticipate that it will bring in some more people," said Carolyn Simons, Fall Festival publicity director.

The festival runs through Sunday, when the Plymouth Rotary Club chicken dinner is featured from 11

a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival was founded in 1956 by the Rotary, as it sponsored a chicken dinner to pay for a children's park.

Now, dozens of community service groups sell food or otherwise seek to raise money. Their Fall Festival fundraising efforts pay for activities they do year-round, to benefit the community.

"This year we're trying to emphasize there's something for all ages," Simons said.

For example, the mature crowd may favor Bingo from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday

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## PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

### Pre-school prep

New Morning School of Plymouth has openings in the Me & My Shadow introductory preschool class for two, three and four-year-olds. The parent and child participate in music, art, readiness projects, story time and snacks centered around a weekly theme every Saturday from Sept. 12 through Nov. 21 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Ruth at (734) 420-3331.

### Three cheers

Nationally ranked Plymouth Salem High School Cheerleaders recently returned from a Universal Cheerleaders Association Elite Camp at Indiana University in Bloomington. At the conclusion the four-day camp Salem Varsity was named Camp Champs in the Routine

Division, and Salem JV was named Camp Cheer Division.

Last February the Varsity team placed 10th in the nation at the National High School Cheerleading Championship competition held at Disney World in Orlando.

### Author signing

Meet R. T. Stone, author of The Journals - A Message from the Council of Ancients, and discuss the Twelve Truths, a collection of powerful insights taken from the book, Monday Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Ageless Wisdom, 470 Forest Ave., in Plymouth. Free refreshments and tasty vegetarian goodies will be provided to all attendees. Pick up additional copies of The Journals at your local bookseller or order by calling (800) 607-2771. Visit The Journals Web site at www.thejournals.com

### Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden club will host a Fall Festival Perennial Exchange Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring something (include name) and take something. Healthy plants only. Located in front of the Wilcox House.

### Fall classes

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is accepting registrations for fall classes and workshops for all ages. Arts and crafts, pottery, art appreciation, soft sculpture dolls, creative writing, video camera use, painting, drawing/sketching, life models, batik, make a memory quilt, ballroom dancing, yoga, Tai Chi. Call (734) 416-ART for registration information.

## Township police get grants

Governor John Engler has awarded Plymouth Township Police Department two prestigious Bryne Memorial Grants.

One grant will allow the Plymouth Township Police Department to expand the D.A.R.E. program to each of the five middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District, adding to already proven drug prevention strategies in place in the community.

The second Bryne Grant will provide funding for a school District to identify problems and work collectively with social agencies and school officials to seek solutions to prevent delinquency.

The U.S. Department of Justice has also awarded Plymouth Township additional funding to hire an additional police officer for the newly established community policing program.

Early in 1998 the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees directed Police Chief Lawrence R. Carey to seek alternative sources of funding to provide services to the community. The Plymouth Township Police Department has aggressively sought out these highly competitive grants.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will accept the grant funding at the Sept. 8 board meeting. The implementation date for the projects is Oct. 1. The funding for the

Bryne Grants last one year, and is renewable for an additional two years. The Bryne Grants provide \$49,525 in funding towards the DARE Officer and the School Resource Officer. The COP Universal Hiring Grant is a three year grant that provides \$25,000 per year towards the salary of the new police officer.

The two officers provided by the Bryne Grant and the present DARE Officer will form the Youth Services Unit in the Plymouth Township Police Department. The Youth Services Unit will be responsible for the investigation, intervention and prevention of youth crimes.

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at The Gathering. Kids can check out rides along Pennington west of Main Street, and a dance party in Kellogg Park for teens happens Saturday evening.

"It's an exciting time for everyone," Simons said.

There will be two stages presenting live entertainment this year, at either end of Pennington east of Main. "When one takes a break or intermission, the other band starts playing," Simons said.

"We're trying to have a variety of both local entertainment and people outside the Plymouth area," she said.

Returning for the 27th year is the Artists and Craftsmen Show Saturday and Sunday at Central Middle School. A relative newcomer that is becoming an annual tradition is the Classic Antique & Performance Car Show along Main south of the

Plymouth Historical Museum from noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

The festival opens at 3 p.m. Friday. On the festival stages, Al Townsend & the Couriers perform from 5-7 p.m. Opening ceremonies are at 6:30 p.m., and Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw perform from 8-10 p.m.

On Saturday from 7-11:30 a.m. the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast happens at the Gathering. From 9 a.m. to noon there is a perennial exchange outside the Wilcox House and an open house at Plymouth City Hall.

The Artists and Craftsmen Show runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Central Middle School and the Michigan State Chili Championship Cook-Off happens from 1-6 p.m. at The Gathering.

A Karate demonstration happens at Kellogg park from 2-3 p.m.

On the festival stages Satur-

day, the Optimist Pet Contest returns from 9-11 a.m. The Polish Dancers perform from 11 a.m. to noon, Plymouth Community Band from noon-1 p.m., Irish Dancers from 1-2 p.m., classical singer Justine Blazer from 2-3 p.m., and Masters of Dance Arts from 3-4 p.m.

From 4-5 p.m. the group Stun Gun performs, followed by the Plymouth Canton High School marching band from 5-5:45 p.m. The chili contest winner will be announced from a festival stage at 5:45 p.m.

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps performs from 6:45-7:15 p.m., and Del Kaufman & Big Band Express perform from 6-8 p.m. Festival stage entertainment concludes Saturday with a DJ street dance from 8-9:45 p.m.

The festival opens at noon Sunday. On the festival stages, Counter Play performs from noon-2 p.m. followed by Canton Dance & Performing Arts from 2-3 p.m. and The Larados from 3-6 p.m.

Also Sunday the artists and craftsmen show continues from noon-5 p.m., Yo-Yo Man performs in Kellogg Park from 2-3:30 p.m. and a Tae Kwon Do demonstration happens at 3 p.m. in the park.

Plymouth and Canton high thespians will appear in costume around Kellogg Park throughout the festival.

## Editor from page A1

to offer from my past two years reporting south of the border," said Olander

"It will be a very intriguing place to work since the city is known for its small town

ambiance and the township as a growing residential and industrial base for Wayne County," she added.

"I'm anxious to get to know the residents and city and township

leaders."

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# Inconvenient

## Filming crew causes some to complain, praise

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The shooting of a Toyota commercial in downtown Plymouth last week was fascinating for some but a pain for others.

"My customers were universally upset," said Scott Lurain of the Coffee Studio on Ann Arbor Trail, of the commercial shoot Monday through Wednesday.

"Several mentioned they were abruptly jerked out of the (Kellogg) park, or not allowed in the park," he said. "The detours were more stringent than when the road was torn up, they really had the town sealed off."

Lurain's customers and some others around downtown complained about walkie-talkie wielding staff working for commercial producer Strader Productions, some of whom directed pedestrians or motorists to leave certain areas during filming.

"They said they felt like they weren't welcome in their own town," Lurain said.

"It wasn't real proper the way it was handled. Somebody could have spent 15 minutes going down the street saying this is a positive thing, bear with us," he said.

"I wasn't pleased with the road being blocked three days," added Don Wurm of Laurel Furniture on Ann Arbor Trail south of Kellogg Park.

City Manager Steve Walters said he had two calls from citizens objecting to the inconvenience. "One person objected to not being able to walk through the park when he wanted to. One objected to traffic being stopped," Walters said.

"I had a few people tell me how interesting it was," he added.

"We're going to have a review of this one, it was fairly extensive in terms of its impact," Walters said.

"Some things we could have done differently. I think in the overall context it's beneficial exposure of the Plymouth community and its image and the impression of it. It's a useful activity as long as the public isn't inconvenienced too often," he said.

Walters said that if requests to use the park were to grow, city officials would be more restrictive in regulating companies' activities.

Walters said company staff handled traffic well from a safety standpoint, but added more

**'We followed all the rules given to us by the city. We're just doing our job. We apologize for any inconvenience. If anyone was rude I was totally unaware.'**

**Chuck Strader**  
—Strader Productions

sensitivity could have been shown.

Company staff, he added, "Didn't have the ability to tell them (passers by) to leave," adding workers should have waited till the public was out of the way.

Chuck Strader of Strader Productions said Friday, "As far as we're concerned the city was great to us."

"We followed all the rules given to us by the city. We're just doing our job. We apologize for any inconvenience. If anyone was rude I was totally unaware," he said.

The Toyota commercial is to begin airing in New England states in "a week or two," Strader said.

The city Downtown Development Authority received \$4,500 to offset inconvenience to businesses. Strader Productions also paid a \$250 per day site fee and 25 percent over costs for city employees staff time to support the commercial shoot.

Bill Saxton of Saxton's Garden Center said, "We had customers who said they were stopping them from coming in, stopping them from walking down the street."

At a Downtown Business Association meeting Thursday, Saxton said there "was a pretty negative reaction" from business owners to the experience.

Saxton said the suggestion was made that Strader Productions \$4,500 contribution go strictly toward promoting the downtown.

Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock said that while he knew of two complaints, "We had a lot of interest, people thought it was kind of neat."

"The last thing we want to do is disrupt the city," Strader said.

"We came there because it's a beautiful city. The last thing I want to do or my producer wants to do is disrupt any business," he said.

# Municipal merger talks scrapped

## LOCAL NEWS



Walters

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The idea to merge the city and township municipal service departments has been dumped.

Both township and city representatives said the merger fell through because it is more practical to keep the status quo.

"I think that when it was finally broken down, when we presented our package as to how it would come together, the dollars didn't make sense in relation to the savings for the township," said Jim Anulewicz, township public services director.

The discussions about joining community municipal services opened 18 months ago. It was one of the first such mergers discussed by a committee of city and township representatives.

That committee, which meets monthly, is charged with looking at possible areas of city and township cooperation, including the merging of services.

It was at its Wednesday meeting that the committee decided to recommend to city commissioners and township trustees not to proceed with a municipal services merger.

Anulewicz said the review of township municipal services operations was useful: "It provided a good self analysis. It showed areas we are currently cooperating on are working very well," he said.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said both departments will continue to provide mutual backup support. Plymouth Township will continue to contract with the city for specific services, such as video inspections of sewers and vehicle maintenance.

"The details got analyzed on a budgetary level," Walters said. To move township municipal services to the city MSD would cut into savings realized through a merger, he said.

"The city municipal services yard is not big enough to take over the township's department without enlarging the building for storage of equipment," Walters said.

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"There's quite a lot of up-front capital cost needed from the township to make the thing really work, from the city's perspective," he said.

Walters said both the city and township will continue to seek cost savings in municipal services. One such area to be explored involves a joint purchase of water meters, cheaper when bought in larger quantity.

The joint governmental services committee is continuing to review joint police-fire dispatch operations, and how to pay the local match required for the Sheldon Road train underpass.

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Cut: Strader Production crews prepare another scene while filming five Toyota commercials in Plymouth.

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school in October to replace Lowell.

"At the elementary level we've had to use music and art rooms for classrooms, which impacts the effectiveness of those programs," Anible said.

Those programs are called art-on-a-cart and music-on-a-cart, where art and music teachers bring their materials to the classrooms instead of having rooms of their own where students meet.

Anible said there were enough additional kindergartners enrolled at Fiegel that an additional kindergarten class was added. She said to alleviate overcrowding in kindergarten at Field Elementary, eight students voluntarily transferred to less-crowded Hulsing. Two students

made the move from Farrand to Allen school.

"At the high schools, more teachers are traveling from high school to high school because of space, and they don't have enough rooms to sit in for planning time," said Anible. "Sometimes, they do their planning wherever they can find space, and that can be a challenge."

"As a whole, we weren't planning for that much increase and over-capacity," she added. "And, we lost two portables which had to be torn down, which is two rooms lost."

At the middle school level, Central was the most impacted with increases in students, Anible said. "Things are very tight at all levels."

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# Resident initiates efforts to increase ballot access

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Jerry Vorva has started what he wanted the Plymouth-Canton school administration to do last year to end his lawsuit against the district.

The Plymouth resident on Friday mailed out nearly a thousand absentee ballot request forms to Plymouth residents for the Oct. 3 middle school bond election.

"This mailing represents the permanent absentee voter list kept by the City of Plymouth," said Vorva as he carried his letters into the post office on Penniman. "Next week we'll mail absentee ballot request forms to residents in Plymouth Township. And after that, Canton Township."

Vorva plans to mail nearly 15,000 absentee ballot request forms to all Plymouth-Canton school district residents who are on their municipality's permanent list. He's estimating it could cost

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Judy Evola

—Community relations director

up to \$7,000 of his own money.

Had the district agreed to do the same thing last year after a settlement offer, Vorva said he would have dropped his lawsuit which has prevented the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds for two new schools, buses and computers.

The school district has its own permanent list, which consists of approximately 1,100 names according to Liz Adams, the district's elections clerk. Adams said anyone can become part of the list by calling her office at (734) 416-3095.

"The school district doesn't encourage

this practice," said Vorva. "They pass out absentee ballot requests to parents because they want those people to vote. Anyone else they don't want to vote for fear of how they might vote."

"Governments can't do that," added Vorva. "It's manipulating the election, it's illegal and it's unconstitutional."

Judy Evola, the district's community relations director, denied the district is trying to do anything to manipulate the election.

"Absentee ballot request forms are readily available to all citizens in the Plymouth-Canton community," said Evola.

"We have 22 school buildings and the administrative offices where anyone can pick up an absentee ballot request form. Or, they can call Liz Adams to request one."

"It's every individual's personal responsibility to know when and where an election is and to participate," she

said. "We make the information about the election and how to vote readily available."

The district is asking the voters to approve \$18.8 million in bonds to build a new middle school, buy school buses and purchase computers and technology equipment.



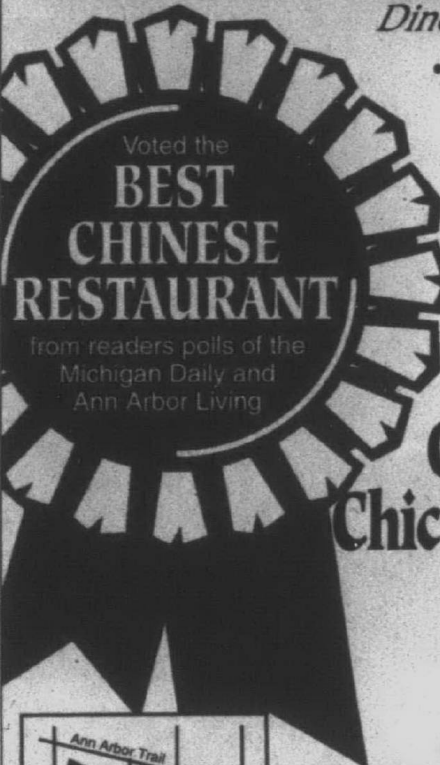
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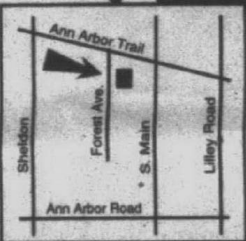
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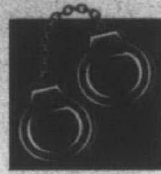
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## POLICE NEWS



Police are seeking charges against six teens after a break-in at the Plymouth Independence Village senior complex on Northville Road.

Plymouth Township police were led to the youths, ages 15-17, after one girl in the group left her beeper on top of a toilet tank in the damaged room,

according to the police.

Police are seeking to charge as adults two 17-year-olds in the group, with malicious destruction of property and unlawful entry. Police said the rest are to be charged as juveniles.

Police said all six youths admitted to the incident. They live in Troy, Westland, Livonia and Redford.

Police said that after midnight June 7 two of the teens kicked in two doors to model rooms at a

portion of the senior center under construction.

The two left and joined a party in Livonia, and four more teens returned with them to Independence Village, police said.

Upon returning, members of the group set off a fire extinguisher, broke lights, punched holes in walls, and took some signs, the report continued.

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## OBITUARIES

### HOMER H. HENSLEY

Services for Homer H. Hensley, 88, of Florida will be 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 6, with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1909, in Melissa, W. Va. He died on Aug. 28 in Southfield, Mich. He owned and operated Hanco Automatic Products in Detroit for more than 25 years. He came to the Northville/Plymouth community in 1976 from Detroit. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth. He loved to play golf, read, and solve crossword puzzles. He played in many pro-am golf tournaments.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. Survivors include his daughter, Judith Anderman of Harper Woods, Mich.; three brothers, Thomas Hensley, Raymond Hensley, Eric (Happy) Hensley; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

### SUZANNE PAGE

Services for Suzanne Page, 57, of Plymouth were Aug. 28 at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Jack Quinlan officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1941, in Detroit. She died on Aug. 24 in Ann Arbor. She was a teacher in the Adult Education Department of the Plymouth-Canton schools. She received her bachelor's degree in business from Wayne State University and her master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State University.

She was a member of the American Association of University Women. She did volunteer work at the Huron Valley Humane Society and with the Literacy Council where she taught English as a second language. She came to the Plymouth-Canton community in 1973 from Warren, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald E., of Plymouth; and one daughter, Jennifer Page of Franklin, Tenn.

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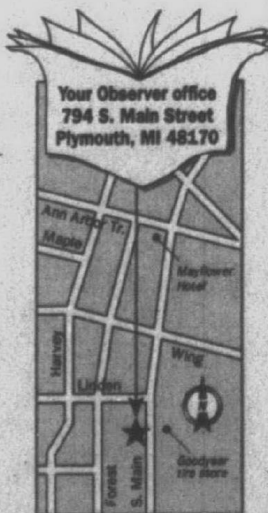
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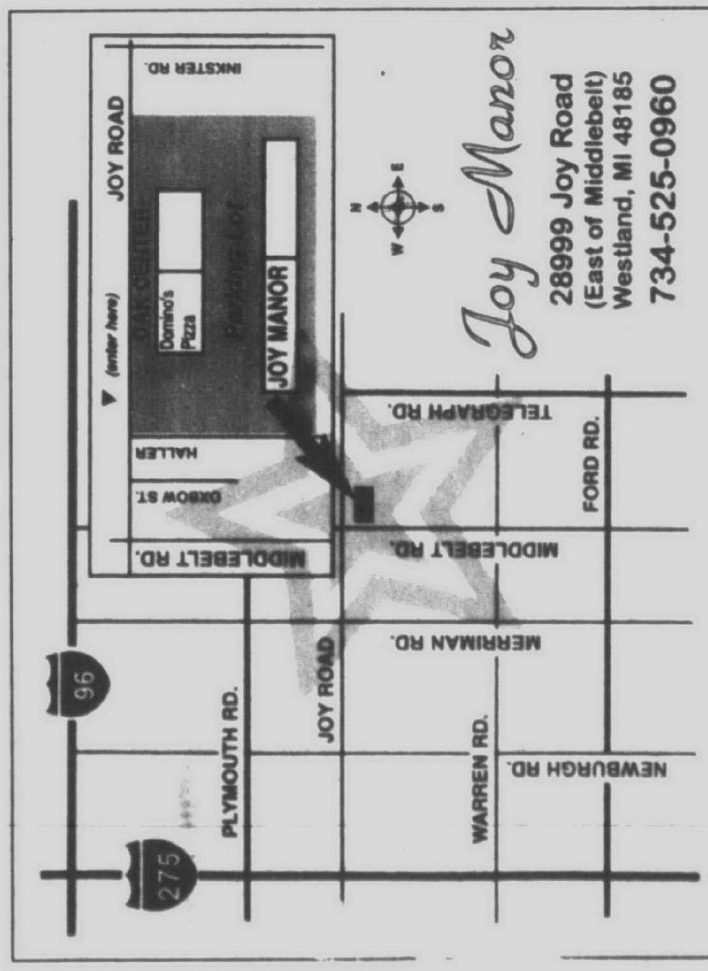
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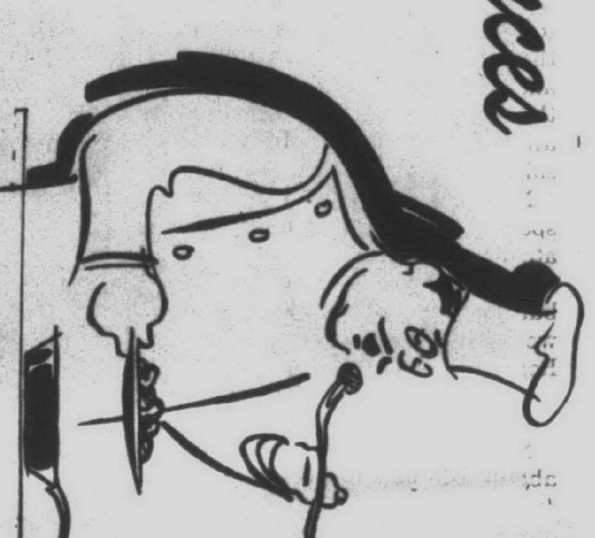
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# Experts mull solutions to labor shortage

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

It will become harder to raise future employment in a Michigan economy that is already short of workers, several experts agree.

There will be fewer new workers, and the hard-core welfare cases will be more difficult to bring into the workforce.

"The demographic reality is that baby boomers have fewer kids. There will be no growth in the labor force," said Lou Glazer, executive director of Michigan Future, an Ann Arbor-based think tank.

Growth of the labor force had been 2 percent a year in the 1970s; now, it's 1 percent, he said, and in the near future it will be zero.

"Today, there are 20 percent fewer 16-24-year-olds than in 1980. That has a lot to do with why employers can't find workers. Employers who expect people will show up at the door - it's not going to work," Glazer said during a Sept. 2 panel in Oakland County.

John Almstadt, who heads the county's employment and training division, agreed. He cited a University of Michigan forecast

that "economic development can only be arrested if enough skilled workers aren't available."

### Bias alive

And it's going to be tougher to pull workers from the shrinking welfare rolls, several agreed.

Jennifer Phillips, a project manager for the C.S. Mott Foundation in Flint, said racial minorities are still discriminated against in retail hiring.

Added Glazer: Welfare reform is working among whites, but "Welfare is increasingly concentrated among blacks and inner cities." He cited a Detroit high

school where 80 percent of kids live in a household where no adult works. Thus, no one at home can show them good work habits.

"That's an inner-city issue. This thing's going to go on for a substantial period of time," Glazer warned.

Almstadt of Oakland County was more optimistic. He cited an Oakland Community College program aimed at welfare recipients where most graduates were hired by EDS and Kelly Services - and are African-Americans.

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## SC faculty on the job, negotiations to continue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Faculty members at Schoolcraft College have returned to the classroom without a contract, but that may change soon.

The contract expired Aug. 25 for the Faculty Forum, the union representing 122 full-time and 320 part-time instructors. That group and three others are bargaining with Schoolcraft representatives for new contracts.

College President Richard McDowell said Friday the college's contract negotiators hoped to wrap up negotiations soon as the two sides met that morning and afternoon. "If we don't wrap things up today, we'll schedule another meeting," McDowell said.

Neither side would discuss specific issues now being negotiated.

"We are close to an agreement, but there is still a sticking point we have to get over," said Ron Rogowski, the union spokesman and one of six negotiators. "Once we're over that, it's all downhill."

Negotiators have resolved about 120 of 130 problems on contract language clarification, work conditions, benefits, and staff and professional development, Rogowski said.

Rogowski said the faculty had no intentions of striking over them. "We have serious differences, but I don't believe we're a striking faculty."

A facilitator was called in to help speed up the bargaining process, which isn't unusual for Schoolcraft's negotiations, Rogowski said.

The three other groups seeking a new contract are the maintenance workers, secretaries and administrators.

Rogowski, who has negotiated for the union since 1984, said these negotiations were no different than previous ones. "They are all difficult. None of these are easy. This has been dragging out longer than I anticipated."

## Leadership development is WICI topic

Women in Communications of Detroit kicks off its 1998-99 season with a program on leadership development with speaker Carolyn Joseph, managing director of the Mentium Corp.'s Detroit office.

She will appear at Matt Prentice's newest restaurant, Duet (at Orchestra Hall) on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

Joseph will discuss how mentoring can help all individuals, from entry-level employees to middle managers and new business owners, advance their careers and their companies.

Founded in 1991, Minneapolis-based Mentium Corp. specializes in executive development strategies. "Mentium 100" is a program which pairs female middle managers with upper executives from outside corporations for a year-long mentoring experience.

Duet is located at 3663 Woodward at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Detroit. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m., program at 7 p.m. Cost for members is \$30 and others \$35. To RSVP call 248-652-1460.

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# Feedback positive following push to end district lawsuit

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth attorney Michael Gerou said he's received several positive phone calls concerning his efforts to help mediate a settlement in the lawsuit between Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva and the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"We have a fractured community. However, almost everyone agrees this situation has to go away," said Gerou.

Gerou said many of the calls were from community leaders. However, he declined to mention names.

Gerou, former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell of Plymouth, and Plymouth Library Board president Hugh Harsha are part of a group attempting to mediate an end to Vorva's lawsuit, which has forced the district to delay plans

to build new elementary and high schools, as well as purchase buses and new computers.

Vorva is claiming the March 1997 election was unfair because 716 spoiled ballots denied those voters their fundamental right to vote.

Vorva has lost battles in Wayne County Circuit Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals. The suit once again rests in the hands of the Appeals Court after Vorva asked for a rehearing.

He vows to take his case to the Michigan Supreme Court and the federal court system if he loses again.

In the meantime, the district can't sell \$79.6 million in bonds for the improvements.

"Everyone I talk to states the negative, but when I tell them of the potentials in terms of time

and money, more seem willing to get out of this," added Gerou.

"This will come to a critical point soon, and we need to get this done before the Oct. 3 middle school bond election," he added. "After the election, I'm afraid each side will dig their heels in."

Both sides have indicated to the Observer they would be willing to discuss the lawsuit and possibilities for a settlement.

"We've talked to a number of different players, and it's my impression there is a willingness on both sides to sit down and discuss ways we can make this whole issue go away," said Gerou. "We're a bit past the exploratory stage, but we're not in the middle of negotiations. Both sides recognize it would be in the community's best interest to resolve this."

# Library schedule

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers programs for the Plymouth community. The following are events scheduled for September.

## YOUTH NEWS

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The Writer's Club will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Sept. 8 and Sept. 22. For additional information, please call Brian Anderson at 416-0418.

Members of the Contemporary Books discussion group will discuss "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16.

# Northwest pilot misses the friendly skies

## STRIKE

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Ever since she was 12-years-old, all Dawn Sorrento of Plymouth wanted to do was become a pilot and fly.

Now, all Sorrento can do is watch planes fly over her home as the 39-year-old Northwest Airlines pilot is grounded because of a strike.

"Back home in Bedford, Mass. I would watch from a hill as the bombers and fighters would take off from the nearby military base," she recalls. "They were so loud and would shake the earth.

I just really enjoyed it, and I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Sorrento has been a Northwest Airlines pilot the past four years, just a small segment of her 18-year aviation career.

"After flight school in Florida, I pumped fuel at airports, towed planes, and performed other services," she remembered. "Then I flew corporate planes, commuter planes, and then Northwest."

"To be sitting in the cockpit is cool," said Sorrento. "The new technology is exciting. On the newer planes, you can actually sit back while the plane lands itself."

Sorrento flies a 727 jetliner, what she calls "the last of the

real jet airplanes. It's not computerized, it's real stick and rudder flying."

And while many of us are amazed while watching takeoffs and landings at Metro Airport, Sorrento is still a bit astounded herself.

"To this day I think 'how the heck am I going to get all this weight off the ground,' she says of her 200,000 pound aircraft. "The control you have over it, and being up so high and seeing everything below. It feels like floating... it's just incredible."

But, for the time being, Sorrento has bigger problems on her mind... a strike which is in its second week.

"This is my career, not a job," she said. "I've spent 18 years of my life getting to this point, and I picked Northwest because it was a wonderful airline to work for when I hired in. Had I known there would have been these

kinds of problems..."

Sorrento now spends much of her time in the pilots' union strike center near the airport, working sometimes up to 12 hours a day.

"It makes the day easier because I'm around colleagues and friends who are in the same situation," said Sorrento. "I can't believe I've lost my career. Right now I'm optimistic this will only go on for a couple of weeks."

If not, Sorrento said she'll have to start looking for a job because her \$1,300-per-month strike pay isn't enough to pay the bills. And that won't begin until the strike is 35 days old.

"This is about six labor groups, not just the pilots," emphasizes Sorrento. "Hopefully management will sit down and settle all these contracts, beginning with ours."

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**Grounded:** Northwest pilot and Plymouth resident Dawn Sorrento (above) seated in a jetliner. Sorrento is eager to get back to flying rather than having to remain idle while a strike nears its second week.

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# Labor from page A7

The daylong conference, in the Northfield Hilton in Troy, was called "Untapped Resources: National Solutions to a Tight Labor Market." Speakers concentrated on matching workers to available jobs, and training them for promotions and raises. Sponsors were Oakland University's political science department and Public Policy Associates of Lansing.

## Employers looking

There was wide agreement that employers don't know how to tap public resources. Panel moderator was Paul Hillegonds, the last (1993-96) Republican speaker of the state House and now president of Detroit Renaissance. Hillegonds said the Legislature developed MEAP statewide testing and endorsed diploma laws in response to top corporate executives.

But business wound up sending the Legislature a mixed message. When parents criticized the MEAP tests, Hillegonds said, "the human resources people said 'we don't care what you do because we do our own testing.'"

Glazer agreed. "Colleges let parents know what students have to do (to gain admission). Employers haven't. It's like pulling teeth to get employers to define the work skills they need."

Several employers in the audience complained they didn't know how to tap the available labor pool and weren't afraid to hire blacks, former welfare recipients or even ex-convicts.

Oakland's Almstadt said the Michigan Jobs Commission has worked mightily to get out its message. Its Internet Web site is

http://michworks.org and allows work seekers to post their availability and employers to examine candidates 24 hours a day.

## Issue: promotion

Luncheon keynote was Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, the company that owns this newspaper, and former chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Commission.

"The big issue," said Power, "is not entry-level jobs at a low level of worker skills and employer expectations. The big issue is how these people will move from the first job to the second or third one, with greater skills, better productivity, higher income."

He advocated spending 1 percent of payroll on training and promoting a company's existing workforce - "and it's the best investment we make."

Power also agreed that bringing more welfare recipients into the workforce will become harder in the future because public transportation is wedded to fixed routes.

"As the tight labor market continues to suck folks on welfare into employment, a larger and larger percentage of those that are left are big-time substance abusers - booze and drugs," he said. "It may be that substance abuse counseling and treatment need to be blended with traditional employment and training activities of public agencies."

Power said employers in general aren't interested in reducing welfare rolls, public transit or providing family support services. Those tasks are best left to public agencies.

# SMART chief wants to expand service

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Dan Dirks believes you can't have job growth unless workers can get to those jobs.

That's why the new general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation wants to expand the SMART bus system to include the Great Lakes Crossings in Auburn Hills to Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

Dirks, 47, was named SMART's general manager Aug. 27 by SMART's board of directors.

"With the whole welfare-to-work program, people on welfare have to get a job within two years," Dirks said. "Public transit is a big part of them getting to their jobs."

Dirks will face the short-term task of eliminating an approximate \$4 million deficit, which is expected to be removed next year, and continuing to work with local communities on transportation needs. He will administer a \$70 million budget on the heels of voter approval in August



**New GM:** Dan Dirks wants to expand the SMART bus system to include the Great Lakes Crossings in Auburn Hills to Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

of 0.33 mills to fund SMART, which was a four-year renewal for residents in Garden City, Livonia, Redford, Westland and many communities in Oakland

and Macomb counties.

Dirks will replace Richard Kaufman, whose resignation is effective Oct. 1. Kaufman, of Plymouth Township and a former Wayne County circuit judge, resigned to pursue a private law practice.

"(Dirks) is hard-working and intelligent, and probably knows more about mass transit than anyone I know," Kaufman said.

## His background

Dirks has run the day-to-day operations over the past year since becoming the deputy general manager. Before that promotion, he was director of planning and service development. There he was responsible for the design of SMART services and acted as the liaison to local communities within the SMART service area.

Dirks actually started as an intern at SMART in 1974 while he was a student at Wayne State University. Once he received his degree in political science, he was hired at SMART as an operations planner in 1976 and promoted two years later to public affairs representative. In 1992,

he became marketing manager. SMART promoted him to director of operations-paratransit services in 1994.

That experience has helped forge a philosophy that the public sector should try using some of the business logic from the private sector. "And that is identify what the customers need and react to it," Dirks said.

## Studying surveys

Dirks has used information from surveys from R.L. Polk such as the number of bus riders who use SMART and work at businesses along corridors to market SMART. "We would survey those businesses, invite them to breakfast and ask them 'how can we help you?'"

Through discussions with officials at Technicolor, a Westland firm, Dirks found that employees who rode the bus were walking a mile from Michigan Avenue to the building in the area of Newburgh and Palmer roads.

"We expanded the trip and found that we could fill the bus with 25 or 30 persons," Dirks said.

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## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

## Slam 'slamming'

Telephone companies are praising Gov. John Engler for signing a bill by Sen. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, putting tougher penalties on "slamming."

"Slamming" is the practice of switching a customer's local, short-haul long distance, or long-distance provider without the customer's knowledge. The new law allows the Michigan Public Service Commission to penalize companies up to \$20,000 for a first offense and \$40,000 for a second offense.

A related law will require that the customer must give permission, orally or in writing, to switch carriers.

The Michigan Competitive Telecommunications Providers Association praised the legislation, saying, "This new law provides much stronger safeguards against a practice that preys on the trust of our customers."

## 2-party toughness

Both parties hailed a new law implementing "truth in sentencing." It requires no parole or community service placement for felony offenders until their entire minimum sentence is served.

Instead of "good time" credits being considered by the parole board, only disciplinary or "bad time" credits will be considered.

Gov. John Engler said as he signed the measure, "Now the length of sentences will be determined not by a calculator but by a calendar - five years is five years, 10 years is 10 years."

Rep. A.T. Frank, D-Saginaw, said the bill he sponsored "ensures peace of mind for crime victims and local communities." The law will apply to all violent felonies beginning Dec. 15, 1998, and will be extended to all felonies Dec. 15, 2000.

## Ameritech wins

Ameritech won an age discrimination case when the Court of Appeals upheld a Wayne Circuit Court order dismissing the suit.

Edward Hannum worked for the telephone company from 1970 until he was terminated in 1993. He accepted a severance package and signed an agreement promising not to sue or, if he did, to "tender" (pay back) the settlement. Hannum said he signed under duress and was replaced by a much younger person, though he didn't discover that until later.

"Contrary to plaintiff's argument," said the Court of Appeals, "we find that plaintiff's age discrimination claim related to his employment and existed at the time of his termination, despite the fact that he did not discover his claim until after the release was executed (signed)."

The court also said the Supreme Court "recognized the harshness of the tender-back rule, but found it necessary to preserve the stability and integrity of release agreements."

So because Hannum failed to tender back the settlement, the circuit judge properly dismissed his claim. The appellate panel included Janet Neff, Peter O'Connell and Robert Young Jr.

Source: *Hannum vs. Ameritech, CA 199910, decided July 31, 1998.*

## Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

■ Richard A. Egerer of Livonia and James W. Vibbart of Whitmore Lake to the Elevator Safety Board. Egerer is business manager for Local 36 of the International Union of Elevator Constructors. Vibbart is the lead elevator mechanic at the University of Michigan.

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Dirks hopes to eventually develop partnerships with the medical community. "Wouldn't it be nice for a senior to call and make an appointment with their doctor and have bus arrangements all taken care of, instead of the seniors making other travel arrangements?" Dirks asked. "That can be a reality within the next five years."

"It makes it easier for a person who needs a service to get back and forth."

## Possible merger?

Dirks agrees with the SMART board's position on a merger with the Detroit Department of Transportation. "A lot needs to be done before a merger is discussed," Dirks said.

SMART has picked up a few DDOT routes that were discon-

tinued earlier this year, but only when the riders were there. SMART officials also hesitate to pick up routes or other budget areas where DDOT loses money.

But the two systems are studying ways to work better together, Dirks said. "We are looking at ways of connecting the radio system," Dirks said. "They have one of their (DDOT) staff people on the radio selection committee."

National trends indicate cities are moving away from mergers of transportation systems, Dirks said. "The trend is to have more than one suburban mass transit system. San Francisco has seven or eight. Chicago has three."

"A merger for merger's sake doesn't work." But if areas with jobs need workers to be transported, SMART is always look-

ing to expand, Dirks added.

SMART will be studying ways to service Ford Motor Co.'s move to add or revise bus runs in Dearborn as the automaker relocates workers from its offices downtown at the Renaissance Center to offices in Dearborn.

Dirks received special recognition for the Michigan chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America for his work in recognizing the needs of the disabled.

As far as Dirks working his way up the SMART ladder, Dirks said: "It's really a reflection on the staff who care about public transportation."

Dirks lives in Sterling Heights with his wife, Nancy. Both his son and daughter are in college.

## Madonna breakfast to feature sports celebrities, local leaders

Business leaders and sports celebrities will join forces to show their support for education at Madonna University's Sports Celebrity Power Breakfast for Annual Fund 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 in Madonna University's Residence Hall Dining Room.

As an added benefit, the Stanley Cup will be available for viewing.

Seating is limited. Companies wishing to contribute to the annual fund are invited to participate in the complimentary breakfast.

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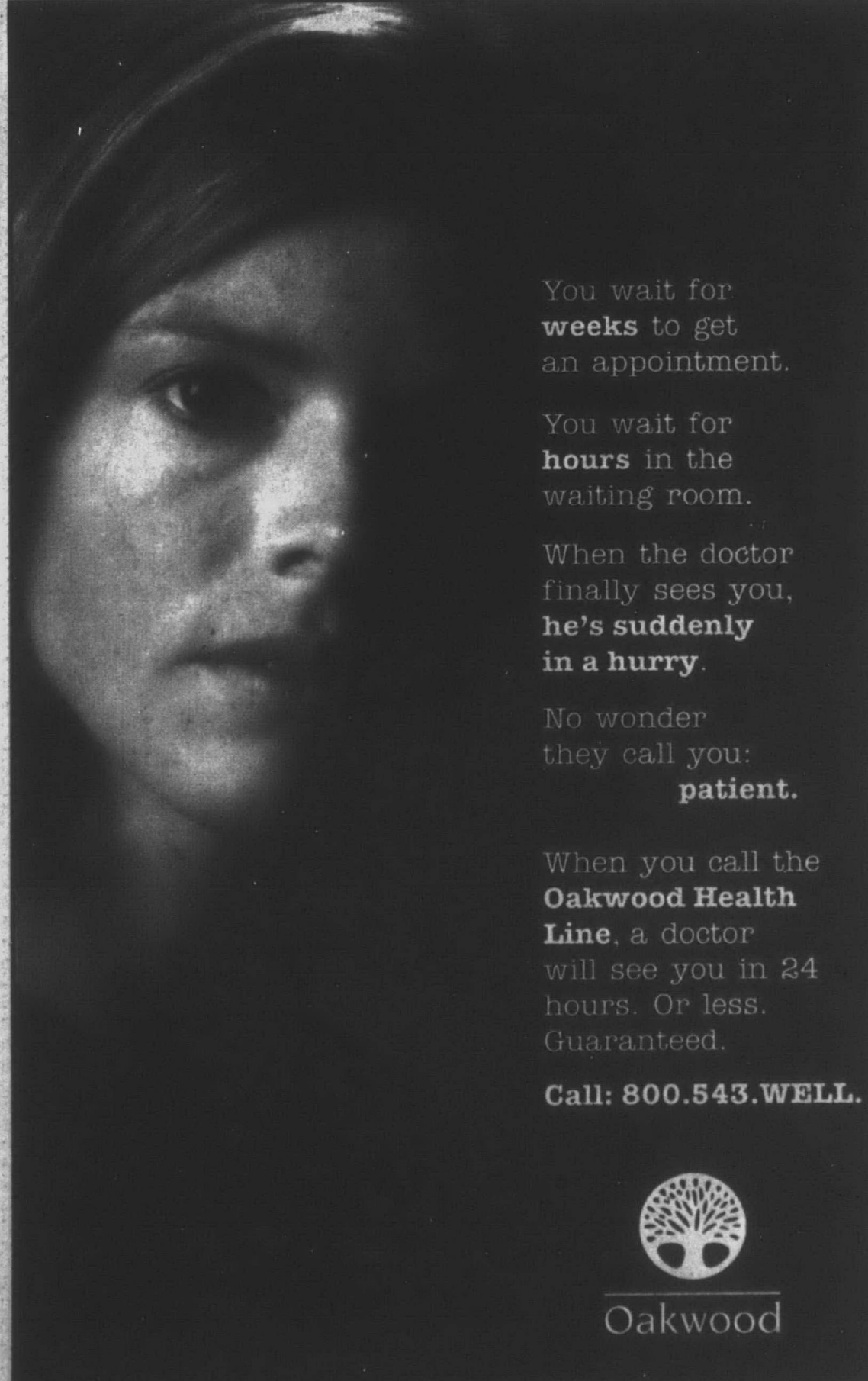
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## Real Chablis stands up!

Definitely! Chablis has been debased by the California wine industry. For many years, the name was (and to some degree, unfortunately, still is) associated with white wine in a box.

That's not real Chablis. The genuine, great wine is Chardonnay from the northern reaches of France's Burgundy region called Chablis.

The 10,000 acres of Chablis vineyards, located half-way between Paris and Dijon, formerly belonged to a much larger grape-growing region which covered all the hilly slopes as far as the Cote d'Or, the heart of Burgundy. Like all European vineyards, they were devastated by the vine louse phylloxera in the late 19th century.

When vineyards were replanted on phylloxera-resistant American rootstock, only those parcels capable of producing top-quality wines were again put under vine.

### Basic groups

There are four basic groups of Chablis wines:

- Petit Chablis can come from anywhere in the appellation, similar to the concept of Bourgogne Blanc. Not much Petit Chablis is exported to the U.S.

- Chablis comes from specific parcels in 19 communes.

- Chablis Premier Cru from 40 named plots.

- Chablis Grand Cru is produced only from specifically named plots in three communes.

Chablis Premier Cru and Chablis pair exceptionally well with fish, foie gras, oysters, escargot, white meat and poultry.

Our affection for Chablis also has a very personal side.

About 20 months ago, we paid a visit to Chateau Chantal on Michigan's Old Mission Peninsula. The winery was hosting a winemaker intern with deep family roots in France's Chablis region. Jean-Francois Bordet had an infectious grin. We knew he wanted to speak to the people in our group, but he couldn't. He spoke only French. Part of his internship was to learn to speak English. Eleanor engaged in French conversation with him and learned his family history.

In no time flat, Bordet learned English. Several weeks ago, we visited his family in Chablis and met his 75-year-old grandfather Roger Seguinot, the man behind Bordet's

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### Wine Picks

- Oregon pinot noir has come of age, at least as far as we're concerned with Archery Summit. Prices are high, just like French estate red Burgundy, but these two wines are winners; 1996 Archery Summit Premier Cuvée, Oregon Pinot Noir \$41 and 1996 Archery Summit Arcus Estate Oregon Pinot Noir \$64.

- There's also a new white wine from Archery Summit. 1997 Vireton, Blanc des Collines Rouges \$28. The "Rouges" in French references the Red Hills of Dundee, the origin of the grapes. The wine is white, a blend of Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, albino Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. It's fabulous.

- You've heard about the great 1994 vintage for cabernet sauvignon in California. Most of the wine has been sold, but there are a few sensational late releases. Do not walk, run to your favorite retailer and buy two superb 1994s: Gallo Sonoma Stefano Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon \$22 and 1994 Gallo Sonoma Northern Sonoma Estate Cabernet Sauvignon \$57 produced from Gallo's finest blocks of cabernet in Sonoma County. If you've still got an old mentality toward Gallo, we've told you before, get over it!

- Three other wines that scored high in our recent tastings are: 1995 Marchese Lodovico Antinori Ornellaia \$63 and 1995 Ferrari-Carano Reserve Chardonnay \$35.

### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Main Dish Miracle
- Vegetarian cooking

# FEEL THE HEAT

CHILIHEADS AND FANS GET FIRED UP

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

## Fall Chili Cookoffs

**WHERE:** The Michigan State, and Plymouth Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoffs, will be in the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. Admission is free. Call Annette Horn, (734) 455-8838 for more information. Cooks will compete for cash prizes and trophies, and award for best booth.

- 1998 Michigan State Chili Cookoff - Saturday, Sept. 12. Food preparation starts 1 p.m. with cooking at 2 p.m. Chili will be ready for judging and sampling at 5 p.m.

- Plymouth Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff - Sunday, Oct. 4. Competition begins 11 a.m. Chili will be ready for judging and sampling at 2 p.m.

The entry fee is \$35 for International Chili Society members, \$65 non-members, includes ICS membership. Call Annette Horn for more information.

- Heartland Health-Care Centers, Plymouth Court, Second Annual Chili-Pepper Run, 10K and one mile walk/run, Sunday, Oct. 4, downtown Plymouth. Walk begins 8:30 a.m., 10K race begins 9 a.m. Entry fee \$14 before Sept. 27, \$17 on day of the race. Registration and race packet pick-up 7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Oct. 4, at Kellogg Park. Call (734) 455-0510 for information.

- Wonder-Fall Chilifest - noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple (corner of Decker Road), Walled Lake. More cooks are needed, call Patty or Al (248) 624-9659. Donation \$1, no children, or anyone under 21 years of age admitted.

## Judging Guidelines

If you're thinking about competing in a chili cookoff, here are some pointers. You can also visit the International Chili Society web page, [www.chilicookoff.com](http://www.chilicookoff.com), call (702) 643-5700, or write to the International Chili Society, 6755 Speedway Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89115. Chili cookoff judges are told to consider these major characteristics of chili.

- Good flavor and chili pepper taste. Not too hot, not too mild.
- The texture of the meat. Not too tough, not too mushy.
- Consistency. Not too thick, not too thin.
- The blend of spices and how they permeated the meat.
- Aroma

- Color, however, this should not be a material factor in determining the winners.

Juges are told the best way to determine their choice is to pick the one chili that appeals to them the most. If you could only have one type of chili for the rest of your life - which container on the table would it be?

"Once you've thrown a big party, the next time tends to be a little easier," said Annette Horn with a shrug. She's keeping cool under the pressure of presenting two chili cookoffs in downtown Plymouth this year, the first Saturday, Sept. 12 during Fall Festival with one to follow on Sunday, Oct. 4.

"I love chili, and I love supporting the different groups it will benefit," said Horn in between customers on a busy morning at Native West, a Southwest gallery she co-owns with her husband, Ken.

"Fall Festival needed something a little different this year, and the cookoff fits in, so why not?"

So far, 38 people have signed up to cook in the International Chili Society sanctioned event to benefit Plymouth service organizations, and school groups. During our interview, six people called for information, and there was an application from a cook in the mail. Horn is expecting to fill all 50 spots with cooks from Michigan, and all over the Midwest. She has gotten calls from cooks in Texas, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Kentucky who are interested in participating. The winner of both the Sept. 12 and Oct. 4 cookoff advances to the World Championship Chili Cookoff Saturday, Oct. 10 in Las Vegas, and a shot at the \$25,000 grand prize. The winner of the Sept. 12 cookoff will receive a trophy and \$1,000. Second, third, fourth and fifth place trophies will also be awarded.

"We want people to experience what a chili cookoff is," said Horn. "The more people that view it, the more will want to cook. The whole idea is to bring in new cooks."

### Hooked on chili

Horn got hooked after attending her first chili cookoff in 1983. "Everyone was having so much fun, and I wanted to be part of it," she said. In 1985 she and Ken cooked together at a cookoff in Saline, and even though their Fireworks Chili placed eighth, they decided to return in 1986 for another try at a trophy. They placed third and won first place in 1987.

They competed together until they got to the point when "I wanted to add a new spice, and he said 'no.' He wanted to add heat, and I said 'no.' It got to the point when the chili was being pulled in two different directions, and it made sense for us to make our own."

Since Annette thought of the name, her chili is Fireworks Chili No. 1, and Ken's Fireworks Chili No. 2.

"Whenever we're cooking I taste him, and mine tastes better, but the judge's seem to like his more it seems. That's OK, I learned a long time ago that everyone's chili is the best."

Last year, Ken placed second in 19th annual Michigan State Chili Championship Cook-Off held Sept. 7 at Five Lakes Grill in Milford. Both

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Couple of chiliheads: Champion chili cooks John and Mary Ellen Janes will be cooking at the 20th annual Michigan State Chili Championship. John Janes calls his chili "Lightning Strikes Twice." Mary Ellen Janes' chili is named, "Spouse's Revenge."

## Chili Cooks

### MICHIGAN STATE

#### CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

- Chili Joe & Chef Curtis - Westland
- Diane Adamski "Original Sin Chili" - Redford
- Ray Frederick "Tiger's Bite Chili" - Farmington Hills
- Marilyn Frederick "Time Bomb Chili" - Farmington Hills
- Leonard Swartz "Hot Head Chili" - Plymouth
- John Bida "Mad Dog Hot Chili" - Plymouth
- James Shojar "Colonel Jim's Chili" - Canton
- Larry Strauss "Lab Batch Chili" - Troy
- Roy and Marge DeBolt - "Speedboat Bar & Grill" - Belleville
- Gayle Ihlenfeldt "Bustin Loose Chili" - Belleville
- Wally Stec - Belleville
- Anne Eowers "Whooooose Chili" - Belleville
- Rodger King "Bad to the Bone Chili" - Belleville
- Robert Spada "Bob's Blow a Hole in Your Drawers Chili" - Wayne

#### COOKOFF JUDGES:

- Georgia Weller, Bloomfield Hills, 1996 World Championship Chili Cookoff winner
- Steve Walters, Plymouth City Manager
- Don McDurmon, Plymouth/Plymouth Township Fire Inspector
- Anthony Shannon, Wayne County Sheriff's Dept.
- John Cleveland, owner Water Club Grill
- Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Taste editor
- Bob Vargo, champion chili cook, general manager Beau Jack's, Bloomfield Hills
- Jim and Mary Lark, owners the Lark restaurant, West Bloomfield
- Don Dismuke, Mayor City of Plymouth

# Eating healthy food helps kids who need it most

## LIVING BETTER SENSIBLY



BEVERLY PRICE

Between 40 and 50 percent of children who start school this fall will be labeled as having Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. Some of these kids may have major hearing losses that are undiagnosed, some may fidget a little more than others, but most are simply "being kids" and labeled as having ADHD.

These kids will be over-medicated on drugs such as Ritalin whose use is up over 600 percent in the last 10 years. Some of the side effects of Ritalin include depression, nausea, nervousness, loss of appetite, and impaired growth. These kids generally have a poor diet to begin with.

The effect of sugar and artificial colors and dyes on the behavior of children remains controversial. In children with ADHD, the consensus seems to be that sugar in conjunction with caffeine, artificial colors, dyes, and additives can exacerbate this condition. A twelve-ounce can of caffeinated soft drink consumed by a child is equivalent to the effect of four cups of coffee consumed by an adult.

Elaine Webber, a nurse practitioner at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills, says "The problem with the diets of children who are truly ADHD is not what they are eating, but what they are not eating. Too much junk blocks out the ability to obtain healthy nutrients which can help the brain to

function more efficiently."

She also hits the nail right on the head by saying, "We educate our kids in the classroom on the hazards of drug abuse, but then provide them with junk food (i.e. "hotdog lunches") and line them up at the nurses office for their daily dose of Ritalin or other powerful mood altering drugs."

According to Scott Price, Recreational Therapist and Supervisor at Southgate Center for Mentally Ill and Mentally Retarded Adults, "We need more information to determine the chemical breakdown of foods and how their excesses or deficiencies can control behaviors. Psychotropic drugs are always the first line of therapy used when treating the mentally ill which can cause weight gain and other unwanted side effects. Although clients may feel that they are limited by an altered diet, healthy eating can help them tremendously and is definitely implemented for their benefit."

On a different note, 5-year-old Alec Popp of Walled Lake, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy since birth. He has very low muscle tone and his trunk is specifically affected. He requires a great amount of physical, occupational and speech therapy. On a positive note, he is highly motivated to eat a healthy diet, and takes a variety of nutritional supplements which have helped him manage his condition.

Alec's mom, Debbie, met a woman at Alec's physi-

cal therapy clinic who told her about a treatment at "Euromed" in Poland with an Adeli "space" suit. This is a modified version of the Cosmonaut space suit and is customized for each child. When Debbie and Alec flew to Poland for this treatment, they found that wearing the suit put Alec's body into normal body posture for the first time in his life. When in the

suit, joints and muscles get kinesthetic information and Alec is able to do things he normally can't do. Alec goes for therapy for an entire month every three to four months, wears the suit six days per week for that month, and has four to five hours of therapy per day with two to three therapists.

It is estimated that he will need six bouts of therapy, and this can vary for each child with cerebral palsy. This treatment is quite costly, and efforts are being made to start a program in the United States. You can donate to the Adeli Suite Fund by sending a tax deductible contribution to P.O. Box 4583, Troy, Mich. 48099-4583, or call (248) 585-4042 for more information.

Beverly Price is a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist. She operates Living Better Sensibly, a private nutrition practice in Farmington Hills that offers programs for individuals and corporations. She is the co-author of "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," Tall Tree Publishing Company. Visit her website at [www.nutritionsecrets.com](http://www.nutritionsecrets.com).

Look for her column on the first Sunday of each month in Taste.



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intense interest in grape growing, winemaking and guiding Domaine Seguinot into a new millennium.

## Qualified winemaker

Only 23, Bordet is well-qualified for his role. Five years of studies have certified him in winemaking and grape growing. He secured well-known importer J.C. Mathes of J et R Selections to import the wines of Domaine Roger Seguinot. Mathes has

sniffed out great values from France's southern Rhone and the dynamic Burgundies of Jean Raphet. He knew a winner, in real Chablis!

Two wines from Domaine Roger Seguinot are available: 1996 Chablis \$13 and 1996 Chablis Premier Cru Fourchaume \$15. If you've tasted French Chablis before and found it not only dry, but austere, then you're in for big surprise with Seguinot wines.

They are round, balanced and absolutely delicious. This comes from Bordet's modern practice of stirring the lees in tank, not a technique practiced among many big Chablis producers. Chablis is generally not aged in oak and without the lees stirring, it finishes hard-edged. The Premier Cru Fourchaume is more stylish and well worth the difference in price.

Next time you're planning a seafood dish, try a Domaine

Roger Seguinot Chablis. For you, it may be a new twist on Chardonnay!

## Vodka

Yo, Vodka lovers! Our area is one of eight in the country chosen for the debut of Sundsvall Swedish Vodka \$30. Made in small batches using multiple grains including barley steeped in oak, natural spring water and hand blending, it is top of the line. We like it neat or on the rocks, but it makes a dynamite dry martini. New products are hard to find, but Merchants Fine Wines in Royal Oak has it.

## Wine Seminars

Our fall series is "All American Harvest" 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 21 and 28, Oct. 5 and 12, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The cost is \$120 per person. Sessions focus on white pinots, pinot noir, chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon. On chardonnay night, Simi Winery Chef Mary Evelyn will present her secrets for perfectly pairing chardonnay with recipes selected from her recently published "The Vintners Table Cookbook." Call (248) 644.3443 for reservations or more information.

Red wines, in moderation, are touted as having a beneficial effect on blood circulation, and are becoming more and more popular as wine enthusiasts' palates mature.

Schoolcraft College offers a culinary arts class, Red Wines of the World, devoted to red wines of the world for those who want to discover new and exciting wines, reacquaint themselves with the classics or fill a wine cellar. The five-week class begins Sept. 14 and the fee is \$106. Extensive tastings are included and participants must be at least 21 years old. For information, call (734) 462-4448.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

# Healthy dishes appeal to kid-size appetites

See Beverly Price's column on Taste front.

Are you frustrated by dietary restrictions? Do you need help and encouragement in keeping allergenic foods out of your diet, monitoring your blood sugar or planning balanced meals? Are you simply too tired at the end of a busy day to cook a balanced meal for you or your family? Call Beverly Price (248) 539-9424 for more information on The Healthy Chef Program.

## MEXICAN PIZZA

- 1 thin, 12 to 14-inch prepared or homemade pizza crust
- 8 ounce jar taco sauce or picante sauce
- 16 ounce can vegetarian refried beans
- 1 cup soy shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 to 1/2 small head lettuce, shredded
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup soy shredded Mexican flavored cheese

If using homemade pizza crust, preheat oven to 425°F. Bake crust until light brown, about 7 minutes; cool while continuing with recipe. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F and proceed with recipe.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine taco or picante sauce, and refried beans. Mix well; cook until warm, well blended and easy to spread, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; spread over pizza crust. (There will be a lot of bean mixture; use as much as you prefer.)

Sprinkle cheddar cheese over beans mixture. Bake until cheese melts, about 2 minutes. Remove from oven; top with lettuce, tomatoes and flavored cheese. Serve. Makes 8 servings.

## EASY TOSTADAS

- 1 package whole wheat tortilla shells or lavash bread
- 2 one-pound cans vegetarian chili

- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1 cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded tofu cheese (optional)
- Taco sauce to taste

Heat chili in pan. Lay shells in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Spread chili on each.

Heat in a 400°F oven for 5 minutes. Remove and let each person garnish with remaining ingredients as desired. Makes 6-8 servings.

Note: These tostadas taste good cold. Just put chili on tostada and garnish. Good for an emergency when traveling.

## RICE PUDDING

- 1 cup brown rice
- 2/3 cup raisins
- 2 ripe bananas, peeled and mashed
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Cook 1 cup brown rice as per directions, adding 2/3 cup of raisins while cooking rice. Pour into blender, and add the bananas, water, cinnamon and nutmeg.

Blend together for 1 minute. Pour into glass baking dish. Bake for 20 minutes at 350°F. Serves 6.

## VEGETARIAN STEW

- 1/2 cup corn (fresh, frozen or canned)
- 1/2 cup lima beans (frozen or canned)
- 1/2 cup potatoes (precooked or canned)
- 1/2 cup stewed tomatoes
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 cup parsley, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix above ingredients in large pot. Cook over low heat until hot (about 10-15 minutes). Serve alone or on rice. (Serves 4).

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have competed at the World Cookoff. Annette cooks in three cookoffs a year, and Ken in five to seven. "It's a hobby for most people who are into it," she said.

## Great Lakes Cookoff

For the past two years, Horn has chaired the Plymouth Great Lakes Chili Cookoff in October. "The number of people who attended the October cookoff far exceeded my expectations," she said.

This year, the October cookoff, which benefits Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, and the Plymouth Salvation Army, has been elevated from District to Regional status. The winner will join the winner of the Sept. 12 cookoff at the World Cookoff on Oct. 10.

So far only nine cooks have signed up to compete on Oct. 4, and Horn is accepting up to 50. "It's a good ole hometown, country dancing, eating, bike riding event," she said. In addition to the cookoff, there will be a Chili Pepper Fun walk/run 8:30 a.m., 10K run 9 a.m., Harley-Davidson Motorcycle ride-in bike show 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., live bands, noon to 5 p.m., chili and food booths, and line dancing throughout the day. Local restaurants will be offering bowls of their chili for sale.

"It's a family event," she said. "Bikers are not hard core fist fighters. They are professional people who ride bikes. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting children's activities in Kellogg Park."

If you want to sample chili at either cookoff, get there when samples go on sale, 5 p.m. on Sept. 12, and 2 p.m. Oct. 4. Samples will be sold for 50 cents

each, and are expected to sell-out quickly. Chili will also be for sale at food booths during Fall Festival.

Horn encourages first time cooks to enter the Oct. 4 cookoff. Each cook must prepare at least 1 1/2 gallons of chili. According to ICS rules, the chili cannot contain beans or other fillers. Call Annette Horn for rule information.

"I've been at cookoffs where first time cooks have won," said Horn. "But that's part of the excitement. It's open to anyone, and everyone can win."

## Al's Copper Mug

Plymouth isn't the only place chiliheads are gathering. Al's Copper Mug in Walled Lake is hosting its 12th annual Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Sept. 13.

No beans about it, this cookoff, although not officially sanctioned by the ICS, follows its rules, and is seriously fun. "We start cooking at noon," said Al Karner of West Bloomfield, who is hosting the cookoff with help from his daughter Patty. "We'll have 15 or 16 cooks. Everyone has a good time. People really get a kick out of it."

In addition to bragging rights to having the best chili, cooks are competing for first, second, third or the People's Choice Award.

The cookoff will feature the Rambling Country Band, and 50/50 raffle. Hot dogs, Italian sausage, Buffalo burgers and hamburgers will be cooked on the outside grill.

Event proceeds benefit the Oakland Food Bank, and donations of canned goods are appreciated.

## Share your chili, tailgate recipes

Do you have a great chili recipe you'd like to share with our readers? If so, send the recipe to the Observer and we'll consider it for publication in our Plymouth Chili Cookoff booklet on Oct. 1.

Send recipes to Observer Newspapers Special Projects Editor Ralph R. Echtenaw, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Or fax recipes to Echtenaw at (734) 591-7279. Or e-mail recipes to rehtinaw@oe.homecomm.net

We're also looking for tailgate recipes to feature in a story in Taste on Sept. 27. Send or fax tailgate recipes to Taste Editor Keely Wygonik at the address and number listed above. You can also e-mail your recipes to kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

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# Spicy black bean and lentil salad great for potlucks

There's no meal more fun than a potluck dinner. The spontaneous menu provides the elements of surprise and delight as friends and family gather at the table. And potlucks make planning a big dinner party easy: the

host provides the main dish and asks guests to bring a favorite dish to share. By asking each guest to bring a particular type of dish, such as an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert, a well-rounded meal is guaran-

teed. So what should you bring the next time you're invited to a potluck? Be sure to bring dishes that sit well at room temperature and are easy to pack up and carry to your gathering place. Feature late summer fruits and vegetables in your offering for a burst of flavor, color and nutrition. And, if you've been asked to bring dessert, prepare a light one that will be just the right finale to a big meal.

For a simple dish that's sure to be eaten up, make a Mediterranean salad platter of roasted red, yellow and green sweet peppers, Greek olives, feta cheese and fresh tomato slices. Or, create a sweet potato salad of boiled, diced sweet potatoes, coated with lemon juice and cooled. Add sliced celery, sliced scallions, dried pitted cherries and raisins. Toss gently with a dressing of low fat mayonnaise, orange juice, honey, grated gingerroot, orange zest, salt and pepper. Stir in toasted, coarsely chopped pecans and serve in a bowl lined with lettuce leaves.

Fruit salsa is always a hit. Prepare pineapple-mango salsa in a food processor by mincing seeded jalapeno and garlic, chopping green onions, and pulsing pieces of pineapple and mango with lime juice and a bit of salt until the fruit is in small chunks. Serve with grilled chicken breasts.

Pasta salads work extremely well for a potluck buffet. Toss cooked chickpeas, broccoli florets and bow tie pasta with sun-dried tomatoes, olive oil, vinegar, pepper and salt. Or, enjoy a seafood

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zest and pepper. Slices of chilled watermelon are the perfect dessert for an end-of-summer supper. Or, make an orange cream sauce with plain low fat yogurt, orange juice, orange rind and sugar to top your favorite chilled fruits - kiwi, sliced peaches or blackberries.

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



**Potluck: Spicy Black Bean and Lentil Salad will add a little zip to your next potluck.**

SPICY BLACK BEAN AND LENTIL SALAD	raw beets
2 cups cooked black beans 2 cups cooked red lentils 1 teaspoon dry mustard 3 tablespoons minced garlic 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro leaves 1/2 cup rice vinegar Juice from 1 lemon 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste 2-3 tablespoons virgin olive oil 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 small head butterleaf lettuce, washed and torn 2 large red bell peppers, cut into 8 rings each 2 large red potatoes, cooked and sliced thinly 1/2 cup grated carrots or	Place the black beans in one bowl and lentils in another. In a third bowl, whisk together the mustard, garlic, parsley, cilantro, vinegar, lemon juice, salt, oil and cayenne. Divide the mixture equally between the beans and lentils, cover with plastic wrap and marinate 1 hour in the refrigerator.  Line 8 salad plates with the lettuce leaves, then top with rings of bell pepper. Arrange small piles of potatoes, carrots or beets, beans and lentils on each plate, then drizzle the remaining marinade over all. Serve at once.  Each of the eight servings contains 185 calories and 4 grams of fat.

## Pack some surprises into your child's lunch box

AP - Variety makes the difference in the school lunch box. It's always fun to get a surprise.

Give your child the old favorites, of course, but vary them with versions that include a tasty difference now and then. Some days, ask your child what the day's lunch should be. Other days, make it a wait-and-see occasion and pack an unexpected treat. Here are some ideas for putting a little sparkle into the lunch box.

<b>PEANUT BUTTER &amp; JELLY PUZZLE SANDWICH</b> 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 1/4 cup dried fruit bits 1/4 cup apricot preserves or strawberry jam 2 slices white bread  Combine peanut butter, fruit bits and preserves. Spread one-fourth of the filling between 2 slices of bread. Reserve remaining filling for later use. Makes 1 cup filling.	<b>CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH</b> 1 cup chopped cooked chicken 1/4 cup chopped celery 1/4 cup sliced green grapes 2 tablespoons mayonnaise 1 tablespoon honey 2 teaspoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons chopped pecans 1 Kaiser roll 1 lettuce leaf  Combine chicken, celery, grapes, mayonnaise, honey, lemon juice and pecans; toss until well blended. Fill roll with chicken salad mixture. Top with lettuce leaf. Makes 1 serving.
<b>BOLOGNA CHEESE DOG</b> 1 hot dog bun Mayonnaise Mustard 1 slice bologna 1 Cheddar cheese or string cheese stick  Spread inside of hot dog bun with mayonnaise and/or mustard, if desired. Roll bologna around cheese stick. Place inside hot dog bun. Makes 1 serving.	<b>TURKEY CLUB SANDWICH</b> 1 ounce sliced smoked turkey 1 ounce sliced ham 1 slice Swiss cheese 1 slice Cheddar cheese 8-inch flour tortilla Mayonnaise Bacon bits Lettuce Tomato slices  Layer turkey, ham and both cheeses on top of flour tortilla. Spread with mayonnaise. Sprinkle with bacon bits. Top with lettuce and tomato. Roll up tortilla. Makes 1 serving.
<b>CAESAR PITA SALAD</b> 3 ounces roasted chicken, cut in strips 1 cup torn Romaine lettuce 2 tablespoons Caesar salad dressing 6-inch pita bread 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese  Combine chicken, lettuce and salad dressing. Slice 1 inch off the top of one pita bread. Fill with	<b>ROAST BEEF AND SALSA SANDWICH</b> 2 ounces sliced roast beef 2 slices Cheddar cheese 8-inch flour tortilla 2 tablespoons salsa 1 tablespoon sour cream  Layer roast beef and cheese on top of flour tortilla. Spoon salsa and sour cream down center. Roll up tortilla. Makes 1 serving.  Recipes from: <i>The Reynolds Wrap Kitchens.</i>

pasta dish made by combining cooked spaghetti with shelled shrimp and scallops that have been sautéed in olive oil and

minced garlic and fish stock. Cook until most of the liquid is absorbed, then toss with sun-dried tomatoes, parsley, lemon

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Health seminar

Start now to put a totally healthy lifestyle in place. Reverse or prevent heart disease, diabetes, cancer and obesity.

Dr. Arthur Weaver, a widely recognized anti-smoking crusader and cancer surgeon in the Detroit metropolitan area, will host a two-session nutrition and lifestyle seminar from 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Sept. 20 at the Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier Road in Plymouth.

Participants will learn how proper nutrition, exercise and stress management can be combined for the prevention and healing of disease processes. A soup and salad supper will be served at both sessions. A single donation of \$15 per person or \$25 for couples is suggested. To register, call (248) 349-5683 or (313) 531-2179.

### Gilda's walk

Bring a friend, bring the office or bring your family to the Gilda's Club Metro Detroit fifth annual "Family Walk & Block Party" at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 at Cobo Hall. Gilda's Club Metro Detroit is a free, non-profit social and emotional support community for men, women and children with all types of cancer.

The event begins with a 5-K walking tour of downtown Detroit or a one-mile indoor fun walk, then back to Cobo Center for a family block party. There'll be marching bands, clowns, games, prizes and lots of food for the entire family.

Registration is \$15 if postmarked before Sept. 21 or \$20 thereafter. Children under 10 are free. Entry forms are available at D.O.C., Elias Brother's Big Boy, Borders Books and Music, and Sears, or by calling Gilda's Club, (248) 577-0800. Families also can register at Cobo Center on Oct. 4.

The event is sponsored by the Josephine Ford Cancer Center of Henry Ford Health System.

### Psychology workshops

Madonna University in Livonia is offering three psychology workshops during the fall term.

"Understanding the Challenging Child: Intro to Emotional Disorders in Children" will run 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 and conclude 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10.

This workshop for parents, teachers and other concerned individuals will focus on such areas as attention deficit, hyperactivity, depression, anxiety and conduct problems.

"Psychology and the Law" runs 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 and concludes 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

"Psychological Issues in Child Abuse & Neglect" runs 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 and concludes 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Each workshop costs \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units or degree credit, even if not an admitted student at Madonna.

Madonna University is on I-96 at Levan in Livonia. Students may register by mail, fax and in person. For more information, call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

## Kids and cholesterol

### Clogged arteries are becoming common in sedentary children with bad diets

When you hear the terms "high cholesterol" or "thickening arteries" you probably think of a 70-year-old candidate for cardiac bypass surgery. But these conditions also describe some of today's teens.

Henry Ford cardiologist Dr. Peter McCullough says some children have high cholesterol that will put them at risk for heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States. Studies of young children killed in accidents have found their arteries already clogging with fatty plaque.

While McCullough does not recommend mass cholesterol screenings for children, he does recommend that children of parents with high cholesterol or a history of heart disease have a full lipid profile done by their pediatrician.

High cholesterol often goes undetected in children because many parents are unaware of the risk. There is a growing imperative in medical literature for pediatricians to evaluate cardiovascular risk in children (as found in "The American Journal of the Medical Sciences," December 1995 and "Pediatrics in Review," March 1996).

"Children may have a genetic predisposition to high cholesterol at an early age because a parent has high cholesterol. They need to be properly screened and treated early if necessary," says McCullough.

"Today more than ever, children also are eating a high-fat diet, leading a sedentary lifestyle and smoking cigarettes. These behaviors are creating children with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and even the early stages of atherosclerosis (thickening of the artery walls). This all leads to heart disease."

If a child has high cholesterol, physicians may suggest a special diet and exercise program. If the child's levels do not respond, cholesterol-lowering medications also may be prescribed.

#### Diet

According to dietician Fay Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Heart Smart program, diet can be effective in help-



ing a child maintain a healthy cholesterol level. She offers the following tips for parents:

- Serve no-fat or low-fat dairy products. The key to lowering cholesterol is to decrease the daily intake of saturated fat. Using nonfat or low fat dairy products will eliminate some of the saturated fat in your child's diet while still providing the necessary amounts of calcium to build strong bones and teeth.

- Buy lean cuts of meat. When preparing meat, trim visible fat. For lunch, use luncheon meats low in fat. Read labels carefully.

- Encourage kids to eat their vegetables. Cut up veggies and leave them in the refrigerator for easy snacking. Try fun shapes and serve low fat salad dressing or even ketchup. When kids get to pick the vegetable being served, they are more likely to eat it. Allow them to serve themselves the vegetable.

- Meal time should not be battle time. Try including children in the

selection and preparation of healthy meals. Don't force healthy foods, but most importantly, don't give up. It takes eight to 10 tries before kids accept new foods. Eating behaviors learned as children carry over into the teen years and adulthood.

Fitzgerald reminds parents that children less than 2 years of age should not have their fat and cholesterol intake restricted because they need the fat in breast milk, infant formula or whole milk for their development. Restricting fat could also deplete the child of necessary vitamins and calories needed for rapid growth.

After 2 years of age, a low-fat diet can still provide all the nutrients necessary for growth and development, so it is safe to limit fat to 30 percent of total daily calories and limit cholesterol to 300 mg or less per day.

#### Exercise

Steven Ketyian, cardiac wellness program director, says the decline in

the fitness level of America's children is concerning. In conjunction with a healthy diet, exercise helps manage body weight, an important factor in controlling cholesterol.

The remedy for inactive kids is simple: Become an active family.

Go for a walk or bike ride together after dinner. Ice skating during the winter is a great calorie-burner and muscle-toner. Having bicycles, skates, balls, jump ropes or other equipment on hand may encourage your kids to use them. Better yet, have fun using the equipment with your kids.

"Tater tots" turn into couch potatoes. Make a concentrated effort to watch favorite programs each week, as opposed to leaving the television on at all times.

Above all, serve as a good role model. Children who see their parents enjoying exercise or participating in an activity will likely be drawn to an active lifestyle as well.

## St. Joe's earns trauma center status

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor has been verified as a Level 11 trauma center by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The hospital sought the voluntary verification following five years' preparation for the designation.

The ACS Verification Program provides information on the capabilities and performance of the hospital in trauma care and is accomplished by an on-site review by a team of surgeons experienced in the field of trauma.

"More than 20 percent of our emergency department visits are trauma-related, and approximately 1,000 of

those trauma cases require hospitalization," said Dr. Richard Pomerantz, director of St. Joe's Trauma Service.

"Our nurses and physicians, surgeons and other specialists provide some of the best trauma care available in southeast Michigan, and we're very proud to have our program recognized by the ACS. Trauma center verification affirms our commitment to excellence in trauma care."

A Level 11 trauma center is staffed and equipped to provide initial, comprehensive care to all patients, regardless of the severity of injuries. To

achieve this status, hospitals must meet 124 specific criteria regarding qualification of staff from the emergency and trauma center through the rehabilitation program, the intensive care units, operating rooms and quality improvement programs.

The verification team commended St. Joe's on the quality of its surgical care and its long-term commitment to providing trauma care. They also cited the hospital's rehabilitation program as one of the best they encountered.

Only four other hospitals in Michigan have pursued and achieved Level

11 trauma center status by the ACS. Level 1 trauma center verification is extended to institutions that offer specialty trauma services region-wide and conduct a large number of research studies. There are presently six verified Level 1 trauma centers in Michigan.

St. Joe's has 56,000-58,000 patient visits per year and receives more than 50 percent of the trauma runs that Washtenaw County's Huron Valley Ambulance conducts. Other ambulance services in surrounding counties also transport trauma victims to St. Joe's.

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

People with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth. Call (734) 712-5367.

### THURS, SEPT. 10

**HEALTHY COOKING**  
"Soy Tasters Night," a healthy cooking demo at Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6. Registration is required. Classes fill quickly. Call (248) 477-6100.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

**"SAFE WHEELS" FAIR**  
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital hosts "Safe Wheels 98," the focus of the hospital's third annual Health and Safety Festival from 1-4 p.m. at WideWorld Sports Center, 2140 Oak Valley Drive (behind Target) in Ann Arbor. The event features an "extreme skating" demonstration by Airborn, with free rollerblade rental for those who want to try the sport. Prizes. Midwest MEDFLIGHT tours. Call (734) 712-5099. Mon, Sept. 14

**STRESS WORKSHOP**

Advanced Counseling Services on Laurel Park Drive North in Livonia is offering a four-week workshop titled "Conquering Stress" from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5. Cost is \$80. To register, call (734) 953-1203, Ext. 418 or 434.

### TUES, SEPT. 15

**LYME DISEASE**  
The Lyme Disease support group meets at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne. Guest speaker on magnet and far-infrared technology. All welcome, no charge. Call Connie at (734) 326-3502.

**DIABETES**  
Diabetes Support Group discusses "Herbs as Medicine" at 7 p.m. in Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. Call (248) 477-6100.

### WED-FRI, SEPT. 16-18

**MEDICAID SEMINAR**  
Free seminar on Medicaid and long-term care insurance, "You Don't Have to Go Broke," from 2-3:30 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's Fund Development

Please see DATEBOOK, B5

### 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 news-worthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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# Narcolepsy affects some teens

There's a difference between being tired and feeling sleepy all the time. If your teen works late, stays up late studying or is out with friends, but then rises early for school, he or she is probably tired due to lack of sleep. However, if your teen gets eight to nine hours of sleep a night and is still sleepy, he or she may suffer from a sleep disorder.

Ann E. Rogers, an associate professor of nursing at the University of Michigan who specializes in sleep disorders, has treated people as young as 12 suffering from any one of more than 80 known sleep disorders.

The impact of sleep disorders often results in failing in school and being labeled lazy or on drugs.

"Teens are embarrassed by it. It's hard for them to accept because it's probably the first

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time in their lives they've had a chronic disease," says Rogers. "They feel as if nobody understands this thing. I've had patients who flunked out of college and lost jobs."

Sleep disorders, such as narcolepsy, usually manifest in the late teen years. Experts suggest it may be related to puberty. In teens, the

disease can be difficult to pinpoint and thus goes undiagnosed for years.

Narcolepsy is a sudden and uncontrollable, though often brief, sleep attack. It is a deep sleep sometimes accompanied by paralysis and hallucinations and is considered a disability by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Narcolepsy and other sleep disorders are not psychological, Roger emphasized. They are associated with abnormalities of a neurotransmitter found in the brain and can be inherited.

About sleep disorders, Roger says, "It's a lifetime battle, but once it's treated with medications, people with this disease can lead a normal life. It does not have to be handicapping."

Rogers may be contacted at (734) 647-4411 or by e-mail at amelyn@umich.edu.

# Hand washing prevents many problems

Thinking of sending your kids off to school with packets of those little alcohol wipes? They're no substitute for vigorous hand-washing, according to health professionals. Alcohol does not kill bacteria, virus, or fungus germs. It is a cleaning rather than a sterilization agent.

"Virus do the backfloat in alcohol," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Health Department.

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Peroxide or iodine are the recommended disinfectants for cuts and abrasions. For large household surfaces in the kitchen and

bathroom, good old-fashioned chlorine bleach kills just about every bacteria, virus and fungus known to mankind.

But when it comes to hand-washing, who wants to bleach a pair of tender patty-cakes? Instead, head for the nearest faucet and:

- Use soap and lots of running water.
- Rub hands vigorously

■ Wash all surfaces, including back of hands, wrists, between fingers, and under fingernails.

■ Rinse well.

■ Dry hands with a paper towel.

■ Turn off the water using a paper towel instead of bare hands.

■ Repeat the above several times a day.

Source: Wayne and Oakland County Departments of Health

## Datebook from page B4

Office, in conjunction with ElderMed. Chose from three dates. Shuttle service from Vladimir's parking lot. Registration required. Call (248) 442-5045.

### MON, SEPT. 21

**BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT**  
La Leche League of Livonia will meet at 7 p.m. The group meets monthly for support and information. Babies and children are always welcome. Call Theresa at (734) 261-6814, Vicki at (313) 937-3011, or Michele, (734) 591-7071.

### SAT, OCT. 3

**HEART WALK**  
The Detroit Zoo is the site of the American Heart Association's Metro Detroit American

Heart Walk, a 10K noncompetitive walk open to the public and corporate walking teams. The walk raised \$406,000 last year. The event's sponsors include Chrysler Corp. Fund, Meritor Automotive, M-Care, Detroit Free Press and several major hospitals. Contact Cristina Sheppard-Decius at (248) 557-9500, Ext. 461.

### MON, OCT. 12

**ESTEEM WORKSHOP**  
Advanced Counseling Service on Laurel Park Drive North in Livonia is sponsoring a four-week workshop titled "Esteeming Yourself" from 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2. Cost is \$80. To register, call (734) 953-1203, Ext. 418 or 434.

### SAT, OCT. 17

**BABY CARE CLASS**  
The baby care class helps families learn newborn care in advance such as bathing, holding and dressing. \$20 fee, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call the Family Birthing Center of Providence Hospital at (248) 424-3919.

### MON, NOV. 9

**FEELINGS AND FOOD WORKSHOP**  
Advanced Counseling Service on Laurel Park Drive North in Livonia is sponsoring a four-week workshop titled "Feeding or Needing?" from 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is \$80. To register, call (734) 953-1203, Ext. 418 or 434.

## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

### Video conferencing

Laurel Manor Banquet and Convention Center in Livonia recently installed an additional communications to accommodate the anticipated growth of video conferencing. The family-owned center, in operation for 19 years, changed its name to match its new capabilities. It is now called the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center.

The DeSignore family installed an integrated system digital network of phone lines, which is required for full-motion video conferencing communications. The network extends throughout the 13-room, 66,000-square-foot banquet facility.

"Our idea was to incorporate or align our fine banquet and hospitality business with the burgeoning video conferencing market and provide a premium venue for large or small interactive conference events," said Tino DeSignore, chief operating officer.

"We believe video conferencing will be just one more service we can offer our clients that will help make our family business continue to prosper in the new millennium."

The banquet and conference center is at 39000 Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh. Call (734) 462-0770.

### Small business

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Michigan District Office is now accepting nominations for its 1999 small business awards, including Small Business Person of the Year.

Nominations also will be accepted for: Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Small Business Exporter; Minority Small Business Advocate; Women in Business Advocate; Financial

Services Advocate; Media Advocate; Accountant Advocate; Entrepreneurial Success; Phoenix Award (disaster assistance and relief efforts); and Wellness to Work Awards.

Nominators must submit a one- to three-page preliminary letter in any format to the District Office. Only those who advance to the final selection stage will be asked to submit a more detailed nomination packet.

Winners will be honored at SBA's annual Michigan Small Business Day luncheon held next spring. State winners also are eligible for national awards. The Small Business Person of the Year award is often presented by the president in Washington, D.C., during National Small Business Week.

Preliminary letters of nomination are due by Oct. 13, 1998. For more information and a brochure outlining awards offered and criteria, call the Michigan District Office at (313) 226-6075, Ext. 282.

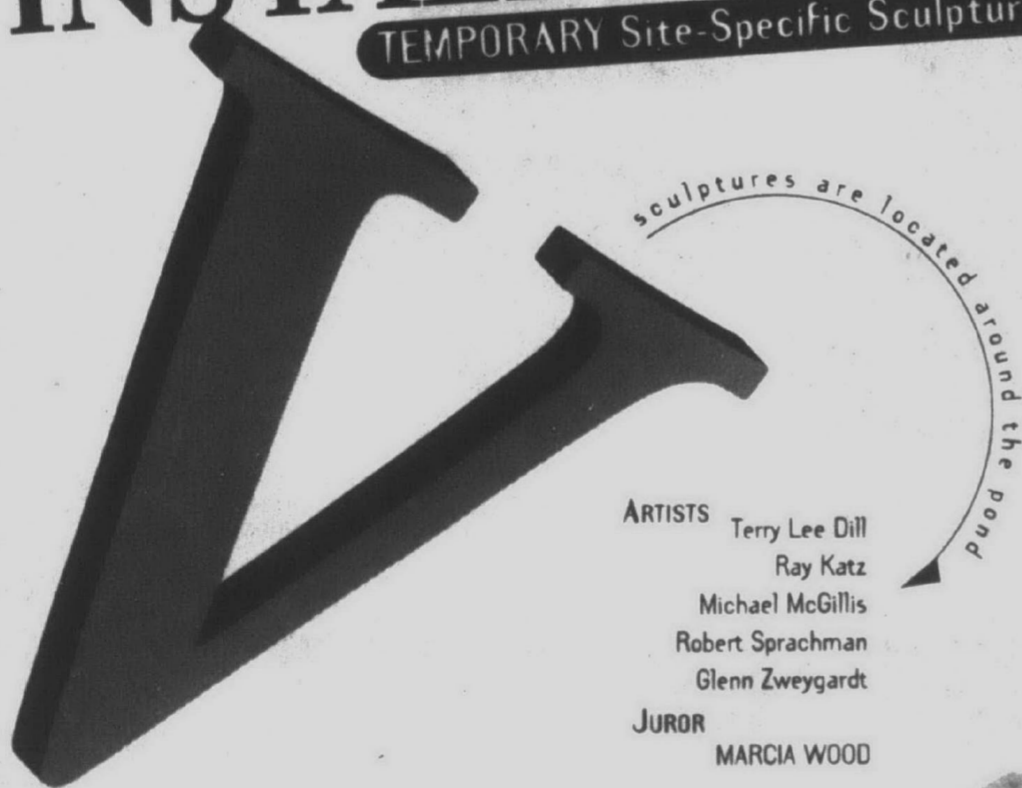
### Women's Foundation

The Michigan Women's Foundation, the state's only foundation devoted to providing assistance and funding to non-profit organizations that serve women and girls, is now seeking concept papers for its 1999 grant-making cycle.

Concept papers usually reflect project ideas with budgets ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for one year of activities. Priority areas include employment and economic development, leadership development, and self-esteem and life skills development.

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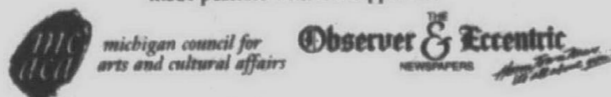
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# Porno Web sites trick folks into logging on

PC TALK



MIKE WENDLAND

Internet.

And Steve, who doesn't want his real name used for what will soon be obvious reasons, was in for a shock.

Listed under the "History" function as web sites that his computer had visited were a half dozen XXX-rated pornographic sites. Web sites with names so disgusting that this newspaper wouldn't want to print them.

Because Steve and his wife had been out that night, suspicion immediately fell on their 13-year-old son. Angry, hurt and surprised, Steve and his wife confronted the boy.

"He strongly insisted he had not (visited those sites) and since he's a great kid and we have not had this problem before, we decided to clear out the history log and retrace our steps to see how those pornographic sites could have ended up in the history log."

It took a while of Internet sleuthing. But you can blame it on The Spice Girls rock band.

What Steve uncovered was a little-known scam that unscrupulous porn peddlers are using to drive traffic to their Web sites. They do so by tricking unsuspecting Web surfers into logging on to a sort of Internet "Trojan Horse."

The "Trojan Horse" site is a front, a shell for the real sites that the porn peddler wants you to visit. They will use any ploy they can to get traffic because each visit, or "hit" to their site means another viewer and the more viewers their sites bring in, the more they can charge advertisers.

Advertisers are typically charged by how many times their banner ads are

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displayed on computer screens, at rates ranging from \$10 to \$25 and more per thousand impressions, or displays.

So the porn peddlers, who by definition are pretty despicable, will do anything they can to score more impressions.

As Steve re-traced his computer's Internet access that day, he remembered a Web site he visited with his 6-year-old daughter. She had heard about the Spice Girls and wondered what they were about. So Steve logged on and found several sites about the British group, enough to convince him that his little girl was too young for them.

One of the sites that he visited was a very lame page that had a picture of the Spice Girls and little else.

But what it did behind the scenes is what surprised Steve.

For when he logged on, very quickly and automatically, the pretend Spice Girls page handed Steve's browser off to the smut sites. He logged in and out so fast that the screen didn't even show anything suspicious or improper.

But the hits happened. The porn sites were able to tally Steve's very brief visits as genuine accesses, thus counting as advertising impressions.

Pretty sleazy, huh? Steve never would have found out about it if he hadn't decided to check the "history" log on his Web browser, only to find the offending links.

"It is very disturbing that these pornographers can put links to their sites without our knowledge or asking," Steve wrote me by e-mail. "I'm sure it was disturbing to my son as well because he came within an inch

of being blamed for something he did not do."

I mentioned Steve's discovery on my WXYT Radio show last weekend and have since heard from several others who report similar problems with other sites.

"These pornographers trick you into visiting a site about something popular and innocuous," e-mailed Bob of Redford Township. "But this could get really serious if you would do this at work and your employer has a policy of dealing harshly with workers who misuse the Internet. A lot of business offices now monitor the Internet habits of their employees by checking the browser history logs. Does anyone think your boss would believe you if this happened to you?"

What can you do about this?

Unfortunately, not much. My best advise is to check the "History" log every time you're on the Net. Learn how to set the preferences on your web browser to limit the size of the history file. And be sure to regularly empty the temporary Internet cache file where data from recently visited sites is stored.

If this really frosts you, try and determine what Internet Service Providers host the offending Web sites and then complain to them.

Coming events: Next Saturday, September 12, meet me in person as I broadcast the PC Talk radio show on WXYT from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. from the big Home Improvement Expo at the Southfield Pavilion.

And be sure to register for the PC Mike Internet/Computer seminar to be held from 10 a.m.-noon on September 26 at the café Domain, Washington and Fourth, in downtown Royal Oak. You have to register in advance to attend. Call (248) 423-2721 and check my Web page ([www.pcmike.com](http://www.pcmike.com)) for details.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on WXYT-Radio AM1270. His latest book "The Complete No Geek Speak Guide to the Internet" is available in book stores or through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

# There's no substitute for integrity, says Livonia businessman

By RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

"Integrity in sales" guided Robert Shenefelt, president and founder of Great White North Distribution Services in Livonia, in building his \$12 million-plus business within six years.

Shenefelt is a featured speaker at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce's "Steps to Greatness" business sales-motivation seminar 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The chamber anticipates an attendance of 800.

Shenefelt will present his system for aligning integrity - which he says is affected by dialogue, environment, history and corporate policy - with one's profession.

Like many aggressive salespeople, Shenefelt discovered that integrity evolved out of necessity. Experience proved the best teacher. He would make promises to customers and then find himself in a bind when his company couldn't match those promises.

"From this I learned the need to understand that my promises were not in alignment with my corporation's abilities and best interest, causing my integrity to be questioned and challenged."

"Through growth and communication, I was able to define the customers' needs and then take them back to the company and act as a facilitator between the two. All the while, I let both parties know my willingness and availability to assist when needed. This way, my integrity and my company's integrity were not compromised."

Shenefelt has enjoyed helping the Livonia Chamber develop the "Steps to Greatness" program and strongly endorses the other two speakers, nationally recognized author and sales

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motivational speaker Bob Burg and Rich Levinson of RHL Associates in Southfield.

"I have seen the hard work and planning, and I believe all local businesses will benefit tremendously from the full day of events. Bob Burg is awesome and teaches great techniques on how to build an endless referral base and win without intimidating. Rich Levinson has a hard-hitting technique that teaches how to qualify a prospect."

"The chamber has planned a great way for local businesses to educate and excite their staff without the expense and hassle of sending them out of town to do it."

Tickets for chamber members are \$149 (\$199 for non-members). The seminar fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch, Burg's book and 12-cassette tape package, which regularly sells for \$149.

Seminar sponsorships are still being accepted. For more information, call the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at (734) 427-2112.

The Observer Newspapers is a co-sponsor of the event, along with Nextel Communications, Exhibit Works, Citizens Bank and Walsh College.

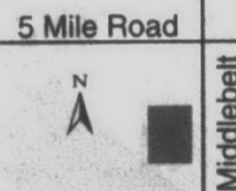
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Singer inspires personal growth

While motivational speakers like Les Brown encourage us to improve ourselves and make the most of life, Scott Kalechstein sings about overcoming self-imposed limitations. "Say Yes to Your Dreams," "Follow Your Heart" and "Teach Me How to Love" are a few of the songs Kalechstein's recorded.

On Friday, Sept. 12, the California performer records some of his more humorous songs during a concert co-sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission and Touchstone Journal in Livonia. The CD will be released later this year.

Long after names and faces are forgotten, the words to a favorite song keep humming in our heads, and Kalechstein uses that to advantage in delivering his inspirational message about living life with a positive attitude. Kalechstein says the words stay with us because music touches emotions.

### Music to grow by

"It's music to grow by, to learn, to develop, sometimes to cry and definitely to laugh (with)," said Kalechstein. "The arts in general, by understanding and learning from them, touch the feelings. We know on a deep level that there's a child in us and music reaches that child. It has the ability to connect us to the emotions of life."

Kalechstein especially wants to reach children with his music. One song he wrote helps young people learn from their mistakes.

"Children are sponges," said Kalechstein. "Their lives are question marks. Who am I? I have a chance to teach children they can do anything. Nothing is impossible."

A serious violin student from age 7, Kalechstein switched to guitar to avoid the many hours of practice and discipline required to master the instrument. In college, he played in a rock band. After two years of questioning the direction his life would take, Kalechstein dropped out of college and the band to sell laundry bags on the streets of New York. He gradually awakened to the fact that he was meant to bring uplifting songs to others.

### Beginnings

In the beginning, Kalechstein lacked confidence in his musical talents and especially his voice. But music was to become the reason for his life's purpose. He took voice lessons and began singing every chance he could—on the sidewalks of Greenwich Village and at Folk City, a club where Simon and Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell and James Taylor performed. Gradually, Kalechstein overcame his fears of singing and performing.

In 1990 he moved to California

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### Scott Kalechstein

**WHAT:** The California singer/lecturer delivers his inspirational message about living life with a positive attitude. Proceeds from the concert benefit the Metro Detroit Center for Attitudinal Healing.

**WHEN:** Concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11; lecture 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

**WHERE:** Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

**COST:** Tickets \$12 in advance, \$20 at the door for each event, or purchase tickets for both the concert and lecture for \$20 in advance. Call (734) 421-5705.



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

In the works: Katherine Renberg brings her contemporary jewelry to the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13.



## FALL FESTIVALS

### BROWSE AMONG THE ART

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

For many, the arrival of fall means it's time for a visit to the cider mill and a drive in the country to view the changing leaves, but cooler temperatures also signal an end to the summer art fair season.

Producers of three local shows hope to interest families into taking a slight detour from their traditional fall outing to browse through the booths of hundreds of artists and craftsmen and to enjoy live entertainment and children's art activities Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13.

If you missed the summer art fairs, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show, Art & Apples in Rochester and Art in the Park, Birmingham boast an assortment of paintings, pottery, photography, sculpture, metal, wood, fiber and jewelry.

Carolyn Simons is issuing a special invitation to view the acrylic paintings of northern Michigan scenes by Tom LeGault (Plymouth), pottery by Judy Buresh (Garden City), and the dying art of English smocking by Irma Guest (Bloomfield Hills) at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show. Last year's attendance was down on Saturday due to Princess Diana's funeral. Simons hopes to recoup profits lost in 1997 by attracting new visitors to the indoor show featuring nearly 100 artists and craftsmen this year. Proceeds from the show, now celebrating its 27th year, fund arts council programs in the community.

"People know what to expect when they come to our show," said Simons. "It affords people the

opportunity to view and enjoy art works and it can be a family experience. Some of the artists will be demonstrating and there'll be a student booth from Plymouth-Canton Schools."

Katherine (Kidston) Renberg thinks her sterling silver and brass earrings, necklaces, brooches, and bracelets are a great way to create a look for yourself whether it's fancy free or business like. From swirling lines to no nonsense geometric designs, Renberg's jewelry relays a message about the woman. Some of the pieces accented with jade, pink quartz, citrine, blue tiger eye, and amethyst add dazzle. A peek at Renberg's work bench reveals the sparkle she's designed for the holidays. Sterling silver Christmas tree lapel pins decorated with jade beads cheer in the season.

"I think it's a great statement about how that person likes to express themselves," said Renberg. "It says the most about a person in addition to their clothing."

Style comes naturally to Renberg who began making jewelry after leaving her job as an interior designer for Hudson's. For 11 years, the Plymouth Township artist filled other people's homes and offices with furniture, artworks, and faux painting after graduating with a degree in interior design from Michigan State University. When daughter Karissa was born in 1996, Renberg left to spend more time at home with her and five-year old son Nicholas, but the decision left a creative void.

"I needed a way to express myself," said Renberg. "I've always

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### Fall Art Festivals

■ **Art on the Green, Franklin**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, on the Franklin Village Green, (west of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads). Admission free, (248) 644-5832, Ext. 449 - The 18th annual art fair features 78 artists and live entertainment by one-man band Rennie Kauffmann and guitarists Sean Blackman and John Arnold (Latin, folk, blues). Proceeds benefit Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December.

■ **Art in the Park, Birmingham**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, Shain Park, (north of Merrill, east of Bates St.), downtown Birmingham. Admission free, (248) 456-8150 - The 24th annual fair includes 170 artists, children's art activities based on "Seascape" theme, live music, and an exhibit of artwork by students with disabilities from the Kennedy Center, benefits Common Ground.

■ **Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13 at Central Middle School, Main St. at Church St., Plymouth. Admission \$2 adults, \$1 seniors/students, (734) 416-4ART - Celebrating its 27th year, the indoor show features nearly 100 artists and craftsmen. Proceeds fund arts council programs in the community.

■ **Art & Apples, Rochester**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, Rochester Municipal Park, (north of University/Walton, between Main Street and Ludlow), downtown Rochester. Admission \$3, seniors/children under 12 free. Free shuttle service from Rochester High School, University and Livernois, and Sanyo International Machine Corporation, Rochester Road at Avon., (248) 651-4110 - Founded 33 years ago, the festival, presented by Paint Creek Center for the Arts, spotlights 100 artists, live entertainment, and children's art activities.



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Decorative art: Maggie Walsh (left to right), Ruth Schwarz, Chris Pegg, Fran White, and Maureen Van Buhler (seated) exhibit their work in "A Painters Potpourri."

### Painters show potpourri of wares

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

A jelly cupboard painted with Norwegian Rosemaling is the first sign in Chris Pegg's home that the Plymouth Township artist will decorate anything with a surface.

Pegg recently invited members of the Village Painters to her home to play the third annual Painters Potpourri show of hand-painted tin ware, baskets, jewelry, furniture, ornaments, paintings, bird houses, Santas, and angels Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, in Plymouth.

Maggie Walsh, Ruth Schwarz, Fran White, Maureen Van Buhler, and Pegg originally met at the former Brellwig's decorative painting shop in Plymouth. So it's no surprise the women are such good friends. They share a love of tole and decorative painting.

Pegg took an adult education class in Grosse Pointe 20 years ago and hasn't put down her brush since. She achieved the height of decorative painting success when she earned the title of Certified Decorative Artist in 1989. The title is reserved for artists who've achieved a level of expertise.

"I enjoy decorative painting because there are so many different things you can do, so many different surfaces to paint on," said Pegg, Village Painters president. "You're not limited. You can do anything for your home—glass, porcelain, wood, metal."

Pegg exhibits a country cabinet and watercolors of a purple coneflower in the show set up to resemble a boutique. Instead of individual artists booths, items will be separated into categories such as seasons and holidays. The price

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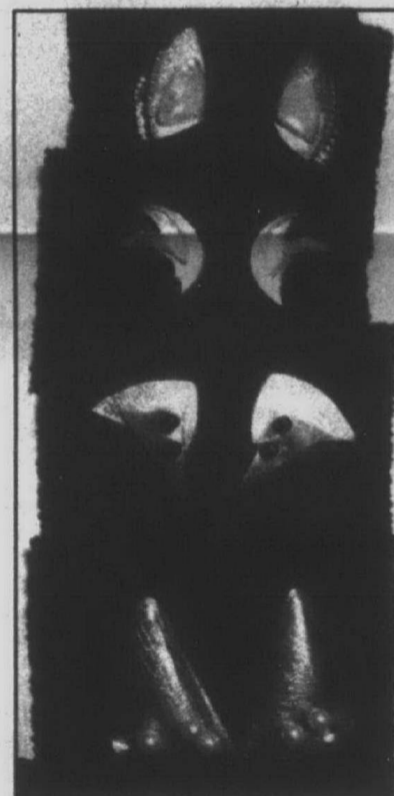
### A Painter's Potpourri

**WHAT:** An exhibit of decorative painting by 30 members of the Village Painters. Highlights include a Tea Room serving home-baked goods, and a raffle featuring a large, hand-painted trunk. For more information, call Patti LaFollette, (313) 386-9727.

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

**WHERE:** Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

**ADMISSION:** \$1.



Silver and stone: A variety of earring, brooch, necklace, and bracelet designs by Katherine Renberg will be on exhibit in the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen Show.

## FESTIVALS

# Fall art festivals signal seasonal rite of passage

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

If you're thinking about calling two of this season's early fall art fairs "quaint," just a few words of homespun advice: *Forget about it.*

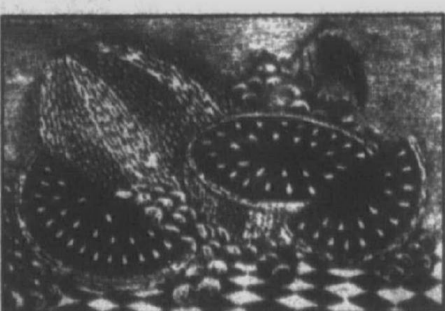
Neither the elegant "Art in the Park" in downtown Birmingham nor the sprawling "Art & Apples" in Rochester—both ranked among the top 20 art shows in the country by *Sunshine Artist* magazine—could be considered as weekend folly or a mere stroll through the park.

Both art festivals will be held Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13.

Arguably, "Art in the Park" and "Art & Apples" offer insight into how art festivals can bring together a community and raise funds for local nonprofit organizations.

The 33rd annual "Art & Apples" is the single largest event in the Rochester area, with most proceeds going to the organizing agency, Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

Meanwhile, this year, money raised



Print maker: Michael McCullough, a former Redford resident now living in Farmington Hills, created this colorful woodblock for Art in the Park, Birmingham.

during "Art in the Park" will be shared among several Birmingham-based nonprofits and Common Ground, a county-wide service organization that provides crisis intervention, drug education and victims assistance programs.

Until this year, Common Ground, which has organized "Art in the Park" for the last 27 years, used funds generated at the art fair to cover costs to operate its crisis line.

Earlier this year, however, the Birmingham City Commission held up Common Ground's permit to hold the art fair in Shain Park. Reportedly, the commission yielded when Common Ground agreed to share part of the funds raised with local nonprofits.

Yet another strange case, perhaps, of politics mixing with art.

### Rite of passage

Over three decades, these two art-for-the-masses festivals—always held on the weekend after Labor Day—have become so widely anticipated that organizers proudly claim a role for their respective events in the annual rite of passage into fall.

"There's a feeling that people just expect ('Art in the Park')," said Nancy Clark of Bloomfield Hills, chair of the event, which fills Shain Park and

adjoining streets with 170 artists booths, live entertainment and food vendors.

"We're considered a kick-off to fall, a celebration of the closing of summer and the beginning of autumn."

Several miles away in Rochester, where "Art & Apples" began in the mid-1960s as a way to promote the season of apple-picking, cider-making and pie-baking, the "rite of passage" has become a full-fledge tradition for Oakland County residents.

But that may change to include residents of Wayne County.

In recent years, more than 80 percent of the upwards of 100,000-person two-day crowd has come from the county.

This year, "Art & Apples" has tried to appeal to out-county residents, although it isn't clear exactly where they would fit in the already packed Rochester Municipal Park.

"It just keeps getting bigger and more sophisticated," said Sally Mattson

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range for styles from traditional folk art to contemporary and trompe l'oeil ranges from \$5 (jewelry and ornaments) to \$200 (furniture) with an average of \$20 to \$40.

"It's kind of different because the artist isn't there," said Walsh. "It's really a unique feature. You can shop at your leisure or ask a personal shopper, one of the ladies with the collars saying 'A Painter's Potpourri,' to help you find something specific."

Tole is a term originally used to describe the painting of flowers, fruits and figurative decorations on tin surfaces. The Pennsylvania Germans and other pioneers in New England used tole and stenciling of surfaces, the earliest of American folk arts, to add color to objects around the home.

"In earlier days, people couldn't afford fancy furniture so they painted it and the objects in their home," said Van Buhler.

Tole was popular on metalwork in the 18th century. Today, the term is applied to painting on wood, metal, fabric and papier mache. Decorative painting refers to the art form which uses a variety of techniques and mediums to decorate functional and non-functional surfaces. It includes the folk art of Sweden, Norway, Germany, Russia, England, Mexico and Australia as well as aspects of Early American such as stenciling, gold-leaf, country and faux painting.

"Tole stands for tin," said Pegg. "They painted it so tin didn't rust."

"A lot of folk art started with tole painting," added Walsh. "Grandma Moses is one of the most familiar names that comes to mind."

Walsh gave up needlepoint and cross-stitch after taking her first decorative painting class 12 years ago. Now she paints every day. It's what she refers to as her "mental therapy." Look for Walsh's wood crowns for above doorways and windows to bright-

en a room with a sun or Santa Claus and reindeer.

"I liked decorative painting better because it's faster and the results are more immediate," said Walsh.

White painted oils on canvas for 10 years, before turning to decorative painting 20 years ago. She sells jewelry and tole painted items including a small chest with flowers decorating the top at A Painters Potpourri.

"It's a method way of painting," said White, an instructor at Whichcraft in Livonia. "You have a pattern. If you sew, you have a pattern; if you cook, a recipe. If you don't have an artistic ability of drawing, you can still do decorative painting."

Schwarz began painting "to get out of the house" 12 years ago. She now uses it at therapy from her job as a pharmacist. The hand painted ornaments and yardsticks for her two children's teachers originally were made only as holiday gifts for family and friends.

"I started at Whichcraft and it escalated from there, the enjoyment, and I started selling," said Schwarz.

Van Buhler teaches the art of tole painting at Plymouth Reed and Cane. She not only wove the large flat basket perched on Pegg's dining room table but painted an Amish farm scene and buggy on the bottom of the basket. She frequently recycles furniture found at garage sales into painted accent pieces for the home. One table reads "Flowers are the poetry of the earth."

"I don't know what I'm going to paint and then I see a piece of wood and I know what I want to put on it," said Van Buhler.

In addition to the hundreds of items for sale at the show, a raffle will be held for a hand-painted large trunk, mirror and chair. Founded in 1984 by a group of five women, the Village Painters is a chapter of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters.

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loved jewelry and coming from a design background I can visualize how I want it to be when it's done, not to be too clunky with clean, simple lines."

Renberg first became interested in jewelry in a class at Plymouth-Canton High School. She's learned a lot since then much of it by exhibiting in the arts council's show and the Westlakes art market in West Bloomfield. In April, she gathered more information about customers' tastes in the Michigan Metal Exhibition at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center.

Her years as an interior designer influence her jewelry today as does a love for the Arts and Crafts and Art Nouveau movements. Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture, Louise Nevelson's sculpture and Matisse's paper cut outs can be seen in her designs.

"It sharpened my eye and has given me a good idea of balance, what's in proportion," said Renberg.

## Family festival

Held in conjunction with the Plymouth Fall Festival, the Artists and Craftsmen Show is one of the many activities families will enjoy. The 43rd annual Fall Festival features musical entertainment, a variety of food booths, children's games and rides, a pancake breakfast, chicken dinner, Polish and Irish dancing, and an auto show 3-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

Although the Village Potters Guild is not part of the Artists and Craftsmen Show, it's worth the time just to stop by their booth located in front of the Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street at Church. Functional and non-functional clay bowls, tiles, vases, sculptures, and jewelry by members of the nonprofit potters cooperative are reasonably priced and are excellent choices for one-of-a-kind gifts.

# ART BEAT

Art Beat features various happenings in the suburban art world. Send Wayne County arts news leads to Art Beat, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

**POTTERY DEMONSTRATION**  
Garden City potter Judy Buresh demonstrates the making of her wares on the wheel 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Buresh is teaching workshops on wheel thrown pottery at the arts council this fall. For more information, call (734) 416-4ART.

**ARTS MEETING**  
Three Cities Art Club holds its first meeting of the season 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, in the Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

All artists and art patrons are invited to attend. Please bring a sample of your work. A ribbon is awarded to the most popular painting at each meeting, determined by a vote of all in attendance. You need not be a member to win.

September's meeting includes an "in-house" critique. Future meetings, with guest speakers and demonstrations, will be held on the first Monday evening of each month. For further information, call Annalee Davis at (734) 427-6524.

**TRUNK SHOWING**  
Silk painter Celia Block shows her wearable art at a meeting of

the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple Road.

Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5. For information, call (248) 540-2707 or (313) 475-5851.

Block, a Farmington resident, is a certified professional demonstrator for the Hobby Industries of America and sells her work at fine art fairs across the country and will be at Art on the Green in Franklin on Labor Day.

**ART DOLLS OPENING**  
Diane Lewis, a Livonia resident, is one of 27 artists exhibiting "In Celebration of the Doll: The Figure in Cloth" through Oct. 2 at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

An opening reception to meet the artists takes place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 in the gallery. Also on display is a fabric art exhibit by Sandra Weed. "Cloth doll making has taken on a whole life of its own," said Lewis. "It's starting to get recognition as a real art form."

Presented by the Livonia Arts Commission, the exhibit is one of three on view for September.

Next to the gallery in the two circular showcases is handcrafted embroidery by Brenda Fandrei through Sept. 29.

Viewing hours for the library exhibits are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

At Livonia City Hall the com-

mission shows works by the students of Westland artist Sandra Weed to Sept. 30. Livonia City Hall is located in the Civic Center Complex next to the library. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**VAAL CLASSES**  
The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins its fall classes Tuesday Sept. 15 with six weeks of Bob Blanchard's Figurative Drawing and Painting. The 7-10 p.m. session offers live models and your choice of medium. Cost is \$70 VAAL members, \$75 non-members.

Expand your watercolor experience with Madonna University art professor Marge Chelstorp (Sept. 23), or oil and acrylic painting skills with Sandra Weed (Sept. 16, all levels). Edee Joppich's popular creative approach to watercolor class starts Oct. 12 for seven weeks. Learn basic drawing with Alice Nichols beginning Oct. 8. An independent study group allows artists to use the classroom as a studio Thursdays from Sept. 17 to November for \$3 per each 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. session.

Workshops in pastel, watercolor or monotypes, fall landscape, still life, watercolor, and painting glass ornaments start Fridays, Sept. 18 and 25. Prices range from \$10 to \$68 for members. The year-long membership fee for VAAL is \$20.

All classes are held at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. To register or for more information, call Mary Ann Adams at

(734) 455-9517.

**"FAMILIAR FACES"**  
An exhibition of illustrative portraits by Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young will be on display through Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 744 North Sheldon at Junction.

The series of black and white photographs feature local Plymouth personalities depicted in such a way as to say something about their profession or pursuits.

"Familiar Faces" represents a departure for Young whose studio is located on Penniman in Plymouth. Although she is trained as a commercial photographer and worked at a professional portrait studio, Young is best known for her pet portraits. In keeping with the concept of the exhibit, Young's own portrait depicts this aspect of her career.

Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

**OPERA IN THE AFTERNOON**  
Raymond G. Roberts, who recently sang the lead tenor role in "Carmen" at the Henry Ford Centennial Library in Dearborn, performs 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Verdi Opera Theatre Company of Michigan at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Tickets are \$15. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's 1998-99 season begins Saturday, Oct. 17, call (734) 451-2112 for information.

# Singer from page C1

where his motto became "how many dreams do we toss in the closet, never challenging the spells of not good enough and impossible?"

Kalechstein's appeared in concert in Austria and Germany, and just returned from a concert/lecture tour of Northern California. On Saturday, Sept. 12, Kalechstein will share his life experiences and love of life in an inspirational talk. His guitar won't be far away. It seems he relates best through song.

"Music has incredible power to uplift and heal," he said. "Music appeals to the intellect. The message goes straight to the heart."

Joan Stansberry is bringing Kalechstein to Livonia so others can experience his words of wisdom. The Livonia resident first heard the singer at a concert in Colorado.

The main reason she found Kalechstein's music appealing is his ability to tailor a message for individuals in the audience. During the concert in Denver, the 35-year-old singer composed a song just for Stansberry and her sister Laurie. At every concert, Kalechstein asks the audience for topics that relate to their lives. The Musical Healing song Kalechstein created for Stansberry dealt with her sister mov-

ing to Denver. Stansberry was torn about leaving her sister after helping with the move. Kalechstein's words about "sisterly love and letting go" made the sisters cry and, in so doing, "helped to lift and heal the grief pangs of the impending separation."

"His music just moved me and I felt compelled to share it," said Stansberry. "He has a message. Even his humor-music has a message in it for people."

Stansberry had never produced a concert before bringing Kalechstein to Michigan last November. Since then he

returned a second time for concerts in Farmington Public Schools and a West Bloomfield church. Not satisfied that he reached everyone in the state, Stansberry arranged a third trip for Kalechstein to perform in Michigan Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12. To register for private or group Musical Healing sessions with Kalechstein while he's here, call (734) 421-5705.

If you have an interesting idea for a story involving the visual or performing arts, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin, (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

# Festivals from page C1

of Rochester, first-year special events coordinator at Paint Creek.

"From year to year, we have the basics in place," said Mattson, who began planning the event shortly after she was hired last September.

"Our thought is 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it.'"

With 300 artists from around the United States representing 18 media categories, "Art & Apples" is the ultimate eclectic art fest, said Anne Blatee of Rochester Hills, newly named executive director at Paint Creek.

"The appeal is that we have a selection of very affordable art."

Indeed, the average selling

price for artwork is \$245. But based on a recent economic study, the art, food and music is a drawing card.

While nearly half of Paint Creek's annual revenue comes from "Art & Apples," the economic benefits from the two-day festival extend beyond the art center and artists.

Approximately \$2.5-million was generated at last year's festival, according to an Oakland University economic impact analysis conducted by professors Kevin Murphy and Ronald Tracy. The revenue generated includes money spent on lodging, food and art at the festival and nearby restaurants.

## Crossing fingers

Two years ago, Blatee recalled, it rained. Deluge was more like it. Actually, it came down so hard that mud shoes were required to traverse the sloppy Rochester Municipal Park.

Last year's attendance was also slightly below expectations because some people were perched in front of their TVs watching the funeral for Diana, Princess of Wales.

When asked about the forecast for this year, Blatee holds up her crossed fingers.

In recent years, corporate sponsorships have helped to cover operational expenses at both art festivals. But the fingers-crossed reliance on good weather for a big turnout under-

scores that both "Art & Apples" and "Art in the Park" still depend on the winds of fate, and spending whims of art connoisseurs.

"A lot of nonprofits are turning to art fairs to raise money," said Clark of Common Ground, who often wears a lapel pin, "Art Save Lives."

A couple of years ago, few people would have seen the connection. But with the popularity of "Art & Apples" and "Art in the Park" hardly waning, that's obviously changing.

Said Clark: "The nature of our art fair is to help people."

And that's as good of a reason as any to pray for sunshine and a warm front.

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### ARTS & CRAFTS, CULTURAL FESTIVALS

#### FRANKLIN ART FAIR

"Art on the Green," featuring 80 artists with work in various mediums. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, in downtown Franklin.

#### ARTS, EATS, & BEATS

Festival features 120 fine artists, 35 local restaurants and 65 local and national musical acts. Through Monday, Sept. 7, downtown Pontiac, along Saginaw Street. Admission free, call (248) 584-4177, or artsbeat-seats.com on the web for more information.

#### ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE

Offers thousands of fine antiques, collectibles, vintage decorative accessories, estate jewelry, dolls, and toys, 5-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Novi Expo Center on Novi Road at I-96. \$6. (248) 348-5600.

#### ART IN THE PARK

170 artists, children's art activities, silent art auction, showcase of art by students with disabilities from the Kennedy Center, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, in Shain Park, Bates and Merrill, Birmingham. To benefit Common Ground. (248) 456-8150.

#### ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN SHOW

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents nearly 100 exhibitors, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 in Central Middle School, Main Street and Church, Plymouth. \$2, \$1 seniors/students. (734) 416-4ART.

#### DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

More than 130 visual artists, live performances by 100 groups, international foods, children's fair, youth artists market, street performers, free museum admission during festival weekend, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20 in Detroit's University Cultural Center. (313) 577-5088.

### AUDITIONS/ CALL FOR ARTISTS

#### BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "She Loves Me," which runs Nov. 14-28. Audition 7:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 8 & 10, 752 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, east side of Woodward, Birmingham. Contact Lee Sechler, (248) 642-5635.

#### CANTON FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

Fine art works of all mediums for Canton Fine Arts Exhibit, Oct. 30-Nov. 6. Submission deadline: Sept. 10. Cash prizes awarded. For information, (734) 397-6450.

#### CRAFTERS FOR AUTUMNFEST

The annual Autumnfest, a festival that celebrates Southfield's history, is looking for artisans and crafters. The fest is 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. For information, (248) 354-5180.

#### CRAFTERS WANTED

Artisans and crafters for the Third Annual Craft Show sponsored by St. Stephen Parent's Guild, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4, St. Stephen Church, 18800 Huron River Drive, New Boston. For information, (734) 654-8817 or (734) 753-5876.

#### DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY

Open auditions for singers Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12 at First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham. Singers who can read music and enjoy performing oratorio music should call to schedule auditions. (248) 650-2655.

#### DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164.

#### EXHIBITORS FOR ART FAIR

Fine artists and crafters needed for show on Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4 at St. George Cultural Hall, Maple Rd. at John R. Troy. For information; (248) 932-5636.

#### FTON COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions for fall session 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

#### JACKSON CHORALE

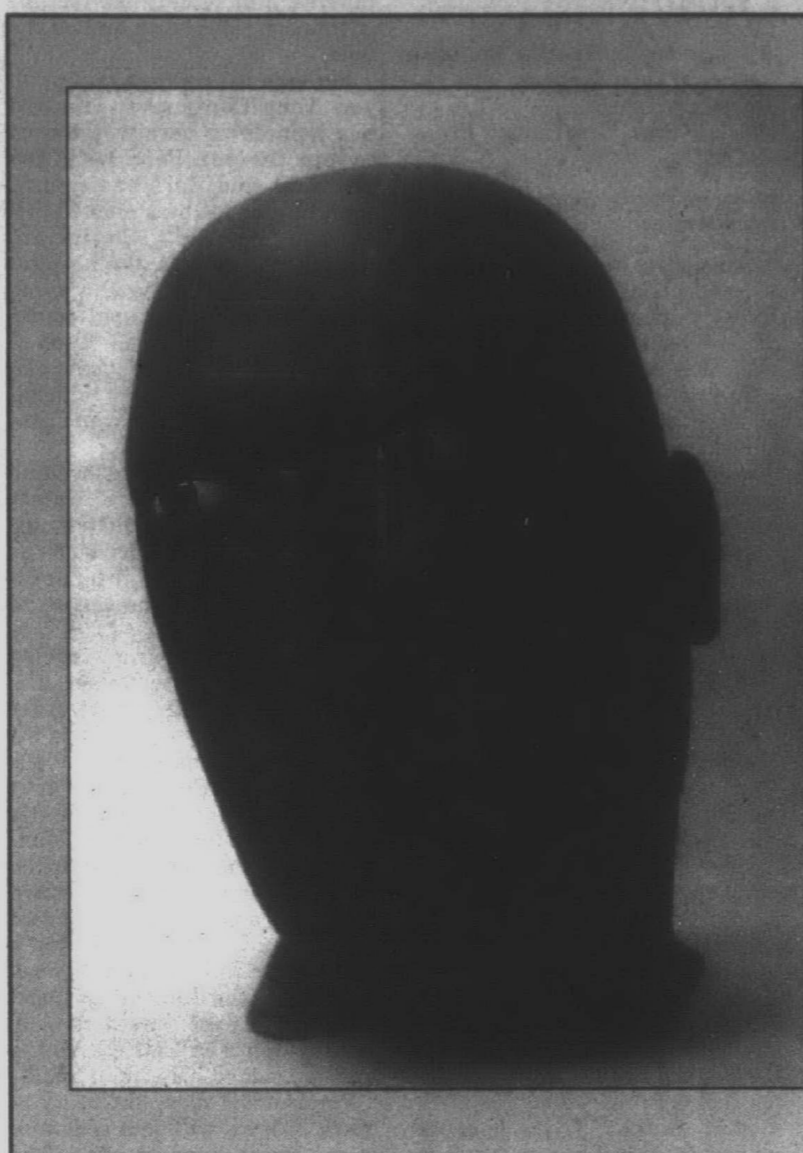
Auditions for new members 8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14 at the Vocal Music Room, Rochester High School, 160 S. Livernois. (248) 651-3085.

#### LONE MEADOW CRAFT SHOW

New crafters needed for 16th anniversary "Long Meadow School Country Craft Show." Saturday, Oct. 17. For application (248) 651-6964 or (248) 375-0652.

#### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions for 1998-99 season featuring Mozart's "Vespers" and Brahms' "German Requiem," 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 134 Varner Hall,



**Translucent:** John Woodward's painted ceramic sculptures are featured in this year's "Celebrate Michigan Artists" at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110. The exhibit runs through Sept. 18.

Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-2030 or (248) 370-2038.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos, rehearsals for Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080.

#### RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR

Auditions for qualified artist to perform as soprano, tenor and baritone soloists in "Carmina Burana" Feb. 18-19 at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Applicants must submit tape of two contrasting opera or oratorio selections with resume and biography by Sept. 18 to Suzanne Acton, c/o Michigan Opera Theatre, 104 Lothrop, Detroit, Mich. 48202. Finalists will be notified by Sept. 25 to audition Oct. 4. Call (248) 738-9827. Also looking for singers for "Carmina Burana." For audition, call (313) 341-3466.

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 22, for season including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (248) 349-8175 or (734) 462-4435.

#### STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "The Heiress" 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and Tuesday, Sept. 15. First United Methodist Church at 7th Street and Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak; (248) 541-4832.

#### TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks chorus members for its new season beginning in September. Candidates must be available for Tuesday rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Candidates should send their resume and salary requirements to the chorus, P.O. Box 165, Troy, MI 48099. (248) 879-0138.

### CHORALE/CHOIR

#### POLISH UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Choir of the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland performs at Orchard Lake Schools 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake; (248) 682-1885.

#### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

#### ART MUSEUM PROJECT

Non-credit studio art classes and workshops from mid September through November. Programs led by noted instructors from the region. For free brochure and to register, (734) 593-5058.

#### BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER

Full community open house to introduce instructors noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, art demonstrations.

## O&E hosts roundtable discussion on theater

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers presents "Building A Theater Community In Metro Detroit" - A Roundtable Discussion 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

Come hear the views of professional, student and community theater groups on the challenges facing the local theater community.

Topics include: collaboration, play development, funding and building an audience.

Panel members include Jan Radcliff, Heartland Theatre Company; Evelyn Orbach, Jewish Ensemble Theatre; Mike Vigilante, Meadow Brook Theatre; Blair Anderson, Wayne State University (Hilberry & Bonstelle Theatres); Cynthia Tupper, Farmington Players; Cate Foltin, Stagecrafters; William Mandt, SRO Productions; and a representative from the Plymouth Theatre Guild. Admission is free, call Keely Wygonik (734) 953-2105 or Frank Provenzano, (248) 901-2557 for information.

Fall classes begin Sept. 14. Formerly known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

#### CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

Fall registration 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 5951 John R. Road, Troy; (248) 828-4080.

#### CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Summer classes, including drawing, sculpture and painting. Children's classes included drawing and cartooning, painting, mask-making, arts and crafts and printmaking. Teen and adult classes include beaded jewelry, ceramics, photography, Chinese brush painting and blues guitar. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

#### FAR CONSERVATORY

Holds registration for fall special needs arts classes beginning Friday, Sept. 11 to Friday, Sept. 18 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Classes in art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, theater arts, drama, and skating for children and adults with special needs begin Sept. 10. (248) 646-3347.

#### GETTY MUSEUM TOUR

The Community House in Birmingham is offering a tour of the Getty Museum in the foothills of the Santa Monica Mountains. Tour will be held Nov. 12-16, 1998. Limited space. For information, call (248) 644-5832.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

"The Pleasure of Painting," demonstration and instruction by Sandra Levin. 12:30 & 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 8. Second session begins Nov. 3. Must register by Aug. 31. Fee for five-week class: \$50. 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield; (248) 661-7641.

#### KAMMUELLER DANCE CLASSES

Advanced and professional classical ballet program, 9:30 a.m. Monday-Friday; intermediate level Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays at 11:30 a.m. 5526 W. Drake, West Bloomfield; (248) 932-8699.

#### LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES

Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. Hand quilting and applique taught by Lynn Van Nest, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays Sept. 14-Nov. 2; fee: \$72. Mask-making, ages 18 and up; 7:15-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct.

21. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels: by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21 or Nov. 4-Dec. 16; fee: \$210. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

#### ONCE UPON AN EASEL

"North to Alaska: The Iditarod Children's Fine Art Show," Sept. 3-4, Sept. 8-12. Classes for preschoolers, students ages 6-16, and adults; session one - Sept. 14-Oct. 12; session two - Oct. 19 - Nov. 15. Golden Gate Plaza, 8691 N. Lilley Road, southwest corner of Joy and Lilley roads, Canton Township; (734) 453-3710.

#### PAINTING IN THE PARK

Drawing and painting every Saturday beginning at noon. Meet at Heritage Park, Spicer House Visitor Center, on Farmington Road, just north of 10 Mile Road; Farmington Hills; (248) 661-5291.

#### PAINTING CLASSES

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation holds watercolor, oil and acrylic painting classes with Karen Halpern beginning Sept. 23. Student art show from previous classes on display to Sept. 25. 4640 Walnut Lake Road, West of Farmington Road. (248) 738-2500.

#### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Classes in colored pencil, portrait painting, ceramics, watercolor and oil, and decorative painting begin Sept. 14. 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 462-4448.

#### VAAL

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins its fall classes Tuesday Sept. 15. Workshops in pastel, watercolor monotypes, fall landscape, still life, watercolor, and painting glass ornaments start Friday Sept. 18 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. To register or for more information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

### FILM

#### HUDSON'S BUILDING

"The Hudson's Building," written and produced by Gary Glaser of Troy and Dave Toorongian, and directed by Glaser, will be re-broadcast 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 7 on WTVS (Channel 56).

#### "OFF THE WALL: A CREATIVE JOURNEY"

"Off the Wall: A Creative Journey," an award-winning documentary film short by Harvey Ovshinsky, will air 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 on WTVS (Channel 56). "Off the Wall" tells the story of an unusual collaboration between Ovshinsky and his close friend, Michigan artist Arthur Schneider.

### LECTURE

#### PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS

FBI Agent Nicholas J. Walsh will speak on "Protecting Civil Rights and Combating Terrorism in the Shadow of the Holocaust," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, W. Bloomfield; (248) 661-1000.

#### ON ARCHITECTURE

"ArchLecture," a lecture by Gisue Hariri, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, College of Architecture and Design, Lawrence Tech, 21000 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield; (248) 204-2880.

### MEETING

#### FTON ARTISTS CLUB

Guest speaker Jack Olds lectures on woodcut block printing, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Farmington Community Library, 12 Mile Road; (248) 478-9243.

### MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

#### DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Through Sept. 30 - "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," produced by the Michigan State University Museum and the Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services. 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7934.

#### DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through Oct. 18 - "The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican," an exhibit of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

#### HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE Through Sept. 30 - "Passages to Innovation," in collaboration with students from Center for Creative Studies. 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn; (734) 271-1620.

#### MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Through October 18 - "Detroit's Black Bottom & Paradise Valley," and "Juke Joint," a recreation of southern country nightclub life by artist Willie Little. 315 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit; (313) 494-5800.

#### Tours

#### FTON HILLS HOMES

Tours of ten historic homes in the Farmington Area Heritage Home Tour, 1-5 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 19-20. Tickets: \$12. Available on tour days at Farmington Historical Museum-Warner Mansion, 33805 Grand River. (248) 626-8264.

### ORGAN/CHURCH MUSIC

#### RECITAL

Jurgen Sonnenschmidt in recital 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. St. Andrew Lutheran Church, just north of Maple on east side of Telegraph; (248) 646-5207.

#### LUTHERAN HIGH NW

Jennifer Knapp in concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. 1000 Bagley at Livernois, Rochester Hills; (248) 340-1900.

### VOLUNTEERS

#### ART & APPLES

Paint Creek Center for the Arts seeks volunteers for its annual Art & Apples Festival, Sept. 12-13 in Rochester Municipal Park. Volunteers needed 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 & Sunday, Sept. 13. Persons interested in donating 3-4 hours can also call PCCA, (248) 651-4110.

#### FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays Sept. 21 to Dec. 19 at the conservatory in Birmingham. Call (248) 646-3347.

#### MUSEUM DOCENTS

Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information,

(313) 833-9178.

### EXHIBIT (OPENING)

#### CREATIVE RESOURCE

Sept. 9 - Lithographer Emil Weddige. Through Oct. 10. 162 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-3688.

#### CENTER GALLERIES

Sept. 11 - "Michigan Ceramics '98," the Michigan Potters Association's 19th juried exhibit for artists in clay. Through Oct. 30. 301 Frederick Douglas, Detroit; (313) 664-7800.

#### CONNIFF STUDIO GALLERY

Sept. 11 - 6 p.m., "Postcards from My Soul," the photography of Larry Larson. 11 S. Broadway, Lake Orion; (248) 693-3632.

#### FISHER BUILDING

Sept. 11 - "Flora Botanical," an art exhibit to raise funds for the Belle Isle Botanical Society, through Oct. 10. Lobby Floor, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Tickets: \$10; (313) 852-4064.

#### HARRIS STREET GALLERY

Sept. 11 - Ohio folk artist Paul Jamieson, 255 S. Main, Rochester.

#### A.C.,T. GALLERY

Sept. 12 - "Barely Prints." Opening reception 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Through Oct. 16. 35 E. Grand River, Detroit; (313) 961-4336.

#### REVOLUTION

Sept. 12 - Works of Anne Wilson. Opening reception 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

#### SYBARIS GALLERY

Sept. 12 - 5 p.m., mixed media drawings of Nick Cave, enamel vessels of June Schwarcz, and the jewelry of Alan Burton Thompson. Through Oct. 24. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

#### AVENUE GALLERY

Sept. 18-19 - Thomas Kinkade Touring Museum, a museum on wheels. 167 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 594-7600.

#### ZOOM GALLERY

Sept. 19 - New anthropocentric drawings by Randall Veilleux offer a rare glimpse into the empirical, whimsical and holistic vision characterizing the Ann Arbor artist. Through Oct. 18. 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor; (734) 747-9944.

### GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

#### ALFRED BERKOWITZ GALLERY

Through Sept. 15 - Michigan Watercolor Society's 51st Annual Exhibition continues on the third floor of the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. An exhibition of glass selected from the university's permanent collection is featured through Sept. 22; (313) 593-5400.

#### ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Through Sept. 16 - "A Summer Group Exhibit," featuring Larry Rivers, Harry Bertoia, Valentina Dubasky, and Dennis Wojtkiewicz. 107 Townsend St., Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

#### PCCA

Through Sept. 18 - "Celebrate Michigan Artists." Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine Street, Rochester; (248) 651-4110.

#### HABATAT GALLERIES

Through Sept. 26 - Glass sculpture of Jaromir Rybak. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

#### NETWORK

Through Sept. 26 - Ceramics of Wendy Waigate. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

#### UZELAC GALLERY

Through Sept. 26 - Paintings of William Barnhart. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

#### LIVONIA LIBRARY

Through Sept. 29 - Handcrafted embroidery by Brenda Fandrei; through Oct. 2 - doll exhibit by Kathleen Bricker. 32777 Five Mile Road. (734) 466-2490.

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# Siskel's speech to examine Jewish stereotypes in films

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Shortly after President Clinton ordered the bombing of a terrorist camp and a chemical plant in response to the U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa, the comparisons to "Wag the Dog" were immediate, and, perhaps, inevitable.

It's not just conspiracy nuts who find connections between reality and make-believe of the silver screen.

For many Americans, movies are an escapist delight, and a means to interpret history. Or with "Primary Colors," "Wag the Dog," and "The American President," some might argue, also a Hollywood backdrop for current events.

Noted film critic Gene Siskel has a simple warning: "You can over-interpret movies."

Yet conversely, argues Siskel, some movies need to be taken to task and challenged for perpetu-

**What:** "How Jews are Portrayed in Movies Today," a speech by Gene Siskel, film and television critic of Tribune Media Services, and "Siskel & Ebert"

**Sponsor:** Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah

**When:** 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15

**Where:** Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield

**Cost:** \$25 for speech; \$36 for luncheon and speech. Luncheon begins 11:30 a.m., call (248) 683-5050

ating simplistic or stereotypical characters.

Next Tuesday, Siskel will examine how Jews have been unfairly presented in films. His speech, "How Jews are Portrayed in Movies Today," draws

an ominous conclusion.

"How are Jews portrayed? The headline is 'Not very well.'"

To prove his point, Siskel will present several examples of pejorative images of Jews in recent as well as older movies.

The luncheon and speech is sponsored by the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah, a group of Jewish women who promote health education and social advocacy.

Siskel has developed an unprecedented following in his 30 years as a film critic for Tribune Media Services and "Siskel & Ebert."

A simple thumbs up or down is enough to give a film a box office boost, or send it directly to video purgatory.

In the last three decades, Siskel's commentary has offered a common man's understanding of the entertaining and compelling aspects of movies.

"It comes down to this: If I

friend asks me if he or she should go see the film would I say, 'Yes' or 'No.'"

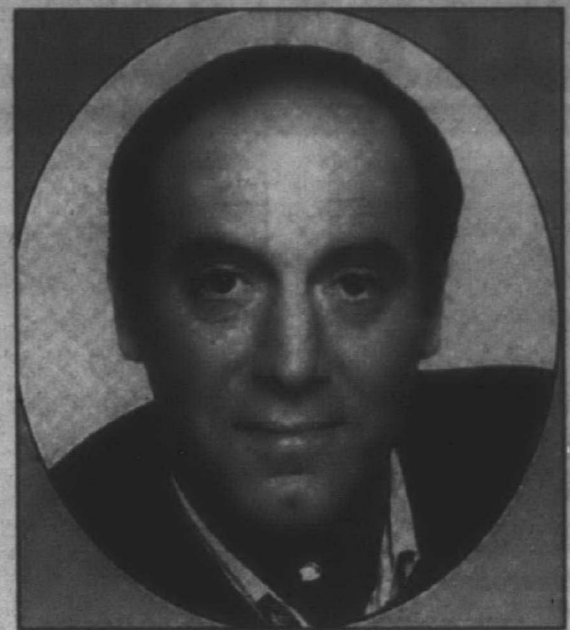
Negative reviews - as anyone knows who has watched "Siskel & Ebert" - aren't more difficult than a glowing recommendation.

"It's payback time for wasting two hours of my time," said Siskel.

On average, Siskel screens 5-6 movies per week. Typically, he doesn't want to know what movie he will be previewing so he doesn't have any preconceptions about the film.

"Roger and I are just two guys who love films," said Siskel. "After seeing a film like 'Fargo' it gives me so much joy that I can sit through 2-3 months of bad films."

Ironically, as a self-described reporter who covers the movie beat, Siskel is quick to rail against the media for hyping box-office blockbusters, rather



**Outspoken:** Gene Siskel, film critic and commentator, offers a common man's analysis of movies.

than recognizing quality films. "(Box office) lists are too easy a way to categorize movies,"

he said. "I wish people would see a movie because it's good, not because it's popular."

## Singer shifts into high gear

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't take long to realize that when Valerie Yova talks, she's holding back. Not emotionally, but vocally.

Her voice shifts gears. There's a slow, even modulation. A lighter, higher-pitched expression. Then, of course, there's aural nirvana.

That's when she rides a deep breath and pushes a sound from her lungs through her lips that must be the exact tone of angels as they direct traffic to the pearly gates.

Singing, for the operatic-trained Yova, isn't a pursuit for profit or acclaim. It's been a calling since she was 4.

"I sing because I have to. We take so much from the world. This is my way of giving something back. For me, it's a spiritual issue."

Over the last 15 years, Yova has learned what a person does when time, fate and desire intersect. She's stood at the proverbial crossroad where time engaged in making art is replaced with time spent thinking about art and planning performances for other artists.

The lesson learned well, Yova is moving on. Getting back to her spiritual roots. Shifting into a higher gear.

Since winning the prestigious Metropolitan Opera Auditions, in her last year as a grad student at New England Conservatory, Yova's spirit hasn't flown as much as she would've liked.

Practical realities dictated that she pursue jobs outside of singing.

In the late 1980s Yova toured with regional opera companies, including the Pittsburgh Opera Company, where she performed the Countess in "Marriage of Figaro."

Feeling a bit burned out, she moved from her home in Akron, Ohio, and took a job as music director at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Southfield.

At the time, she was also auditioning for singing roles. An audition before Fedora Horowitz, founder of the Lyric Chamber Ensemble, proved especially fateful.

Shortly after winning the audition, she was asked to join the Lyric's administrative staff. That was eight years ago.

**What:** 10th Anniversary Concert Celebration, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan

**Featuring:** Valerie Yova, soprano; Jack Morris, tenor; Jan Rae, soprano; Dino Valle, baritone

**When:** 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

**Where:** Italian-American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia; (734) 591-0346

Lyric Chamber Ensemble's 1998-99 Season

■ "Tango Fest," Gem Theater, Sunday, Sept. 27

■ Alexander Zonjic, Gem Theater, Sunday, Oct. 25

■ "Sacred Scenes from Opera," Sunday, Dec. 13

■ Valentine's Day Concert, Hammel Music in Bloomfield Hills, Sunday, Feb. 14

■ Piano Festival, Orchestra Hall, Sunday, March 7

■ "French Salon," featuring St. Clair Trio and soprano Valerie Yova, Hammel Music, Sunday, April 25

Since then, Yova has handled the myriad administrative chores of operating a nonprofit on a shoestring budget and a perfectionist sensibility.

"Now that I've been on the 'other side' - hiring - I know how important it is for performers to present themselves well.

"They never teach you how to market yourself in school."

She clears her throat. Point well taken. Her voice shifts gear.

Today, as executive director of the Lyric Chamber Ensemble based in Southfield, Yova has had to do her share of talking. Arranging performance schedules, seeking publicity, selling tickets and financial backers - the terminal pursuit for any arts group without a large endowment.

It's not that Yova has grown tired of her administrative duties. It's just that she'd rather be singing.

And if you've ever heard her perform with various community orchestras, you'd want it that way, too.

Changes are coming readily.

This past summer, Yova married Thomas Sheets, conductor of the University Musical Society Chorale Union in Ann Arbor.



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## The PHANTOM of the OPERA

Directed by HAROLD PRINCE






The Toronto production of "The Phantom of the Opera" enters its tenth historic year this September, and we're celebrating with a

# "Who's Behind The Mask?" Sweepstakes

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**Cocoa suds:** Chocolate bar soaps from Lori Karbal et al in Birmingham.

## We've got the dish on soap

Most people don't use soap when they shower or wash their hands.

So says Sandy Comeau of Berkley. Known as the "Soap Lady" and "the Soap Guru," Comeau owns a home-based soap-making company called **Earthly Delights** (her products are available at several Oakland County stores and in eight bed and breakfasts in southern Michigan -- a real feat considering she just started her business in February). She also teaches

soap making classes at the Birmingham Community House and in her home.

In short, she knows a lot about soap. And what most people have in their bathrooms is not soap, but detergent, she claims. Soap occurs when you mix a caustic agent, like lye, with animal or vegetable oil. When you substitute petroleum for the fat or oil, chemically, you get a detergent instead of soap, she said.

"During World War II, when animal fats were hard to come by, most commercial (soap) manufacturers started using petroleum in their products and never went back," Comeau said.

I, for one, like the soap -- er -- body detergent that I buy at the store. It smells nice and gets the job done. But Comeau believes that pure soap is better for the skin than detergent. "Your skin will feel great when it is no longer a haven for all the chemicals found in a commercial soap," she says in her company's brochure. Soap also lathers better and is creamier than detergent, because it contains more glycerin, she says. Instead of animal fat, she uses coconut, palm and olive oils to make her soaps. The caustic agent she uses is lye -- the same thing "Granny" used to make soap on "The Beverly Hillbillies."

To keep her soaps all-natural, she colors and scents them with herbs, spices, flowers and essential oils. And to be different, she wraps them in pretty fabric instead of paper.

Her soap "flavors" include: almond crumb cake, lemon creme, rosemary and dill, chamomile lavender, lavender blossom, peppermint, rain forest, oatmeal, rose petal, chocolate mousse, jasmine nights, ginger and coffee (which is supposed to be great for removing odors like garlic). Prices are \$3.50 for a 3.5-ounce bar and \$2 for a 1.75-ounce bar. **Earthly Delights** soap is available at Betty's Grocery Store in Birmingham, Jasmine Bath and Gift Shop in Ferndale, Healthstyles in Royal Oak, Southfield Family Sauna & Tub in Southfield, the Royal Oak Farmers Market, and by mail order. For more information, call Comeau at (248) 398-4773.

Speaking of soap, the Lori Karbal et al boutique in Birmingham received a fun new line of food-inspired bath products about six weeks ago and it's been selling like hot cakes. Made by G-Star in Australia, some of the products include: a bar of soap that looks and smells just like a chocolate candy bar, strawberry jam bath gel, a toast-shaped loofah and honeysuckle soap in the shape of a stick of butter. Prices range from \$6 to \$10.50. For more information, call (248) 258-1959.

Another place to find fun and unusual bath products is at **Natural** in downtown Plymouth. The store's biggest seller is its "Soap by the Slice," said owner Susan MacGonigal (the soap kind of looks like beautiful loaves of Jello with fruit cocktail suspended inside; the cost is \$5.95 per one-inch slice, and the most popular "flavors" are orange cantaloupe and stained glass, MacGonigal said). For more information, call (734) 453-9491.



**Linens and lace:** Bischoff's "Royal Lily" Swiss lace bedding collection from Cristions in Birmingham.



**Artful blend:** A contemporary glass plate sits atop a handmade cabinet filled with Southwest pottery. All from Mesa Arts in Birmingham.



**French garden:** Painted sap buckets and an antique pie safe fill Home's garden room.

## New shops offer inside advantage

BY LINDA BACHRACK  
EDITOR

If you've ever been to Santa Fe, your memories of the landscape are colored in vivid hues of turquoise, sky blue, terra cotta and shades of gold as intense as the Southwest sun.

Ellen and Sue Rontal recreate the desert ambience in their new **Mesa Arts** gallery in Birmingham. The Maple Road space, scheduled to open next week, features painted tin ceilings, an arched entryway, sand-colored plywood floors and soaring ceilings accented, fittingly, in ochre and adobe, the perfect setting for an evolving collection of Southwest and Native American art and furniture, as well as contemporary handcrafted pieces from across the country.

"We have surrounded ourselves with the things we love," says co-owner Sue Rontal. The women's venture began in Franklin 11 years ago with a shipment of painted furniture from Taos, examples of New Mexican art that Sue and her husband had collected for years. Close friends and sisters-in-law, Ellen and Sue were convinced that the Detroit area should be introduced to Southwest decor, so they rambled down dusty dirt roads and onto reservations in New Mexico on a quest to bring home the best of the West. Their Franklin gallery spawned an area-wide interest in Folk Art and silver jewelry that endures today.

In the new Mesa Arts storefront, art-glass plates and Mission-style lamps share space with Hopi Indian ceremonial masks, figure paintings by Native American medicine men and primitive whirligigs. You'll find contemporary ceramics, quilts, porcelains and hand-wrought jewelry.

The furniture, all made by hand, is imbued with a mix of cultural traditions, including Native American, Mexican, Spanish and Scandinavian. You can personalize it to fit your own design tastes. "The pieces are so sophisticated they complement every decor," says Ellen.



**Comfy cozy:** A family room vignette at Home in Royal Oak.

The shop also carries an array of gift items, including hand tooled leather address books, mugs, bookmarks, letter openers and pens.

"There's something for everyone," say the duo who, like sisters, finish each other's thoughts and share each other's appreciation for fine arts and crafts.

**Mesa Arts, 135 E. Maple, Birmingham.**

When you're in search of the perfect down pillow and you come up empty-handed, what's there to do but open your own bedding accessories boutique? Such was the inspiration behind **Cristions**, the newly opened fine linens shop in downtown Birmingham.

Manager Kathy Thornton relays the "pillow talk" while showing off the sumptuous European linens that spill from cupboards and swaddle beds inside the restful dove gray-painted shop. The cottons here are no less than 300 thread-count, a fact easily established by careful caress. You'll find Anichini Italian sheets and coverlets in their original matelasse pattern as well as tapestry prints and other custom-order designs.

Delicate hemstitching distinguishes Bellino linens, and Swiss lace is the hallmark of Bischoff, whose boudoir pillows carry a \$300 price tag. Exclusive to the store is the Ludovica line of embroidered linens with which you can customize your entire bedroom, from upholstered headboard to bedskirt. If Irish linen is your preference, choose Greenhorn sheets and cases.

The shop also carries linen and cotton hand towels, Aromatherapy of Rome candles, reasonably priced down products, Christy Egyptian cotton towels and chenille and cashmere throws.

Don't miss the exquisite baby bedding and christening gowns. Liz Wain creates whimsical hand-painted children's linens and Nay-Et-Al designs more formal washable silk crib dressings. Anichini bibs and cashmere baby blankets round out the layette lair.

**Cristions, 215 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham.**



**Italian textiles:** Elegant Anichini linens dress a bed at Cristions in Birmingham.

Picture a seaside cottage, an Up North retreat or a casually sophisticated downtown bungalow. These abodes conjure images of well-worn antiques mixed with white linens, colorful ceramics, painted furniture and buckets of fresh flowers. That's just the sort of eclectic and charming decor you'll find inside **Home**, the new furnishing and gift emporium in downtown Royal Oak.

Home is the brainchild of family members Joanne Pintar, Julie Ann Brewster and Ronda Jemison of Royal Oak. "We always wanted our own store and we decided to open a shop filled with the stuff we love," says Joanne. The Royal Oak location was a given, as the clan has lived in town for the past 75 years.

The trio's tag sale savvy is evident in the shop's cozy collection of farm tables, painted benches, Windsor chairs, vintage mantels and pie safes. Obviously they know their way around a flea market. "When we see it, we know," says Joanne. "We like to mix styles, generations and eras."

All of their scavenged finds plus an array of reproduction and slip-covered furniture and some whimsical accessories, are combined in room vignettes within the store.

The French entrance parlor, for example, enchants with black and white striped wallpaper, framed tulip photographs and a black painted settle. In the garden room, find French country sap buckets painted in the colors of Provence. An armoire, vintage green chest and Victorian patchwork pillows add charm to the den, while a huge crackle-finish farm table takes center stage in the dining room. Kitchen cupboards hold vintage restaurant ware and an iron cottage bed defines the boudoir. Just like home, the space is in constant flux.

"That's what makes it fun," smiles Julie Ann. "It's an ever-changing environment. We get to redecorate every day."

**Home, 414 S. Washington, Royal Oak.**



**Eclectic interiors:** Mesa Arts has a mix of original furniture and accessories.

**News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 10**

### REV'N READ

The General Motors Women's Club of Detroit presents a "Book Fair" at Livonia Mall to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The books are from "Books Are Fun," and the prices are discounted from 40-70 percent below retail. The sale continues through Sept. 12 during mall hours. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

### OUTTA SIGHT

Selima, Soho's hip new spectacle designer, exhibits her optical fashions at Shades in Birmingham, from 6-9 p.m. See the hottest French frames to hit the eye scene in 20 years. Shades, 205 E. Maple, Birmingham.

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 12**

### TROPICAL TREAT

The Living Science Foundation presents "Rainforest" at Livonia Mall. Shows are every hour from 12-3 p.m. at the stage near Crowley's. Meet and touch Monty, the Burmese python; Dali, the Salvador monitor lizard; Greystoke, the African gray parrot and many other rainforest creatures. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13**

### COOL CLOTHES

Teen Explosion presents a "Back to Skool Days" Fashion Show Extravaganza at Livonia Mall, 2 p.m. on the stage near Crowley's. The show features teen

clothing as seen in Delia's, Girlfriends, Just Nikki and Moxiegirl catalogs. The first 25 people to purchase back-to-school wear at Teen Explosion will receive a gift certificate. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

### WELL ENGINEERED

The Plymouth "Model Railroad & Toy Train Show" returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center during "Fall Festival." Show hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$4; ages 4-12 \$1. Dealers and collectors will sell new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy train supplies. The Plymouth Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 17**

### A LA MODE

Saks Fifth Avenue and Mode magazine present the fall 1998 collection for sizes 14-24, featuring Michele Weston, fashion and style director for Mode. 6:30 p.m. Call (248) 614-3323 for more information. Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy.

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# Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank You.

who have the 1987 Santa Bear.

- A sterling silver dog tag can be found in the Fall/Winter JCPenney catalog on pg. 375.
- Short hair wigs can be found in the Paula Young Wigs catalog (800) 343-9695, also at Crowley's and at Jean's Boutique at 20733 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe (313) 882-4559.
- An electric curling brush can be found at Kohl's and Target.
- Slow Poke candy on a stick at Arbor Drugs.
- Hudson's carries stainless steel electric fry pans by Farberware.

### What We Found:

- Linda is a distributor for Finelle eye shadow and Joyce has a box of Crown Pilot crackers she will sell for \$5. Kristen has old Civil Defense items (tin cans of unopened food).
- Adele has some old magazines with Princess Diana.
- Arlene has a bottle of INFINY perfume for Tisha.
- Sally has Ickel, Spickle Robin for Francis.
- Magnetic playing cards can be found at General Trailer in Waterford and Palm Beach Patio in Waterford and at Brookstone's in Lakeside Mall.
- Kirks Castille hard water soap can be found at Meijer in Westland and at Danny's Supermarkets and L & L Grocery on Adams and University in Rochester.
- For John, attachments for vacuums can be found at A-1 Sew and Vacuum (313) 422-6226.
- Johnny on the Spot Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning on Nine Mile in Novi will pick up and clean large area rugs, as will Hagopian Carpet Cleaners.
- Frames Base Gallery has a 1982 Montreux Jazz Festival poster (248) 549-1640.
- Lower case stencils can be found at the Teacher's Store on Middlebelt in Livonia.
- Sue has a "Henry" dog, will sell for \$5.
- Madge has a stem for a Pyrex coffee pot.
- Sue has a Broiler/Rotisserie that sits on the counter.
- Found a number of people

### We're still looking for:

- Theresa is looking for Laura Ashley #1 fragrance.
- Dale is looking for a Dog Groomer who works out of the house.
- Stephanie wants Clairol Kindness Electric Hair rollers (19) for short hair.
- Judy is looking for Maple Buns and Bottle Cap candy.
- Dee wants a Potter's Wheel.
- Linda wants a "Kenner's Cricket" Doll.
- Doreen is looking for a 1970 "Chadsey" High school yearbook.
- The Hallmark Rocking Horse series ornament (not mini size) for Rita.
- Doyle Pineapple Juice frozen concentrate in a can.
- Ruth from Bloomfield township is looking for BLEYLE slacks made in Germany.
- Sharon is looking for Heatherwood Floor stain by Glidden in a 2 gallon can.
- Joyce is looking for an antique ear horn from the last century.
- Mary from Beverly Hills wants a copy of the 1978 "Seaholm" yearbook.
- Pat from Redford is looking

for Pivot Men and Women's Golf Wear, used to be able to buy at Hudson's or Sak's.

- Linda is looking for a 1969 Lincoln Park High yearbook.
- Simplicity Moisturizer eye cream/eye gel for Margaret. Hudson's used to carry it.
- Thomas is looking for a Weather Eye by MacDonald Industries and distributed by R.J. MacDonald Int'l. Corp.
- Tisha is looking for METAL perfume by Paco Rabon.
- Sue is looking for a "Bubble" Comb from the '60s/'70s. It has 2/3 rows of teeth with a handle.
- Nancy wants a game from the '60s, "Pig in the Garden".
- Sally has five Frank Sinatra 12" LPs from the 1950s in excellent condition she wants to sell.
- Kathy wants Britannia baggy blue jeans in women's petite sizes, use to be able to buy at Target or Kmart.
- Bob from Farmington wants a copy of the movie "Robinson Crusoe on Mars". It is a Sci-Fi movie from the 1960s.
- Virginia is looking for paint for her Sacred Heart garden statue (a dull) wash with gold paint and she also wants a 33x70 lattice or resin free-standing privacy screen to be used outdoors.
- Cammie and Janet are looking for the 1967 "Oak Park" High School yearbook.
- Joyce is looking for a 1996 Beatrix Potter (Easter) ornament made by Hallmark.
- Lena wants the game Generation Gap.
- Corelle "Country Violets" is wanted by Loretta.
- Ann is looking for a telescoping mirror on a stand, made by TOTAL-VUE.
- Jackie is looking for a 1966 "Catholic Central" (Girls) yearbook. It was located at Parsons and Woodward in Detroit.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas



PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Vision quest: Julia Gogosha in eyewear sculptures by Selima at Shades Optical.

## Eyewear design more than a look; some claim it's an emerging art

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Art and fashion have always been dysfunctional cousins.

The apparent difference is that art can make you feel and think, while fashion, well, it can make you look good.

Substance versus style. Depth versus superficiality. Is there a difference?

Welcome to the brink of the 21st century where you, too, can look how you feel and feel how you look.

And with the latest stylistic inventions in eyewear, there seems to be common ground between visceral aesthetics and breezy utility.

On Thursday, one of the world's leading eyewear designers, Selima, will bring her funky and colorful optical sculptures to Shades in downtown Birmingham.

"It's been big in Europe for years," said Julia Gogosha, who organized the Selima exhibit. "People wear eyeglasses as if to wear a mood."

Typically, prices for a "mood" begin at a couple hundred dol-

lars. To feel like a jet-setter, a hand-made "mood" will cost plenty.

Since the mid 1980s, eyewear has emerged as a fashionable accessory. Perhaps it took a while to recover from the bloated styles of the disco decade. But more likely, said Gogosha, it's been the heightened awareness about fashionable clothing, from formal attire to casual clothing to sneakers.

In many ways, the popularity and talk of eyewear as an "art" parallels the recent emergence of jewelry as an accepted artform, said Dr. William Koppin, an optometrist and owner of Shades.

Several highly acclaimed jewelry exhibits have toured the country, including a show two years ago at the Cranbrook Art Museum.

Next year, Koppin plans to sponsor an exhibit of eyewear created by European artists commissioned by Anne et Valentin, a leading international retailer of eyewear. The exhibit, said Koppin, likely will be held at a local gallery or art center, he said.

Opening Shades in 1989, Koppin set out to "change the optical industry." In appearances and laid-back atmosphere, Shades defies the traditional doctor's decorum. The design of the store combines an urban grittiness with a cosmopolitan hipness.

In the small quarters at the back of Shades, Koppin performs eye examinations with the familiar, time-tested optical equipment.

But dressed in a stylish jacket and shirt, and wearing tinted wire-frame glasses, Koppin appears more like a fashion consultant. His framed degree from Indiana University, which hangs on the wall in his office, however, attests to his optometric proficiency.

"This has to be fun for me and the client," said Koppin. "We set out to create an experience of fashion, art and medical."

In business terms, that approach is called by an optical name - "vision."

**Shades Optical, Selima and You!**

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### RETAIL DETAILS

#### ALL THAT JAZZ

Tel-Twelve Mall presents Fashion Jazz Fridays this month in the Center Court from 12-1:30 p.m. Elite Fashions celebrates its new store opening with a series of fashion shows featuring women's designer clothing. Jazz saxophonist Herbie Russ performs live for lunchtime swingers. Tel-Twelve Mall, 28690 Telegraph Road, Southfield.

#### BUG-EYED

Oakland Mall is going "buggy" Sept. 7-Oct. 31 when its "Bugs" exhibit invades the aisles with giant robotic insects. Visitors get a bug's-eye-view of life from interactive learning displays sponsored by Cranbrook Institute of Science, Q-95 and the mall. The huge moving creatures include a praying mantis, scorpion, two carpenter ants and a unicorn beetle. Also included are two static dragonflies with 10-foot gossamer wingspans. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile Road and I-75, Troy.

#### BASH CASH

Hudson's and Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts raised more than \$325,000 at the 29th annual Fash Bash on Aug. 5. Fash Bash is the single largest auxiliary fund-raiser for the DIA and has raised more than \$2 million over the last three decades for acquisitions and programs at the museum.

#### COSMETIC CHANGES

Mary Anne Toccalino, of Toccalino Cosmetic Studio in Birmingham, announces the arrival of a new product line from CARA Cosmetics International. Toccalino will be the exclusive representative of the line in the Detroit area. Best known for their foundations that are specifically formulated for postoperative laser surgery patients, people with melasma, acne and ethnic skin, CARA has introduced a complete product line of fine cosmetics. Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham.

#### FASHION PLATE

European designer Keita Maruyama has transformed his beloved Wedgewood china pattern into an intricate sweater design. The Wedgewood blue cardigan with hand-stitched birds and flowers can be found exclusively at Tender in Birm-

ingham. One of the hottest names on the Tokyo fashion scene, Maruyama's beaded and embroidered sweaters are making news across the country. See his creations at Tender, 271 W. Maple, Birmingham.

### GREAT VACATION GETAWAYS

<p><b>Valentines Day Cruise</b> Carnival February 12, 1999 <b>\$830</b></p> <p>Price includes: 3 night cruise, round trip air, round trip transfer, all meals, all port charges, all entertainment and cancellation insurance.</p>	<p><b>London, Ontario Shopping Spree</b> Saturday, October 10th, 1999 \$35 per person</p> <p>Roundtrip by deluxe motorcoach courtesy of Wilmac Tours. Shopping at the Galleria Mall.</p> <p><b>Majestic Star Casino</b> Gary Indiana, Sept. 12th \$50 per person</p> <p>Roundtrip transportation, \$10 cash back in tokens, all-you-can-eat buffet.</p>	<p><b>Carnival Non-Smoking Cruise</b> June 6th, 1999</p> <p>Round trip air, round trip bus transfers, All meals, taxes and port charges.</p>
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TRAVEL

# Michigan's UP offers a Superior vacation

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

My wife, Debbie, and I had never been deeper into the Upper Peninsula than the Soo and decided this was the year to see what the rest of our Great Lakes State was like.

What we found was miles of clean, uncluttered sand beaches, picturesque rocky shores, endless miles of forest lands, lakes, rivers, dramatic cliffs, waterfalls, pleasant towns, friendly people but no bears.

The UP has yet to be tainted by developers. There are few big motel operations north of St. Ignace. There are few kitschy shops and the forests haven't all been turned into golf courses.

For years we had vacationed in the Sleeping Bear-Leelanau Peninsula. But recently the developers have been encroaching so relentlessly that much of the area's beauty has been compromised and the people crunch around Traverse City makes it seem like you haven't left metro Detroit.

The UP has its tourist attractions (Pictured Rocks and Tahquamenon Falls) and a growing number of Indian casinos scattered about in small towns and large. It also has a history of poverty that is evident in some of the older towns and shabby crossroads. But even some of these places have a relaxed, almost 1950s summer vacation style that is preferable to the prefab vacation towns along Lake Michigan.

Once we crossed the Mighty Mac, we began to notice that the traffic became lighter as we drove along U.S. 2, a beautiful stretch of Lake Michigan beach with scenic stops. The population of the UP is only about 300,000 in an area the size of several New England states combined. Though it gets its share of summer vacationers from lower Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota, the cold Lake Superior waters (a constant 46-48 degrees), the lack of glitz and the vast expanses keep crowds at a minimum even on this ideal August week.

Our first lodging place was the Pinewood Lodge, a bed and breakfast in Au Train operated by Jerry and Jenny Krieg. We selected this place blindly from the Michigan Lake to Lake guide of the Bed & Breakfast Association.

What we found on arrival was stunning. The Pinewood is a large log home overlooking Lake Superior with a long, clean and empty expanse of beachfront inviting long walks to listen to Superior's waves splash along the shore.

The Krieges operate a low-key establishment, allowing their visitors the freedom to explore the walkways and gardens, watch ruby-throated humming birds feed, sit on a swing or in a



**Rocky shores:** The red rocks and green trees make a dramatic contrast on the Keweenaw shores of Lake Superior.

gazebo to watch the sunsets or take a video from a bookcase back to their room. (We watched Jimmy Stewart walk around this area in "Anatomy of a Murder.") But they are also knowledgeable guides to Superior country, quick to offer a little history and geography about the place they love. Jenny Krieg also serves a fine breakfast.

Au Train is convenient for biking, hiking, canoeing, fishing and sightseeing. From here we drove to Munising for the Pictured Rock boat cruise. This is a must. The 2-1/2 hour tour is the easy way to see this beautiful work of nature, soaring cliffs of multi-colors (caused by the seepage of water through the rocks). Our captain was a humorist as well as a guide.

Pictured Rocks can also be hiked and kayaked.

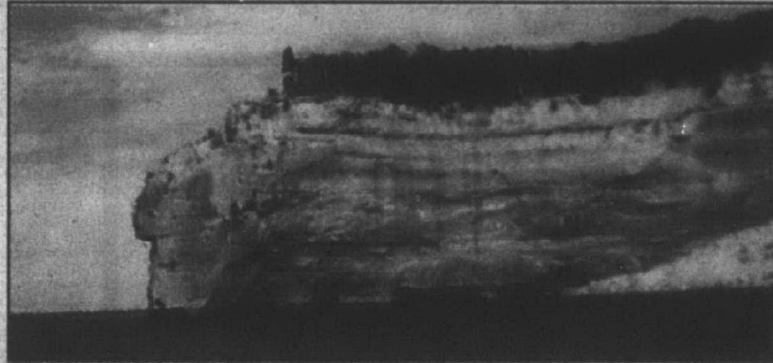
Grand Island National Recreation Area is also near Munising. This is a great place to hike, bicycle and fish. We spent a morning walking in a gentle rain and enjoyed the views and the quiet.

To the west of Au Train is Marquette, the UP's largest city (Pop. 27,000) and home to Northern Michigan University. This is a town that seems to respect its heritage. Many fine 19th century buildings downtown have been restored, including the courthouse featured in "Anatomy of a Murder."

We stopped for a pasty at Jean Kay's, in the shadow of the university's Superior Dome, the world's largest wooden dome. Pasties are a UP culinary specialty invented by Cornish miners to carry a lunch of beef, potatoes, onions and rutabagas in a light pastry crust. Jean Kay serves the best.

Marquette has also preserved its natural heritage on the impressive Presque Isle, a city park that invites hikers and bikers with impressive Lake Superior views.

Moving west, we continued our exploration of the UP by heading for the Keweenaw Peninsula,



**Pictured Rocks:** Indian Head is one of many startling rock formations on the cliffs at Pictured Rocks, best viewed from the water in excursion boats or kayaks.

offering a contrast to the sand beaches of the Munising-to-Marquette area.

On our way to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, we veered off U.S. 41 to drive along the Lake Superior shore on S.R. 26. We came back later to bicycle on this same road because of its dramatic rocky shore and red rock beaches. It was here that we stopped at the Jampot, a bakery and jam store operated by monks. We bought wonderful sweet fruit cake pieces and thimbleberry jam.

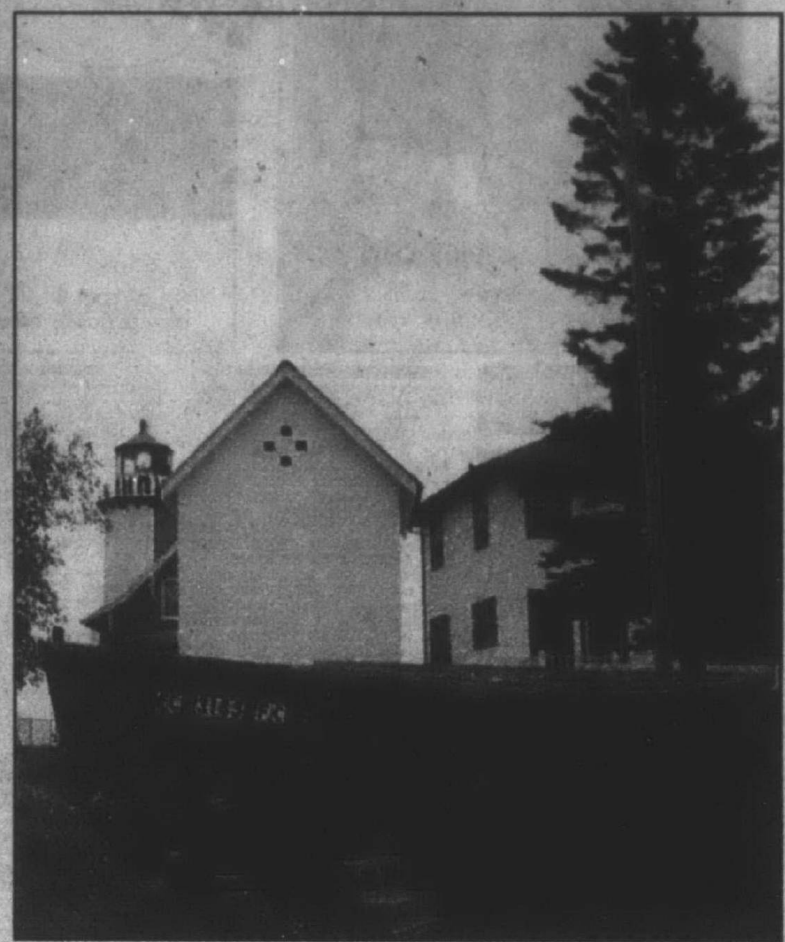
The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor was built in the 1930s by the CCC to provide work in the depressed copper mining country. We stayed in one of the original log cabins, notable for their cleanliness, large stone fireplaces and beautiful views.

The best restaurant we found in Copper Harbor was the wonderful Harbor Haus. Despite a kitschy German restaurant motif, the Harbor Haus serves excellent food with dramatic views of Lake Superior. Everything from the appetizer (light potato pancakes with goat cheese and apples) to the dinner (an amazing grilled trout) to dessert (a raspberry cobbler for two) was excellent and the service from our waitress, Juanita, was warm, considerate and fast, though she was at the end of a

12-hour day.

After our meal we watched the sun set across the bay from the restaurant's long dock.

There were many other great finds on this vacation — two excellent bookstores (84 Charing Cross in Munising and North Wind Books in Eagle Harbor); the Eagle Harbor Inn, which serves good sandwiches and pizza in an attractive wood-paneled nautical setting; numerous waterfalls; scenic turnouts maintained by the state and providing not just rest stops but walking opportunities in beautiful



**Fair warning:** The Eagle Harbor Lighthouse is one of many around the potentially treacherous Keweenaw Peninsula. The lighthouse is now automated and operated as a museum.

settings; a slow drive through the Seney Wildlife Refuge to watch herons and terns; biking opportunities on road and off; lighthouses, especially the Eagle Harbor lighthouse and its friendly guides; the view from Brockway Mountain; the protected beach at Bete Gris where Superior is warm enough to swim (for some); and Fort Wilkins State Park with its excellently recreated fort.

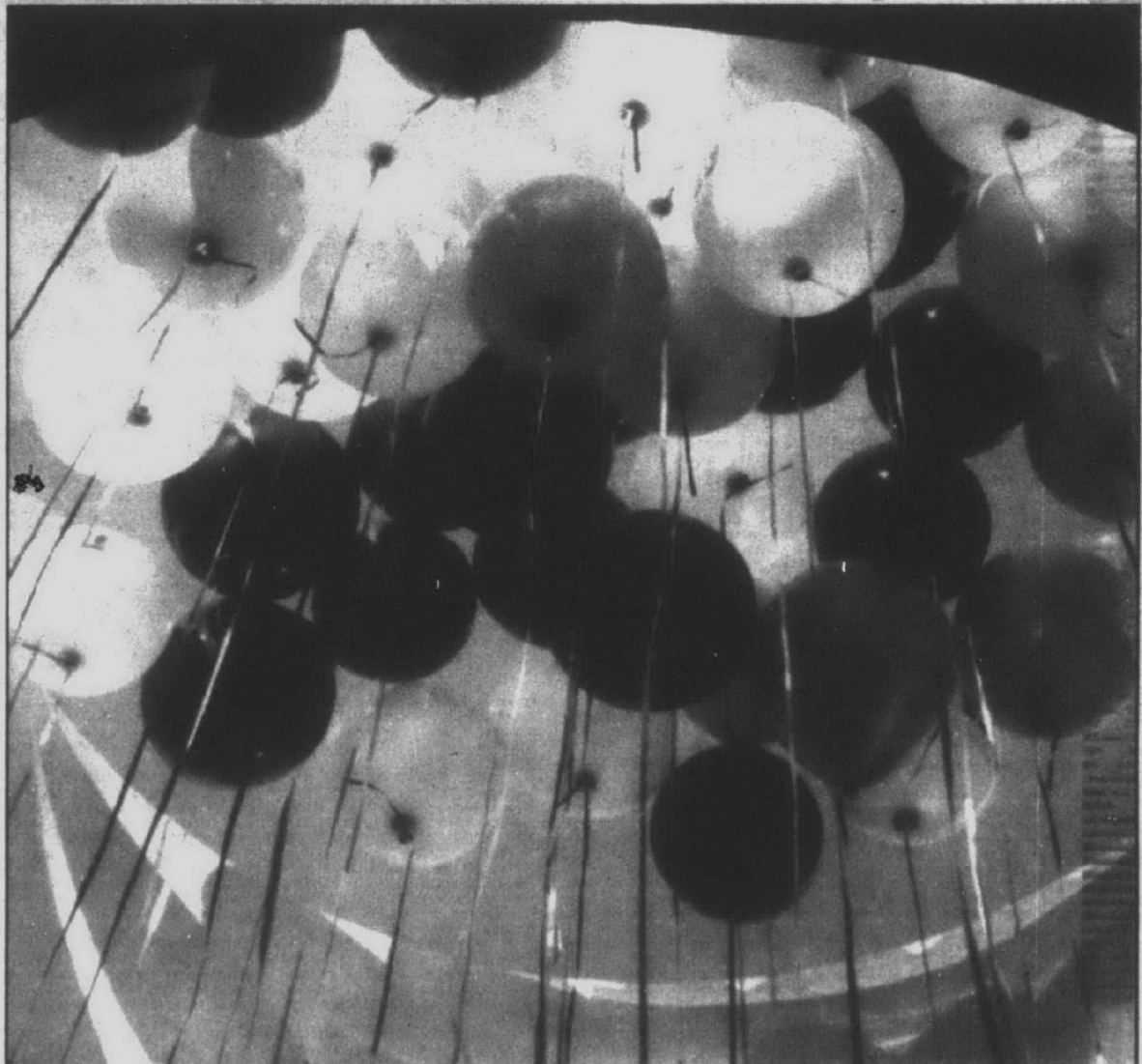
The fall season here, mid-September to early October, should offer unforgettable color views.

The UP is also a winter wonderland of ski resorts and snowmobile trails.

Anyone planning a trip to the UP should consult the excellent Hunt's Guide to Michigan's Upper Peninsula (Midwestern Guides, \$15.95), a great resource for discovering both the major attractions and off-the-beaten track treasures.

(Next week, closer to home in a foreign country.)

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## Salem still unbeaten

The weather was good and so was the condition of the tennis courts, a combination of factors Plymouth Salem refused to let escape Thursday at Belleville. After splitting in singles play, the Rocks swept the Tigers in doubles to post a 6-2 victory.

The triumph pushed Salem's record to 3-0.

It was tough going for the Rocks in the singles' flights. No. 1 Amanda Miller didn't have too much trouble, besting Belleville's Andrea Sprague 7-5, 6-1. But Molly Martin, at No. 2, was beaten by the Tigers' Kristy Dargo 6-0, 6-2.

At No. 3, Salem's Jana Doroshko recovered after losing the first set to Kristina Goitra 6-2, bouncing back to win the match 6-2, 6-4. At No. 4, Belleville's Anna Wisniewski and Salem's Jacqui Slobodnick got locked up in a three-set struggle, which Wisniewski won 6-4, 0-6, 6-4.

The doubles, however, was all Salem. The Rocks didn't lose a single set; indeed, none of their doubles teams lost more than two games in any set.

Erin Griffith and Sarah Kindred beat Katie Jacobs and Kelly Keor 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1; Megan Bohr and Nina Nowicki were 6-1, 6-2 victors over Jenny Smith and Dawn Thornton at No. 2; at No. 3, Devin Burnstein and Kelly Lehane topped Nikki Voss and Edith Pasztem 6-2, 6-1; and at No. 4, it was Neha Patel and Kristen Thomas bettering Joy Allen and Riziell Francisco 6-1, 6-2.

The Rocks host Livonia Franklin in their first match of the Western Lakes Activities Association season at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

## Fast start

Pack-running: That's what Plymouth Canton girls cross country coach George Przygodski thought his team would do well, and that's what they showed in their season-opening race last Thursday.

Competing against four other Oakland County teams at the Red Hawk Invitational, hosted by Troy Athens, the Chiefs finished second with 73 points. Athens won, scoring 15; Birmingham Seaholm was third (81), with Royal Oak Dondero fourth (130) and Madison Heights Lamphere fifth (139). Runners from Clawson and Ferndale did not post a score.

"We're off to a good start," said Przygodski. "And we have a meet under our belts."

Canton used two packs to do its scoring. In the first, Terra Kubert led, placing 10th overall in 23:15. Right behind her was Sara Debien in 11th (23:16) and Billie Pavlovic in 13th (23:26). The second pack for the Chiefs featured Erin O'Rourke, 23rd (24:13) and Alison Mills, 26th (24:36). Rachel Lindman placed 30th (25:12), with Amy Rogerson 31st (25:13).

Canton opens its Western Lakes Activities Association season Thursday against North Farmington, Livonia Churchill and Walled Lake Central, at Central.

## Soccer news

•The Canton Conquest, an under-12 girls select soccer team, reached the finals in their age division at the Northwest Ohio Festival Tournament Aug. 15-16 before losing to SC (Ohio) Extreme. The Conquest finished 2-1-1 in the tourney.

Team members are Erica Arndt, Kristen Boylan, Lisa Ealy, Taylor Foley, Baily Fagan, Collette Gillman, Amy Gizicki, Nicole Hardy, Andrea Johnson, Jennifer Little, Megan McCarthy, Katie Polera, Molly Priebe and Katie Raker. The team is coached by Rich Priebe and John Johnson.

•The Canton Dynamite, an under-11 girls select team, also reached the finals in their division at the Northwest Ohio Tournament Aug. 15-16 before losing to the Bay Storm (Ohio). The Dynamite finished 2-2 in the tourney.

Team members are Angie Bond, Lauren Delapaz, Jenna Dreher, Lindsey Fanning, Jessica Hanley, Becci Houdek, Megan Justus, Ashley Kline, Jenny Krajovic, Mary Mattarella, Courtney Pickard, Brittany Scero, Claire Zelmanski and Kelsey Zemanski. The team is coached by Craig Pickard and Mark Zemanski.

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# Big plays ruin Chiefs' opener

BY SCOTT DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

It isn't often a team compiles nearly twice the rushing yardage of its opponent and loses handily.

But that's what happened to Plymouth Canton in its 33-6 season-opening home loss to Monroe Friday night. The Chiefs ran the ball effectively, but Monroe used a big-play offense to make Tim Baechler's coaching debut a rout.

"Big plays crush a team that doesn't have confidence," he said after the game. "We gave them too many big plays."

The Trojans' speed killed Canton all night. That point was illustrated on the opening kick off as Carl Ford blew by the Chiefs for an 88-yard touchdown return.

"We looked pretty silly at times trying to tackle him," said Baechler.

The Chiefs were guilty of poor tackling at times. But the first-year coach had a good explanation.

"It's hard to hit what you can't catch," Baechler commented.

Statistically, Canton ran 55 plays to Monroe's 27 and held a big time-of-possession advantage. The Chiefs outrushed the visitors 140-83.

"We did do some things well," Baechler said. "We controlled the clock. You have to look at the positives."

And the negatives, too.

Monroe quarterback Brad Ruman had a huge game. The 6-foot senior connected on 7 of 10 passes for a whopping 207 yards. He ran for a third touchdown as well.

Baechler said it was more than just one man that did the damage to his team, however.

"A good strong program beat us," he said. "That's what we want to become."

Canton will try to rebound against 1-0 Westland John Glenn Friday on the road.

The Chiefs must avoid falling in the hole early like they did against Monroe.

The Trojans' Kent Brinson caught the opening kickoff and handed off to Ford on a reverse. From there, the speedy senior receiver just burned by everybody and galloped 88 yard to make it 6-0 at 11:45.

Canton geared up its running game



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**Gang-tackled:** Canton sophomore running back Jerry Gaines (20) found out what that meant against Monroe Friday. The Chiefs had more rushing yards and more plays, but far fewer points against their state-ranked opponent. Gaines finished with 40 rushing yards on 14 carries.

on its first drive. The Chiefs, in fact, ran 17 plays after starting on their own 26-yard line. But the drive stalled on Monroe's 40 and the Chiefs were forced to punt.

Monroe wasted little time making it

12-0. The Trojans needed just more than a minute after taking over on their own 20-yard line.

Ruman hit Mark Graham for a 28-yard pass on the first play from scrimmage. Three plays later the duo

hooked up again for a 34-yard touchdown.

Canton, again, took a lot of time off the clock with their drive. Nick Stonebrook and Jerry Gaines both ran for

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# Turnovers cost Rocks against Tigers

Plymouth Salem can take something besides a touchdown from its first football game of the 1998 season: the knowledge it might not be half bad if it can just eliminate its mistakes.

Salem turned the ball over five times Friday night at Belleville, and the Tigers turned the miscues into a 16-6 victory.

The Rocks, who trailed 16-0 at halftime, scored the only points of the second half but they came too late.

Fullback Eric Peterson plunged a yard with 3:38 to play and the two-point pass attempt failed.

Salem showed spunk, though, from the first play of the game to the last.

The Rocks opened the contest with a flea-flicker attempt. And while quarterback Matt Fair's pitch

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didn't hit its mark, it was a play which kept people from falling asleep.

The intended receiver was looking at a big gainer had the play clicked.

Salem's quickness kept it from being dominated by a bigger Belleville team.

The Rocks threw for 100 yards and rushed for 101. Fair was the leading rusher with eight for 39 yards. He also had 110 passing yards on 7-for-19 throwing but had three interceptions.

Salem fumbled twice and lost the ball both times as three drives that appeared they were going into the end zone were stopped by turnovers. The Rocks

also had a passed dropped in the end zone.

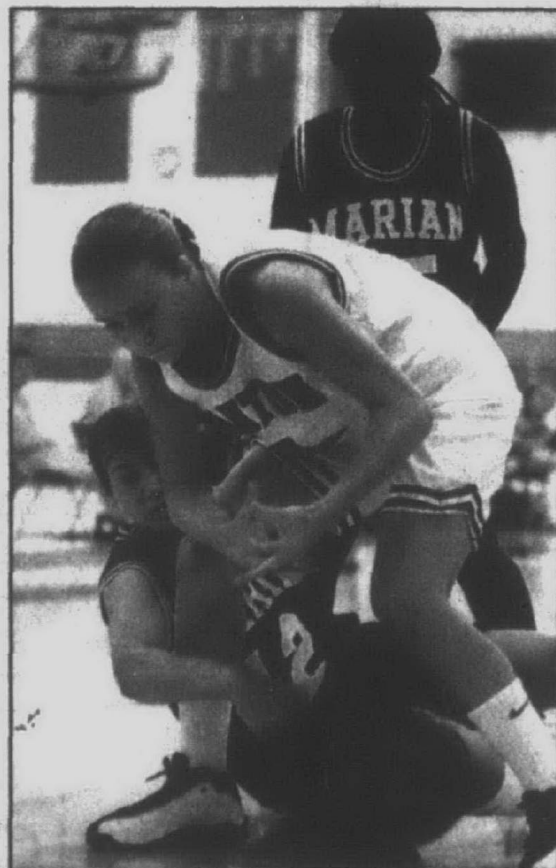
Meantime, the stubborn Plymouth defense was grudgingly giving up 301 yards to Belleville's offense. The Tigers rushed 40 times for 213 yards and completed 4-of-7 passes for 83 yards.

Belleville turned the ball over, too, losing both fumbles and having one pass intercepted. Fullback Gregg Terrell ran for 109 yards on 17 rushes.

The Tigers went out front 2-0 when the Rocks made a high punt snap and compounded it by accidentally booting the ball out of the end zone at 5:56 of the first period.

Terrell burst 27 yards with 3:45 to make it 9-0 and at 4:41 of the second quarter upped Belleville's lead to 16-0 on a 53-yard pass between quarter-

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**Swarmed:** Salem's Paula McKernan has the ball knocked away by Marian's Angie Sheldon.

# Outgunned

## Marian pressure crushes Canton

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

The final score — 58-42 — is deceiving. Plymouth Canton wasn't that close, didn't pose nearly that much of a threat, to a very solid Birmingham Marian girls basketball team Thursday at Canton.

In fact, the Chiefs scored eight of the game's final 10 points and outscored Marian 15-7 in the last quarter to make the outcome seem respectable. But in reality, Canton had no chance after falling behind by 17 at halftime (36-19) and 24 after three quarters (51-27).

In other words, it was a good old-fashioned fanny-kicking.

"Pressure — that's it, in a word," was Canton coach Bob Blohm's game description. He was referring to the full-court press applied by the Mustangs, which caused the Chiefs so much anguish. In fact, Canton had more turnovers (12) than shots (eight) in the first quarter. For the game, the Chiefs had a gruesome

total of 34 turnovers.

"We knew it was coming," said Blohm of the Mustangs' in-your-face defense. "But it's not the same as facing it. Marian's a good team, and their pressure is a big part of their offense."

Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone could not have been happier with the win. A year ago, her Mustangs did about the same thing to Canton, dismembering the Chiefs by 18 points early in the season. Then in the state regional final, Canton had Marian teetering on the edge of defeat, leading by six with three minutes left in the game. Only a 16-4 run down the stretch saved the Mustangs.

"We played well," she said after Thursday's victory. "I've got a lot of seniors, and that helps. (Our defense) was good today, and we got out on them early. We did a good job on offense."

As for beating the often-troublesome Chiefs, Cicerone said, "That

was nice. He gave me heartburn last year (in the regionals). We had beat them by 15 or so in our first meeting and they really pushed us in the regional."

A possible rematch in the state tournament, while not out of the question, is even more unlikely this season than it was last year. Not that the Mustangs, now 2-0, won't be there; they will be. Canton (1-2), however, has no more size than last year's team (Janell Tweitmeyer, at 5-foot-10, was the biggest player on last season's team; she is this year, too), and has far less experience. Six of the top eight players on the 1997 squad are gone.

That lack of experience was blatantly evident Thursday. Marian never trailed, nor was it in danger of being behind. The Mustangs led 12-1 with 4:30 left in the first quarter; they had forced five turnovers before Janine Guastella scored Can-

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

# Salem has a cast for a repeat run

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was the kind of season a coach loves, or at least very close to it.

Plymouth Salem's boys cross country team saved its best for last in 1997 and finished first at the Western Lakes Activities Association championship meet, outrunning main rival Walled Lake Central by 19 points. It was, as Rocks' coach Geoff Baker described it, "our best meet of the year as a team."

Other good ones were to come. Salem won its Class A state regional at Ann Arbor Pioneer, although at the time Baker said "we didn't run our best." At the state meet, held at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, the Rocks struggled a bit in the sloppy conditions but still managed to place eighth.

They had hoped for something a bit better, it's true. But with their top two runners returning and four of their top seven, what last year's state meet disappointment adds up to is determination for this season.

"We have the one-two (punch)," said Baker. "We do have the frontrunners. Now we just have to put that next three up there."

"We've got the makings of a quality team."

It starts with seven seniors, including Nick Allen and Jon Little, the team's top two runners last season. Allen finished second at the WLAA finals (to Livonia Stevenson's Rob Block), was third in the regional and 10th at state.

Little ran right with Allen, placing third in the WLAA, fourth in the regional and 21st at state. This will mark Little's fourth year on Salem's varsity; Allen's in his third, having played soccer as a freshman.

Having those two back is a great way to start. But what's even better for Salem, what makes the Rocks the favorite to repeat as WLAA champions, is the rest of the lineup.

Also returning are two other

seniors who were both pivotal to the team's success in 1997: Bobby Cushman and Matt Anderson. Together with Allen and Little, they share the captainship.

Anderson placed 12th at the WLAA meet, but illness hurt his performance after that; he was 61st at the regional and finished 93rd in the team race (162nd overall) at state. Cushman was also hurting down the stretch, bothered by a leg injury suffered during practice just prior to the WLAA meet. He didn't score in the WLAA, but did manage to place 50th in the regional meet. He finished 258th at state.

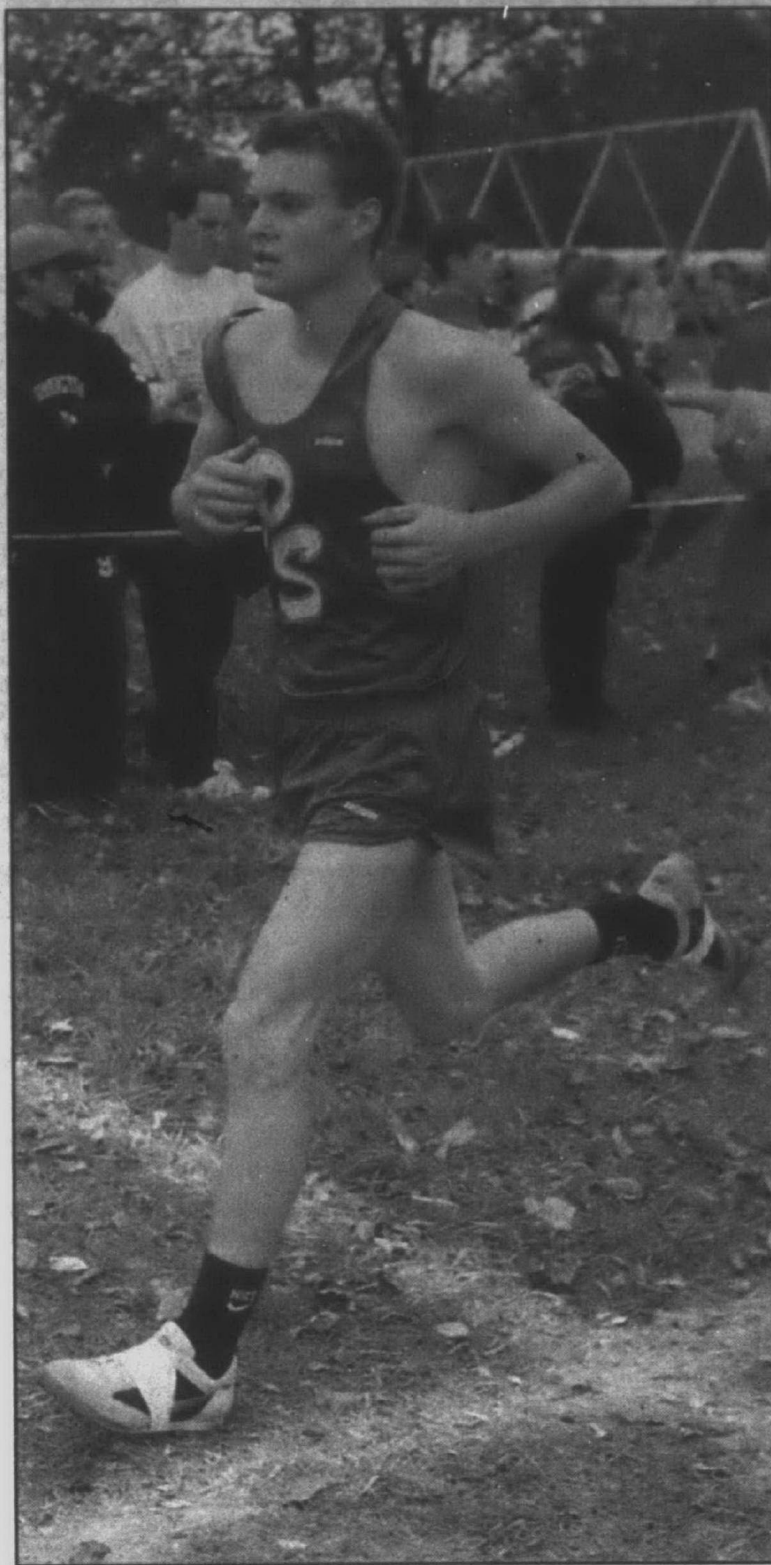
"This is probably the most talented group of seniors I've ever had coming back," said Baker.

Other seniors include Trevor Davis, entering his second year on the team, and two first-year runners who could make an impact on the team: Pat O'Connor, who ran track last spring, and Chris Breest. "They could crack the top seven," said Baker of O'Connor and Breest.

Of the underclassmen, those who must help make up for the loss of graduates Ian Searcy (sixth at state meet last year), Dave Rowe and Adam Barbara, the most impressive seem to be sophomores Manvir Gill and Craig Little. Others to watch include sophomores Mark Bolger, Rob Showalter and Donnie Warner, who doubles as a keeper on the Salem junior varsity soccer team.

With his top four runners seemingly set, what Baker must do is find a reliable fifth man and two others who will challenge the first five. That would help prevent a repeat of what happened at state last season, when Salem had three runners finish in the top 21 but only one of the others could crack the top 100.

That kind of depth will be needed just to repeat in the WLAA, never mind the state meet. Salem isn't the only team with a payback agenda; Central beat the Rocks last season in their dual meet and beat them at



Fast-paced: One very good reason Salem is favored to repeat in the WLAA is co-captain Nick Allen, who placed 10th at last season's state meet.

the state finals, finishing seventh. The only time the Vikings couldn't better the Rocks (in major races) was at the WLAA meet.

"Central should be tough again," said Baker. "As far as I know, they only lost one runner from their team of a year ago."

Other actual title challengers within the league will be difficult to find. Livonia Stevenson is one, and Baker said Livonia Franklin looked strong.

But it'll probably come down to a two-team race within the league, and that could be a good race indeed.

# Canton must fill some big shoes

BY C.J. RISAK  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was great for Plymouth Canton, to see its No. 1 boys cross country runner of a year ago — Shaun Moore — earn all-state honors by finishing the individual race at state meet in 22nd place. Moore was 11th at the state regional.

But that's all over and done with. Moore is a freshman at University of Michigan-Dearborn; two other key members of the 1997 Canton team, Jerry Reynolds and Brian Boyd, have also graduated.

Which means Chiefs' coach Mike Spitz must fill a few holes if his team is to at least keep pace in the very tough Western Lakes Activities Association.

In fact, that would be a considerable achievement, Spitz said. "It's going to be tough for us to improve over last year in this league," he said (Canton placed sixth, six points out of fourth). "I told our guys a good goal for us is to hold our place at the conference meet."

That won't be easy, especially after losing quality runners like Moore, who also placed fourth at the WLAA finals; Reynolds, who took 19th (he was 40th at regionals); and Boyd, who was 45th (and took 77th at regionals).

But the cupboard is not bare. Not at all.

Spitz has a half-dozen seniors to build around, five of them with at least three years of experience. At the top of Spitz's list are Steve Antonucci and Bryan Kulczycki, the latter in his first year on the team. "They've been around the most, they've been working the most, so I figure they'll show the best performances," he said.

Other seniors to watch are four-year veterans Joe Niemiec, who was the Chiefs' No. 3 man in '97 by season's end (he was 37th at WLAA and 75th at regional), Chris Bray and Tom Hanson. Taggart Anderson is another senior with potential, now in his third year on the squad.

Among the underclassmen, the most promising are sophomores

Marty Kane, who ran last season and was a strong performer on the track team, placing fifth in the state regional in the 800-meter run; and Jon Mikosz, who scored for Canton at both the WLAA meet (47th) and the regional (78th).

Kane "ran last year and got better and better," said Spitz. "He's been training over the summer and he looks good. He's a young man with very high standards for himself."

Others Spitz believes will contribute this season are junior Galen Elias and sophomores Kyle Pitt, Steve Bernacki and Dave Hylko. All but Hylko ran cross country last season; Hylko did run track.

How much they can contribute is difficult to ascertain. "I don't know if they're ready to go against some of the varsity teams around here," the Chiefs' coach said.

"It's really just a matter of how they respond to training and if they can stay healthy."

For the Chiefs to at least match last season's sixth-place finish at the conference meet, they'll have to get solid performances from their younger runners — that much is certain. Because nothing will come easily in the WLAA.

"I think it'll be an interesting conference meet," said Spitz. "Walled Lake Central has a lot of kids back, and they have a new coach. (Livonia) Stevenson, too. . . . I don't know where they'll be, but they'll be up near the top."

Others Spitz said to be wary of were Livonia Churchill and Northville.

But the favorite is the defending champions, Plymouth Salem, which returns four of its top six runners, including its best two. "The only question for them is where their fourth and fifth guys come from," said Spitz.

And Canton? The Chiefs might not be able to challenge Salem or Central, who should be well ahead of the rest of the pack, but they could have enough to give anyone else in the league a bit of a race.

# Despite losses, Shamrocks look to be strong

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

## CC PREVIEW

Tony Magni just finished his 25th year as Redford Catholic Central's boys cross country coach.

If he stays another 25 years he'll almost be in the sport as long as legendary starter Kermit Ambrose. Well, Magni better challenge Ambrose in a race because he'll never catch him in longevity.

If Ambrose is at the upper tier of men in his profession, then Magni is at the top of the one below it.

CC has won 12 Catholic League championships in his 25 seasons, including eight of the last 10. The Shamrocks have been nearly as successful in Class A regionals, winning four of the last six and 10 overall.

So what's their chances for another?

Four starters graduated — Matt Shannon, Joe Hubert, Wayne Briggee and Mark Coleman — from a team that won a regional championship at Royal Oak Kimball and placed 11th at the state meet.

Shannon was 31st individually at the state meet and the Shamrocks had three others among the top 70.

The Shamrocks have another big team, turning out about 50 runners to compete for spots on the varsity and junior varsity.

Birmingham Brother Rice could be a major threat to end the Shamrocks' latest run, both in the league and at the regional, Magni said.

Rice senior Ben Evans is one of the top returning runners in the state.

"Our first two runners could beat their number two but after that it'll be a dogfight," Magni said.

The Shamrocks, who open the season on Saturday, Sept. 12 at

the West Bloomfield Invitational, will compete again at the Kimball regional. The route isn't as scenic as most courses, but it always attracts a strong field.

"The Rochester schools are always very good and Troy is good," Magni said. "Rice is very good, especially this year. We have close to 50 kids but we're not as deep among the top runners as we were in the past. We're a little thin right now and that might hurt us."

Among the leading returnees are eight seniors, led by Dan Jess, Jim Curtiss, Mark Repasky and Brian Kuszynski. Jess is the only returnee with varsity experience, running "decent at the state meet," according to Magni.

Jess put in his miles over the summer despite also putting in time with the CC basketball team at camps.

"I've never really had basketball player runners before," Magni said. "Dan will be one of the best runners around. He is probably the one that stands out more than any other, doing well

in both sports."

Another senior, Brian Hannah, had mononucleosis in the spring and had to skip the track season.

"He hasn't really got it back together yet," Magni said. "I hope he's back in the middle of the season, or towards the end. He's a key for us."

Junior John DiGiovanni is "going to be one of the better ones around," according to Magni. "He was a very good sophomore."

A pair of sophomores, Matt

Daly and Tim Henderson, have looked impressive in the preseason, according to Magni.

"Hopefully they can step up and be varsity runners sometimes," Magni said.

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# MHSAA's playoff plan has support of coaches

A plan for expanding the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Football Playoffs has been developed over the summer, and will be presented in detail to the member schools this fall for their approval.

A final vote will be taken by the group's Representative Council at its fall meeting Dec. 2 in Traverse City.

"This plan incorporates a number of changes from how the MHSAA Football Playoffs have been conducted in the past, including classification of schools for the tournament and how playoff points are used in the process," said Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "Many people who opposed previous playoff expansion plans see this as a way of getting quality teams into the tournament, and at the same time, relieving some of the pressure on leagues and conferences, and on schools which historically have trouble scheduling opponents."

Ideas for playoff expansion were initially reviewed in June by a focus group of coaches and administrators.

A plan was further refined from that meeting, and then reviewed at the summer

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workshop of the Michigan Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators on July 22; the board of directors of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association; and the summer meeting of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals on Aug. 4.

Using input from those meetings, the MHSAA staff will present at its annual Update Meeting series through October a plan which will include these features:

- A five-week, 256-team playoff of eight divisions, each with an equal number of schools, still ending Thanksgiving weekend;
- No teams with losing records would qualify;
- All teams with six or more wins would qualify. Some teams with five wins may qualify on the basis of their playoff point average, with a nearly equal number of additional qualifiers being selected from Classes A, B, C and D;
- A nearly equal percentage of schools

sponsoring football, approximately 40 percent, would qualify from each of the four classes, up from 18 percent in Class A, 17 percent in Class B, 19 percent in Class C, and 38 percent in Class D, when compared to 1997 qualifiers;

"The selection of 256 teams, their classification into eight divisions of 32 schools each, and their assignment into regions and districts would all occur on "Selection Sunday" at the conclusion of the regular season. Playoff point averages, with no changes to the current system, would be used to seed teams within their geographic district and to determine district pairings and hosts.

"I think it's the best plan we've seen," said Plymouth Salem football coach Tom Moshimer, who is entering his 40th season of coaching. "I'm in favor of it."

"Now I've always felt in the past that at 6-3 sometimes you don't want to make the playoffs because that would mean you'd play a 9-0 team first. But the benefits are for a team that might have started slow and would be eliminated from the playoffs even if they finished well. A team would lose its first

two games and be out of it even if it won its next seven."

Moshimer added that a shift in scheduling could be anticipated. "Before, you'd set up your schedule for playoff points. Now it will be to get wins."

Following the presentation of the plan to school administrators at the Update meetings, a mail survey will be sent to football sponsoring schools so that that Representative Council meeting in December, the final plan, its rationale and its membership's reaction can be used to make a final decision.

The plan would allow, but not require, schools to begin practices and regular season play a week earlier.

The classification process for teams in the tournament would not occur until Selection Sunday, when all of the six-win teams have been identified and additional teams have been added to fill the bracket. (In the past 10 years, no more than 241 schools had six or more wins during the regular season.)

Schools would become aware of the pairings Sunday night or Monday of the first week of the playoffs, the first

three weeks which would be conducted at host schools based on district and regional alignments and playoff point averages.

Semifinal sites would continue to be arranged by the MHSAA office.

The MHSAA Representative Council voted last May to expand the football playoffs, but not to the extent of a six-week, 512-school format. It directed its staff to develop a plan for consideration at its fall meeting.

"Those who have opposed football playoff expansion because it might dilute the playoffs and cause more early-round mismatches may be pleased with this proposal," Roberts said. "Those who didn't want games or practices to start earlier may be less pleased because schools will be able to maintain nine-game regular season schedules only if they start games at week earlier and begin practices two days earlier in five of the next seven years."

The proposal would allow schools to schedule games and practices earlier in 1999. Expansion to the five-week playoff is scheduled to occur in 2000 under this proposal.

## FOOTBALL

### Clarenceville holds off Cranbrook; Rockets romp to victory over Cooley

Walter Ragland and Tim Shaw combined to give Livonia Clarenceville something it hasn't had in at least five years — a season-opening victory.

Ragland scored two touchdowns while Shaw rushed for 107 yards and intercepted a pass Friday night to lead Clarenceville to a 12-6 Metro Conference victory over visiting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Ragland finished with 56 yards on the ground on 20 attempts; Shaw carried the ball 12 times.

Quarterback John Wallace was also on target, completing 5-of-8 passes for 100 yards.

Ragland scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter, capping a 70-yard drive and giving Clarenceville a 6-0 lead at halftime.

The Trojans increased their lead to 12-0 on a 4-yard Ragland run in the third period. It came after Josh Rose recovered a Cranbrook fumble at midfield.

Clarenceville twice tried two-point conversions, missing both. Cranbrook scored in the last

quarter on a 7-yard run.

The Trojan defense forced four turnovers — three fumbles and an interception. Other fumbles were recovered by Tony Rochoza and Mike Wion.

Middle linebacker Josh Fritch had 11 tackles and six assists to lead the defense.

### JOHN GLENN 24, COOLEY 6:

Three touchdowns by senior back Reggie Spearman and a strong defense were all the visiting Rockets needed Friday night to shoot down Detroit Cooley in their mutual season opener.

Spearman scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter, then tallied from 8- and 10-yards out in the second as Westland John Glenn rolled to a 21-0 halftime lead.

The Cardinals notched their lone touchdown in the third period with the Rockets ringing up a 28-yard field goal by Jeremy Catarino in the fourth to close out the scoring.

Spearman finished with 199 yards on 31 carries. John Glenn limited Cooley to just 88 yards

total offense in the game.

### LINCOLN PARK 19, FRANKLIN 0:

It was a long night for the Patriots.

The Railsplitters scored on a 7-yard first-quarter pass from Phil Short to Aaron Ciak to convert a fumbled punt by the Patriots into a touchdown.

The score remained 7-0 through the half and Ciak burst 26 yards in the third quarter to make it 13-0. The 6-foot, 176-pound senior added an 18-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Ciak ended with 132 yards on 11 carries while Short gained 40 on 12. Lincoln Park ran 41 times for 245 yards.

Chris Thomas recovered one Lincoln Park fumble for Franklin.

The Patriots ran 28 times for 84 yards and sophomore Joe Ruggiero threw 19 times, completing six for 42 yards. He was intercepted three times.

Franklin made 12 first downs to 13 for Lincoln Park. The Patriots also lost one fumble.

### Strong 1st half just isn't enough: Dearborn runs past Stevenson

By BRAD EMONS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The sign on the gate at Frank McIntyre Field proclaimed: "Let there be lights."

Friday night football has become a permanent fixture at Dearborn, and the Pioneers christened the evening with a hard-fought 19-7 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

And from beginning to end, it was Colin Wilkinson, who started somewhat quietly, but finished with a loud bang.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound running back parted the Spartan defense for 207 yards in 21 carries.

His 66-yard burst up the middle with 10:28 left in the third quarter gave the Pioneers a 12-7 lead after Stevenson had taken a 7-6 halftime advantage.

Senior quarterback C.J. Kreger, also a third-year varsity performer, added a 21-yard scoring run with 11:27 left in the game to give Dearborn a two touchdown cushion.

"Both Wilkinson and Kreger are experienced, good athletes," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said.

"They're seniors. They've been around.

"You can't make mistakes against them because they're great athletes. But we knew that going in."

Stevenson, however, couldn't have asked for a better start.

The Spartans took the opening kickoff and marched down the field impressively — 66 yards in 12 plays — capped by Jason Allen's 2-yard run. (Dan West added the extra point.)

And while Dearborn was stymied by Stevenson's defense in the first period, the Pioneers got somewhat untracked in the second quarter.

After a short Spartan punt, Kreger completed a 39-yard, seven-play drive with a 1-yard TD run, but his extra point with 8:14 left in the half was no good.

Stevenson then drove to the Dearborn 23, but Jason Sorge was stopped on fourth-and-2 on an off-tackle play by Dearborn defender Mike Carney.

Third quarter was all Dearborn as the Pioneers ran 18 plays to Stevenson's eight.

Dearborn made some slight

half-time adjustments with its linebackers in an effort to force Stevenson to come out passing.

"Stevenson came out fired up," Dearborn coach Dave Mifsud said. "They did a great job of executing. They came off the ball hard. They're tough kids and they were well-prepared."

Wilkinson, who rushed for 80 first-half yards, fooled Stevenson's defense on a counter-trap for his 66-yard TD run.

Ironically, Dearborn attempted just two passes, both falling incomplete. But the Pioneers ran for 351 yards in 51 attempts as Kreger added 63 on 17 carries.

The Spartans were also futile in the passing game as Ryan Van Belle completed only two of 11 attempts for 21 yards (both to Joe Ordis in the final quarter). One of his passes was picked off by Wilkinson.

The Spartans had 10 first downs (to Dearborn's 16) with 120 yards rushing in 29 attempts. Allen led the way with 72 yards in 17 carries, while John Van Buren added 35 on four attempts (all in the first quarter).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 11  
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Franklin at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.  
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.  
Luth. W'sid at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m.  
A.P. Cabrini at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12**  
Harrison at Farmington, 1 p.m.  
W.L. Western at N. Farm., 1 p.m.  
St. Agatha at St. Florian, 1 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Holy Name (Ont.) at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m.
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Sept. 8  
Bishop Borgess at Brighton, 7 p.m.

- Ladywood at G.P. North, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Wyandotte at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Canton at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.  
Novi at Farmington, 7 p.m.  
N. Farm. at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.  
Brighton at Harrison, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9**  
(Mercy Hoops Classic)  
Mercy vs. Seaholm, 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10**  
Luth. East at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
S. Lyon at Farmington, 7 p.m.

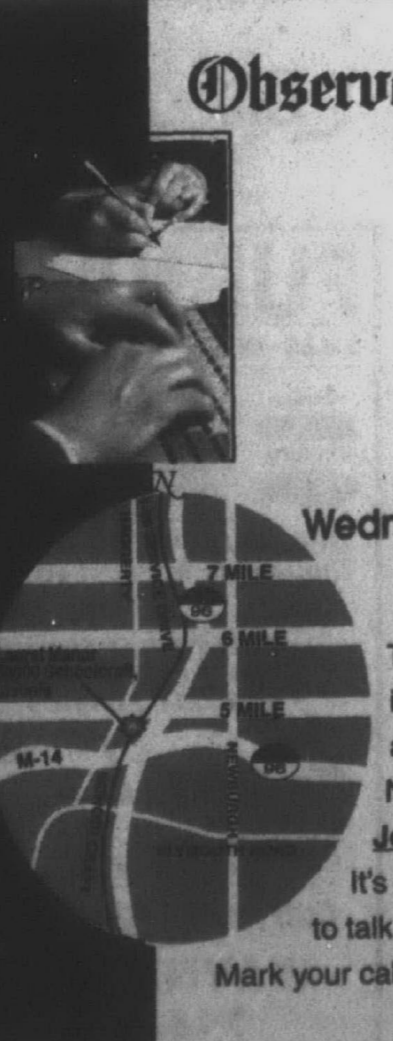
- Millford at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 11**  
(Mercy Hoops Classic)  
Kingwood vs. Roch. Adams, 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12**  
A.A. Pioneer at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
Clarenceville at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 13**  
Bishop Borgess at Salem, 3 p.m.  
Mercy Hoops Classic, 5:30 & 7:15 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 9**  
Fordson at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Thurston at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.  
Wayne at Gib. Carlson, 4:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at N. Farm., 5:30 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Salem (CEP), 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10**  
Luth. East at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 11**  
John Glenn at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Allen Park at Thurston, 4 p.m.  
RU at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.

- PCA at Oak Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Agape at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12**  
Roch. Adams at Redford CC, 1 p.m.  
Canton at DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Monday, Sept. 7  
Madonna at O.L. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8**  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair (Ont.), 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9**  
Siena Heights Madonna, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 12**  
Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 1 p.m.  
Cuyahoga (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.

- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Saturday, Sept. 12  
Manchester (Ind.) at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.  
Madonna at Tiffin (Ohio), 4 p.m.
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Sept. 8  
Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10**  
Hillsdale at Madonna, 7 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC, 7 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12**  
Schoolcraft at Muskegon Inv., 5 p.m.  
Ice Mountain Invitational at Madonna University, TBA.
- TBA — time to be announced.

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RECREATION

Birds joining flocks marks start of fall

This is the time of the year when birds flock. Nesting is over and young birds raised this summer associate with adults to learn what to eat, to learn to watch for predators and to be guided south during migration.



TIM NOWICKI

There were so many it took several days to eat them all, so the turkeys flew to the trees behind the barn to spend the night. No point going to far from the dinner table!

When the "pickins" became slim, the turkeys moved on — much fatter. My friends were very grateful.

The most famous case of birds flocking to help man was the case of the Mormons, gulls and the "crickets" in Utah.

Back in 1848, an infestation of long-horned grasshoppers actually, almost devastated the Mormon's crops. Fortunately, large flocks of California gulls flew in and ate all the grasshoppers. A large statue of the gull was erected in its honor.

Not long after the Mormons' troubles with the long-horned grasshoppers, settlers in the Great Plains were invaded by thousands of locust.

This time large flocks of black-birds, like yellow-headed and Brewer's, along with others, were successful in eliminating the locusts.

Gulls have been seen doing the same thing in more recent times.

Gregarious birds are the most effective in eliminating such problems, though many other species contribute to insect pest control. In North Carolina sparrows were effective in suppressing wheat aphids from affected farms.

It's hard to determine the exact degree to which birds suppress insect outbreaks, but a recent study has shown that without insect suppression by birds, trees did not grow as much.

Though blackbirds are often those that flock and cause problems, they are also the group that is most likely to control an over population of insects when needed.

It is also when people call about the disturbances created by these large flocks of birds.

Some flocks in rural areas number in the thousands.

One flock I witnessed near Clareblackened the ground like rich soil. Then all of a sudden the "soil" flew off to an isolated woodlot.

Most flocks do not cause any disturbance to people, but there are times when they conflict with people.

Unfortunately there are no good ways to disperse these flocks once they are settled. Creating a disturbance before they roost for the night has met with some success, but timing the alarm before they settle is crucial.

Most of the time we think of flocks of birds as trouble, however there are many instances where flocks of birds have been saviors. I was reminded of this when I visited friends near Thompsonville.

During the dry summer my friend's lawn was dry and infested with grasshoppers. When they walked to the barn, grasshoppers were springing from their feet in all directions.

Then one day a flock of wild turkeys took up residence in their yard. During the day the flock would roam the yard and eat grasshoppers.

Livonian Jones sparkles in All-Star Bowlerettes

The whole town's talking about that Jones gal, that Jones gal from Livonia.

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

It was Pam Jones of Livonia who opened the second week of the Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes last Monday with a 300 game.

A year ago Pam was wondering what she was doing trying to bowl at this high level of competition. Her foot was hurting and she had assorted other aches and pains.

After recovering from foot surgery, she began to bowl better. She also started using magnet therapy and an elbow "Band-it." The aches and pains were relieved and her game picked up tremendously for first time in a couple of years.

Pam got a few lessons from fellow Bowlerette Aleta Sill and got shoes from Marianne DiRupo.

She was encouraged by her teammates on the "All-Star Grille/Pro Am Bowling & Trophy/Stables Bar & Grill" team. Kathy Maser, Carol Ferguson, Sandy Zurecki and Kim Even lent their support.

Bowling a perfect game requires a lot of skill, concentration and luck. Perhaps she had a rabbit's foot for luck, or more likely, a whole rabbit.

Pam's other interest is raising rabbits. She also judges at rabbit shows.

It was the first 300 for Jones and she rushed to the phone afterward to call home and say "I did it!"

Other high shooters in the All-Star Bowlerettes last Monday were: Karen Hagan, 290; Donna Urton, 264; Lisa McCardy, 259; Penny Morgan, 258; Geri Beaty, 256; Michelle Ewald, 257; Robin White, 256; and Kim Even, 213.

Tom Heenan has passed away, gone to that great big bowling buddies because Tom was always there. He always wore a pleasant smile and

always had something nice to say.

And he could bowl. Tom bowled in four leagues last season: the Merri Bowl Senior House League, the Country Lanes Monday Night Men's, Tuesday Mixed and Country Hits and Misses Leagues.

A resident of Farmington Hills, Heenan was a frequent flier in this column with lots of high scores.

His highest average was 210 and he rolled a 298 game in 1994, a 299 in 1996 and finally a 300 game last March in a N.S.B.A. tournament.

Tom would have reached his 60th birthday on the 22nd of this month. Our condolences to his family. He will be well remembered by all who knew him or competed with him.

The Old Timers Tournament will take place Saturday, Nov. 28, at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Those who have bowled it in the past know what a terrific event this one is. The legendary Joe Norris always comes in from San Diego to participate and it is one of the season's highlights.

Many of the area's Hall-of-Famers come down to bowl, including Eddie Lubanski, Tony Lindemann, etc.

Cost is nominal, the dinner is optional and the event is always most enjoyable. It is open to men who are at least 40 years of age or have been involved in bowling for 25 years or more.

The competition is segmented into several age groups. For information or entry forms, call John Chmelko at (810) 755-3838.

The Mayflower Senior Men's Classic League starts this week with 22 teams competing at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays. There are still openings for a few individuals, so any senior bowlers who can average at least 170 should call Ted Kress at (313) 937-9341.

As the regular season is now under way, we will be starting the honor roll scores.

If you or your team members roll a very good game or series, leave the information at the control counter. They will report scores to Ten Pin Alley on a weekly basis. The direct fax line for scores is (734) 422-5935.

Outdoor Calendar

SENIOR EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsman's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$30.00 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 333-0285 to pre-register.

WATERFOWL

Hunters Ridge Hunt Club in Cedar will host the FieldSport Wingshooting School on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Master gunfitter and certified instructor Bryan Bilinski, who is credited with bringing sporting days to the United States, will lead the school, which will cover all aspects of proficient shooting. Call (616) 933-0767 (daytime) or (248) 687-2446 (evenings) for more information.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Laparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 476-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Grand Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

FESTIVALS

POINTE MOUILLEE WATERFOWL The 51st annual Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival, formerly known as the Michigan Duck Hunter's Tournament, will land at the Lake Erie Marsh in Brownstown Twp. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13. The event features the annual Midwest Decoy Contest, one of the biggest events of its kind. There will also be wildlife art, taxidermy displays, an outdoor trading post stocked with hunting and fishing equipment and much more. The Monroe Sporting Collectibles Show will be held in conjunction with the festival on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Monroe Holiday Inn. Call (734) 379-9902 for more information or call Points Mouillee at (734) 379-9692 on Mondays or Wednesdays.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive in Detroit.

Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing assistance in attending should contact Teresa Golden at (313) 279-2800 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR Bear season opens Sept. 10 in designated bear management units.

ELK The early elk hunt will run Sept. 12-20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14, also by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE The early Canada goose season will be Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. (The counties of Huron, Tuscola and Saginaw will be closed for the early season.) The daily bag limit is five.

MOOSE Ruffed grouse season opens Sept. 15.

RABBIT/HARE Rabbit/hare season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

WATERFOWL Waterfowl hunters have until Aug. 28 to apply for a reserved hunt permit.

WOODCOCK Woodcock season opens Sept. 15.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HAY RIDES Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hay rides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through September and October.

SEPTEMBER BIRD HIKE Join a park naturalist and search for both resident and migrating birds during this program, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Maybury.

HONEY HARVEST Watch bee keepers harvest honey from a hive during this program, which runs 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

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

1998 PERMITS The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-

800-477-3178 for more information.

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Classic Boat Society stages antique show

The Michigan chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society will be holding its 15th annual Blue Water International Antique Boat Festival this Saturday, Sept. 12.

Visitors can view antique and classic boats at the public docks in Port Huron. Boats will range from turn of the century launch-

es to current reproductions of the classics.

Row boats, outboards, cruisers and triple cockpit runabouts are among the 70 expected boats for the show. A total of 17 classes will be judged for awards.

Besides viewing the boats, visitors will have a chance to talk to

owners. Experts in antique boats will be present along with traders and vendors.

The show runs from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the Black River behind St. Clair Community College. Admission is free.

An after show dinner will be at the Port Huron Yacht Club from

approximately 5 to 7 p.m. The meal will consist of roast beef tenderloin, baked potato, salad and roll & butter.

If you have a boat that you would like to display, contact Chuck Beattie at (810) 468-1600 days or at (810) 765-4314 evenings.

# CC loses injured star

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday was the first day college football coaches, according to NCAA rules, could call high school seniors.

Instead of wishing Redford Catholic Central's two-way standout Casey Rogowski good luck in the upcoming season, the best any recruiters could tell him was to get well.

Rogowski, an all-state candidate at linebacker and fullback, broke the fibula bone in his right leg in a four-way scrimmage on Friday at Temperance-Bedford.

Rogowski's knee also was swollen from the injury and he was scheduled to undergo an MRI on Wednesday, he said. The injury will keep him out at least four to six weeks and possibly the season if his knee requires major surgery, Rogowski said doctors told him.

He started at inside linebacker last year when the Shamrocks completed a 12-1 season with a Class AA state championship, their fourth this decade.

Rogowski, 6-foot-3, 245 pounds, is a three-sport standout. He was the state's undefeated Division I heavyweight champion last year and in the spring batted over .400, earning All-Observer first-team baseball honors.

Rogowski is the second CC player lost to a major injury in the preseason. Leon Perez, a 6-5, 290-pound junior who was battling for a starting job on the offensive line, will miss the season with a broken ankle.

Rogowski said he'll be behind his team throughout the season even if it means only watching on crutches. "They want to win and I still

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think they're going to do it," he said. "I'll be there to contribute all I can."

Rogowski was taken off on a stretcher after injured on the third play of a scrimmage against Temperance-Bedford.

He was tackled by a Bedford player after receiving a fake hand-off from quarterback Dave Lusky. Rogowski did not have the ball.

"It was a play-action pass and I carried out the fake and the kid went for my knee," Rogowski said. "Either he thought I had the ball or something."

Rogowski said he had trouble sleeping Friday night. Pain was just one of the feelings he experienced since he was counting on his senior year to prove he's a major-college player.

"I was scared, disappointed," Rogowski said. "It felt horrible. I've broken fingers and my nose before, but that's about it."

## SOCCER

•FARMINGTON 6, FRANKLIN 1: The Falcons scored the last four goals Wednesday to turn a one-goal lead over visiting Livonia Franklin into a 6-1 victory in boys soccer.

The Falcons led 2-0 lead at halftime, but the Patriots made it a one-goal difference in the first minute of the second half.

Karl Lopata scored for Farmington a short time later, "and it was all Farmington after that," coach Luke Juncal said, adding the Falcons outshot the Patriots, 23-10.

Farmington's Tim Rais and Andrew Buck scored two goals apiece, and Nick Ramirez accounted for the other one. Buck, Ramirez and Nate Meyer also had one assist apiece.

Matt Gasparotto was in goal the whole game for the Falcons, improved to 3-1 overall.

Franklin falls to 2-5-1 overall. •GARDEN CITY 2, WAYNE 0: In a Michigan Mega crossover Wednesday, the host Cougars (2-0 overall) got goals from Bob Whisman and Matt Mertz to beat visiting Wayne Memorial (0-2 overall).

Goalkeeper Justin Maynard, who made eight saves, posted the shutout.

# Warriors topple Shrine, 1-0

Lutheran High Westland certainly had something to prove Thursday against boys soccer nemesis Royal Oak Shrine.

The Warriors, who were ousted by the Knights in last year's regional semifinals, gained some measure of revenge with a 1-0 victory.

Senior co-captain Adam Voight, a midfielder, scored 3:30 into the game and his goal held up as Lutheran Westland improved to 2-1 overall.

The goal came off a corner kick on an Ernie Fackler deflection. "Shrine has always been tough on us and it's been awhile since we've beaten them," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "Last year was a heartbreaker."

"Today I was proud of everyone. We played hard the entire 80 minutes."

Goalkeeper Andy Glieman made 10 saves to post the shutout.

He got help from sophomore stopper Brad Nollar, who was filling in for the injured Mike Randall.

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"Brad has done a wonderful job the last two games," Block said. "And our two forwards, Derek Bias, a sophomore, and Justin Combs, a freshman, worked so hard at upsetting their attack."

"They didn't allow them to link up with their midfielders."

The loss drops Shrine to 0-2-2. •CHURCHILL 7, HARRISON 1: George Kithas pumped in four goals, bringing his season total to 10 as unbeaten Livonia Churchill (4-0 overall) opened Western Division play Wednesday in the Western Lakes Activities Association by routing visiting Farmington Hills Harrison (0-3).

Ken Kozlow added a career-high one goal and two assists.

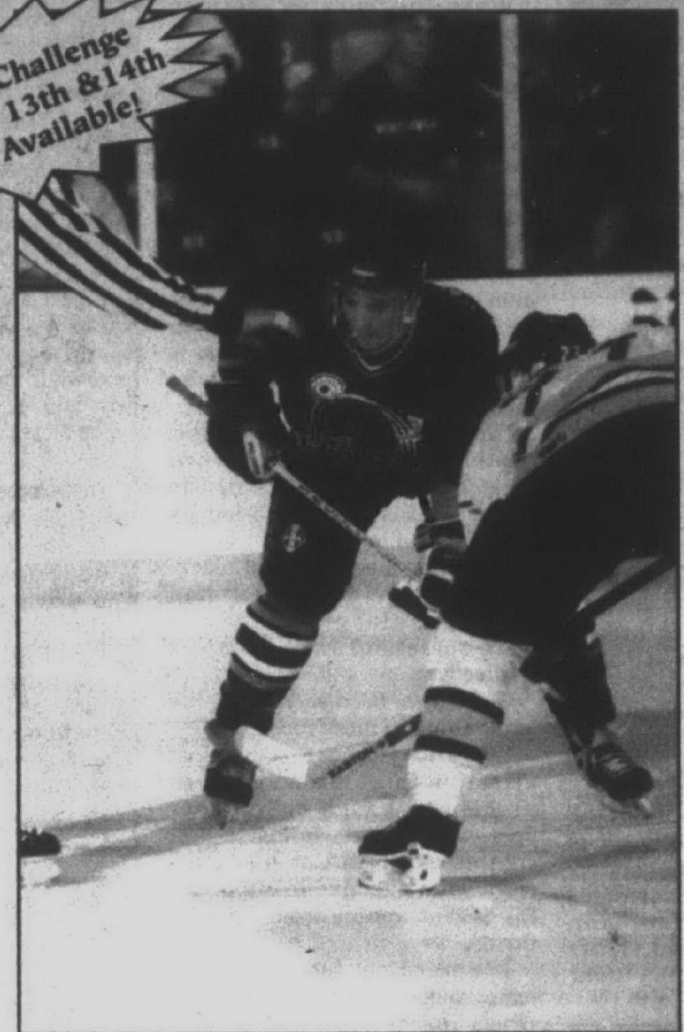
Mark Sicilia and Mike Koivunen also scored goals for the Chargers, who led 5-0 at intermission.

Rob Sharp, Scott Smith and Paul Karolak each contributed one assist. Brian Druchniak went all the way in goal for Churchill.

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Unity of Livonia - <http://www.unityoflivonia.org>

**YOUTH ATHLETICS**  
Westland Youth Athletic Association - <http://www.wyaa.org>