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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

Canceled: A city recreation study session scheduled for today has been rescheduled for Monday, Oct. 19, at the city commission's regularly scheduled meeting.

TUESDAY

School agenda: The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Building, 478 S. Harvey St.

Township meeting: The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. at township hall, 32450 Ann Arbor Road.

THURSDAY

A real scream: The Jaycees sponsor the annual Haunted Warehouse 7-11 p.m. through Nov. 1 at 340 N. Main behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant. Open from 7-11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

SATURDAY

Opening performance: The grand opening concert of the 53rd season of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) begins at 8 p.m. at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy.

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Walters indicates he'll be gone



A deal is allegedly in the works with the Plymouth City Commission to negotiate a settlement for the resignation of City Manager Steve Walters. The commission didn't act on plans to fire him last week.

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Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters has indicated to his department heads that he probably won't be on the job much longer.

In a Tuesday morning staff meeting, Walters reportedly told his staff that even with city commission votes of 4-3

or 5-2 in favor of him staying, he probably would negotiate a settlement which will allow him to leave with a severance.

Sources close to City Hall indicate Walters left an outside chance of remaining as city manager. However, he noted that differences with Mayor Don Dismuke, including the fact that Dismuke doesn't talk to Walters, make it difficult to perform his duties.

"It was a chance to have some discussion, to tell them about where things stand," said Walters. "The current situation is very unsettling and disruptive for the general operation."

Walters reportedly told department heads to be careful who they talk to because of the controversies surrounding City Hall.

The city commission last Monday spent two hours in executive session discussing Walters' job performance. Afterwards, before adjourning, Dismuke announced Walters' review would continue at a Monday commission meeting.

Walters is currently in the second

year of a three-year contract, which pays him an annual salary of \$76,924.

Last weekend, commissioners talked of firing Walters at the Oct. 5 meeting. However, no vote was taken and a resolution delayed.

Walters told the Observer it was unlikely he would resign without a negotiated settlement, because doing so would nullify a six-month severance package. Several sources indicate the commissioners and Walters are working on a deal to end his seven-year tenure as city manager.

City commissioners, on Sept. 21,

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The symphony conducts road show for schools

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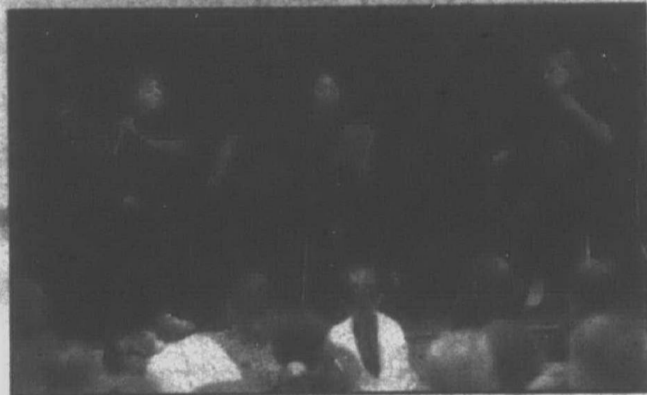
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Holly Clemans of Canton stands on stage before Bentley Elementary third-graders playing the flute, and telling students of its importance in an orchestra.

"We have something in the community that students aren't aware of," said Clemans, referring to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, of which she is a member. "Many parents haven't even heard the orchestra. Classical music is certainly a firm foundation for learning about music."

And, with that in mind, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra begins its 53rd season by taking the orchestra on the road.

Hearing a symphony: From left, Michael Hanchett, Kyle Justice and Bryan Smoltz listen to a Chamber Ensemble performed by the Plymouth Symphony during a recent visit to the Bentley Elementary School.



"Our mission statement says we will get involved with the schools," said Don Soenen of Plymouth, the orchestra's president, and member of the board of directors. "To really be a part of the community, we need to step up our efforts. At some point we need to stop the excuses."

Soenen takes that mission statement seriously. So seriously, in fact, that he's personally giving the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra \$40,000 to support a two-year education program for 2,200 third- and fourth-graders in the Plymouth-Canton schools.

The program calls for musicians such as Clemans to demonstrate various instruments, as well as perform a

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Fire run sparks tempers

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A complaint by a Plymouth Community firefighter against Plymouth Township trustee Ron Griffith is the subject of an internal investigation.

Fire Chief Larry Groth told the Observer "there is an internal investigation being conducted, which will then be turned over to the township supervisor by early next week."

Groth does say the incident occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, when "a fire alarm was activated at a commercial building."

According to several sources, Griffith stopped by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury that evening to check on what was happening. The trustee reportedly angered the fireman when he belligerently yelled at the firefighter, telling him how to do his job.

The fireman then called township police to voice his concerns.

Police Chief Larry Carey said officers met with the firefighter at the fire station.

"The firefighter expressed his concerns to the officers, and then said he

■ The trustee reportedly angered the fireman when he belligerently yelled at the firefighter, telling him how to do his job.

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Township may commit to new park

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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Plymouth Township officials are still discussing whether a new park will be constructed which would include playscape-type equipment for children of various age groups.

Jim Anulewicz, Plymouth Township's director of public services, said there are tentative plans to develop a three-acre parcel into park land, which would be called Miller Park. The land is located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Ferguson, just west of I-275.

"The land is in the process of being donated to the township," Anulewicz said. "At this stage, we're still trying to come up with preliminary plans."

The land owners have stipulated they would only donate the land if it is used for recreational purposes, Anulewicz said.

Part of the planning includes figuring out how much it will cost. Anulewicz said he was unsure what a ballpark figure would be.

If built, the park, described as a "neighborhood park," would have three circular play areas tailored for different age groups. The play areas would have playscape-type equipment rather than traditional equipment such as swings, slides and jungle gyms. The park might also have walking area and bridges.

"It would not be a traditional play-

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Surprise: Bob Mettetal flew a B-25 bomber for the first time in 53 years - the flight was a present from his wife, Jean. Both are pictured at left.

Golden wings

Mettetal flies high for 80th birthday

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

What does one give a spouse of 57 years for a birthday present?

When Plymouth Township resident Jean Mettetal was faced with that question, she decided nothing less than a B-25 bomber was good enough for her husband, whose birthday was Oct. 6.

On Sept. 26, she drove her husband, Bob, to Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti where he was eventually

given his surprise birthday present: a one-hour ride in a restored vintage bomber.

"Somehow I felt 80 was a very important birthday and I wanted to do something really special," she said.

The biggest surprise came when he learned he wouldn't just be riding in the plane - he would be flying it.

Fortunately, Bob knew a thing or two about flying. He managed Mettetal Airport for about 40 years; flew

bombers in the World War II Pacific Theater; and worked as a bomber flying instructor in his post-war time days.

It was his first airplane flight since 1967, when a series of heart attacks sidelined his flying. He hadn't flown a bomber for 53 years.

Yet stepping into the cockpit of the vintage restored machine barely caused him to bat an eye. He was just as comfortable flying the plane in

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Lawsuit negotiations break down

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It appears the latest attempt by a local group to settle the lawsuit that's blocking the sale of \$79.6 million in bonds to build a new elementary and high school in the Plymouth-Canton school district is already under attack.

Plymouth attorney Michael Gerou, former Congressman Carl Pursell of Plymouth, Plymouth Library Board President Hugh Harsha and Canton attorney Rita Lowenstein are attempting to get the two sides in a face-to-face meeting.

However, Stephen Boak, who represents Plymouth resident Jerry Vorva as he takes the school district to the Michigan

Supreme Court, said a face-to-face meeting is probably out of the question.

Boak is upset with published comments by Superintendent Chuck Little, in which Little said no negotiations would be held until the lawsuit blocking the sale of bonds was dropped.

"It was the most arrogant statement I've ever heard," said Boak. "It's a grave situation he has put the school district in."

"There's no sense in wasting time trying to resolve this out of court," added Boak. "They don't understand anything about lawsuits or compromise."

Little acknowledged that he has received the letter and "it will be presented to the school board by Tuesday's meeting. We'll proceed

from there."

Gerou is hopeful that changing tactics will move the two sides to at least begin some dialogue.

"We had been talking to the two sides about issues, tried to find common threads, and proposed ideas for a settlement," added Gerou. "Now, we would like for each side to meet face-to-face about the issues to see if a settlement can be reached."

"I won't say that negotiating a settlement failed, it just didn't result in a settlement," said Gerou.

A letter to Boak and Goldman urged the two sides to set aside their differences.

"A great deal of time ... and money has been spent on this dispute, meanwhile the needs of the children in our community are not being addressed. Our initial efforts, together with the efforts of other concerned citizens, have not resulted in a settlement. We believe it is in the community's best interest to resolve this lawsuit."

"On behalf of this group of concerned citizens we are requesting that each party agree to have a single representative sit down in a private, one-on-one, meeting with a representative of the

other party to discuss settlement possibilities. We propose no agenda. You can start with a clean slate."

Lowenstein, who has lived in Canton 21 years and saw her two children graduate from Plymouth-Canton schools, says she's involved as a concerned citizen who wants the best for the community.


"I see this lawsuit as having a snowball affect," said Lowenstein. "Both the school district and Mr. Vorva appear to be painted into corners. Maybe we need an area in the center that's safe and encourages discussion."

Vorva is suing the district over the March 1997 bond election, claiming 716 votes which didn't get recorded violated the constitutional rights of those voters.

Vorva has taken his case to the Michigan Supreme Court, where it will take approximately 10 months for the court to decide if it will even hear the case.

Meanwhile, construction of a third high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and a new elementary school in Canton and the purchase of approximately 50 new buses and new computer equipment remain in limbo.

Dining in style



Limo ride: Forty-five Gallimore students, grades one-five, rode in limousines to McDonald's for lunch with the principal Sept. 25. The students earned 100 percent of the points possible in the Gallimore Summercise Program. The program consisted of reading, math, science and social studies. The program lasted for nine weeks during the summer. Students came to school every Thursday to turn in work and pick up new assignments. Acclaim Limousine Service of Plymouth donated some of the limo time to the students, and each student received a commemorative plate from McDonald's. Everyone had a great time. One student was heard saying as she leaned back when the limo left the school, "So this is what it feels like to be Mary Kate and Ashley."

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 1998 at 7:00 P.M., in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

- SITE PLAN APPROVAL WAREHOUSE 739 S. MILL STREET ZONED: I-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL APPLICANT: CHRIS SAXTON
- PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS AND LOT LIGHTING LEVELS

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- 1J - Rough & Finish Carpentry
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- 1L - Joint Sealers
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- 1P - Glass & Glazing
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A Fifty Dollar refundable deposit made payable to "The Charter Township of Redford" is required to obtain construction documents, specifications and bid forms. They are available at A.J. Etkin Construction Company's office only.

Bids will be received until 12:00 P.M. Thursday, October 22, 1998 at A.J. Etkin Construction Co.'s office located at 30445 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 250, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

All bids will be publicly opened and read in the Board Room of the Charter Township of Redford, Town Hall Building, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239 on Thursday, October 22, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. The Charter Township of Redford reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening. **BID SECURITY** in the amount of 5% of the Proposal is **MANDATORY** for amounts exceeding \$12,500.

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15145 Beech Daly
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By: Marilyn Heidenbrand
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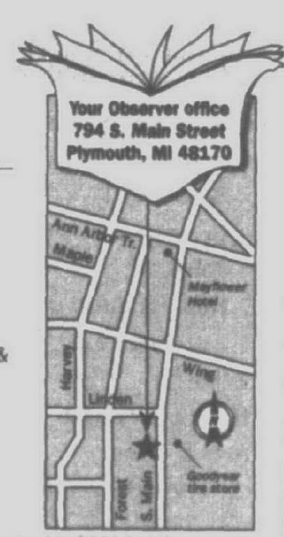
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An Ohio man v to Wayne County to stand trial for rape a 15-year-old The suspect, 20 Monhollen, wa Wayne County \$50,000 cash bond a preliminary ex day.

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Ohio man held on \$50,000 bond in alleged assault

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An Ohio man was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court to stand trial for attempting to rape a 15-year-old Plymouth girl.

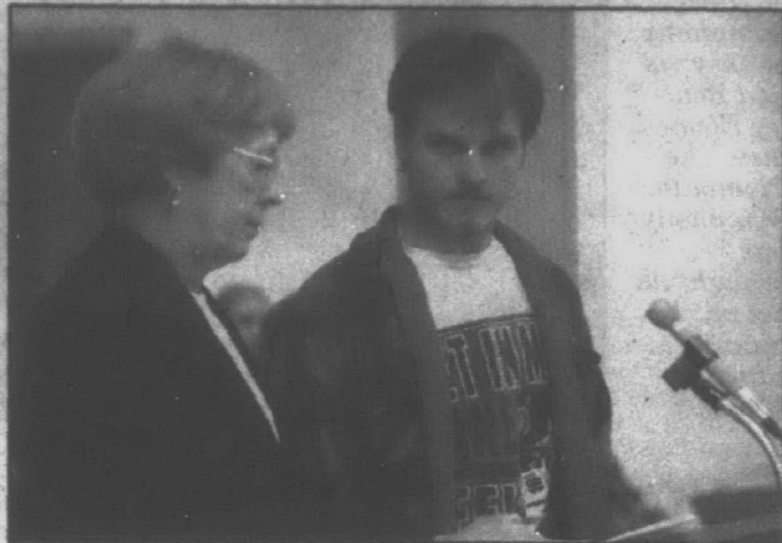
The suspect, 20-year-old David Monhollen, was sent to the Wayne County jail in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond, after waiving a preliminary examination Friday.

Plymouth police say Monhollen was picked up this week by the Toledo Area Fugitive Task Force and extradited to Michigan to face two counts of criminal sexual conduct.

Monhollen is charged with an Aug. 4 incident in which he reportedly tried to force himself on the teen, who was visiting her relatives, Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck said.

Ohio authorities arrested Monhollen after he failed to voluntarily return to Plymouth.

Monhollen is charged with one



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Bound over: David Monhollen, 20, of Ohio was arraigned in 35th District Court Friday on charges he tried to sexually assault a 15-year-old Plymouth girl.

count of felony criminal sexual conduct, which can result in a 10-year prison sentence upon conviction. He is also charged

with one count of misdemeanor criminal sexual conduct, a two-year sentence.

Exhibitionist drops off photos; police investigation under way

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Plymouth police are hoping for clues in finding the man who is leaving sexually explicit photos of himself around town.

"Over the last year and a half, someone has been leaving photographs depicting a man in sexual situations with himself," said Sgt. Steve Hundersmarck. "The person generally puts them in places where they will be found."

Hundersmarck said the latest

picture was found Wednesday afternoon on North Main, near Amelia.

"It was obvious the person wanted it found because the picture had a rock on it to keep from blowing away," said Hundersmarck. "Last winter a photo was found on the library sidewalk at the old Farmer Jack site."

A total of four photographs have been found in Plymouth, with another in Plymouth Township.

"A sexually explicit photo was

found by one of our citizens within the last three weeks," said Plymouth Township police Lt. Bob Smith.

Hundersmarck describes the man in the picture as a white male, 25-35-years-old, with brown hair.

"I'm concerned about children finding the pictures," said Hundersmarck. "If someone has information about this person, we certainly would like to know."

Anyone with information can call Plymouth police at (734) 453-8600.

Top attorney

Lenga courts new challenge as head of state bar association

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

J. Thomas Lenga has a lot of lawyers to lead. The Plymouth Township resident has just assumed duties as president of the Michigan State Bar Association, which has more than 33,000 members statewide.

Though the concept of 33,000 lawyers might make excellent joke fodder for some, the association is serious business, Lenga said. All practicing judges and attorneys in Michigan are required to be active members in good standing. The Michigan State Supreme Court sets the rules for the association.

As president, Lenga will serve as spokesman and will be responsible for appointing committees.

Lenga rose through the ranks of the state bar board for seven years. Three years ago, he was first elected as an officer when he became treasurer. In July 1998, he was voted president-elect and officially became president in mid-September.

"This is pretty exciting," Lenga said of becoming president.

He has served on a variety of committees, including the fiscal committee. He was a former president of the Detroit Bar Association.

Like any new person taking over a leadership post, Lenga has a list of things he would like to see happen while in the office.

Topping the list is a proposal which would require continuing education for lawyers. It would require 30 credit hours of education every three years.

"Michigan is one of only nine states in the country that does not have (the requirement)," Lenga said.

The bar association will have to present its appeal for approval from the Michigan Supreme Court.

Having lawyers who are up to speed on the latest laws and legal precedents is in everyone's best interest, Lenga said.

Under the proposal, "lawyers would be better equipped to serve their clients, and clients would be better served with better education," he said.

There is no prescribed curriculum for the continuing education, but that's intentional.

"(The curriculum) would be selected according to (the lawyer's) specialty." The reason is different types of lawyers need different types of expertise.

"So far my experience is there's considerable support," Lenga said.

The SBA's board of commissioners in June voted unanimously to support the proposal. The state bar's representative assembly, which is the association's policy making wing, also supported it.

Lenga, 55, has been married to Amy since 1989. He has three grown children from a previous marriage. He has lived in Plymouth Township for about seven years.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Legalities: As president of the Michigan Bar Association, J. Thomas Lenga of Plymouth Township, wants to implement a continuing education requirement for all lawyers.

His wife works as a court reporter, but he said they met on a blind date, not in a courtroom.

"We were introduced by mutual friends," Lenga said.

When he's not working a courtroom or hitting the books, he likes to unwind by playing golf, his favorite pastime.

Lenga graduated from the University of Toledo Law School. He has been a lawyer for about 30 years.

After working for another Detroit law firm for many years, a new venture caught his eye. The law firms Clark, Klein & Beaumont and Hill Lewis, both long-established firms, merged two and a half years ago, prompting Lenga to make a career move. He then became a partner in Clark Hill P.L.C., named for the two senior members of each firm.

The prestige of being connected to the century-old firms was a big draw, according to Lenga.

"When I heard of this merger I got pretty excited," he said.

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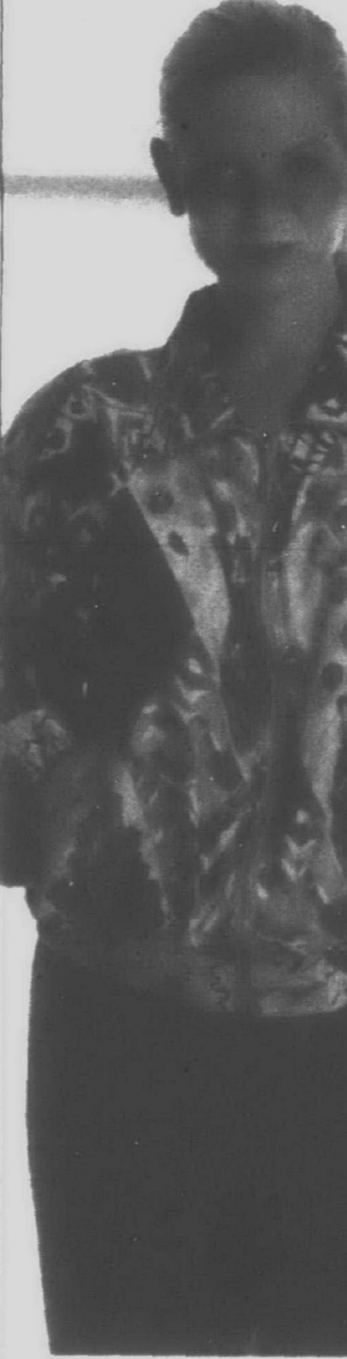
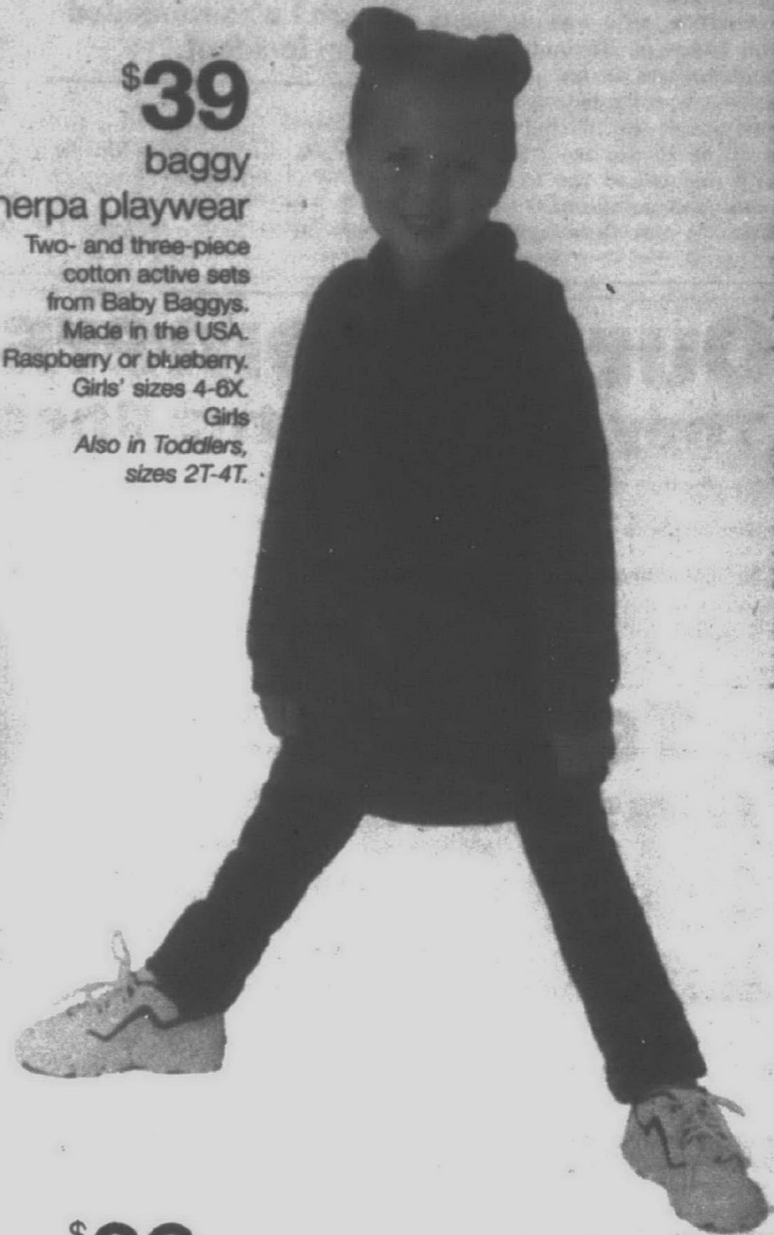
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Tempers *from page A1*

would take it up with his supervisors," said Carey. "No report was filed."

Griffith, when contacted by the Observer, first denied knowledge of any incident.

However, the next day Griffith said "after talking with Chief Groth I was reminded of an incident."

Griffith, who was elected to the board in November 1988, said he was on his way home from a board meeting when he saw one of the fire department units at the car dealership.

"I just asked the firefighter what was going on," said Griffith. "I just exchanged ques-

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tions with him like 'How did you know it was a false alarm?' and 'Was somebody going to check it out?'"

"He might have resented it,"

said Griffith. "If there was an incident, it sure wasn't an incident in my mind."

Griffith said he was not approached by police.

The confrontation occurred between 11 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The township clerk's office reports the board's workshop session ended at 8:55 p.m.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy acknowledged there was an incident that was under investigation.

"I suspect it was simply a misunderstanding," said McCarthy. "However, we'll wait to see what the report reveals."

Wow: Britney Greshak (center) listens to an ensemble from the Plymouth Symphony as they visited Bentley Elementary. The Plymouth Symphony has brought its act on the road to educate students.



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Symphony *from page A1*

children's concert at the Plymouth Salem auditorium Feb. 18. The PSO has also initiated a "free student" policy to most concerts.

"We have a vested interest in the development of our future audience," added Soenen. "The arts have suffered in our schools. However, we're seeing the pendulum swing back, and we need to stimulate that interest."

Executive Director Julia Kurtyka believes classical music is important not only because of its past, but also because it's the basis for today's music.

"So much can be learned from

the classical musicians," said Kurtyka. "The fact that we still listen to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, whether it be in commercials or cartoons, means there must be something there."

"The symphony is a community organization, and a way we can give back," said Russell Reed, PSO director. "This is our future audience, and helps build an appreciation for classical music."

At Bentley, third-graders listened intently as orchestra members demonstrated their instruments.

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While many arts programs are getting their state funding cut, the PSO is one of a very few which saw its annual stipend from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs increase.

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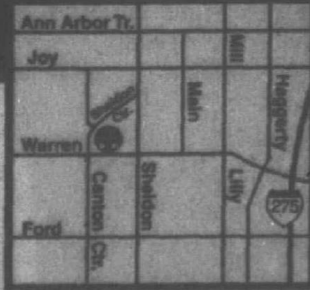


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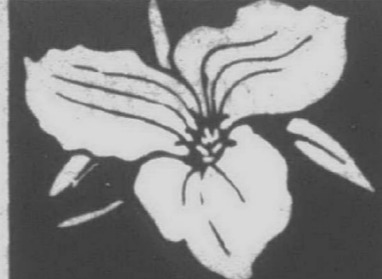
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Voters will decide assisted-suicide issue

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER
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The ballot language is blunt: "suicide." Merian's Friends, the group that collected a quarter-million signatures to put it on the ballot, doesn't use the word "suicide." It prefers "physician aid in dying" and "terminally ill patient's right to end unbearable pain or suffering."

On Nov. 3 the argument will come to a head when voters decide for or against Proposal B, an amendment to the Public Health Code that would legalize and regulate a physician-prescribed lethal dose so a patient could end his own life.

Prop B would overturn an act (Senate Bill 200) by the Michigan Legislature that took effect Sept. 1 making physician-assisted suicide a five-year felony. It is the second effort by the Legislature to halt the controversial ministrations of Jack ("Dr. Death") Kevorkian, the retired West Bloomfield pathologist who has helped more than 100 patients end their lives. So far, no jury has convicted Kevorkian.

Excess red tape?

Prop B is long (40 pages, at least 10,000 words) and complex. It involves an attending physician, a consulting physician, a pharmacist, a large Oversight Committee appointed by the governor, a residency rule, a list of options the patient must be

given, and a seven-day waiting period.

Isn't Kevorkian's way simpler and less bureaucratic?

"Those are safeguards," said Ken Shapiro, a spokesperson for Merian's Friends, the group pushing Prop B. It was named for Merian Frederick, an Ann Arbor woman who was an early Kevorkian patient. "And what's wrong with the way Kevorkian is doing it?"

"If people have any complaints, it's with the physicians who weren't doing anything for their patients before they got to Kevorkian. Like him or not, everybody has to give him credit for bringing the issue to the front."

"When this is legalized and regulated, you have fewer people that will take it than when you ban it. The reason is that you know you're in control," said Shapiro, a retired Champion Products worker who has had melanoma for 20 years.

'Treatable'

Opposed to Prop B is Dr. John Finn, executive medical director of Hospice of Michigan in Southfield. Finn said physician-assisted suicide is "more of an issue for the worried-well and the chronically ill suffering with untreated depression and social isolation."

"Pain and depression are treatable," said Finn. "The solution is not (Prop B) but improved physician competencies in end-

of-life care."

Finn called Prop B "flawed" because it's difficult to predict that a patient has six months or less to live. "Fifteen percent of our (hospice) patients live longer than six months. Each week, we discharge people from hospice because somehow they've gotten better."

Meanwhile, he said, a 1996 law called the Dignified Death Act gives patients the rights to know their prognosis, to have pain management, to refuse even life-sustaining treatment, and to appoint a decision maker with durable power of attorney.

Shapiro said a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association says "doctors are very good at predicting who is going to die, when they're going to die." He said the 1996 law doesn't help patients who don't respond to pain control.

M.D. as C.O.

Suppose a Catholic doctor - who believes with Cardinal Adam Maida that "physician-assisted suicide is morally wrong; such actions destroy God's gift of life" - is asked by a patient for help in dying and refuses. Prop B says the doctor "shall" refer the patient to a more cooperative doctor; if he doesn't, he can be fined \$10,000 and jailed 90 days.

"Is that fair?" Finn and Shapiro were asked. "It isn't fair," said Finn, "because it stretches a Catholic

physician's ethical zone ... This is not an area that needs to be subjected to courts and overzealous prosecuting attorneys. Many physicians would be conscientious objectors."

"It's an absolutely appropriate thing to be in the bill," replied Shapiro of Merian's Friends. "A doctor's religion should not affect his treatment, whatsoever. He has an ethical responsibility to tell me if he's opposed to this and to help me find (another)."

Secrecy issue

Prop B sets up a 17-member state Oversight Committee to review patients' records and determine compliance by the two physicians and psychiatrist. It would be entirely exempt from the "sunshine laws" - the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Act.

Shapiro disagreed that everything would be a secret. "The only thing that would be denied are the individual patient records," he said.

But Sec. 5685 would provide: "All proceedings, minutes, conclusions and actions" are exempt, not just the patient's medical records. Only the panel's "statistical summary" would be a public document.

The panel is told it must collaborate with epidemiologists at a state university on compliance, and even that would be kept secret from the Freedom of Information Act.

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Proposal B

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THE PROPOSAL WOULD:

- Allow a Michigan resident or certain out-of-state relatives of Michigan residents confirmed by 1 psychiatrist to be mentally competent and 2 physicians to be terminally ill with 6 months or less to live to obtain a lethal dose of medication to end his/her life.
- Allow physicians, after following required procedures, to prescribe a lethal dose of medication to enable a terminally ill adult to end his/her life.
- Establish a gubernatorially appointed, publicly-funded oversight committee, exempt from Open Meetings Act and whose records, including confidential medical records, and minutes are exempt from Freedom of Information Act.
- Create penalties for violating law.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES

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Rouge 'Friends' plan annual meeting

Friends of the Rouge, a group promoting restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education and citizen involvement, will hold its annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in Room 170 in the Henry Ford Community College Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail.

Cameron Priebe, director of Wayne County Department of Public Services, will discuss Newburgh Lake and wetland banks. Dick Wolinski will discuss the frog and toad survey completed earlier this year along the Rouge River. Friends of the Rouge also will

award certificates and name badges to the first class of Rouge River stewards, a group of volunteers who have received special training to participate in public outreach and river stewardship programs. Board members will be elected and mem-

bers updated on activities. Visitors will have a chance to see the new offices of Friends of the Rouge.

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PCEP band sweeps competition in Flint

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

The day was nearly as bright as the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band's performance at Flint's Atwood Stadium on Oct. 4. Hosted by the Flushing Raider's Marching Band, the 25th annual Michigan Invitational there attracted 20 competing bands from across the state.

The PCEP band's stellar per-

formance netted them the Flight I first-place trophy, all three Flight I caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect as well as the Governor's Trophy for highest overall score, 84.95, of all competing bands. This is the fourth consecutive year the PCEP band has maintained custody of the top award.

Other Observer-area bands included: Farmington Harrison

that took second place in Flight III with a score of 70.1, and in Flight II; Farmington collected a fourth-place award with a score of 59.45. Novi captured first place in Flight II with a score of 67.4.

"In a lot of ways, this was a really good show," said a pleased David McGrath, director of the dedicated marchers. "This week was the first week where we didn't learn many new things, so we had an opportunity to really work on our performance levels. We marched the drill better, and we played the music more together than we had to this point in the season."

McGrath pointed out that one of the biggest challenges now is to play the show cleanly and, at the same time, to generate a lot of emotion. And that is not an

easy task. "It is really hard, especially with a group our size," he said. "We cover so much of the field that it is a lot harder to play together when you're spread out by 80 yards."

The PCEP show is a musical and dramatic rendition of this country's civil rights struggle entitled, "America, Land of the Free."

McGrath said that there was more emotion but not as much cohesiveness at last week's regional competition in Toledo where the band placed third in a very close competition that was evidenced by little more than half-a-point spread between the top three bands.

The band members are well aware of the need for emotional input along with cohesiveness. "It was really clean," said junior

trumpet player Joe Fournier. "It was a good safe show, but it was kind of flat. That's the price you pay for a safe show. One way to solve the flat show is to get emotionally involved in it."

That's where the learning experience will come in for the band when it travels to Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History in the next few weeks. "We're actually going to learn about Black history, which is pretty cool," Fournier added.

For the award-winners' immediate future, there is more practice. "We have to learn our closer," said junior clarinetist Stefanie Sennett. "And we're learn-

ing all the transitions so there will be no break in our show."

All in all, things are coming together well for the 205 musical marchers. The hard work and good marching conditions have paid off. "The weather has been extremely cooperative, and the kids have worked extremely hard," noted McGrath. "So we find ourselves in a good position right now."

The next competition for the PCEP performers will be right at home where the band will play in exhibition as hosts of the show. The Great Lakes Invitational will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 at the PCEP stadium.

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County of Wayne, Michigan
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Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners of the Plymouth District Library District, comprised of the City of Plymouth and the Charter Township of Plymouth, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

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MARY S. MACKIE, Secretary

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delayed Walters' annual job performance review for 60 days. However, talks of firing Walters surfaced a week later.

At the conclusion of Walters' department head meeting, dur-

ing a lighter moment, someone asked where Walters was going next.

"I'm going to Disney World," one of them joked.

Park from page A1

ground," Anulewicz said.

The park would be designed for walk-in traffic only, not drive-in traffic.

Plymouth Township's only other parks include McClumpha Park at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail and a neighborhood park in the Lakepointe subdivision area.

"Plymouth Township certainly doesn't have an overabundance of park land," Anulewicz said.

McClumpha Park is slated for a number of improvements over the next year if the budget is approved. The park has a playscape, fishing pond, four ball diamonds and picnic shelters.

Some planned improvements to the park include:

- \$75,000 for a skating pond
- \$70,000 for a handicapped-accessible fishing dock
- \$25,000 for paved, handicapped-accessible walking paths

Other money going into improving the park includes \$74,000 in block grants and \$38,000 from the Rouge River Program Office for doing water quality studies and making improvements along the creek area.

Other funding for McClumpha Park, particularly the fishing dock, will come from a brick sale. The Unisys company recently sold bricks to its employees from a 150-foot Burroughs chimney. Burroughs operated out of the Plymouth Road building prior to Unisys. The proceeds from that sale will be presented to the township board sometime this month.

At a recent budget session, township trustees gave a tentative thumbs-down to the skating pond idea, so it might not end up in the actual budget, Anulewicz said.

But the fishing dock and walking paths look like a go. For park visitors who enjoy a good walk, the paths will be welcome, Anulewicz said.

"We have a lot of walkers using the park," he said.

Fly from page A1

1998 as he was when he flew in bombing missions in Japan during the early 1940s.

"I was relaxed and enjoying it immensely," Mettetal said. "I don't get tense - I just fly."

Bob's birthday present was arranged through the Yankee Air Force Museum in Belleville, which bought the bomber a few years ago. Jean Mettetal contacted Ted Edmonds, who like the Mettetal is an active member, and he helped make the birthday wish fly. Edmonds, a Livonia resident, helps restore the vintage planes for the museum.

"I thought it would be very nice if we could do this," Edmonds said of Jean's request.

The bomber Mettetal flew was about 38 feet long with a wingspan of about 40 feet. The plane's normal speed is about 160 knots, with a top speed of about 200 knots.

Edmonds said he was impressed with the ease in which Mettetal assumed pilot mode.

"He flew it like he had just gotten out of one," he said.

Passengers in the birthday flight included children Steven and Suzanne and two grandsons, Robert and Frank. Other family members watched including Jean, who opted not to join Bob on his flight.

"(Joining the flight) would diminish the fact that this is my gift to him," she said.

Bob isn't the only one who received an unusual recent birthday gift. Jean's birthday wish was to go roller skating for her 75th birthday, which was in August. Her wish was granted.

The Mettetal have lived in the same Marlowe Street home for 48 years. Bob Mettetal retired from Mettetal Airport in Canton Township in 1987, when it was sold. Mettetal Airport is named for Bob's father, Raphael.

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Services for Eunice Gule, 93, of Livonia, Oct. 1 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Drex Morton officiating was at Woodmere Co. Detroit.

She was born on D in Detroit. She died in Livonia. She was er. She lived most of Detroit. She was for member of Mesziah Church in Detroit. She was involved in the church taught Sunday school.

She was preceded by six sisters and brothers. Survivors include her Hamilton of Livonia nieces and nephews. Memorials may be charity of your choice.

MARY JANE STEWART
Services for Mary art, 65, of Livonia w the Schrader-Howel Home with the Rev. Skimins officiating, at Parkview Memory.

She was born on Oct. She died on Sept. 2. She was a homemaker came to the Livonia in 1953 from Wayne member of the Women of the VFW in for 20 years. She was and being with and grandchildren. Survivors include

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EUNICE GRACE GUILSTORF
 Services for Eunice Grace Guilstorf, 93, of Livonia were Oct. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.
 She was born on Dec. 16, 1904, in Detroit. She died on Sept. 29 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She lived most of her life in Detroit. She was formerly a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Detroit. She was very involved in the church and taught Sunday school.
 She was preceded in death by six sisters and brothers. Survivors include her sister, Vera Hamilton of Livonia; and several nieces and nephews.
 Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

MARY JANE STEWART
 Services for Mary Jane Stewart, 65, of Livonia were Oct. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.
 She was born on Oct. 16, 1931. She died on Sept. 27 in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Livonia community in 1953 from Wayne. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW in Garden City for 20 years. She enjoyed traveling and being with her children and grandchildren.
 Survivors include her hus-

band, Robert of Livonia; children, Cheri (Kirk) Mosher of Sanford, Sandra (Matthew) Zarembo of Woodhaven, Robert (Mary) Stewart of Livonia, Mary Jane (Paul) Smith of Livonia, Tracy Glombowski of Redford; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, Russell Shaffer; and her mother, Elvera Shaffer Nyes.
 Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice.

FRANK CHARLES DENKHAUS
 Services for Frank Charles Denkhau, 43, of Palms, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, were Oct. 1 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Neil Cowling officiating. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.
 He was born on May 21, 1955, in Detroit. He died on Sept. 29 in Delaware Township, Mich. He was a self-employed test engineer for the automotive and aerospace industries. He came to the Palms community five years ago from Plymouth. He loved to hunt and fish.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles "Bob" and Dorothy Denkhau of Plymouth. Survivors include his wife, Mary "Mollie" Jewell Denkhau of Palms, Mich.; two daughters, Jeani Denkhau of Ypsilanti, Christina Denkhau of Livonia; one son, Frank Denkhau II of Livonia; and one granddaughter.
 Memorials may be made to the Veterans Administration.

LORANE ELIZABETH MACK
 Services for Lorane Elizabeth Mack, 65, of Plymouth were Oct. 2 at the Vermaulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Brian Tweedie officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.
 She was born on June 4, 1933, in Detroit. She died on Sept. 30 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Glendall and Katherine R. Riley. Survivors include her husband, Ronald H. Mack of Plymouth; two daughters, Karen (Donald) Fabbri of Hartland, Mich., Terry (William) Kerby of Ann Arbor; one son, Richard (Pam) Mack of Canton; one brother, Thomas P. Riley of Northville; one sister, Dolores J.

Kish of Westland; and seven grandchildren, Randall, Amy, Jason, Ryan, Courtney, Michael and Rachel.
 Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, Mich. 48154-5010 or Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing, Plymouth, Mich. 48170-3446.

KENNETH W. CARTY
 Services for Kenneth W. Carty, 44, of Canton Township were Oct. 5 at the Plymouth Church of Christ with David Thomas officiating. Local arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.
 He was born on Nov. 16, 1953, in Howell, Mich. He died on Oct. 1 in Canton. He was a sales representative for Jay Marketing

for seven years. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in economics from Central Michigan University. He also graduated from North Farmington High School. He was a member of PCA Soccer and enjoyed basketball, work computers, family and church. He was a resident of Canton Township for 15 years.
 Survivors include his wife, Diane Carty, of 22 years; three sons, Scott, David, Daniel Carty; parents, William and Mildred Carty; in-laws Richard and Sue Sueterlin; three brothers, Robert, James and Jeffrey Carty.

Memorials may be made to Rochester College, The Ken Carty Family and Arbor Hospice.
ZELMA MYRTLE MUNK
 Services for Zelma Myrtle Munk, 69, of Northville were

Oct. 3 at Solid Rock Bible Church, Plymouth. Burial was at Plainfield Cemetery.
 She was born on Dec. 10, 1908 in West Virginia. She died on Sept. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township. She was a homemaker who enjoyed dancing, gardening, horses and travel.
 Survivors include her five children, Eddie of Arizona; Janet Streeb of Whitmore Lake, Robert of Northville; Nancy (John) Mosarowski of Plymouth Township; Joan (Robert) Mobley of Canton; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild due this spring.
 Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Tips to tailgate

Keeping Hot Food Hot

- Thermoses come in many sizes and shapes.
- Don't forget your cooler is not just for keeping food cold, it can also serve as a heat insulator. You can line a small cooler with a heavy plastic bag and store hot stews, chili, wing dings or sausages for later feasting.

Keeping Cold Food Cold

- Conventional coolers are always good. If you have larger items such as platters or trays, try lining a large box like the bottom of a sheet cake box with heavy plastic. Line the bottom of the box with ice, set platters on the ice and then place a loosely packed bag of ice over your platters or trays.
- Be careful with spreads that contain mayonnaise. They spoil quickly.

Ten Unofficial Rules for Tailgating

- Pack, transport and maintain food at the proper temperature
- Divide and delegate responsibilities
- Make it simple and easy to transport
- Choose food you nab and eat standing up with minimal utensils
- Having a master plan and doing pre prep is a must
- Have a menu plan for success in all weather conditions
- Offer a balance of items to please all
- Bring both hot and cold beverages
- Arrive early to stake a claim
- Post game tailgating is just as good as pregame, so don't forget to pack extra goodies

Tips from Adrienne Amelio, 2 Unique corporate sales manager, sports fan, and tailgater

Tailgating isn't just for football fans

Rah...Rah... go team, go... Bring in the bands, cheerleaders, teams and most importantly, don't forget the food. The change of season with the autumn colors and crisp air conjures a visions for many of us. Of what else but Tailgating!

You'll find the food and sports fanatics in the parking lots before college and pro games. We wear funny hats, bold colors, wacky outfits and paint our faces, all in support of our team. These traveling food fests can range from simple to elaborate. A day of spirited fun and simple planning can be exhilarating.

Expert opinions

When I decided to write this article, I called a friend and tailgate wizard, Andrew Price of Northville. Andrew is a "true blue" fan of Michigan and arrives at his special spot around 8:30 a.m. for the 3:30 p.m. kick off, via his M-van, which is embossed with autographs of players, media personalities and celebrities. He only uses this special vehicle for tailgating. Andrew starts his tailgate affair by cracking eggs for his Farmers Market Style omelet loaded with cheeses, sausage and veggies. By 11 a.m., Andrew and 50 of his friends and family are reveling in pre-game fun.

"It's about being outdoors and sharing camaraderie," he said. "It's a big block party. We share food and company in the out of doors, renew old friendships and make new ones. How often in our busy day-to-day lives can you take a whole day to enjoy people, and traditions over food and sports?"

P.S. Andrew says:

"Don't forget the grill. It's an institution. Start with sausage and peppers in the early fall (you'll need foil to cook your veggies on top of the sausage.) As the weather gets cooler, move on to chili and warm bread on the barbecue. Go Blue!

For those on the sidelines, don't believe for a moment that tailgating is only for football games. Eating habits, traditions and people's perceptions have changed over the past few years. It's not a prerequisite of tailgating to have game tickets. You can enjoy good friends, family and food out of doors by spending a day in the country enjoying the color change or visiting an apple orchard.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Pumpkin patches

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PIZZA

It's not junk and it can be good for you

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS
SPECIAL WRITER

Americans love pizza! We eat 90 acres of it everyday. It is estimated that 94 percent of Americans would list pizza as one of their favorite foods, and children ages 3-11 prefer pizza over all other foods. A little over half of us prefer thin crust pizza and nearly three quarters of pizza is eaten at home.

Made popular in this country by soldiers who brought the idea of pizza home from Italy after the end of World War II, pizza is thought to have evolved from Egyptian flat bread. It may have begun as a use for leftover bread dough.

Literally translated, pizza means "pie," but it has evolved to mean the savory tart covered with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and other toppings such as pepperoni and sausage.

Pizza may be considered "fast food," but it is certainly not junk food. Pizza dough is usually made with fortified and enriched flour, the cheese is an excellent source of calcium, an important nutrient known to be lacking in young people's diets, and toppings such as tomatoes, mushrooms, onions and green peppers provide some vitamins and fiber.

Traditional pizza favorites such as pepperoni and Italian sausage are much higher in fat and sodium, but can be enjoyed occasionally. Other healthy ingredients like chicken, scallops and Canadian bacon allow you to pack nutrition and wonderful taste on a crust.

The caution for those who eat some restaurant pizzas is that they can be high in fat. There can be oil in the crust, and many crusts are baked in oil to give them a crispy texture. Traditional pizza toppings - double cheese, pepperoni and sausage - only add to the high fat content. But don't despair, pizza is even more delicious when it is made with less oil, less cheese and topped with fresh vegetables. Order your pizza that way when you eat out.

The secret to making pizza a part of a nutritious, balanced meal is contrast and variety. A spicy pizza that is balanced with a coq salad or delicately flavored fruit dessert allows for all the major food groups to be included in one



Weeknight treat: Easy Greek Pizza starts with a three-ingredient crust that's topped with fresh spinach, tomatoes, olives and tangy feta cheese.

meal. That's nutritious!

Pizza is quite easy to make at home, if you have the right equipment. I like to use a pizza stone for baking - or better yet - cook it on the grill. A basic pizza starts with homemade or frozen bread dough. It is important that your dough be a bit on the stiff side. If the dough is too moist it will stick to surfaces instead of holding together and stretching well.

Begin by forming a crust by stretching the dough with your hands like pizza chefs in the movies. However, I usually finish rolling out the dough with a rolling pin to get a nice, thin crust. Spread corn meal liberally on your pizza stone or cookie sheet before placing the dough on top. The corn meal acts like little ball bearings, and your pizza won't stick to the pan. If you're using a pizza stone, follow the manufacturer's instructions.

If you prefer a traditional pizza - sauce, mozzarella cheese, and pepperoni - spread your sauce thinly over the dough. A little sauce goes a long way. Too much sauce will make the dough too wet to cook thoroughly, so go lightly.

My friend Mickey is adventurous when it comes to making pizza. Her goal is not to duplicate a commercial pizza but to create something new and delicious. She thinks of the dough as her canvas.

Please see PIZZA, B2

Pizza dough tips

- Pizza dough performs best at room temperature.
- You can use honey in place of sugar in a basic pizza dough recipe, but use a smaller amount. Honey tends to hold moisture so your crust may not be as crispy. Better yet, don't sweeten your pizza dough.
- If your dough browns too much, replace about 10 percent of the water with milk. It will help control browning and adds tenderness to the dough.
- You can mix flours such as whole wheat or rye with regular bread flours for an interesting flavor, but go lightly, whole wheat flour doesn't have the elasticity of bread flour and tends to rip instead of stretch.
- Eggs can be added to pizza dough to give the dough a golden color.
- Add a bit more water and yeast if you have hard water and a bit less water and yeast if you have softened water.
- If you're using frozen bread dough, cover it with oiled plastic wrap to prevent formation of a crust during thawing.
- If you make thick crusted pizza, the dough needs to be thawed, risen then rolled out and proofed before adding ingredients. (Proofing is a final short rising before baking).
- Pierce the pizza dough with a fork to prevent blistering during cooking.

Pizza comparisons

- **Homemade, cheese/sausage**
 - (4 oz. - 1 slice)
 - 310 calories
 - 13g protein
 - 11.4g fat
 - 946mg sodium
 - 288mg calcium
- **Frozen Lean Cuisine**
 - (5.1 oz.)
 - 310 calories
 - 17g protein
 - 9g fat
 - 830mg sodium
 - 350mg calcium
- **Microwave Pillsbury**
 - (4.5 oz.)
 - 308 calories
 - 14g protein
 - 15g fat
 - 781mg sodium
 - 196mg calcium
- **Jeno's Crisp and Tasty**
 - (4.05 oz. - 1/2 pizza)
 - 296 calories
 - 11.8g protein
 - 15.4g fat
 - 811mg sodium
 - 170mg calcium
- **Banquet Zap, deluxe**
 - (4.8 oz.)
 - 330 calories
 - 13g protein
 - 13g fat
 - 890mg sodium
 - 192mg calcium

Take the fat, not flavor out of Chicken A La King

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Who would have predicted the deluge of reduced fat and fat free foods that you can find in today's supermarket? Ten years ago, it wouldn't have seemed possible that fat, saturated fat and cholesterol would become household words.

The link between fat and cholesterol and heart disease began to be soldered in the 1950s. But it took many studies to be sure that saturated fat and cholesterol were the real villains. Saturated fat was found to be three times more likely than cholesterol to raise your blood

cholesterol level.

Since the risks of diabetes are primarily associated with poor blood circulation, it's no surprise that the new recommendations from the American Diabetes Association center on reducing fat intake. Saturated fat has been indicted as the culprit in many cancers

of the bowel, breast and prostate. ■ **Saturated fat has been indicted as the culprit in many cancers of the bowel, breast and prostate.**

Such news from the researchers has prodded smart eaters and smart cooks into action. We have learned how to make substitutions, and increase seasonings in lowered fat recipes, because the fat is not there to carry the flavor.

A case in point is my recipe for Chicken A La King. This used to be a favorite treat for showers, weddings and festive luncheons at a long-gone restaurant in the Fisher Building in Detroit. You remember Chicken A La King - chunks of chicken, bread, pimiento, mushrooms and peas nestled in a thickened sauce of butter and cream inside a patty shell made with buttery French puff pastry.

My version has much of the magic minus 90 percent of the fat and 50 percent of the calories. Instead of the fat-laden patty shell, a slice of bread stuffed

into the cup of a muffin tin holds this no less delicious, but fat reduced chicken dish. If you make the bread 100 percent whole wheat instead of white, you'll add fiber too.

To increase the flavor, I've added white wine Worcestershire sauce and thyme. Evaporated skim milk preserves the consistency of the cream sauce. The sherry helps mask the milk's slightly caramelized flavor.

I like to poach my chicken with a pinch of herbs in the chicken broth for flavor. But you could use many of the ready prepared cut-up chicken breasts that are now available. The varieties of prepared food appearing in ever increasing numbers at meat counters and vegetable departments continue to amaze me.

Despite its reduced calorie and fat content, this Chicken A La King will add enough oomph to all those showers, brunches and luncheons that dot your holiday calendar. It's still a main dish fit for a queen (or king). And - long live the queen or king!

■ See recipe inside

Pizza from page B1

Sometimes she uses chèvre (goat) cheese, sometimes she substitutes a little flavored oil or pesto for the sauce.

Mickey uses fresh herbs whenever possible. Her favorite toppings include green and red bell peppers, spinach, mushrooms, chopped fresh basil and oregano, and a combination of chèvre and mozzarella cheese. Good pizza cheese should "stretch" when melted without become rubbery or burned.

Some pizza makers like to put their cheese on top, others like the toppings to go last. Add toppings from the outside in like mushrooms, onions, tomatoes,

olives, pineapple, or other vegetables. If you do use meat, add it last.

Grilling pizza is fun and imparts a flavor similar to cooking pizza in a brick oven.

Allow your pizza to rest for at least one minute before cutting. Anyway you slice it, pizza can be part of a nutritious diet.

Peggy Martinelli-Everts of Clarkston is a registered dietitian and director of clinical operations for HDS Services, a 32-year-old Farmington Hills-based food service and hospitality management and consulting company.

Thanksgiving recipes sought

Everyone knows the best recipes are ones you share. Send us your favorite Thanksgiving recipes, don't forget leftovers, for publication on Sunday, Nov. 22.

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Your family will flip over homemade pizza

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front.

immediately 4 servings. Provided by Kretschmer Wheat Germ

EASY GREEN PIZZA
3 cups packed raw spinach leaves (about 4 ounces), large stems removed
1-1/2 cups low-fat baking mix
1/2 cup toasted wheat germ, plus additional for sprinkling on cookie sheet
3/4 cup skim milk
1 cup chopped seeded tomatoes
3/4 cup red onion rings (about 1/2 medium onion)
1/4 cup sliced pitted Kalamata or ripe olives
4 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Lightly spray large cookie sheet with vegetable cooking spray. Sprinkle with wheat germ. Rinse spinach well. Place wet spinach in medium skillet. Cover and cook over medium-low heat just until wilted, about 3 minutes. Drain spinach well; set aside. In a large bowl, combine baking mix, 1/2 cup wheat germ and milk. Stir with fork until thoroughly combined. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface. Knead 8 to 10 times. Roll into 14-inch circle; transfer to cookie sheet. Top with spinach, tomatoes, onion rings, olives and cheese; sprinkle with oregano. Bake 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Serve

BASIC PIZZA DOUGH
2 teaspoons active dry yeast
1-2/3 cups warm water
4 cups bread flour (can substitute 1 cup whole wheat for 1 cup bread flour)
2 teaspoons salt

If using a breadmaker, put water into dough pan first, then add dry ingredients. Process on dough setting.

If making by hand, dissolve yeast in the warm water and set aside.

Mix the flour and salt together, making a well in the center.

Add the yeast liquid and mix together. The dough should be quite soft.

Knead until silky and elastic. Cover and set in a warm draft-free place to rise. It should be ready to deflate in about an hour and a half.

Carefully press the air from the dough and let it rise again. The second rise should take half the time of the first one. It is now ready to shape into a pizza or use in the grilled pizza recipe below.

Provided by HDS Services

PERSONAL SIZED GRILLED PIZZAS
Basic pizza dough
Sauces such as:
Traditional pizza sauce
Olive oil flavored with basil, oregano and garlic
Very thinly sliced fresh tomatoes, drained on towel
Pesto
Salsa
An assortment of cheese. I like a variety of hard grating, white semi-soft and tangy crumbling cheese like:
Mozzarella
Provolone
Chèvre (goat)
Feta
Bleu
Parmesan
Cheddar
Toppings including:
Chopped green and red peppers
Chives, chopped finely
Chopped fresh spinach
Chopped fresh mushroom
Artichoke hearts
Sliced, pitted olives
Very thin slices of pepperoni (turkey pepperoni is now available)
Ham slices
Cooked and crumbled bacon
Turkey sausage, cooked and crumbled
Chopped fresh herbs, including basil, oregano, tarragon, marjoram
Slice dough into six pieces and form into balls.

Roll each ball into a personal-size pizza dough. Let the dough rise in a warm spot at least 30 minutes on a surface that has been spread with corn meal (so dough won't stick.)

Fire up your grill. (I use a gas grill, but a charcoal grill works well, too.)

Place crusts directly on clean grill grate. Cover and cook quickly, for about 2 to 3 minutes.

Crusts should cook through and have golden-colored grate marks. Your flame is too hot or you've left them on too long if they get scorched or burnt.

Your flame is not hot enough if dough sticks to grates. Remove crusts once they are cooked.

When guests arrive, instruct them to put a crust on a plate, brush it with a sauce and top with desired cheeses and toppings. Tell them to be frugal - toppings piled high won't cook well.

You can finish cooking pizzas on the grill or in a traditional oven at 375 degrees.

Place pizzas on a cookie sheet or pizza stone and bake until toppings are cooked through and cheese is melted (usually about 10 minutes). If using a pizza stone, preheat the stone in the oven or grill and then place pizzas on the hot stone.

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Whether it's a fall pumpkin picking, the autumn roadside tailgate this fall.

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- 8 BEAN VEGETABLE**
- 1 cup carrots (diced)
 - 1 cup red pepper (diced)
 - 1 cup green pepper (diced)
 - 1 large onion (diced)
 - 1 cup celery
 - 3 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon garlic
 - 1 tablespoon chili
 - 2 teaspoons black pepper
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Whether it's a football game, pumpkin picking, the zoo, or an autumn roadside picnic, try a tailgate this fall.

Recipes compliments of Chef Kelli L. Lewton owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. Kelli is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, and a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her 2 Unique column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.

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- 1 large onion (diced)
- 1 cup celery
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon garlic (chopped)
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1/2 cup kidney beans
- 1/2 cup cannellini beans
- 1/2 cup garbanzo beans
- 1/2 cup black beans
- 1/2 cup pinto beans

- 1/2 cup navy beans
- 1/2 cup black eyed beans
- 1/2 cup Calypso beans
- 1 (32 ounce) can chopped tomatoes with juice
- 1 (32 ounce) can tomato puree
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 cup parsley or cilantro, chopped

In a large stockpot heat oil and diced vegetables. Sauté for 2 minutes over medium heat.

Add spices and continue to sauté for 2 minutes over low heat.

Add chopped tomatoes and puree; simmer for 20 minutes.

Add beans and simmer for another 20 minutes

Adjust seasoning to taste.

Serve with yogurt or sour cream, grated cheddar cheese and tortilla chips.

JALAPENO CORN SPOON BREAD

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 1/4 cups corn meal
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted melted butter (cooled)
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 eggs (separated)

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup corn
- 3 jalapeno chilies (steamed, seeded)
- 2 tablespoons cilantro (minced)
- 3 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large bowl combine flour, corn meal, baking powder and salt.

In separate bowl stir together the butter, milk, honey, egg yolks, jalapenos, cilantro and corn.

In a third bowl, beat the egg whites until soft peaks form, then add sugar and continue beating until mixed.

Gently fold flour mixture into butter/milk mixture then fold in egg whites.

Put mix into 9-inch cake pan or in muffin tins and bake at 350°F for 20-25 minutes.

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OLIVE TAPANADE

- 1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives
- 1/2 cup sliced California olives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons garlic
- 1 tablespoon herbs of your

- choice
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Lemon juice to taste
- Puree all main ingredients in food processor. Add garlic. Stream in olive oil and lemon juice. Add herbs, salt and pepper.

ROASTED EGGPLANT AND GARLIC SPREAD

- 2 large eggplants, sliced and roasted
- 3 cloves garlic, roasted
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Puree all main ingredients in food processor. Add garlic. Stream in olive oil and lemon juice. Add herbs, salt and pepper.

SUN DRIED TOMATO SPREAD

- 1 cup sun dried tomatoes (reconstituted)
- 3 roasted garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Puree all main ingredients in food processor. Add garlic. Stream in olive oil and lemon juice. Add herbs, salt and pepper.

See Main Dish Miracle on Taste front. Recipe compliments of Muriel G. Wagner.

CHICKEN A LA KING IN CROUSTADES

- 1 cup sodium and fat reduced chicken broth
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1/2 pound mushroom caps
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated skim milk
- 1 (10 oz.) package frozen peas, defrosted
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 2-3 tablespoons sherry
- 1 teaspoon white wine Worcestershire sauce
- 6 slices whole wheat bread, crusts trimmed

Heat chicken broth with thyme. Add chicken breasts. Simmer until chicken is thoroughly cooked (about 25 minutes). Remove from broth and cool. Save broth. Cut or tear chicken into large chunks. Set aside.

Heat canola oil in non-stick skillet. Add mushrooms, bell pepper strips and defrosted peas. Cook,

stirring until softened. Remove from skillet. Set aside.

Mix cornstarch with a little evaporated milk to make a paste. Add remaining milk and broth. Stir over low heat until thick and smooth. Stir in sherry and Worcestershire sauce. Add vegetables and chicken to sauce. Adjust seasoning. Serve in Croustades.

To make Croustades

Flatten each bread slice with a rolling pin. Fit each slice into a muffin tin pressing the bread against the sides of the cups. Bake in a 350°F oven for about 10 minutes until edges are golden. Remove from muffin tin after cooling. Serves 6.

Food Facts (per serving): Calories 268, fat 4.5g, saturated fat 0.8g, cholesterol 93mg, sodium 188mg

Food Exchanges: 3 lean meat, 1 starch, 1 vegetable

Look for Main Dish Miracle on the second Sunday of the month in Taste. Muriel G. Wagner is a registered dietitian and nutrition therapist with an office in Southfield. She publishes "Eating Younger," a quarterly newsletter with recipes and nutrition tips. To subscribe, send a check for \$13.50 to "Eating Younger," P.O. Box 69021, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069.

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Rustle up a pot of vegetarian chili in no time at all

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

While in Austin, Texas recently, I ordered chili. The dense, slurpy bowl of red that arrived contained honest chunks of hand-chopped meat simmered with searingly hot ground chile and perfumed with oregano. Intense aromas of cumin and garlic wafted from the steaming bowl. Only the addition of canned tomato made this different from chili con carne as it was invented in Texas, somewhere back in the 1800's.

In all honesty, I would cook chili, either con carne or meatless, more often if it did not take so much time. When using meat,

I want it hand-chopped, so it's nice and nubby, and chopping enough for a worthwhile pot of chili takes a while. For meatless chili, simmering the beans together with all the other ingredients until they knit together with feisty flavor is also time-consuming.

Thinking about this, and about how beans are such a great source of fiber, folacin and other good things, I set out to make a quick-cooking chili packed with the same depth of intense and balanced flavors as those which are slow-cooked.

I started with canned beans. For quick, profound flavor, the answer included a good broth. I

used ground chile peppers, though you could use a prepared chili powder. (I prefer the distinctive flavor you get from the individual seasonings. Also, I have a personal aversion to the taste of dried garlic, an important ingredient in chili powder.)

At the end, I thickened the chili with masa harina. Some supermarkets, as well as Hispanic food stores, carry this meal made from dried corn cooked with a lime. It gives chili the taste of fresh tamales and adds a creamy texture. If you can't get masa, corn meal will do just fine.

Harry James, a great American musician, said, "Next to jazz music, there is nothing that lifts

the spirit and strengthens the soul more than a good bowl of chili." I think this meatless version proves it.

VEGETARIAN CHILI

- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- 1-3 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground ancho chile, or 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 (15-ounce) cans pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup coarsely chopped canned tomatoes, drained

- 2 cups vegetable broth
 - 1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves
 - 2 tablespoons masa or corn meal
- Freshly ground black pepper In a medium Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion, bell pepper and garlic in the oil until the onion is translucent, about 4 minutes.
- Add the jalapeno pepper, cumin, ancho chile or chili powder, and oregano.
- Stir until the spices are fragrant, about 1 minute. Take care not to let them burn.
- Add the beans, chopped tomatoes, all but 3 tablespoons of the vegetable broth, and the cilantro. Set the remaining vegetable broth

aside. Bring the chili to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, place the masa or corn meal in a small bowl. Mix in the reserved vegetable broth, stirring to make a smooth mixture. While stirring the chili, blend in the corn mixture, blending it in well. Mix in a generous amount of freshly ground black pepper. Continue simmering the chili 10 minutes longer. For the best flavor, let the chili sit 1-2 hours, reheat, and serve.

Each of the four servings contains 245 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Information and recipes written for the American Institute for Cancer by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Best of Clay Pot Cooking" and "The Natural Kitchen: SOY!"



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Scleroderma workshop

Three subjects of special interest to scleroderma patients will be covered at the annual Scleroderma Medical Workshop 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, in the auditorium of Beaumont Hospital Administration Building, next to the hospital at 1301 W. 13 Mile in Royal Oak. "Gastrointestinal Involvement" will be presented by Dr. Lawrence Damiani, D.O. "The Latest Advances in Research" will be covered by Dr. Maureen Mayes, M.D. Brian Baker and David Zmicky of Personal Growth Technologies will present an interactive seminar for stress management using a new technology called "visual-sound." There is no charge, but advance registration is required to provide equipment and materials. To register, call the Scleroderma Foundation office at (248) 443-0858.

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Healthy balance

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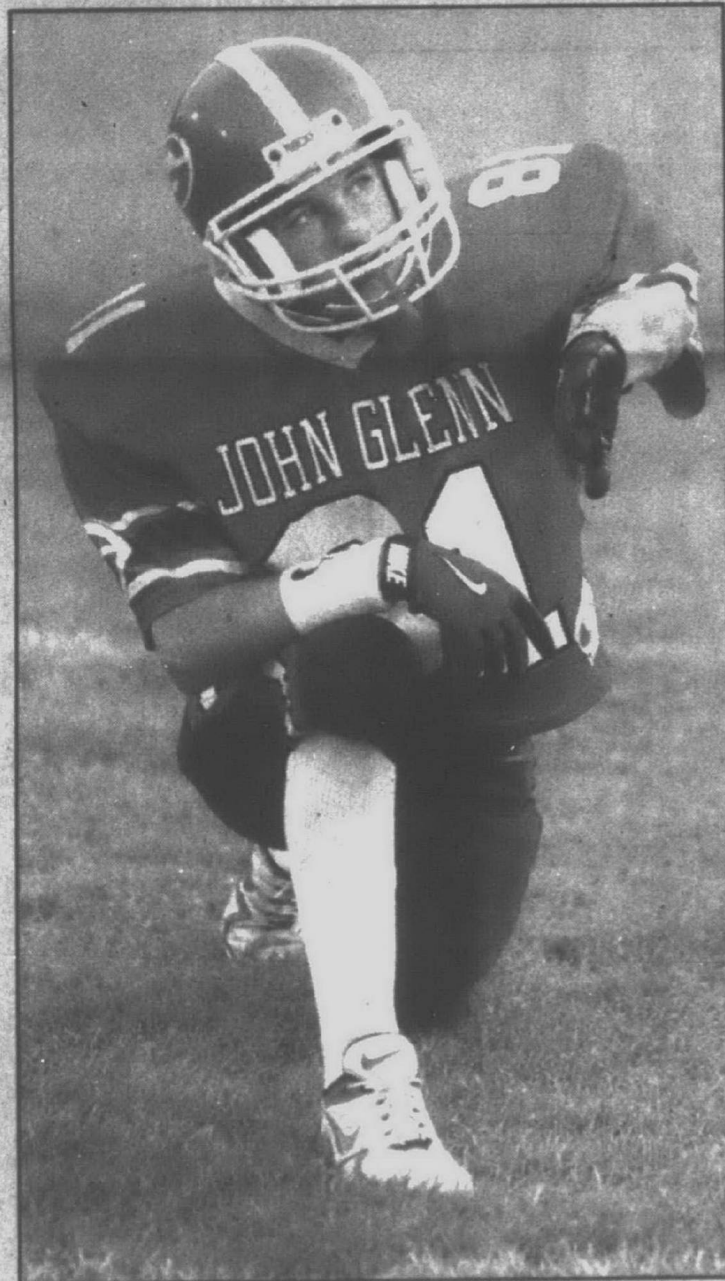
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Sports injuries sideline too many kids



Stretch out: (Above) Churchill football player, Aaron Geddes takes a moment to limber up before the game. (Upper right) John Glenn's Nick Hudson gets ready for the game with some practice throws.



Hold that pose: Aaron Lada, football player for John Glenn, goes through a pre-game stretching ritual.

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
STAFF WRITER

Parents who take preventative measures after they sign their children up for organized sports may help their budding athletes sidestep a lifetime of aches, pains and limps. In fact, Westland physician Stanley J. Szczeciński writes his patients a "prescription for sports." His first recommendation is for parents to find a sport that their child enjoys. "To have mom force a child to go into gymnastics is going to make an unhappy child, and that will lead to more injuries," he said. Szczeciński worked as a U.S. Olympic Committee physician for the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta, Ga., and is team physician for the Westland John Glenn High School football team and the Michigan Express Soccer Team. Next, parents should set aside time each week for their children to practice the sport, which strengthens their bodies and prepares them for games, he said.

Health benefits

And if you're looking for health benefits, keep in mind that it takes at least 15 to 20 minutes, three days weekly for a cardiovascular workout.

Kids should also get a complete physical before starting a sport, especially checking for heart problems, seizure disorders and skeletal abnormalities, such as bone deformities, said Dr. Robert Gordon, who practices at Family and Sports Medical Center on Main Street in Plymouth.

"Once the person is screened, the next step is the coach's responsibility to make sure whatever sport that person is doing that they physically work them up to the point that they are ready for full participation," Gordon said.

"You can't take a kid who has been watching Nickelodeon all summer and expect him to do the same activity at the same intensity from when they left off. Most of the injuries we see are from overuse."

Flexibility is key

Both doctors agree that flexibility is the key to maintaining health and staving off injuries.

"In training, one of the most forgotten elements is flexibility," said Szczeciński. "We've far too long stressed strength and endurance and haven't given enough attention to flexibility," Szczeciński added.

Like adults, children should stretch before games and concentrate on working the muscles that will have the hardest workout. For instance, baseball players should work their lower and upper bodies, because the kids will be running, throwing and batting.

Szczeciński also points to the importance of good coaches who prepare children with effective workouts and who teach them the fundamentals of how to play the game without getting hurt. This is especially true for young football players.

Use proper equipment

Proper equipment that fits is another essential component, he said. In fact, if the equipment that's provided doesn't fit or is worn out, consider buying extra gear.

Each sport calls for a specialized shoe. Basketball players, for instance, need foot gear that will provide extra ankle support to buffer the blow as the athletes repeatedly jump and land.

If your child is involved in a number of sports and you can't afford to buy a shoe for each, think about buying one all-sports shoe that should adequately protect your child's feet, ankles and legs, Szczeciński suggested.



The most diligent parents can think about every safety detail, but if the child doesn't cooperate, he is still a candidate for accidents.

Wear helmet

Every parent has heard their children, from preschool to high school, complain about wearing helmets when roller skating and cycling. But all it takes to make parents persevere is one story from an emergency room worker about a cyclist or a skater who suffered brain damage or died because he didn't want to be bothered with head gear.

"The accidents (with skating and cycling) are few and far between, but the accidents are a lot more serious when they do happen," Gordon said.

Ranking sports in terms of the number of injuries, Szczeciński lists football first; hockey second; basketball third followed by soccer. Children who are involved in non-contact sports, such as swimming and tennis, are less likely to have an accident but have to consider the possibility of overusing a particular muscle and causing tendinitis.

Other injuries

Your children don't have to be involved in organized sports at all to get hurt, according to Dr. John Williams in "Good Health Online: Sports and Fitness Health" on the Internet.

About half of the kids he sees are injured after falling from monkey bars and playscapes. Backyard trampolines are loads of fun, but they can also bounce you right into an emergency room, he said.

Most injuries from trampolines, usually broken bones, are caused by the momentum from jumping compounded by the odd angles kids get into as they contort their bodies.

No matter how kids are injured, if a bone is repeatedly broken, it may become crooked. "An injury will impede growth if there's a fracture in the growth plate. If it's not properly treated after the fracture, it could cause one arm to be shorter than the other," Szczeciński said.

If your child is injured, orthopedic surgeon Edward Lewis recommends treating the injury with RICE (Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation), according to "Good Health Online: Sports and Fitness Library."

"Work out muscle cramps with slow, easy stretching and quit altogether if the pain doesn't stop," Lewis added.

It is also important to have the injury checked by a physician trained in sports medicine, because he knows what to look for, Szczeciński said.

"The longer you let an injury go, the longer it will take to get it better," he added.

Positive results

Despite the risks, sports can be positive. Physical activity is especially important, considering studies that show children are getting fatter and less fit. In fact, one in five youngsters age 6-17 is overweight. Twenty percent of boys and 22 percent of girls are carrying around more bulk than they should for their health now and in the future, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

"Many times when a child comes in and has an injury, the parents will say 'Look, we shouldn't have gotten him into this,'" Gordon said.

"And my first comment is they should be involved in sports, but they should stretch and prepare themselves first."

There are so many benefits to sports, like the physical and mental conditioning, as well as overall emotional benefits from participating.

Identifying illegal drug use

The promise and usefulness of drug testing programs is that these programs can accurately identify illegal drug use. This implies the ability to definitively distinguish legal from illegal drug use.

However, in order to achieve this goal, the use of certified Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMSHA) laboratories and medical review officers (MRO) is mandatory.

A recent California court case raised some intriguing questions about how occupational health clinics handle drug testing of prospective employees, especially when the client company wants only the laboratory results with no MRO review. Laboratory tests can be misleading as they indicate both legal and illegal drug use. Without MRO

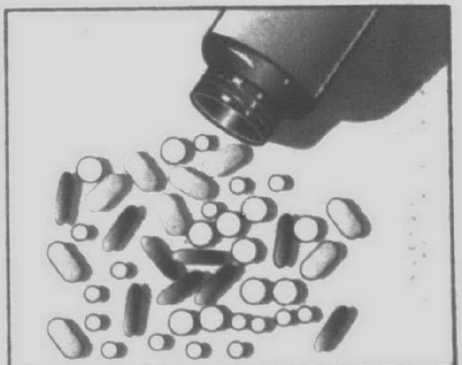
review, a positive test could cause an employer to not hire the prospective candidate. In the California case that's exactly what happened, and the potential employee sued. The jury's verdict demonstrated that it is up to the employer to seek proper interpretation of the test results via review by a medical review officer.

Some companies try to interpret laboratory test results on their own. However, they frequently have no one with training in legitimate prescription drug use, over-the-counter medications, adulteration and dilution issues, dietary concerns or prescription sharing.

The American with Disabilities Act prohibits mandatory prescription disclosure. MRO interpretation will greatly improve the efficiency, scope and

quality of drug testing. According to Jerry Bell, a pharmacist who works at Garden City Hospital's Occupational Health Services in Taylor, an MRO will contact a prospective employee who tested positive and ask him if he has seen a doctor or dentist in the last few weeks who prescribed medication. If the answer is "yes," the MRO will contact the specific pharmacy to find out if the medication - codeine, for example - could have contributed to a legitimate positive drug test result.

Federal laws are being proposed, and many states are passing legislation that will mandate that all employers involved in drug or alcohol testing follow the Department of Transportation guidelines. These guidelines include policy development, use of SAMSHA-



certified laboratories, MRO services, education and supervisor training. Dr. David Weaver is the MRO for Garden City Hospital Occupational Health Services at the hospital and Taylor sites. Both Weaver and Karen Parsell, client relations manager, are available to discuss drug testing and other occupational health issues. For an appointment, contact Parsell at (734) 458-3332.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kmortson@ce.homecomm.net or fax to (734) 591-7279.

along with Ward staff at the six Sunday seminars, to be held 4-5:30 p.m. in Room 317 of the church, on Six Mile west of Hagerly in Northville Township. For registration information, call (248) 374-5904.

OCT.-NOV. 16

UNDERSTANDING PARKINSON'S
In October, Health Development Network at Botsford will present a comprehensive seven-week program, "Living With and Understanding Parkinson's," for people with the disease and their care partners. The only program of its kind in southeastern Michigan to focus on a positive approach to coping with the disease. The 2.5 hour sessions meet consecutive Monday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m. at Botsford

General Hospital. Call to register (248) 477-6100.

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.

TUE, OCT. 13

HEART SUPPORT GROUP
This relaxed forum enables patients and their families to gain knowledge and insight into heart disease. Free. 2-3 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, Conference Room 3 West, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Call (248) 615-7480.

MOTHER-BABY SUPPORT GROUP
The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a Mother-Baby support Group from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, October 13. The group meets in the West Addition conference Room B near the south entrance. Bring your baby and enjoy an hour of information and emotional support for new moms. Registration required. Call (313) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Hospital will offer a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 in the West Addition Conference Room B. The support group meets the second Tuesday

of each month to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615.

OCT. 13 AND OCT. 15

DRUG-FREE FAMILIES
Kramer Chiropractic Center, located at 33481 Eight Mile Road in Livonia, is offering two sessions on keeping your family drug-free through the practice of a holistic and chiropractic philosophy. Sessions are from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday and from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday.

WED, OCT. 14

HARD OF HEARING

Free meeting for people who are hard of hearing - beginning at 7 p.m. at the Westland MedMax Health and Care Superstore, 35600 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 458-3381.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB
For those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. Call (734) 712-5367.

LUPUS
Dr. Joseph Berenholz, Ob.Gyn., will discuss "Female Related Issues, Sexual Dysfunction, Hormonal Changes," as it applies to lupus at the Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Farmington Library Conference Room. Call Andrea Gray at (734) 261-6714.

OCT.-NOV. 8

CANCER 2000
Ward Presbyterian Church will present Ward Cancer 2000 Seminars, on overcoming the physical and spiritual challenges of cancer. Dr. Manuel Valdivieso, director of Oakwood Cancer Center of Excellence, will speak

TUES, OCT. 20

PAYROLL FAST & EASY
Learn how to track employee wages and prepare payroll reports as required by government. Offered by the Big E-Z Bookkeeping Co. at Riley Middle School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 plus \$3 for payroll forms. Bring calculator. Call Livonia Community Education at (734) 523-9277.

WED, OCT. 21

BUSINESS NETWORK
Business Network International, Laurel Park Chapter, will meet 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. For information, call (734) 397-9939.

BOOKKEEPING FAST & EASY

Learn to track a month's income and expenses, then determine profits. Ideal for the number-shy small-business owner. Offered 7-9 p.m. by the Big E-Z

Bookkeeping Co. at Novi High School, Room 149. Bring calculator. Cost is \$27 plus \$3 for bookkeeping forms. Call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

FRI, OCT. 23

BUSINESS NETWORK
Business Network International, Livonia Chapter, will meet 7-8:30 a.m. at Senate Koney Island, on Plymouth Road near Stark. For information, call (734) 397-9939.

SAT, OCT. 24

BOOKKEEPING FAST & EASY
Learn to track a month's income and expenses, then determine profits. Ideal for the number-shy small-business owner. Offered by the Big E-Z Bookkeeping Co. at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee in Farmington. Bring calculator. Cost is \$25 plus

BUSINESS CALENDAR

\$3 for bookkeeping forms. Call Farmington Community Schools at (248) 489-3333.

TUES, OCT. 27

FRANCHISE SEMINAR
Potential franchisees can learn about opportunities at a seminar 6:30-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Livonia, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive. Admission is free. A&W Restaurants, Children's Orchard, Fantastic Sam's, Molly Maid, 7-Eleven, Ziebart Tidy Car and Target Leasing are sponsors. For information, call Marc Lichtenstein, (248) 699-2000, Ext. 9196.

MON, OCT. 26, AND TUES, OCT. 27

WHEELING AND DEALING
David Foltyn, a partner with the Detroit-based law firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, will be a featured speaker at the third annual Auto

Parts Industry Mergers & Acquisitions Institute "Doing the Right Deal at the Right Time" seminar held at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. The event will explore dealmaking in the auto parts industry, from mergers and acquisitions to avoiding the car manufacture price squeeze. For more information, call (212) 647-0808.

WED, OCT. 28

PAYROLL FAST & EASY
Learn how to track employee wages and prepare payroll reports as required by government. Offered by the Big E-Z Bookkeeping Co. at Novi High School, Room 149, from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$27 plus \$5 for payroll forms. Bring calculator. Call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richard's Restau-

rant on Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

FRI, OCT. 30

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL
Livonia Chapter regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

SAT, NOV. 7

PAYROLL FAST & EASY
Learn how to track employee wages and prepare payroll reports as required by government. Offered by the Big E-Z Bookkeeping Co. at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee in Farmington, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 plus \$3 for payroll forms. Bring calculator. Call Farmington Community School at (248) 489-3333.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

New trainers

The athletic training staff based at the MEDHEALTH Wellness Center's Plymouth Facility now includes Ryan Anderson, Tom Bradley, Jen Hagewood and Tracey Lasek. They will work under the direction of Marc Freeman, head athletic trainer.

Anderson is assigned to provide coverage for sporting events at John Glenn High School. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine and is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Bradley is assigned to Detroit Catholic Central High School. He graduated from Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colo., with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Hagewood is assigned to Livonia Churchill High School. She graduated from Central Michigan University magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine. She was previously employed as a medical assistant at Dow Chemical. She is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and the Michigan Athletic Trainers Society.

Lasek is assigned to Livonia Stevenson High School. She graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine. She participates in Red Cross First Aid and is a CPR instructor, and is part of the medical staff for summer Special Olympics.

The announcement was made by Matthew B. Petee, corporate director, Physical Medicine Hospital Practices & Wellness Centers.

Customer service

Joseph Fillar has been named director of customer service for Northwest Airlines. He is responsible for overseeing all operations in the Northwest Airlines control center at Detroit Metro Airport, including scheduling, assigning of gates and hub communication. He previously worked as the manager of Ramp Procedures



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E-mail has some room for abuse

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MIKE WENDLAND

If you've been on the Internet for any length of time, you have surely found your e-mailbox jammed with all sorts of unwanted and inaccurate messages, passed along by well-meaning but gullible folks who thought you ought to know about some purported virus or technology threat.

That's why I'm passing along a piece of e-mail I received this week from a Webmaster friend, Adam Miller, about this very issue.

Save this. Print it out. Forward this message, instead of the next warning about some bogus Internet scare.

I don't know who originally authored this. My friend found it in an Internet newsgroup. But it's right on. It hits all of the most common e-mail hoaxes I've seen.

It's called "The E-mail Facts of Life":

1. Big companies don't do business via chain letter. Bill Gates is not giving you \$1,000, and Disney is not giving you a free vacation. There is no baby food company issuing class-action checks. You can relax; there is no need to pass it on "just in case it's true." Furthermore, just because someone said in the

message, four generations back, that "we checked it out and it's legit," does not actually make it true.

2. There is no kidney theft ring in New Orleans. No one is waking up in a bathtub full of ice, even if a friend of a friend swears it happened to their cousin. If you are hellbent on believing the kidney-theft ring stories, please see: <http://urbanlegends.tqn.com/library/weekly/aa062997.htm>
3. Neiman Marcus doesn't really sell a \$200 cookie recipe. And even if they do, we all have it. And even if you don't, you can get a copy at: <http://www.bl.net/forwards/cookie.html>. Then, if you make the recipe, decide the cookies are that awesome, feel free to pass the recipe on.
4. We all know all 500 ways to drive your roommates crazy, irritate co-workers, gross out bathroom stall neighbors and creep out people on an elevator. We also know exactly how many engineers, college students, Usenet posters and people from each and every world ethnicity it takes to change a light bulb. So don't tell us in an e-mail.
5. Even if the latest NASA rocket disaster (DID) contain

plutonium that went to participate over the eastern seaboard, do you REALLY think this information would reach the public via an AOL chain-letter?

6. There is no "Good Times" virus. In fact, you should never, ever, ever forward any e-mail containing any virus warning unless you first confirm it at an actual site of an actual company that actually deals with viruses. Try: <http://www.norton.com>
- And even then, don't forward it.
7. If your CC: list is regularly longer than the actual content of your message, you're probably going to Hell.
8. If you're using Outlook, IE, or Netscape to write e-mail, turn off the "HTML encoding." Those of us on Unix shells can't read it, and don't care enough to save the attachment and then view it with a Web browser, since you're probably forwarding us a copy of the Neiman Marcus Cookie Recipe anyway.
9. If you still absolutely MUST forward that 10th-generation message from a friend, at least have the decency to trim the eight miles of headers showing everyone else who's received it over the last six months.
- It sure wouldn't hurt to get rid of all the ">" that begin each line. Besides, if it has gone around that many times - we've probably already seen it.
10. Craig Shergold in England is not dying of cancer or any-

thing else at this time and would like everyone to stop sending him their business cards. He apparently is also no longer a "little boy" either.

Those 10 points just about cover them all.

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Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-Radio AM1270. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

and System Deicing for North-west Airlines. In that position, he and others created and implemented a comprehensive restructuring of the deicing program.

Fillar, who has worked for the airline since 1979, and his family live in Canton. The announcement was made by Bob Ball, vice president, Customer Service-Detroit.

Crain's spotlight

Two Livonia businessmen shared the spotlight in Crain's Detroit Business '98 "40 Under 40" list, a compilation of the Detroit metro area's most successful business people age 40 and under.

Mark Lichtman, 35, president and CEO of ZenaComp Inc., founded his custom-software development company in 1989. Today, his company has grown to 60 workers and generates sales around \$6.2 million. ZenaComp's clients include Wal-mart Stores Inc., General Motors Corp., and ValueRx, a pharmacy-benefits company.

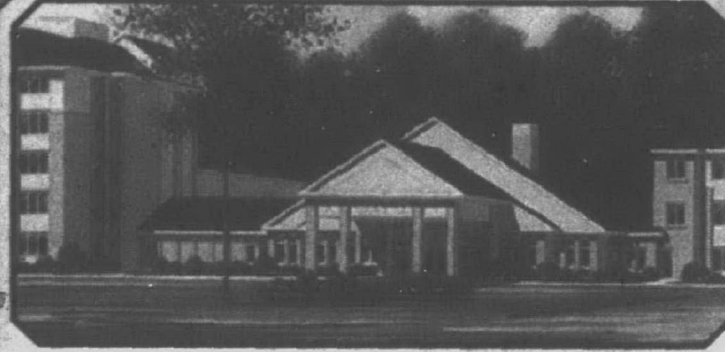
Lichtman earned his MBA from Michigan State University

in 1997. He is a member of the Young Presidents Organization and was nominated to the Michigan Information Technology Roundtable by the Michigan Jobs Commission.

Gerard Guidici, 38, vice president of corporate development and strategic planning for LucasVary Automotive, often spends his entire work day handling conference calls from company offices in Hong Kong and London.

Guidici oversees the company's automotive electronics and electrical systems as well as the light vehicle braking systems. Under his guidance, his division generated \$5 billion in sales. He intends to expand his company's vehicle content from braking systems into chassis-control systems, which holds the potential of doubling company sales.

Guidici began his automotive career with a bachelor's degree at the former General Motors Institute in Flint. He earned his MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.




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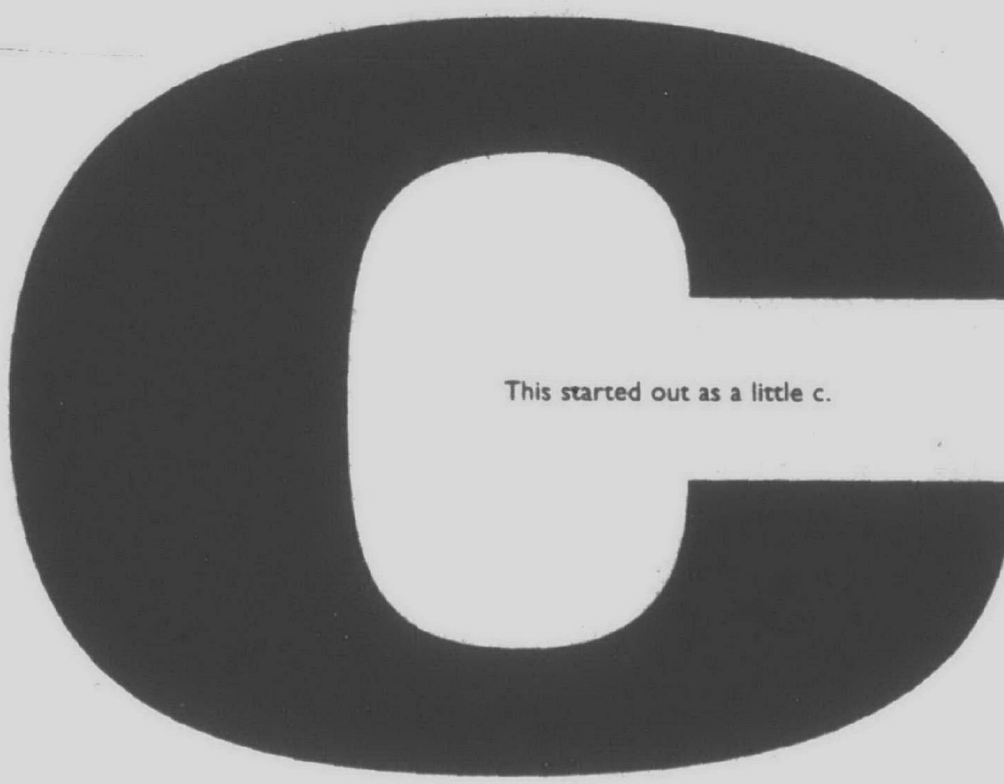
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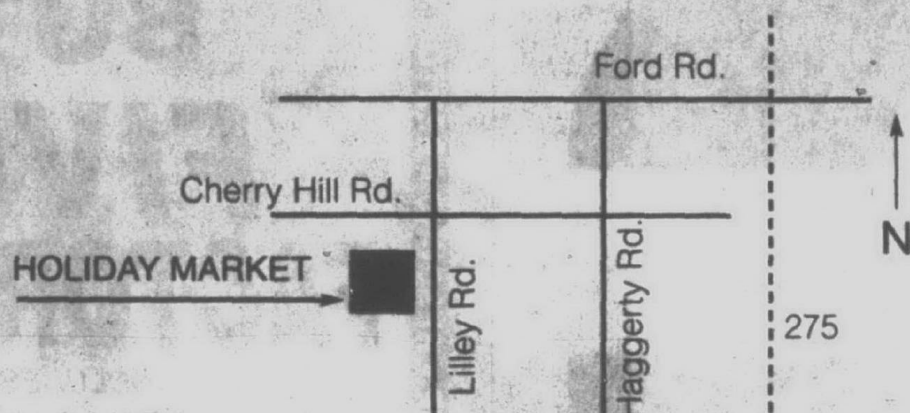
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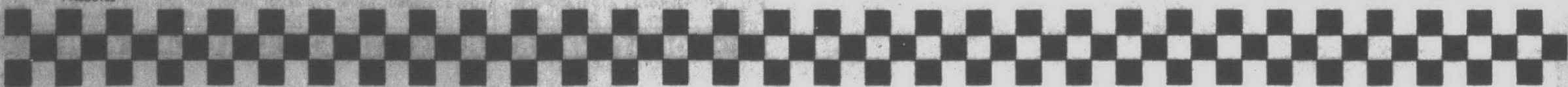
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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Dracula dances on Devil's Night

If you ask Kendra Phillips what is the scariest scene in "Dracula," she'll tell you it's the final one where she drives a stake through the Prince of Darkness's heart.

Phillips, a Westland resident, dances the role of Mina (Wilhelmina) in the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company's Oct. 25 and Oct. 30 productions of Bram Stoker's classic tale at Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

"Dracula comes up behind me, and I don't know he's there," said Phillips. "It never fails someone in the audience screams, look behind you."

For all of the dancers in "Dracula," the challenge is portraying their parts. While productions such as "The Nutcracker" tell a story, they don't involve much acting. "Dracula" is different.

Set in the 18th century, the ballet spins a web about the Count who packs up his coffin and moves to London after life in Transylvania becomes scarce. Choreographed by Mark Nash for the Plymouth Canton Ballet, the original production tells the story through the eyes of Mina, Lucy's best friend. Lucy is the one who becomes one of the walking dead after Dracula bites her several times.

Frightening

"There's only two screams in the whole production and mine is one of them," said Phillips. "But I've had no problem because the dancer who plays Dracula is so frightening."

"Dracula"

WHAT: The Plymouth Canton Ballet Company scores up choreographer Mark Nash's version of Bram Stoker's "Dracula."

WHEN: 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

WHERE: Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, (south of Eight Mile Road), Livonia.

TICKETS: \$10 adults, \$8 children age 12 and under, call (734) 397-8828.



On the dark side: Plymouth Canton Ballet Company members Dean Sheremet and Kendra Phillips dance their way through Bram Stoker's "Dracula."

do pranks," said Greene. Word of mouth should ensure a full house, according to Dean Sheremet who plays Mina's fiance. Jonathon Harker is the unlucky real estate agent sent to Dracula's castle to finalize the Count's purchase of Carfax Abbey in London. Sheremet won the national Starpower competition for the Mr. Dance title in Las Vegas this summer.

"People didn't know what to expect the first time," said Sheremet, a senior at Plymouth Canton High School. "But afterwards, they said they'd wished they would've brought everyone and their brother."

Now that Dracula is about to arrive in Livonia, Greene is excitedly asking everyone to come, and on Devil's Night to wear costumes. She cautions parents, however, not to bring anyone below age 5.

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Flute soloist: Deborah Rebeck Ash performs Corigliano's "Pied Piper Fantasy."

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Russell Reed waved his baton for the string players to embark on Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra members had waited for this moment, tuning up and running through passages. Along with the sweet strains of strings, changes were in the air. This is to be Reed's last season as music director but one that will be long remembered.

Flute soloist Deborah Rebeck Ash is the first guest artist and will perform Corigliano's "Pied Piper Fantasy" at the Saturday, Oct. 17, opening concert. Written for James Galway, "Pied Piper" is not your typical flute concerto. It pits the flute against the orchestra which is a rat. Rebeck Ash as the flutist tries to destroy the rat. There are also 12 offstage flutists in the seven movement piece.

A member of the Plymouth Symphony since 1981, Rebeck Ash is studying for a doctorate degree at the University of Michigan. She is the winner of the 1997 National Flute Association Professional Performer's Competition.

"We've got a terrific season for the musicians and audience," said Reed. "There's some interesting programming like the "Pied Piper." I call it a theater piece because it has lighting and costumes and child actors from (Plymouth Community Arts Council's) Whistle Stop Players who fol-

low the piper."

The final concert with his sons David (violin) and Robert (cello) as guest artists will be the high point of Reed's 13 years with the orchestra. In between the first and last concerts the orchestra is featuring soloists Glenda Kirkland and Conwell Carrington, choirs from Plymouth Canton Educational Park and Northville High School, the Plymouth Canton Ballet, and guest conductors such as Anthony Iannaccone and Anthony Elliott.

A performance of James Lentini's "Sinfonia di festa," especially commissioned in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Plymouth Symphony, the annual Pops Dinner and Chamber Concert are some of the other treats on the menu.

On-Stage, the popular pre-concert lecture program, will return, said Reed, to give the audience an opportunity to meet the soloists and learn about the music so they can "appreciate it and enjoy it more as well as feel a personal connection that they wouldn't have felt otherwise."

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Season opener: Russell Reed leads the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in the opening concert of its 53rd season Oct. 17.

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WHAT: Opens its 53rd season with familiar classics. Orchestra flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash performs Corigliano's "Pied Piper Fantasy."

WHEN: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Afterglow to follow at John Cleveland's Water Club Grill, 39500 E. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Afterglow tickets \$5.

WHERE: Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road (at Canton Center Road), Canton.

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/college students. Students through grade 12 admitted free. Season tickets \$114 adults, \$105 seniors are available through opening night. Call (734) 451-2112 for concert or season tickets.

SEASON SCHEDULE

- 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13 - The Nutcracker with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 - "All American" concert featuring guest conductor Anthony Iannaccone, and soloists Glenda Kirkland and Conwell Carrington at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University.
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30 - Chamber Concert featuring PSO musicians and Youth Artist Competition winner at the Plymouth Canton Little Theatre.
- 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 - "February Festivities" with guest conductor Anthony Elliott at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.
- 6 p.m. Friday, March 12 - Pops Dinner Concert at Laurel Manor.
- 8 p.m. Saturday, April 17 - "Reed Finale" features the conductor's sons David and Robert at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

FILM

Film documents man's struggles, pain to 'Walk This Way'

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When talking about his disability, Ron Bachman shoots straight from the hip. The double-amputee pulls no punches about being "beat up so bad emotionally in school and in his northwest Detroit neighborhood because he looked so different." But don't feel sorry for him. Bachman's positive attitude demonstrates the Northville resident has come to terms with the hand he's been dealt. Now he's on a mission to show others "you might walk that way, but I walk this way" in a film premiering Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Penn Theater in Plymouth.

The pain and struggle Bachman's encountered along the way is documented in "Walk This Way" but so, too, is the strength it took to overcome the negativity and become an everyday guy who rides a motorcycle, shops at the supermarket, and works out at the Power House gym in Farmington Hills. The only difference, as producer Kathryn Vander shows through vintage

"Walk This Way"

WHAT: Premiere of the 16mm documentary film about the life of double-amputee Ron Bachman.

WHEN: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Where: Penn Theater, on Penniman (east of Main St.), Plymouth.

TICKETS: \$10, call (248) 542-8935. A portion of proceeds benefit Detroit Area Film & Television, a nonprofit educational association.



Fooling around: Producer Kathryn Vander and Steven Tyler of Aerosmith take a break before filming his part in "Walk This Way."

footage taken at the Mary Freebed Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids, is that Bachman, who was born with a congenital birth defect, had his legs amputated at the age of 4. Still, he managed to raise his 18-year-old daughter, Alicia, now a student at Michigan State University, by himself from the time she was 4. One poignant scene, when Alicia was 8, shows how Bachman innovatively solved problems other parents could never imagine. When neither could reach the top of the Christmas tree to place the star, Bachman laid the tree down on its side.

His story

"It starts when I was 4 years old with my legs, then two weeks after without my legs," said Bachman. "Then it shows me at age 9, then in high school, married, divorced and raising Alicia. It's hard to chase after a 4-year-old when you're walking on your hands. From age 4 to 7 it was difficult physically, but from that age on she turned out to be

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Inspiring story: Ron Bachman and Emmy award-winning producer Kathryn Vander teamed up to make "Walk This Way."

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

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ing rehearsals and concerts is the final step in selecting a new music director after Reed's departure in April. From 160 applicants, seven have been chosen for the 1998-1999 season. Reed is stepping back while a search committee looks for a new music director.

He said he thinks it's important that the board, musicians and community make the choice because "they're the ones who have to work with the conductor."

"You don't conduct the music, you conduct the people," said Reed. If you enjoy the people, board members and the community, that's what makes it worth it, but it takes a tremendous amount of energy. Every rehearsal is two-and-one-half hours of the most intense emo-

tional and physical energy."

Reed, 64, wants to spend more time more traveling and golfing. He also enjoys cabinet making.

"I've been waving my arms at folks for well over 40 years," said Reed. "The hard part of music is once it's over it's gone, but we have a good time. We work hard. I like to feel rehearsal's been worthwhile for the people in the audience. It's been great for me."

Reed laughs as he thinks about how members of the orchestra took the news of his retirement at the end of last season. Several musicians asked who was going to serve refreshments since Reed's wife, Nancy, usually took on the chore during breaks.

Rebeck Ash and her husband, Jeff, a French horn player with

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Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Music Director

the orchestra, are typical of the members who will miss Reed, however. There's a mutual respect between director and musicians. Reed marvels at the dedication of the orchestra members, in particular Rebeck Ash whose mother died the week before the first rehearsal for the new season. "Deborah's a real trooper," said Reed.

"Russ Reed's going to be hard to replace," said Rebeck Ash. "He's easy to get along with."

Targeting the future

Education continues to play an increasingly important role for the orchestra. Through concerts incorporating such groups as the Whistle Stop Players and educational programming in the

schools, Reed and the rest of the Plymouth Symphony organization are trying to encourage young people to take an interest in symphonic music. According to board president Donald Soenen, the operating budget's jumped to \$220,000 from \$120,000 three years ago all because of education. Last month as part of a new program, third graders in Plymouth Canton Schools were treated to visits from orchestra members. Also new is the policy that students through grade 12 will be admitted free to concerts.

"The Plymouth Symphony has always had a part of its mission as education," said Soenen. "It's our goal to become much more involved with students in Plymouth Canton Schools. We hope to develop a very aggressive program over the next two years."

It's in the best interest of the Plymouth Symphony to build an audience as well."

Soenen points out educational programming is just one of the changes the orchestra is making to move the nonprofit organization into the 21st century.

Julia Kurtyka was recently hired as the new executive director to boost ticket sales and market the orchestra. Corporate and individual fund-raising campaigns will allow the orchestra to schedule more youth programs, and the \$200,000 raised for an endowment fund within the last two years will keep the orchestra afloat in the future.

"We're really strengthening the organization," said Soenen. It wasn't that long ago when it was all volunteers now we have two paid staff members."

Film from page C1

the greatest kid ever, and I was the guy car pooling and doing all the things other parents do."

Shot on location in Northville, Novi, The Palace in Auburn Hills, and Plymouth, the film changes perceptions about children and adults with disabilities. Vander, an Emmy-Award-winning film producer, and cinematographer/co-producer John Prusak, an instructor at William D. Ford Career/Technical Center in Westland, use one scene shot at the Salvation Army in Plymouth to illustrate the fact that most of us, children and adults, are at a loss as how to interact with handicapped people on a daily basis. For Bachman, the speaking engagement was a pay back for the help the Salvation Army gave him when he had a kidney removed in 1993.

"We're really excited about it premiering in Plymouth," said Bachman. "That's where I got my start as a motivational

speaker. All of the kids ended up in the movie."

The questions, the children asked - how do you get in and out of bed? are you in pain? Bachman addresses in a series of motivational tapes to be released in January.

"When he's out in public people stare," said Vander. "One little girl was staring at him so he went up to her. We got a feel for what it's like. Ron eventually got her to laugh and smile and quit looking under his scooter."

Delivering a message

To reach a larger audience, Bachman is in the process of applying for grants to take his message to schools around the country. The students in Suzanne Rompel's class at the Dickinson Center in Livonia are still talking about the day Bachman wheeled in on his Amigo scooter to speak to them. The troubled students from Livonia's

three high schools attend the ALPHA, the Alternative Learning Program, for two hours every school day. In a support group setting, students are taught to deal with anger and other emotions.

"Our students come in with low self esteem," said Rompel. "They're having problems at home, with their friends, or in school. To meet Ron who has such a disability they came away saying Ron is a winner. He changes the way people look at the disabled. His main message to the students was, we're all people and if you can accept yourself for who you are, it doesn't matter what other people think of you."

Kindred spirits

Alicia talks about her father in the film as does friend Steven Tyler of Aerosmith. Bachman met Tyler 22 years ago at a concert and since then the two have become "kindred spirits." Tyler

says, 100 years ago Ron would have wound up in the sideshow of a circus, but today he's changing the way people look at people with disabilities.

"The film runs the gamut of emotions," said Vander. "It inspires you and once you're past the initial shock of seeing Ron, you get to know him as a person. You get beyond what you see, the superficial."

Vander, a Berkley resident who grew up in Oak Park and Southfield, met Bachman seven years ago at the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts where she was an instructor and he a student. She spent a lot of hours talking to Bachman about his life before "figuring out from a storytelling aspect how to encapsulate Ron's life."

"I didn't want people to walk away feeling depressed, I wanted to feel humor in the film because that's his personality, and still tell the story. Everybody will come away with a different les-

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son. Some will go away thinking my life's not so bad, others what would I do in this situation?"

Seven years in the making, the film was set back time and time again because of a lack of money. With the help of private contributions and grants, they eventually completed the film but not without a great deal of frustration. The next step after the premiere is finding distributors but Prusak's not worried. "Walk This Way" has already been shown in Los Angeles and around the country to qualify to win awards, one of which was already

received from the Council on Family Relations.

"Funding documentaries is not like funding feature films," said Prusak. "In independent filmmaking, you're doing everything on your own, distributing, raising money, but it's all worth it especially when you're doing a film about someone like Ron. We don't think about a handicap until it happens to us. If Ron can bring out some of the sensitivity he has and pass that on, it will be a winner. It's just a real human story. It's a story to be told."

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"It's scary," the Canton resident said. "Even though it's good over evil."

Dracula's quick scene changes keeps the dancers on their toes. Nicole Reitz plays one of Dracula's three wives, the ones that suck the blood out of Harker. The Plymouth-Salem High School senior says its a production not to be missed with lots of garlic, crosses and collapsible stakes.

Two fog machines set the mood along with the costuming. Lucy's wedding dress and the rest of the costumes were made by Greene. She tie-dyed many of the ghouls outfits gray and black to make them look ragged and then put drops of

blood on them. "It's so unique," said Reitz. "because the ballet (Dracula) doesn't come to town that often and you get to see it locally."

"It has more variety for the audience," said Phillips, an instructor at Encore Dance Academy in Westland. "Some people don't like the ballet but this is more like a play and it's fun."

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72nd Original All World Market, featuring the Ballet Folklorico Cihua-Art and Afromezitzo Ballet from Mexico, local ethnic performances, craft demonstrations, hands-on activities for children. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Oct. 16-17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18., Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; (313) 871-8600.

FRANKLIN ANTIQUE SHOW

Over 30 antique dealers, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, & 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Admission: \$5. Franklin Community Church, 32473 Normandy Road. Proceeds go to outreach programs at Franklin Church. (248) 851-5438.

CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL/LIVONIA

7th annual Fall Craft Show 10 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday Oct. 24. Sponsored by the Parent Teacher Student Association of Churchill. Proceeds go to school. Admission: \$1; (734) 422-4507, (734) 464-7425.

MEADOW BROOK HALL COLLECTION

"Tiffany: Essence of Light," through Nov. 15. Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester; (248) 370-3140.

AUDITIONS / CALL FOR ARTISTS

ANN ARBOR CONSORT

Open rehearsals for 1998 holiday season. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 & 21. Concordia College, 4090 Geddes Road, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-7823.

CRAFTERS WANTED

"Seasonal Sensations," the annual Senior Fair and Craft Show at Southfield Christian School. Juried show Dec. 5, 1998. Call (248) 375-0693. Crafters wanted for Dunham-Ray VFW Ladies Auxiliary Annual Arts & Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, 24222 W. Nine Mile Road; (248) 777-8972. Crafters wanted for Farmington High School 9th Annual Arts and Craft Show, Saturday, Nov. 14. Fees: \$45 for booth space; (248) 478-2397, or (248) 473-1538.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Creative Arts Center, North Oakland County, invites local artists to participate in its annual "Holiday Marketplace Gift Shop," Nov. 6-Jan. 2, 1999. Fee: \$15. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

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.

TROY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Seeks chorus members for its new season. 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.

BENEFITS

MASQUERADE BALL

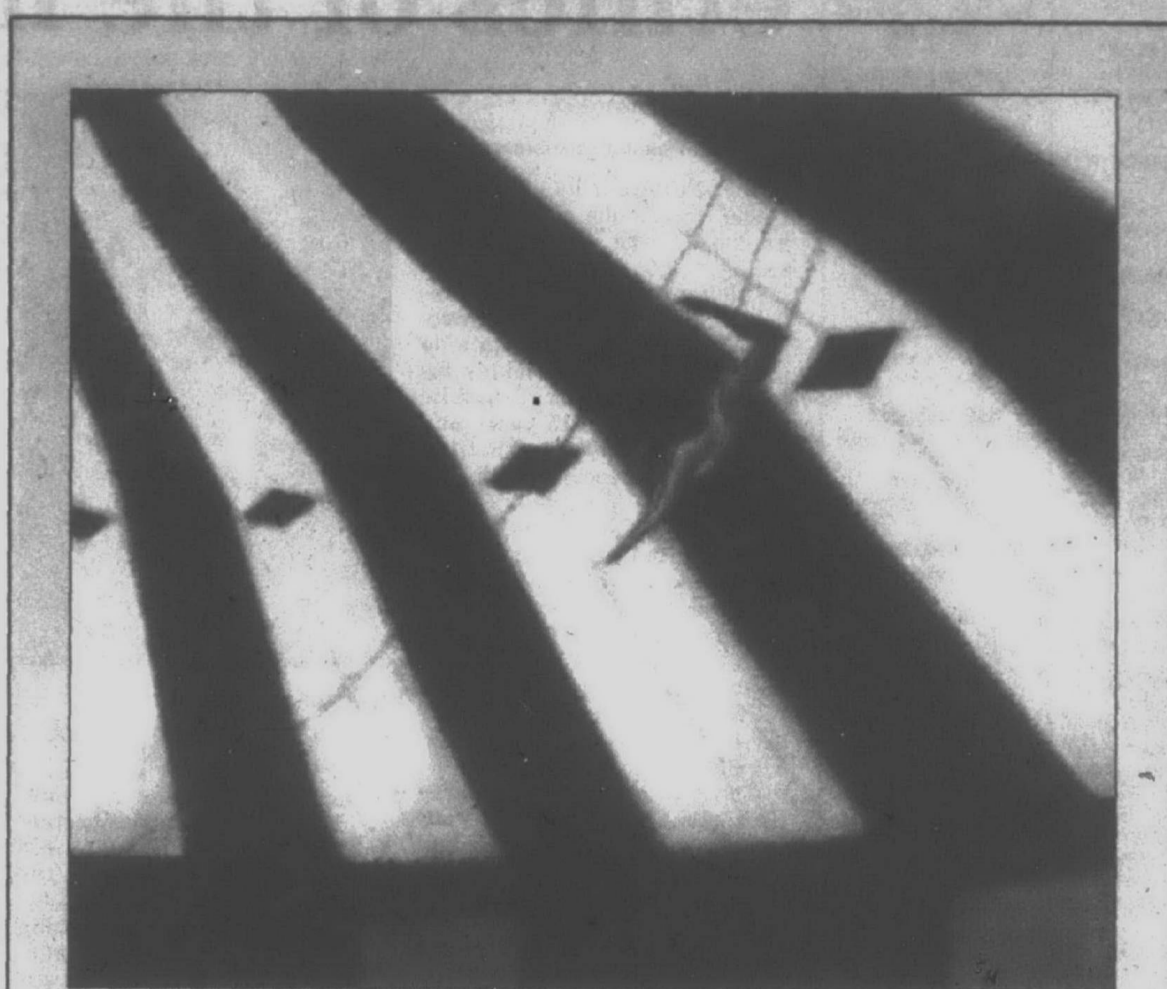
Detroit Dance Collective's fundraiser, "Imagine Yourself As..." 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Riverview Ballroom, Cobo Hall; (313) 965-3544.



Strike a pose: Detroit Dance Collective's Masquerade Ball fund-raiser.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS

First joint fundraiser for Very Special Arts Michigan and Special Olympics Michigan, 7 p.m. Friday.



High wire: "Almost Flying," the paintings of Jane Dickson are on exhibit through Oct. 31 at the Lemberg Gallery, 538 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 642-6623.

Oct. 16, Roosertail Club, Detroit. Admission: \$50; (248) 423-1080.

B'JAZZ VESPERS

Jazz vocalist Sheila Landis 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. First Baptist Church, 300 Willits Street, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Avenue. Free; (248) 644-0550.

GUY FAWKES BALL

20th anniversary of the high-style extravaganza for the Cranbrook Art Museum sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, Saturday, Nov. 7. Cocktails 6:30 p.m. prior to dinner and dancing. Tickets: \$300 per person for benefactors; \$200 per person for patrons; \$75 per person. Call (248) 645-3333.

CHORAL MUSIC

CHORAL PROGRAM

Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown presents a program of choral music 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18; (313) 961-8711.

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

Range of art classes for fall. 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY ED.

Fall registration for reading classes. Seaholm High School, Lincoln at Cranbrook roads, Birmingham; (248) 203-3800.

CLAYTON ACADEMY OF DANCE

Register for fall classes. 5951 John R. Road, Troy; (248) 828-4080.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER OF PONTIAC

Range of art classes for fall, including courses for youth, teens and adults. 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

DANCE CLASS

Open enrollment for ballet, modern, ethnic, tap and jazz. Open for dancers of all ages, from beginning to advanced. Adult courses: \$10 per class. Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit; (313) 927-1200.

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE

Fall classes in modern dance and ballet for intermediate and advanced dancers. Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams on Grand Circus Park, across from the State Theater, Detroit; (313) 965-3544.

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. Session begins Nov. 3. 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 through Nov. 2; fee: \$72. Mask-making, ages 18 and up; 7:15-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 21. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels; by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 21 or Nov. 4-Dec. 16; fee: \$210. 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

ONCE UPON AN EASEL

Classes for preschoolers, students ages 6-16, and adults, 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. 4640 Walnut Lake Road, West of Farmington Road. (248) 738-2500.

VAAL

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia begins its fall classes. Workshops in pastel, watercolor monotypes, fall landscape, still life, watercolor, and painting glass ornaments. Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. To register, (734) 455-9517.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

High-energy violinist Nigel Kennedy. 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit; (313) 576-5111.

JULLIARD STRING QUARTET

Opening-season concert for the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets: \$15-\$40; (248) 737-9980.

ROCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"From Russia With Love," guest artist 12-year-old Yura Lee, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Varner Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills.

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Gem Theatre brunch concert series featuring jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic. 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25. Gem Theatre, 333 Madison, Detroit. Tickets: \$15-\$25; (248) 357-1111.

DANCE

EDE

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble. "Rhythmic Kaleidoscope." 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Smith Theatre; (248) 471-7667.

LECTURES

CIVIL WAR

"Sgt. Drake of Michigan Civil War Days," a historic look at the state of the Union before, during and after the Civil War. Noon Thursday, Oct. 15. Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium; (248) 858-0415.

PROLIFIC FICTION WRITER

Loren D. Estleman talks about writing mysteries and western novels 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Admission: \$10. Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Award-winning author Jane Yolen and illustrator Jane Yolen guest speakers at 7th annual Young at Heart Luncheon sported by Storytellers Guild of The Community House. 12:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 380 Bates Street, Birmingham; (248) 644-5832.

GLASS ARTIST DALE CHIHULY

Woodward Lecture Series presents acclaimed artist Dale Chihuly 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21. Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. For information, (313) 664-7667.

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

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.

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.

U-M MUSEUM OF ART

Through Oct. 25 - "Dreamscapes: The Surrealist Impulse." 50 objects from the museum's permanent col-

lection which survey the evolution of surrealist art. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

ORGAN RECITAL

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mary Whitmore in recital at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 6255 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 646-5207.

POP MUSIC

COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOC. OF TROY

Tony Sandier of the legendary Sandier and Young in a concert of standards from Gershwin, Porter, Kern, Berlin. Troy High School, 477 Northfield, Troy. Five-concert season: \$40; (248) 644-3485.

VOLUNTEERS

FAR CONSERVATORY

Needs volunteers to assist with leisure, creative and therapeutic arts programs for infants through adults with disabilities, weekdays, evenings, Saturdays. Call (248) 646-3347.

LIVONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Greenmead Historic Village seeks volunteers to assist in school tours, Sunday tours, special events, special projects and gardening. Open May-October & December. Eight Mile at Newburg Roads, Livonia; (734) 477-7375.

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 ARTS CENTER

Oct. 16 - "WWW (Weaving World Wonder)," featuring artist Graciela Bustos, and flutist Ginka Gerova-Ortega. Exhibit runs through Nov. 4. Opening reception, concert 6-9 p.m. Oct. 16.

PRINT GALLERY

Oct. 16 - Grand Opening of new location 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. Franklin Plaza, Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Oct. 19 - Work of Jane Dyer and Jane Ylen. Reception at 4 p.m. Through Nov. 14. 536 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

SOUTHFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Oct. 13 - "The Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors," through Oct. 30. 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road); (248) 424-9022.

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY

Through Oct. 16 - "Animals Here, Animals There, Animals, Animals Everywhere!" 536 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 647-7040.

CARY GALLERY

Through Oct. 17 - The paintings of Mel Rosas, professor of art at Wayne State. 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester; (248) 651-3656.

KIDD GALLERY

Through Oct. 17 - New paintings by William Nichols. 107 Townsend Street, Birmingham; (248) 642-3909.

REVOLUTION

Through Oct. 17 - Anne Wilson. Voices. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

ZOOM GALLERY

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

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY

Through Oct. 24 - "Cotton Bleu," recent works by Vincent Pimentel. 161 Townsend, Birmingham; (248) 642-2700.

REVOLUTION

Through Oct. 24 - Works of Anne Wilson. 23257 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale; (248) 541-3444.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Through Oct. 24 - 5 p.m., mixed media drawings of Nick Cave.

enamel vessels of June Schwarz and the jewelry of Alan Burton Thompson. 202 E. Third Street, Royal Oak; (248) 544-3388.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY

Through Oct. 29 - "Oriental Art and Calligraphy," sponsored by the Midwest Oriental Art Club. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays. Executive Office Bldg., 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

CENTER GALLERIES

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

BBAC

Through Oct. 30 - "Capturing the Essence of the African American Experience through Its Artists," featuring the work of Valerie Fair, M. Saffell Gardner, Henry Heading, Al Hinton, Earl Jackson, Robert Martin, Cheryl Pastor, Bill Sanders, Dwight Smith, Gilda Snowden, Shirley Woodson. 1516 Cranbrook Road, Birmingham.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

Through Oct. 31 - "Faculty Exhibit." 150 Community Arts Bldg., Wayne State, Detroit; (313) 577-2423.

DETROIT GARDEN WORKS

Through Oct. 31 - Exhibit of recent photographs by Julia Markey. 1794 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake; (248) 335-8089.

ELAINE L. JACOB GALLERY

Through Oct. 31 - "Charged Hearts" by Catherine Richards. 480 W. Hancock, Detroit; (313) 993-7813.

GALERIE BLU

Through Oct. 31 - 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, opening reception for Romero Britto. 568 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham; (248) 594-0472.

HABATAT

Through Oct. 31 - New work by glass artist Dale Chihuly. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

LEMBERG GALLERY

Oct. 31 - "Jane Dickson: Almost Flying" in main gallery, and "Janet Hamrick: Wall Narratives" in project gallery. 538 N. Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham 642-6623.

LIVONIA CITY HALL

Through Oct. 31 - Exhibit of mixed media by members of the Independent Artists of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, east of Farmington Road; (734) 466-2540.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

Through Oct. 31 - Watercolor paintings by Alice Nichols, and fiber art by Maureen Zale. 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road; (734) 466-2490.

MOORE'S GALLERY

Through Oct. 31 - "Black Echoes," a three-part narrative of slavery, minstrelsy and jazz by C. Bruce Unwin. 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham; (248) 647-4662.

OAKLAND COUNTY GALLERY

Through Oct. 31 - "Midwest Oriental Art Club Painting & Calligraphy Exhibit," open house & demonstration." Executive Office Bldg., 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac; (248) 858-0415.

PEWABIC POTTERY

Through Oct. 31 - Works of Sadashi Inuzuka and Liz Quackenbush. 10125 E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Through Oct. 31 - "I.D. Series," an exhibit of new works by Beverly Fishman. 555 S. Woodward Avenue, Birmingham; (248) 642-8250.

UZELAC GALLERY

Through Oct. 31 - "Works on Paper" by Aviva Robinson, and the works of Paul Lewis. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

WYLAND GALLERIES

Through Oct. 31 - Oil and acrylic paintings on canvas, and exotic animal print furniture by Cheryl Conlin. 280 Merrill, Birmingham; (248) 723-9220.

STUDIO GALLERY OF R.

MANISCALCO Through Nov. 1 - Work of William House, Paula Luke, Jac Rurdon, Joseph Maniscalco, Stephen Castine, Edward Kasprovicz, and Robert Maniscalco. 173

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinema

Showercase Auburn Hills 1-34 2150 N. Oakridge Rd. Between University & Walton Blvd. 248-575-2600

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Showcase Dearborn 1-8 Michigan & Telegraph 313-561-3449

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Showcase Pontiac 1-3 Telegraph Sq. Lake Rd. W. Side of Telegraph 248-332-8241

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Showcase Westland 1-8 6000 Wayne Rd. One 1/2 S. of Warren Rd. 313-729-1060

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Author challenges ethics of the media

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

Berl Falbaum has seen the media circus from all sides, and he doesn't like what he's been seeing.

Falbaum, 60, of West Bloomfield was a reporter for 10 years with the Detroit News, an aide to Lt. Gov. James Brickley for four years, a corporate public relations man for 15 years and now operates his own PR firm, Falbaum & Associates of Farmington Hills.

He's also taught journalism for 31 years at Wayne State University.

"I think we've created a culture where we don't pay attention to ethics," Falbaum said.

Falbaum turned his concerns about ethics into a media thriller, "A Matter of Precedents," (Proctor Publications, \$19.95).

"It's bothered me for a long time," Falbaum said. "I've written non-fiction for 40 years and never tried fiction. I didn't think I had the talent. This is not literature, but I read a couple of books that told the story through dialogue and I thought, well, maybe, I can do that. The messages were important to me."

"A Matter of Precedents" takes corporations, news reporters, unions and public relations reps to task for both outright deceptions and for trimming the ethical corners and blurring the line between right and wrong.

The fictional Thompson Brakes has a problem when several longtime employees contract mesothelioma, a form of cancer linked to exposure to asbestos, a material once used in manufacture of the brakes.

Thompson Brakes public relations representative Tim Kaufman has to defend the company's position that asbestos is not the cause of the cancer.

Meanwhile Detroit Blade reporter Sue Merriman is aggressively tracking the story, perhaps too aggressively.

Falbaum is unsparing in his portrayal of the corporate world. His executives are insensitive, greedy, short-sighted sycophants



Berl Falbaum doesn't like what he sees

or ego maniacs. Kaufman distains his bosses but tries to steer them through a responsible response even as they resist the ethical way.

Falbaum tells an interesting story, but clearly it is the arguments about corporate and journalistic ethics that are most important. The current situation in Washington makes Falbaum's book particularly pertinent.

The Lewinsky scandal and media coverage raises some of the same ethical questions.

"I look at the White House, and I couldn't do that job," Falbaum said. "(Mike) McCurry, I like him, but I couldn't do what he's done. Maybe we're like the lawyers who say, 'I don't want to know.' I'm pleased that McCurry said that."

In Falbaum's book, Kaufman is asked to leave when the company's executives discuss sensitive material and devise unethical solutions.

"Many times a corporation will not tell a PR person everything," Falbaum said.

This is particularly true about financial statements, where reasons for corporate losses will often be covered over, he said.

"Lawyers purge the documents and won't tell a PR person the

real reason for losses. Each PR person has to make decisions," Falbaum said. "It takes its toll on you. I couldn't represent a tobacco company, at least not on a cancer issue."

While journalists are quick to condemn "PR flacks," they are slow to acknowledge their own shortcomings. Falbaum said it isn't the big cases of dishonesty that have recently surfaced at the Boston Globe, the New Republic and CNN. He said it's the everyday practices that bother him.

"The problem is where we've taken taken journalism with hidden cameras and 'informed sources.' It's the competitive drive for profits. We're driven not by the merits of the story. I'm appalled," he said.

Falbaum gives his students at Wayne State a test asking them whether they'd look at an open file on a desk. Open an unlocked file cabinet? Break into a locked cabinet? The majority say they'd do the first two but not the last, even though, ethically, it's all the same.

Falbaum said he is bothered by this "easy ethics" approach, but he is not entirely disappointed in his students.

"I like the fact they understand issues and discuss them and know that it's wrong. They are passionate about it," he said. "They're appalled by what they see in the media."

He said this frustration with the media is one of the factors that is driving most media students into public relations (along with more jobs available and higher pay).

Falbaum said his biggest disappointment with his students is that many of them don't read newspapers, magazines or books.

"I tell them to at least read one paper a day," he said.

Falbaum, who has written three previous non-fiction books, including a book on Detroit's famous Anchor Bar, said this will be his last novel. He said he enjoys the writing but dislikes the promotion.

Falbaum dedicates his book to his wife, Phyllis, and adult daughters, Julie and Amy.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

Book Happenings features various happenings at suburban bookstores. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313)591-7279, or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD) Michigan Bats presentation 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the store, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005.

BOOK BEAT Marcus Pfister signs his award-winning "The Rainbow Fish" books at the store, 26010 Greenfield Rd., Oak Park, (248)968-1190.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS) Robert Lutz, former president and

vice chairman of Chrysler Corp., will sign his new book, "Guts," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14; Annick Hivert-Carthew will discuss and sign "Ghostly Lights, Great Lakes Lighthouse Tales of Terror," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Yvonne Gray Lynch signs her book on Cuba, "Wait for the Wave," 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the gallery, 161 Townsend, Birmingham, (248)642-2700.

BORDERS BIRMINGHAM (SOUTHFIELD ROAD) SUR performs Adean music 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11; author Franziska Schoenfeld and illustrator Ann Kelly pay tribute to sculptor Marshall Frederick, 1 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 11; dyslexia lecture, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14; poet

Brad Leithauer, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15; apple party 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the store 31150 Southfield Road, (248)644-1515.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY Part of the library's "Southfield Remembers" exhibit with Pauline Palazzo of the Townsend Hotel pouring at the library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, (248)948-0470.

BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE) Open-Mic Poetry Reading featuring poet Naomi Long Madgett, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13; Marian Nelson reads from "Priscilla's Patch," 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13; Elizabeth Chiu King signs "A Wok A Week-52 Lite and Easy Meals," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15; Spot the Dog visits 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 17-18; at the store, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville.

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WORKSHOP TODAY Ojibwe Cathy W dreamcatcher work to 3 p.m. Sunday, Woodland Indians pany and Galler, Six Mile, Redford.

The fee is \$10, ter, call (313) 381-1111.

FREE CONCERT The Schoolcraft Department presenting Schoolcraft members Jack Norman Vesprini Oct. 16 in the F Hall on campus, I Road, between 5 Mile, Livonia.

For more info (734) 462-4400, or call (313) 381-1111.

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'Marvin's Room' worth a visit

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER lrogers@homecomm.net

Long estranged sisters Bessie and Lee each have their own problems which will eventually overlap in the film adaptation of "Marvin's Room."

Down in Florida, Bessie, played by Diane Keaton, has spent the last 20 years caring for her dying father and elderly aunt. As the film starts, Bessie is diagnosed with leukemia and urged to contact her sister as a possible bone marrow donor.

Up north in Ohio, Lee, played by Meryl Streep, has her efforts to graduate from beauty school interrupted after her troubled teenaged son burns down their home. Hank, played by Leonard DiCaprio, ends up in a mental hospital while Lee and a younger son are sheltered at a local convent.

Lee eventually loads her kids

into the car and returns to Florida for the testing, and a prickly reunion with the remainder of her family.

Adapted by Scott McPherson from his play, "Marvin's Room" isn't really a disease movie - it's a story about families and the different choices made by their members.

Bessie basically gave up the life she had been leading to return home and care for their father, now bedridden Marvin, played by Hume Cronyn. In a nice performance by Keaton, who I usually find terrifically annoying, Bessie is at peace with the decisions she made to care for people she loves. That doesn't keep her from wryly noting the length of her father's terminal illness. "He wouldn't want me to miss any of it," Bessie observes.

Streep's Lee is too immature and self-centered to face caring for her ill father. Those same

characteristics in part lead to the tumultuous relationship with Hank. At some level she's angry at him because she had to be parent when she would rather have looked the other way.

DiCaprio is also very good as the troubled Hank, who finds a bond with the aunt he doesn't remember from childhood and moves toward a better relationship with his mother. He doesn't quite know how to respond to Bessie, who actually listens to him and wants to understand what is happening in his life.

Like life, there aren't happy endings tied up with a bow. People do what they can and try to grow through their experiences.

Robert DeNiro, one of the film's executive producers, has some funny moments as Bessie's physician. For an unexplained reason, he's filling in for Bessie's usual doctor but reassures her that he's a fine pathologist.

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Ojibwe Cathy Wurn presents a dreamcatcher workshop 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 at Woodland Indians Trading Company and Gallery, 26161 West Six Mile, Redford.

The fee is \$10 each. To register, call (313) 387-5930.

FREE CONCERT

The Schoolcraft College Music Department presents a recital featuring Schoolcraft piano faculty members Jason Sifford and Norman Vesprini 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 in the Forum Recital Hall on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

LOOKING FOR SINGERS

The Motor City Metro Chapter of SPEBSQSA will sing during the holidays on Wednesday evenings, the four weeks before Christmas. Men willing to join us can come to our open auditions being held Wednesday evenings 7:30-10:00 p.m. in the chorus room of the Fine Arts Building on the Henry Ford Community College campus located at Evergreen and Ford Roads, Dearborn, Michigan.

For more information call 248-358-7393 or 734-261-5321.

PORTRAITURE CLASSES

The Art Gallery/Studio is offering art classes taught by Lin Baum 1-4 p.m. Thursdays Oct. 15, 22 and 29 at 29948 Ford Road, Garden City.

Students may work in any medium and subject matter. For more information, call (734) 513-4044 or (734) 261-0379.

CLAY FUNDAMENTALS

Learn about the properties of clay and construction techniques: carving, molding, textures, slab and coil construction 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Oct. 15

and 22 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction.

The cost is \$40, all materials included. To register, call (734) 416-4278.

ART SHOW

Original watercolors, porcelains, needlework, and ornaments will be for sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Sheldon Senior Center, 10800 Farmington Road, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

Admission is \$1 for the show sponsored by Wickham Porcelain

Artists.

DIA COMES TO LIBRARY

A lecture and slide presentation titled "Rise of a Great Museum" takes place 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Sponsored by Friends of Livonia Libraries, the program is free. For information, call (734) 466-2491.

The program about the Detroit Institute of Arts will be given by Wendy Evans, a graduate of Oxford University, England. She

teaches art history at Wayne State University and an art history survey class at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH SHOWS

The Livonia Arts Commission presents fiber, watercolor and mixed media works at its three venues in October.

"Into My World," paintings by Farmington artist Alice A. Nichols continues through Oct. 31 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

Next to the gallery in the two circular showcases Maureen Zale of Union Lake exhibits contemporary fiber to Oct. 27.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The Independent Artists take over the lobby of Livonia City Hall to Nov. 6. Located at 33000 Civic Center Drive (east of Farmington), city hall is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The moments that define our lives don't take place on the grand stage of public view ~ but rather in the warmth and love of the place we call home.

'Our Town' offers diverse range of art

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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Even in the local art scene, the Big Three are conducting a restructuring campaign.

Far from the heated competition of the auto industry, high-ranking execs from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler will go head-to-head.

But this time, they'll be on the same side.

In what sounds like a philanthropic monopoly, The Community House of Birmingham has assembled a stellar line-up of corporate celebrities to attract benefactors to the 13th annual "Our Town Art Exhibit & Sale."

Newly named GM president and chief operating officer G. Richard Wagoner Jr. will join top Ford executive Ed Hagenlocker and Tom Stallkamp of Chrysler at a gala preview.

The three executives and their spouses serve as co-chairs of the exhibition's benefactors committee.

Over the last three years, the exhibit has increased benefactor support from 192 to 515 patrons this year. That translates into more money at the largest fundraiser for the nonprofit organization, which provides a meeting place and a range of educational and "social enrichment" programs for local residents.

While the annual exhibit is expected to bring in \$130,000, the show has another purpose.

"Our mission is to be open to everyone, and for the public to see a diverse range of art," said Shelly Roberts, executive director of The Community House.

The emphasis of the exhibit, said Roberts, is on recognizing local artists and presenting mainstream art in an exhibit. Participants include Igor Beginin of Canton.

There will be an assembly line of art hung in salon style along the walls, hallways, stairwells and ballrooms at the Williamsburg-colonial house just south of downtown Birmingham.

The exhibit is foremost an expression of artistic variety. The 361-piece exhibit of Michigan artists presents a modest range of technical ability over artistic statements.

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Sand spooks: The Halloween sand sculpture at Fairlane.

Get ready for tricks and treats

To help put you in the Halloween spirit, here's a trick and some treats:

• **Glowing treat:** This is one promotion you can't help but like.

Now through the end of October, Halloween USA Costume & Decor Superstores are giving away a free glow stick with every children's costume purchased, so that the child can wear it while trick-or-treating and be more visible to motorists.

Last October, more than 8,000 glow sticks were given away as part of the company's Safety First program.

Halloween USA and Gags & Gifts are operated by Livonia-based Gags and Games Inc. Each year, Gags & Gifts stores become Halloween USA stores

for the fall season and additional, temporary Halloween USA stores are opened at other locations.

Halloween USA stores are located in the Merri-5 Plaza in Livonia, the Van Beau Building in Royal Oak, the Westland Plaza in Westland, Hampton Village Centre in Rochester, ABC Plaza in Canton, Knollwood Plaza in West Bloomfield, Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield, Summit Place Mall in Waterford, Shelby Township across from Lakeside Mall, and at more than 30 other locations in Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

• **Tasty treat:** Some people like to give out popcorn balls for Halloween, but Lucy Date of Troy and her sister, Paula Loeser, have an even better idea: gift baskets made of edible popcorn by their company, **Just Popped**.

The baskets are 8 to 12 inches in diameter and are made with corn syrup in much the same way that popcorn balls are. After they're molded and hardened, the baskets are filled with caramel corn, candy and gift items - whatever the customer desires. Prices start at \$30 and it's best to order at least two days in advance, Date said.

Just Popped has theme baskets for every holiday and special occasion. Its Halloween basket is orange and is filled with assorted white and milk chocolates and "spooky treats."

For more information, call (248) 528-0304 or (248) 528-9436.

• **Corny trick:** Chicago-based Favorite Brands International, one of the country's top manufacturers of candy corn, sweetens your Halloween with everything you'd ever want to know about the little triangular treat - including how they get the white tip to taste different from the orange and yellow bands of each kernel.

(The trick is simple - three candy mixtures are piped into the molding machine. The orange and yellow mixtures are much the same, except for the color. The white mixture contains special ingredients to make it firmer and taste different).

Candy corn is a mellow creme candy, made of corn syrup, honey and sugar; one kernel has 4.4 calories and no fat; there are about 294 kernels in a one-pound bag; and the amount of candy corn produced in the United States each year, expressed as ears of corn, is 2.25 million ears.

Look for the Farley's and Sathers brand names at Sam's Club, Spartan, Rite-Aid, Save-A-Lot and Meijer stores.

• **Mall treats:** Most shopping malls have Halloween events scheduled for this month. At Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, for example, people can view a life-like, 40-ton Halloween sand castle through the end of October. And one of the attractions at Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield is a "child friendly" animated Haunted House.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

When John Darin traveled to England and France in 1997, he brought home a vision for a light-filled greenhouse structure that would become a signature English Gardens garden center. On Monday, Darin's European market opens its doors on Coolidge Highway, straddling the Royal Oak and Troy communities, just north of 14 Mile Road.

Darin, chief operating officer of the family-owned English Gardens, describes the new store as "a community gathering place."

"In Europe," he says, "huge garden centers are shopping destinations. They're located out in the countryside and resemble dressed-up greenhouses. People meet there to discuss how their tomatoes are doing or what bulbs they'll be planting this year."

English Gardens wanted to bring this same spirit to metro Detroit, and the European ambience is apparent as you approach the green-and-white-striped awnings that distinguish the facade. A 40-foot clock tower rises from the piazza-like portico, centered between wrought-iron gated and pillared patios that display seasonal decor. Bistro tables line the patios in warm months when customers can grab a coffee and pastry from the indoors bakery/cafe and retreat to the veranda for some perennial repartee.

Demonstration gardens are scattered throughout the parking lot, offering ideas for different kinds of cutting gardens, including a butterfly

garden.

Once inside, the horticultural impression continues in a conservatory filled with tropical and blooming plants, 20-foot palms and soaring 25-foot ceilings. An information kiosk directs guests through the 81,000-square-foot space.

Outdoor pavilion

Outside, find two greenhouses filled with bedding plants, perennials, vegetables, herbs and landscape plantings in the spring and summer, and live Christmas trees, mums, pumpkins and gourds in the fall and winter. The greenhouses are naturally ventilated and warmed with radiant heating. This outdoor sales area also houses a huge selection of garden statuary and fountains, a drive-through loading area, and pottery from across the world.

English Gardens offers a do-it-yourself landscape design option as well as full landscaping and installation capabilities. Should gardeners get the urge to wield a trowel and dig a little, there's even a new handwashing station and potting bench, an English Gardens first.

A Peek Inside

"Everything in the new store is bigger and better," says Darin. "This is the cream of the crop. It will be the model for everything we do in the future."

It seems that no amenity has been

English Gardens blooms beyond its roots

New garden center has European flair



In the garden: John Darin, left photo, poses beside a fountain in English Gardens' atrium. Above: Imported Steinbach nutcrackers fill shelves in the Christmas center.

overlooked in English Gardens' fifth location. There's space to hold garden club meetings, even a unique garden pharmacy.

"The pharmacy will diagnose plant problems and write 'plantcriptions,'" says Darin. "Just bring in your withered leaf."

Other service counters include a plant wrapping station, a floral design center for fresh and silk flowers, a "Casual Living Decorating Station" where customers receive design consultation and order custom outdoor furniture, a gift registry and a garden bookstore.

When the doors open Monday, tall display shelves will be filled with Halloween and Christmas trims and decorations, garden gifts, table fountains, bird feeders and ornaments. Fifteen decorated theme trees will light up the east-side window wall. A Dept. 56 boutique brims with limited-edition collectibles and imported Steinbach nutcrackers, and Christmas lights fill an entire department. Look for blue icicle lights, customized light sets, new tube

lights and fiber optic trees.

To capitalize on the seasonal business, Darin has provided the store with a massive on-site basement warehouse, ensuring that your purchase, from nativity scene to porch swing, is always in stock.

Today, when carefully tended gardens are thoughtful extensions of a home's interior, the garden center must meld exterior and interior decorating. It must also serve as a repository for new ideas and new looks.

So, when you visit English Gardens during this harvest time of year, take a moment to absorb the experts' flair for arranging mums and pansies, cornstalks, hay bales, pumpkins and gourds. Your front porch might resemble that of an English country cottage this fall.

English Gardens, 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak. Other English Gardens locations in Dearborn Heights, West Bloomfield, Clinton Township and Eastpointe.



European style: Striped awnings, a clock tower and pillared patios give English Gardens a continental look.



'Pot'-pourri: Meghan Burau prices pottery from Malaysia and Vietnam for the new Royal Oak English Gardens store.

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.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

DREAM ON
Woodland Indians Trading Co. presents a Dream-catcher Workshop by Cathy Wurn, Ojibwe. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$10. 26161 W. Six Mile Road, Redford; (313) 387-5930.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

FUR FETE
Saks Fifth Avenue and The Fur Salon invite you to meet designers Andre and Lisa Bisang and view their Fall 1998 Collection at an evening to benefit the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council. Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception at 5 p.m., fashion show at 6 p.m. \$50 benefactors, \$35 patrons. Call (313) 576-5154. Fur Salon, second floor, Saks Fifth Ave., Somerset Collection.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

DESIGNER DUDS

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

Nicole's Revival Designer Resale Clothier features nearly new designer fashions at the Westland Chamber of Commerce business luncheon at Joy Manor in Westland. Networking and lunch at 11:30 a.m., fashion show at 1 p.m. \$15. Call (734) 326-7222.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

IN STRIDE
Westland Walkers Club holds its monthly meeting in the lower level auditorium of Westland Shopping Center. 9:30 a.m. Westland opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

FASHION FARE
Saks Fifth Avenue presents the Dana Buchman Fall 1998 Breakfast Fashion Show featuring misses, petites and plus sizes. 9:30 a.m. breakfast, 10 a.m. fashion show. RSVP (248) 614-3317. Designer Bridge Sportswear, Saks Fifth Ave., Somerset Collection.

POOCH PARTY

You are cordially invited to attend a book party for the debut of *Enter Barking* by Coco Chanel, Detroit's most barked about author. 5-8 p.m. Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge, Berkley.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

GILDING THE LILY
The Michigan Regional Lily Society holds its annual hybrid Lily Bulb Sale at the Birmingham Congregational Church, 1000 Cranbrook Road in Birmingham. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Continues on Saturday.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

DEBUT
Lane Bryant celebrates its grand opening at Hunter's Square, 31065 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills. The fashion retailer specializes in clothes for women sizes 14-28.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

BRIDAL BASH
Brides-To-Be presents Fall's Biggest, Best Bridal Show Ever at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. \$7, \$8 at the door. 5500 Crooks Rd., Troy. (810) 228-2700.

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SALON SAVVY
Salon & Spa Design Studio of Farmington Hills, a division of Nailco Salon Marketplace, offers



salons its exclusive full-service interior design capabilities, combined with unique industry knowledge of salon and spa specifications. Directed by Leslie McGwire, Salon & Spa Design Studio offers color selection and coordination for furniture, fabric and accessories; equipment and space needs assessment; budget planning, financing options and a computerized space planning system. The studio's most recent client, Pannos in West Bloomfield, underwent a complete renovation and redesign. The salon's new image is contemporary with white marble columns and sleek metal accents. For further information about the Design Studio, stop by the showroom at 23200 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills.

ANTHONY'S FANTASY

The clean, classic and romantic look of Cleopatra is being reinvented at Salone Nadwa and Day Spa in Novi. This glamorous look is created with clean blunts that have strong lines and heavy blunt bangs, a la the lady of the Nile. Hair color is dark, rich and solid. If you're in the mood for exotic, call Nadwa at (248) 348-7316. 43236 Eleven Mile Rd., Novi.

LAND HO

New England Home sets sail to its second metro location at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. The nautical-theme store opens on Nov. 12 and features an array of seafaring wood-carvings, sepia-tone photographs and nau-

tical paraphernalia. Carved mahogany ships, brass telescopes, compasses and steamer trunks appeal to sailors and landlubbers. Leonard Xerri opened his first store at Laurel Park Place in 1997. The new location has cottage plank floors, circa-1870 display tables and antique-style shelving that evoke a sea captain's attic.

TOP KNOT

Birmingham-based Twist & Shout Gourmet Pretzels recently opened its fifth location at Livonia's Laurel Park Place. The store offers at least seven different pretzel selections daily, as well as homemade soups, micro-brewed top beer and specialty coffee drinks.

ART VAN AND PARTNERS

On Wednesday, Sept. 23, Art Van Furniture and the Partners of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute hosted a Grand Opening Celebration in conjunction with the annual Partners Ball. The event raised nearly \$400,000 from ticket sales and silent and live auction proceeds. The money will support the Suzanne Korman Morton Cancer Research Fund and the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Bone Marrow Transplant Program. Approximately 1,100 guests attended the Unique Restaurant Corp.-catered event. Sister Hazel and Atomic Fireballs provided lively entertainment.



FINE FRAGRANCE

On Oct. 13, Jacobson's will launch the new fragrance, Doulton, from the Royal Doulton Fine Fragrance Collection. Doulton is a sultry, yet refreshing, fra-

grance that accents the elegance and sophistication of the modern woman. It blends muguet, narcissus and lily with undertones of sandalwood, amber, musk and patchouli and top notes of melon and plum. The bottle is crowned in antiqued silver. Doulton is the first women's fragrance born of a passion for beautiful surroundings. Prices range from \$55 to \$200.

COZY UP

It's time to pull out the flannel pj's and tuck those silken nighties back into the dresser drawer. Designer Karen Neuberger's boxy, two-piece pajamas and her jersey knit cotton bedding collection are the hottest items in sleepwear today.

Neuberger is the creator and design director for a collection of all-day sleepwear. Her designs have been worn by celebrities Oprah Winfrey and Calista Flockhart on *Ally McBeal*.

She debuts her special edition bedding collection at Hudson's this month to coincide with her Angel Network print pajamas. Hudson's will be the only retailer in Detroit to carry this product.

The Karen Neuberger Bedding collection is 100 percent jersey knit cotton. All profits derived from the sale of the Angel Network designs will go to Oprah's Angel Network Foundation and its youth scholarship fund.

TALENT SEARCH

Opryland Productions will present an original holiday musical for Fairlane Town Center titled "Ring Them Bells." Fairlane is seeking vocalists, both children and adults, to appear in the nationally recognized production company. Performances begin Saturday, Nov. 21 and run every day until Friday, Dec. 24. Children should be 6-12 years of age and are required to sing and dance. Auditions will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Fountain Court Stage. A special children's audition is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4-6 p.m. To register for auditions, call (313) 593-1370.

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 a few weeks. Thank You.

What We Found:

- Narcisse cologne by Chole can be found at Levin's Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road, (248) 851-7323, 1 oz. \$25.
- Found a hanging laundry bag for Caroline.
- Coats & Clark pattern books for Joyce.

We're Still Looking For:

- June wants a game called Initial Reaction.
- Patty is looking for Revlon's lipstick in the shade Honey Bee.
- Daniel is looking for Heinz all-natural cleaning vinegar.
- Steve is looking for a manual for the Sharp cash register model #XE 1054.
- Virginia wants someone to purchase her old 78 rpm's.
- Lynn is looking for a complete set of stoneware dishes

called "Images" by Signature.

- Searching for song books from the '40s, '50s, titled "Hit Parade".
- Bob wants Carrington cologne for men.
- Ed is looking for a grass catcher for a Black & Decker #U-274. It has a 22-inch blade.
- Lori wants a "Snuggle" bear.
- Mary is looking for a Russian MIG, toy (metal) airplane.
- Susan wants Azarzo perfume.
- Jay from Redford is looking for a copy of *Tall Ships, A Sailing Celebration*.
- Clara wants (ABON) MAJA soap and powder.
- Mary is looking for Norell fragrance and Adriane Arpel makeup products.
- Julie wants the Matchbox Hummer (red & white) given out at Taco Bell last year.
- Laura wants Chi Chi's recipe for Sweet Corn Cake.
- Diane wants to sell her Precious Moments and Robert Raikes bears, rabbits and dolls.
- Allison is looking for a bathroom spray called Woodland Mist by Scent Shop.
- Vivian would like to find a Panasonic can opener.

- Kim is looking for a beechwood ladder-back chair.
- Linda is looking for Hyde White Shoe Polish.
- Marilyn is looking for a "Pretend Window" for a windowless room (last seen at Farmer Jack).
- Stella is looking for "Magic Crochet" and "Decorative Crochet" magazines.
- Susan wants a Kay upright base for musical instruments.
- Jackie is looking for a double-chair Papasan, (used to find at Pier 1) with/without cushion.
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TRAVEL

Cooperstown has great baseball and much more

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER
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Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa have been in the spotlight lately for their baseball talents. It's fitting that their accomplishments are highlighted at the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum.

When you enter the building in Cooperstown, N.Y., these days, items from the careers of the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs sluggers are evident. We saw bats, balls and uniforms during a recent visit, along with items from the late Roger Maris, who had set the previous home run season record of 61 in 1961.

My husband, Mark Rembacki, and I have been to Cooperstown four times now and have enjoyed it more each time. We stay at The Inn at Cooperstown, with hosts innkeeper Michael Jerome and his wife, Marianne Bez, director of guest development.

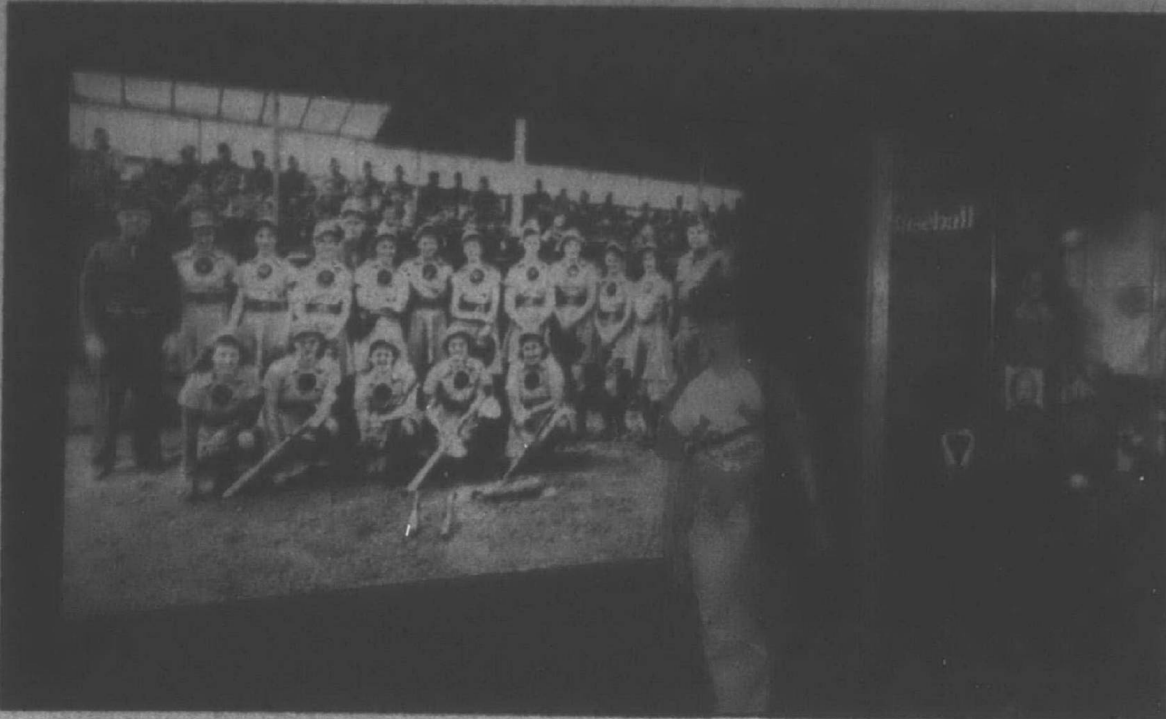
"Their interest is beyond baseball," Jerome said of visitors to Cooperstown, home to some 500 people. "The opera (Glimmerglass Opera) brings in a lot of people."

On previous visits to the "Village of Museums," we have also visited the nearby Farmers' Museum, reminiscent of Greenfield Village but smaller and with more of a focus on New York state, and the nearby Fenimore House Museum. This time, we decided to concentrate on baseball.

The three-floor Hall of Fame & Museum is a ball-lover's delight, and that's as true for the casual fan as it is for the aficionado. Admission is \$9.50 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$4 for those ages 7-12. Winter hours (Oct. 1 through April 30) are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with open doors to 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays in April, October, November and December.

Summer hours (May 1 through Sept. 30) are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Cooperstown is in central New York state, 70 miles west of Albany. It is 30 miles south of the New York State Thruway.

We drove there each of our four times through Canada, picking up the Thruway in the Buffalo area. The drive took approximately 10 hours, and we chose to stay overnight coming and going



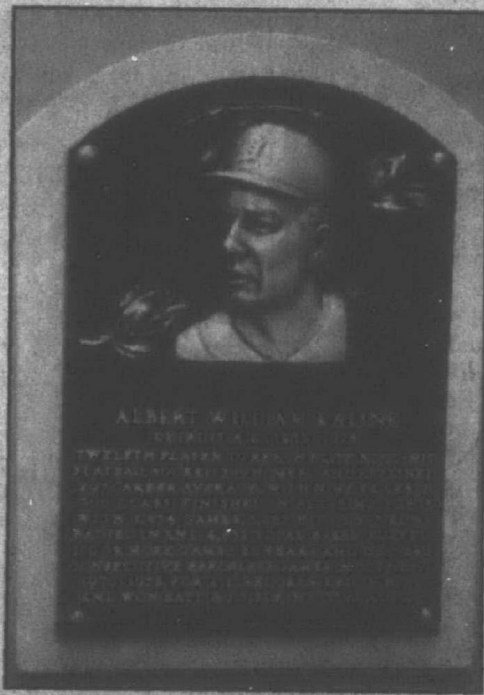
Not just a man's game: Women have played baseball as well. Julie Brown of Plymouth Township, an Observer staffer, poses by an exhibit.

in the Rochester, N.Y., area. On the way home this time, we stopped in at Seneca Falls, N.Y., for a visit to the National Women's Hall of Fame and related sites on women's history. (Seneca Falls was home of the first U.S. women's rights convention in 1848.)

When we got to Cooperstown in September this year, we were eager to see the Hall of Fame & Museum again. Our trips in 1991, 1992 and 1993 had been rewarding, but we certainly weren't jaded.

One of my favorite spots is the Hall of Fame, with its plaques honoring baseball's greats. This year's inductees, George Davis, Larry Doby, Lee MacPhail, Joe Rogan and Don Sutton, garner special recognition, along with all of those inducted since 1936. The Hall of Fame & Museum opened in 1939.

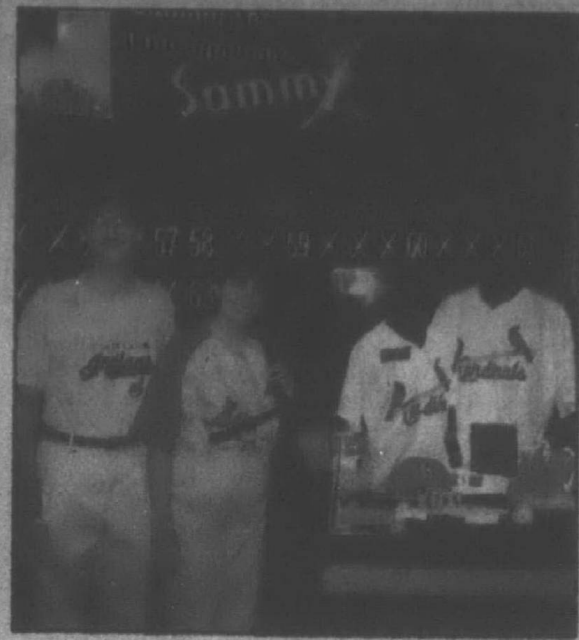
We visited the Hall of Fame Library & Archive, listening to an interesting presentation on the evolution of baseball equipment. (Suffice it to say early catchers often had broken fin-



Big Al: Former Detroit Tiger Al Kaline's plaque is displayed at the Hall of Fame. Kaline is now a Tiger broadcaster.

gers.) The library/archive is open to the public for research 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Staff assistance

for casual visitors is offered 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and



Local folks: Mark Rembacki and Julie Brown of Plymouth Township see the jerseys of Mark McGwire and his son and Sammy Sosa that they wore the night McGwire set his record.

Sundays in June, July and August.

I enjoyed seeing the exhibit on women in baseball again, along with exhibits on Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron. New to me was an exhibit on black baseball, covering both the black-only leagues and baseball's integration. The late Jackie Robinson, who broke the major league color barrier in 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers, is represented. The Hall of Famer's college sweater and military jacket are featured, along with other items. It was interesting to see how baseball was played in the days when Jim Crow ruled, with a "Colored Entrance" sign serving as a reminder of the not-too-distant past.

Cooperstown is small, but its residents seem to exist peacefully with the tourists. "We don't have obnoxious guests," said Jerome of The Inn at Cooperstown. "Most of our guests are very nice. I think most people like the tourists."

This year, Jerome had many visitors from Japan, proof Cooperstown doesn't just draw from New York. The metropolitan New York City area brings many, as does any city with a major league baseball team.

"I get to be a fan around World Series time," admitted Jerome, who doesn't consider himself a baseball fan. The town gets a bit crazy in the summer when each year's honorees are inducted, he said.

We paid a little over \$100 a night for comfortable accommodations, including a spacious front porch with plenty of rocking chairs for rocking and reading. Cooperstown offers less expensive accommodations as well.

All in all, Cooperstown is a fun trip, particularly during ball season; one time, we visited during the playoffs. I'd recommend it to those seeking a fun destination who have at least some interest in baseball; chances are, the true-blue fans have already been.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum can be reached at (888) 425-5633 or on its Web site at www.baseballhalloffame.org. The Inn at Cooperstown, 16 Chestnut St., Cooperstown 13326, can be reached at (607) 547-5756. The Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (607) 547-9983 or at its Web site at www.cooperstownchamber.org

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate standouts

Fortunes have dipped a bit recently for Michigan State's men's soccer team, which lost its third-straight match last Wednesday at Oakland University. But at least a couple of local products are progressing.

Brett Konley, a freshman forward for the Spartans from Plymouth Salem, notched his first collegiate goal in a 3-2 loss at Loyola-Chicago Sept. 30. Konley also has two assists for four total points.

Jeff Fliss, a senior midfielder from Plymouth Canton, assisted on MSU's only goal in its 3-1 loss at Oakland University. Fliss ranks second on the team in points scored with two goals and two assists for six points.

The three losses left the Spartans at 5-6-1 overall.

The seven-point surge by Scott Loewe, a sophomore midfielder at Western Michigan University from Plymouth Salem, that helped earn the Broncos a win and a tie in a three-game stretch also moved Loewe up the scoring charts at WMU.

Loewe now rates second on the team in points with seven and is tied for the team lead in goals with three. He leads the Broncos in shots on goal with 18 and has one game-winner. For his career, Loewe has four goals and two assists (10 points). WMU was 4-4-2 overall and 1-1 in the Mid-American Conference through Wednesday.

Andy Power, a freshman midfielder from Plymouth Salem, continues to shine in his first year at Siena Heights University. Power scored goals in a pair of Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victories over Aquinas College (2-0) and Cornerstone College (4-1), which kept the Saints in third place in the WHAC with a 5-2 record (10-2 overall).

Power is second on the team in scoring to fellow freshman Sam Skeels, who scored his 18th goal of the season against Cornerstone before suffering a badly sprained ankle.

Young Rocks sparkle

The younger members of Plymouth Salem's girls cross country team came through with a solid performance at the Westland John Glenn Freshman-Sophomore Invitational last Tuesday at Central City Park.

The Rocks placed second in the approximately 15-team field, scoring 90 points. Northville, led by former Salem standout Alyson Flohr, emerged with the win with 81 points. Flohr, a sophomore, finished first overall in 19:42.

Salem finishers were: freshman Kelly Solano, ninth (22:28); sophomore Heather Whittington, 11th (22:33); sophomore Jamie Vrianeck, 21st (23:34); sophomore Jenny Kassem, 24th (24:05); sophomore Anna Monoidis, 25th (24:12); and sophomore Mina Fung, 54th (27:13). Solano and Whittington earned medals.

Steelers reign

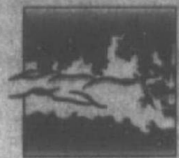
The Plymouth Steelers varsity squad tuned up for an engagement with their junior football league's other unbeaten team, the Westland Meteors, by swamping the Northville-Novi Colts 57-0 last Saturday. The Steelers, 4-0, tackle the undefeated Meteors today at Wayne Memorial HS, with the first-game kickoff at noon.

Beau Tomlinson got the Steelers going against the Colts by returning a punt for the game's first touchdown, then intercepting a pass to set up the second, scored by Matt Bennett on a 14-yard run. David Hoskins added two TDs, with Brandon Wilcox, Matt Cole, Justin Nickles and Steve Howey also scoring TDs, and Steve Carter booting three extra-points. The defense earned its third shutout in four games.

The Steeler junior varsity got its third win in four games, holding off the Colt JV 7-6. Neither team got on the scoreboard until the fourth quarter, when Chris Rusin intercepted a pass and returned it into Colt territory. Mickey Kerul capped the drive with a 2-yard scoring run, then rammed in for the single-point conversion run for a 7-0 Steeler lead. Northville-Novi managed to get into the end zone with 2:30 left, but a two-point conversion kick missed.

The Steeler freshmen weren't so lucky, dropping a 19-7 decision to the Colts. Rob Dew, Michael Rayden and Deshon McClendon played notable well, according to coaches.

Canton atop division with dual wins



What a week it was, at least for Plymouth Canton's swimmers. The Chiefs defeated a pair of WLAA Western Division rivals, Farmington Harrison and Northville, on consecutive Thursdays to take the division lead.

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

In the week spanning Oct. 1-8, Plymouth Canton girls swim team solidified its position as the team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division by beating Farmington Harrison 132-64 last

Thursday and Northville 102-84 on Oct. 1.

The two wins improved the Chiefs dual-meet mark to 4-3 overall and kept them unbeaten in the division at 3-0.

"Yeah," said coach Sarah Eubanks. "We're looking good."

At Harrison, a team with a few good swimmers but little depth, Canton was

looking particularly sharp as a team. The Chiefs did just what they had to do to dominate the meet.

"I thought it would be a little closer," admitted Eubanks. "We swam some people in different events, some swam well and some didn't swim so well."

Still, the Chiefs collected nine of the 12 firsts in the meet. Indeed, in a display of their superior depth, they won seven of the nine individual events, with six different swimmers getting victories.

The only Canton swimmer to win twice individually was Teri Hanson, and neither came in her specialty (the

100-yard butterfly, in which she's already bettered the state-qualifying time). Hanson was first in both the 50-yard (26.13) and 100-yard (57.31) freestyles.

Other individual firsts for the Chiefs were recorded by Jaclyn Bernard in the 200 individual medley (2:25.51); Meghan Powers in diving (147.05 points); Danielle Drysdale in the 100 butterfly (1:04.18); Meagan Dowd in the 100 backstroke (1:08.42); and Erin Rogala in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.33).

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2nd-half woes doom Salem

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Momentum was slipping away from heavily-favored Westland John Glenn. The Rockets were clinging to a 14-13 lead as they set up to receive the second-half kickoff from host Plymouth Salem in what, at that point, was becoming even more of a critical Western Lakes Activities Association football matchup.

Salem had scored in the waning moments of the first half, only John Pettit's block of an extra point attempt had allowed Glenn to retain the lead. And the source of Glenn's offense, Reggie Spearmon, was corralled enough in the second quarter to keep his team scoreless.

But the Rockets haven't been at (or near) the top of the WLAA's Lakes Division since the league's inception without learning what it takes to win. They took that second half kickoff, starting at their own 20, and proceeded to eat up 80 yards and 10:46 of the third quarter, converting two third downs and one fourth down en route.

The result: a 1-yard touchdown dive by Spearmon for a 21-13 lead that put Salem on its heels, trying to recover. Turnovers on their next three possessions cemented the Rocks' fate, and Glenn's victory, by a 28-19 margin.

Salem, which could have tied Glenn for first in the division with a win, fell to 3-3 overall, 2-2 in the WLAA. The Rockets are 6-0 overall, 4-0 in the WLAA.

"That (third-quarter drive) was huge, because defensively we had not been able to stop them in the first

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUNDELMANN

Misplayed: Salem's second-half fortunes included three turnovers, including a fumble caused by John Glenn's Teon Price when he ran into Rocks' fullback Jason Lukasik and quarterback Matt Fair during the exchange. The turnover led to a Rocket touchdown and a 28-13 lead.

Rocks reap region title; Chiefs qualify

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Talk about discovering new territory.

Not only did Plymouth Salem's golf team reach new heights at Friday's Class A regional, hosted by Temperance Bedford at Giant Oak Golf Course. So did Plymouth Canton.

The Rocks claimed their first-ever regional title with a 318 total, edging both Canton and Westland John Glenn. Not that it was a particularly bad day for the other two Western Lakes Activities Association teams in this regional. Both the Chiefs and

REGIONAL GOLF

Glenn will join Salem at the Class A state championships that start Friday at The Emerald at Maple Creek in St. John's.

For Canton, it is its first trip to the state tournament ever.

"Our guys are really excited about this," said Rocks' coach Rick Wilson. "All they said was that they just wanted to get there — let's get to the big dance."

"Always before, whenever we qualified it was as the third qualifier (in the region)."

Some explanation is necessary. This is the first time Salem and Canton played at the Temperance Bedford Regional; in years past, they've been shuttled out to the Brighton region, where they faced most of the state's best teams. Just qualifying in that region often equalled a win in any other.

"No, the competition here was not as great as at Brighton in years past," Wilson said. "But this course played tough. It was long."

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Golden

Craven collects 5 golds

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Sure, it's been an uphill climb for Charlie Craven. But now, he's at the top of the ladder.

At the World In-Line Roller Speed Skating Outdoor Junior Championships, Sept. 10-19 in Piombino, Italy, Craven — a 17-year-old senior at Plymouth Canton HS — emerged as the top male speed skater at the Junior level in the world. Craven won five gold medals and two silvers, all in individual races.

Which played a pivotal part in the U.S. Junior team, which consisted of just four boys and four girls, winning the overall high-point championship. The U.S. boys team was first in road racing and third on the track, while the U.S. girls team was first on the track and second in road racing.

The grueling eight days of competition, crammed into a nine-day span, is a test of both mental and physical stamina. Craven passed both.

"There was just one day I didn't race

the way I wanted to," Craven said. "I think I was out in the sun too long."

One mediocre day out of eight is none too bad. Craven won three golds in road competition: in the 5,000-meter points race, the 15,000-meter elimination race and the 1,500-meter sprint. He added two more on the track, in the 5,000-meter points race and 10,000-meter elimination points race. His silver medals came in the 15,000-meter elimination race on the track, and in the 10,000-meter points elimination race on the road.

His performance earned him the top junior male skater in the world status. And it dwarfed a superb performance last year at the Junior Worlds in Argentina, when he collected two golds and four silvers.

Not that there weren't some tight moments in Piombino. Craven was competing in the 10,000-meter elimination points race for the first time at Worlds. In fact, so was everyone — the

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Leading the pack: Charlie Craven (in front) ended up in the same position in most of his races at the Junior World Championships, held in Italy — out in front.



A winner: Erin Rogala finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:17.33, helping Canton pull away from Western Division rival Farmington Harrison and stake a claim to first place in the division.

Swimming from page D1

Two of the three relays went to Canton: Drysdale, Rogala, Hanson and Bernard combined in the 200 medley (1:59.45), and Bernard, Chelsea Opyke, Hanson and Drysdale teamed in the 200 free (1:47.09). It was anticipated the Northville meet, held at Canton Oct. 1, would be close and could decide the division championship. Both very likely are accurate, as the Chiefs' elite class of swimmer bobbed to the top.

Drysdale was a part of four wins, including two individual events, and Hanson had a hand in three victories, one a relay. Drysdale's individual wins were in the 200 IM (2:21.41) and the 100 fly (1:04.02); Hanson was first in the 500 free (5:38.62) and 100 back (1:07.11).

Both were on the winning 400 free relay, together with Bernard and Dowd (3:56.97). Drysdale joined with Dowd, Opyke and Bernard in capturing the 200 free relay as well (1:46.39).

Other individual wins went to Bernard in the 50 free (26.49) and Lysa Kowski in diving (163.25 points). Unfortunately, Kowski hit the diving board during warm-ups prior to the Harrison meet; it was feared she might have suffered a broken nose.

The Chiefs host non-league foe Novi Tuesday and WLAAs rival Livonia Franklin Thursday, both at 7 p.m.

Plymouth Salem not only won every event, the Rocks got every second place, too, Thursday in beating visiting Westland John Glenn 151-35.

The victory evened Salem's dual-meet record at 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAAs Lakes Division.

Individual winners for Salem (nine different swimmers won the nine events) were Lori McKay in the 200-yard freestyle (2:04.51); Kari Foust in the 200 individual medley (2:23.24); Sarah Rogers in the 50 freestyle (26.83); April Aquinto in diving (194.40 points); Lindsay Hartz in the 100 butterfly (1:06.5); Kathy Kelly in the 100 free (58.85); Jess Hala in the 500 free (5:40.46); Stephanie Tyler in the 100 backstroke (1:07.11); and Alex Evans in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.96).

The Rocks also swept the relays, with Tyler, Kelly, Holvel, Trisha Dotson and Stephanie Morgan combining in the 200 medley (2:05.38); Kelly, McKay, Monica Glowinski and Rogers teaming in the 200 free relay (1:47.28); and Hartz, Hala, McKay and Rogers joining forces in the 400 free (4:03.29).

"I'm pretty happy with the way my girls are swimming," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "We're getting there — they're training well. That's the idea: Go a little faster while you're training, then go a lot faster when we taper."

Salem swims at WLAAs Lakes Division rival Farmington at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Salem swamps Glenn
It really was a mismatch. In

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Skaters compete

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is hosting its ninth-annual USFSA-sanctioned Octoberfest Freestyle Figure Skating competition Thursday through Sunday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth. Skaters of all ages and levels, from beginner to advanced, will compete.

Admission is free and the public is welcome. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the Plymouth Figure Skating Club at (734) 459-6686.

Boosters meet

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club's monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 165 of Plymouth Canton HS. Items to be discussed are the pizza dinner and banquet plans, as well as an update on fund-raising. All parents of Canton football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the Canton Booster Club at (734) 397-3046.

Baseball meeting

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will hold its first meeting to prepare for the 1999 season at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Canton High School Little Theater.

Nominations will be accepted for the following league positions: Vice-President Boys; Vice-President Girls; Treasurer; Vice-President Fund-Raising; and Registrar.

The election will be held at the CCJBSA's regular meeting, Nov. 11, at a site to be determined.

Coaches, parents of players and other interested persons are urged to attend.

Golf from page D1

Salem's score was two strokes better than Canton's runner-up total of 820 — and that was just one better than Glenn's 321. The next-best team was Temperance Bedford at 329 (see regional statistics).

Erik Krueger, who ended a short end-of-the-regular-season slump by finishing first at the WLAAs Tournament, continued his fine play by tying for medalist honors with Glenn's Justin Fendelet and Belleville's Don Littrell. In the ensuing playoff, Littrell was eliminated on the first hole, but it took three more before Fendelet emerged with

the title.

Two other Rocks bettered 80: Matt Leon and Adam Wilson each shot 79. Mark Doughty shot an 83 and Ryan Nimmerguth had an 88.

For Canton, the key was four players shooting 81 or better. Ben Tucker led the Chiefs by firing a 78; he was followed by Jon Johnson at 80, and Justin Allen and Derek Lineberry at 81. Matt Rosol shot 89.

Glenn had four solid scorers as well. Joining Fendelet were Brian Reed at 80, Chris Tompkins at 81 and Ryan Shamrock at 83. Duane Stott had a 103.

REGIONAL GOLF RESULTS

DIVISION I BOYS GOLF REGIONAL
Oct. 9 at Giant Oak

TEAM STANDINGS (top 3 teams qualify for state meet): 1. Plymouth Salem, 318; 2. Plymouth Canton, 320; 3. Westland John Glenn, 321; 4. Temperance-Bedford, 329; 5. Garden City, 330; 6. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 335; 7. Wayne Memorial, 344; 8. Belleville, 345; 9. Lincoln Park, 351; 10. (tie) Monroe and Dearborn, 358 each; 12. Woodhaven, 363; 13. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 364; 14. Taylor Truman, 368; 15. Southgate Anderson, 376; 16. Taylor Kennedy, 389.

Individual medalist: Justin Fendelet (WJG), 77 (won 4-hole playoff).

Salem scorers: Erik Krueger, 77; Adam Wilson and Matt Leon, 79 each; Mark Doughty, 83; Ryan Nimmerguth, 88.

Canton scorers: Ben Tucker, 78; Jon Johnson and Derek Lineberry, 81 each; Matt Rosol, 89.

Glenn scorers: Fendelet, 77; Brian Reed, 80; Chris Tompkins, 81; Ryan Shamrock, 83; Duane Stott, 103.

Garden City scorers: Nate Briscoe, 81; Dan Evans, 82; Matt Vechetta, 83; Brian Harnos, 84; Tom McCall, 89.

Wayne scorers: Chad Campbell, 80; Greg Baracy, 86; Greg Laws, 87; Adam Chiasson, 91; Ryan Glenn, 105.

Craven from page D1

race was added this year. Which means there was no accurate way to plan strategy, no way to gauge the competition.

"I was really nervous about it," Craven said. "I had never raced it before. But I was ready for it."

More prepared than his competition, apparently, since he won it. Indeed, since it was the first race of the entire meet, it got Craven rolling on a gold

standard, and he was rarely derailed.

With the Junior Worlds behind him, Craven can enjoy a bit of a break — if you call working out "only" six days a week a break, four of those with his Wolverine team at the Great Skate club in Roseville.

But despite being perched on the top rung in juniors (so where to from here?), Craven's ladder

does have an extension: "I'm going to try and make the Senior World Team," he said.

Tryouts aren't until next June. Four men and four women will be selected. As for Craven's outlook toward his chances: "They're good."

Which means this young phenom could even surpass his performance at Junior Worlds within the year. Hey, it's possible.

Salem football from page D1

half," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon. "The fact that we were able to use that much time and get points out of it was big."

That drive decided the game. Salem, undersized compared to Glenn, started to wear down and tire out. The Rocks first possession of the second half lasted seven plays and ended with Nick Paddock intercepting a Matt Fair pass and returning it to the Salem 37.

The Rocks forced Glenn to punt that time, but on the first play of the second possession Fair and Jason Lukasik were hit during the handoff, causing a fumble that Robert Fant recovered for the Rockets at Salem's 18. This time the Rockets did score, the drive lasting five plays, with Jake Tharp powering up the middle for the TD and a 28-13 lead.

Salem's next possession was no better. On the second play Fair was intercepted again, this time by Daniel Smitherman, who returned the ball 22 yards to the Rocks' 14. Three penalties and a quarterback sack, however, ruined Glenn's hopes for a score.

But by then only 2:56 remained. Salem did put it to good use, driving 67 yards on six plays, the biggest a 32-yard pass from Fair to Ryan Cook and an 18-yard pass from Fair to Andy Kocoloski that put the ball on the 1. Four plays later, Eric Peterson wedged his way into the end zone for the TD.

But the two-point conversion try failed, and a nine-point gap was too large to overcome in 1:49.

"The key was the drive they had to start the second half," agreed Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "Once we got down eight, we were really scrambling. They took us out of our game plan right away."

Glenn's game plan, on the other hand, wasn't too difficult to figure out: Spearmon to the right, Spearmon to the left, Spearmon up the middle. All told, the diminutive senior running back carried the ball 38 times for 202 yards, scoring three TDs. The Rockets totaled 284 yards of offense, 264 of it on the ground; Nick Hudson completed 4-of-6 passes for 20 yards, with one interception.

Glenn scored twice in the first quarter, Spearmon getting both TDs: the first on a 12-yard run to cap an eight-play, 73-yard drive. Salem answered with Fair, who gained 47 yards rushing to ignite an eight-play, 66-yard march that concluded with a 9-yard scoring toss from Fair to Jason Furr, tying it at 7-7.

The back-and-forth struggle continued with the Rockets traveling 65 yards on 13 plays on their next possession. Spearmon dived in from a yard out to make it 14-7 with 15 seconds left in the first quarter.

Salem dominated the second quarter. A 22-yard punt by Glenn's David Lewandowski gave the Rocks possession at their own 48; they covered those 52 yards in nine plays, with Lukasik (who led Salem with 72 rushing yards on 14 carries) scoring on a 4-yard run with 1:35 left in the half.

All that changed in the third quarter. Indeed, Salem had just 5 yards rushing in the second half. And in a game between two running teams, that won cut it.



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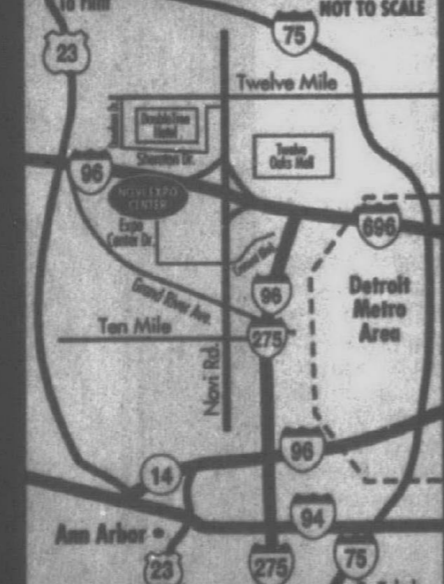
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Salem Canton

Guiseppa Ianni scored on onslaught goals in a 4-0 Plymouth victory over Westland Central Wednesday.

The win boosted Salem's record to 15-2-2 overall.

For Ianni, the three goals scored in the two games, albeit those were tougher opposition against Plymouth Monday, and one from DeLaSalle the before. For the season forward has 19 goals.

Scott Duhi got the first of the Rocks, with Jeffing up the first of the match. Dan Williams assisted on Ianni's Aaron Rypkowski's second and Haar on his Salem plays at

Stevenson

BY BRAD EMONS
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Livonia Stevenson soccer opponents continue to dominate Wednesday.

The Spartans, ranked Division I, with Stevenson Livonia Churchill onslaught to run the 14-1 with a 2-0 victory over host Chargers.

Stevenson now heads week's Western Lakes Division game against Canton, the only blemish on the Spartans' record this season. (Game time Oct. 14 at Canton.)

"It's been an incredible couple of weeks had some real test proud our guys step again to another challenge Stevenson first-year Richters.

Churchill threatened Stevenson's Chargers' pressure.

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PREP FOOTBALL

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N. Farm. at John Glenn
Redford Union at Melvindale
Harrison at Churchill
Franklin at Canton
Stevenson at W.L. Central
Wayne at Monroe
Garden City at Taylor Ken

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St. Agatha at Cranford
Hamtramck at Lutherville
Clarencville at Lutherville
Bishop Borgess vs. St. Agatha at Garden City
Redford CC vs. Warren at Roseville Memorial

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Farmington at Churchill
John Glenn at Farmington
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W.L. Central at Garden City
Salem at Northville
N. Farmington at Hamtramck
Woodhaven at Warren
Garden City at Redford

Wednesday, Oct.
Ypsilanti at Thorntons
Ladwood at Borgess
Mercy at Divine Child
St. Agatha at St. Francis
Inter City at Plymouth
Huron Valley at Brighton

Thursday, Oct.

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Salem blanks Central; Canton trips Western

Giuseppe Ianni continued his scoring onslaught with three goals in a 4-0 Plymouth Salem soccer victory over Walled Lake Central Wednesday at Central.

The win boosted Salem's record to 15-2-2 overall. For Ianni, the three-goal surge matched the three goals he scored in the two previous games, albeit those were against tougher opposition — two against Plymouth Canton last Monday, and one against Warren DeLaSalle the Saturday before. For the season, the senior forward has 19 goals.

Scott Duhl got the first goal for the Rocks, with Jeff Haar picking up the first of two assists in the match. Dan Wielechowski assisted on Ianni's first goal, Aaron Rypkowski assisted on his second and Haar on his third. Salem plays at Livonia

SOCCER

Churchill, which finished second in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, in a crossover league playoff match at 7 p.m. Monday.

Canton 5, W.L. Western 0: Plymouth Canton clinched first place in the WLAA's Western Division with its lopsided triumph over visiting Walled Lake Western Wednesday.

Chris Houdek knocked in two goals for the victorious Chiefs. Other goals came from Mike Riemma, Evan Malone and Andrew Holmes. Justin Fishaw, Mike Zemanski, Dennis Ofilio and Scott Wright had assists.

The win boosted Canton's record to 11-4-1 overall.

Stevenson stops Churchill, 2-0

BY BRAD EMONS
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Livonia Stevenson's boys soccer opponents continued to fall like dominoes Wednesday.

The Spartans, ranked No. 1 in Division I, withstood an early Livonia Churchill offensive onslaught to run their record to 14-1 with a 2-0 victory over the host Chargers.

Stevenson now heads into next week's Western Lakes championship game against Plymouth Canton, the only team to put a blemish on the Spartans' record this season. (Game time is 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Canton.)

"It's been an incredibly fast-paced couple of weeks and we've had some real tests, but I'm proud our guys stepped up once again to another challenge," said Stevenson first-year coach Lars Richters.

Churchill threatened early, but Stevenson survived the Chargers' pressure.

The Spartans then scored with 4:24 left in the first half on Jeff Budd's direct free kick, which was directed past Churchill goalkeeper Steve Kleczynski by Tomasso Mainella.

The goal came just after a yellow card was handed out to the Spartans.

From that point on Stevenson appeared to be a different team, seizing momentum and carrying

the play to Churchill's end.

"That team (Churchill) poses problems with two dangerous players like (George) Kithas and (Marc) Sicilia," Richters said. "Both usually play together up front, but they kept one back this time and the other staying up. We had prepared a little differently and it caused some problems."

Tony Maldonado, off a flicked pass in front of the Churchill net by teammate Mike White, gave Stevenson a two-goal cushion by scoring with 19:10 left in the match.

"After the way we started the season, it's starting to get frustrating," said Churchill coach Chad Campau, whose team is 9-4-2 overall, but 1-3-1 over the last five games. "The first 30 minutes we had opportunities and gave ourselves chances. We played the ball well."

"But it's those one or two defensive lapses when teams take advantage of you... and that will kill you."

Stevenson goalkeeper Joe Suchara was sharp when he had to be, making a key stop in each half off shots by Sicilia.

"We went over some things with our back four and we told them to relax and play," Richters said. "I think we were a bit paranoid with the ball and we wound up playing in a physical, aggressive match. They had to think before they played the ball."



Point-man: Sophomore Christina Kiessel has scored in double-figures in Plymouth Canton's last two games. Against outmanned Livonia Franklin last Thursday, Kiessel netted 12 points; she had a team-high 17 in a lopsided win over Farmington two nights earlier.

Chiefs roll over Franklin; Rocks rip Farmington

For the second-straight game, everybody got into the act for Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team. And the result was an easy victory.

"Everybody played, everybody scored," said Canton coach Bob Blohm after his team's 66-26 triumph at Livonia Franklin Thursday. "I don't think anyone played more than 16 minutes."

Two nights earlier, the Chiefs destroyed Farmington 66-18, with everyone playing and scoring. This game didn't offer much more of a challenge: Canton led 24-6 after one quarter and 40-14 at the half.

"We pressed them a bit in the first quarter, then let up," said Blohm. "Gary's kids (Franklin coach Gary Warner) hung in there pretty good. They tried. They gave a good effort."

So, too, did the Chiefs, who improved to 8-3 overall and to 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, with their fourth-straight league win. "I'm pleased with them," said Blohm. "The play well together, their defense is getting better, their rebounding is improving, and their passing is getting better."

"They're becoming more consistent in what they do, and that shows me the kids are working hard and focusing on the things they have to do."

Not a lot was needed against an overmatched Patriot squad. Janell Tweitmeyer led Canton with 14 points and eight rebounds; Christina Kiessel had 12 points, Elise Thornell contributed 11 and Janine Guastella scored eight.

Franklin (1-8 overall, 0-5 in the WLAA) got seven points from Kerstin Marshall and six from Tera Morrill.

Salem 87, Farmington 14: A practice might have been more beneficial — at least more competitive. Plymouth Salem showed little mercy in rolling over a struggling Farmington squad Thursday at Salem. The Rocks led 26-2 after one quarter, 54-7 at the half and 78-9 through three periods. The game went to running time (no clock stoppage) in the third quarter.

Andrea Pruet netted 23 points for the Rocks (now 8-2 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA), with Tiffany Grubaugh adding 21, Lindsay Klemmer 10 and Christine Phillips nine. The Falcons (1-9 overall, 0-5 in the WLAA) were paced by Julie Rotenheber with seven points.

PCA 53, S'field Christian 45: Jenny Sutherland poured in 30 points, 24 coming in the second half, and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Plymouth Christian Academy to its ninth win in 10 games Friday.

Laura Clark added seven points, four assists and five steals for PCA, now 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Visiting Southfield Christian was led by Emily Beard's 18 points.

Agape 50, Saline Christian 12: An 18-1 first-quarter scoring surge determined the outcome of Canton Agape Christian's game Friday at Saline Christian. Kim sparked the Wolverines with 18 points; she also had five steals and four rebounds. Charla Sexton added nine points and five boards, and Amy Henry had six points, five assists and three steals.

Alicia Geddes' seven points was best for Saline. Agape is 11-1 overall, 5-0 in the Metro Christian Conference. Saline is 3-4 overall, 1-4 in the MCC.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 16

Thurston at Highland Park, 4 p.m.
N. Farm. at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Melvindale, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne at Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Tay. Kennedy, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Salem at Farmington, 1 p.m.
St. Agatha at Cranbrook, 1 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. W'sid, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 1 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. S'gate Aquinas at Garden City Jr. High, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Roseville Memorial, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Oct. 12

Agape vs. Greater Life at Stevenson M.S., 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Luth. Westland at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Divine Child, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at St. Florian, 7 p.m.
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Baptist Pk., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Luth. North at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.

Clarenceville at Liggett, 6:30 p.m.

Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Salem at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Fordson, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m.

Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Holy Redeemer at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. Oak. Christian at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16

Temple at Canton Agape, 5 p.m.

Borgess at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.

Mercy at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

Greenhills at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Huron Valley at Inter-City, 6:30 p.m.

Lenawee at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.

Salem at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Oct. 12

Franklin Road at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.

Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.

N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

PCA at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Wayne at Ypsilanti, 4 p.m.

Redford Union at Thurston, 4 p.m.

Taylor Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m.

(Western Lakes Championship)

Stevenson at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Cornerstone at Agape, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16

Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.

Cabrini at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Churchill at Troy, 11 a.m.

Tecumseh at N. Farm., 12:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Monday, Oct. 12

Madonna at Concordia, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Saginaw Valley at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.

Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Taylor at Madonna, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Madonna vs. Aquinas College

at Whitman Center, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Madonna at Cornerstone, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 18

(Schoolcraft Kick-Off Classic)

S'craft vs. Moraine Valley (Ill.), 1 p.m.

St. Mary's vs. DuPage (Ill.), 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18

(Schoolcraft Kick-Off Classic)

DuPage vs. Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.

Moraine Valley vs. St. Mary's, 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Tr-State at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 17

Madonna Univ. Classic, TBA

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Crusaders edge Saints, 2-1

Madonna University's men's soccer team almost let this game get away, endangering its hold on first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. But while Siena Heights played the Fighting Crusaders tough, keeping the game knotted at 1-1 until the final moments of regulation, it wasn't quite good enough.

Senior forward Scott Emert headed a looping pass from Ryan Thomason (from Plymouth Christian) past Saints' keeper Nick DeKam with 1:34 left in regulation for the game-winning goal in a 2-1 Madonna win

Wednesday in Adrian.

The win boosted the NAIA's 23rd-ranked Crusaders' record to 10-3 overall, 8-0 in the WHAC. Siena Heights slipped to 10-3 overall, 5-3 in the WHAC.

Madonna's Sam Piraine opened the scoring, getting a goal just 32 seconds into the match. Keith Gniewek (Plymouth Canton) set up Piraine.

The Crusaders' 1-0 advantage didn't stand up long. Ten minutes into the game, Steve Mazipaka evened it for the Saints.

Madonna enjoyed a 25-12 shot advantage.

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Ladywood volleyball star picks Central

BY BRAD EMONS
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Jenny Young
Ladywood star

College is still a year away for Jenny Young, but the 6-foot-1 outside-hitter from Livonia Ladywood can't wait to play volleyball next season for Central Michigan University. Young, an All-Observer first-team pick from Plymouth last year as a junior, verbally committed Wednesday to the Mid-American Conference school even though she can't sign an NCAA letter-of-intent until February. Her official visit over the weekend to Mount Pleasant made her decision an easy one.

"I just love the school, everybody was wonderful and all the players love the team and the school," said Young, who helped lead Ladywood to a 53-9-1 record last year. "And it's still close by, only two hours or so away, so my parents can see me

her brother Chris, a 6-foot-10 freshman basketball player from the University of Michigan, perform in nearby Ann Arbor.

Several schools expressed interest in Young, including Eastern Michigan, Morehead State (Ky.), Auburn, Northwood and U-M.

"I just like the campus, the dorms, everything about the place," she said. "I knew right away."

Young was one of the area's most feared attackers last year, averaging 3.68 kills per game while hitting a .301 clip for the Blazers, who reached the state Class A quarterfinals and captured their seventh straight Catholic

League championship. CMU will also be getting a talented student-athlete.

Young carries a 3.8 grade-point average and scored 25 on the ACT. She is undecided about a major, but is leaning toward education or journalism with perhaps a minor in music.

Young plays the piano and guitar and is involved in Ladywood's vocal music program.

CMU is coming off a 7-19 season, 3-13 in the MAC.

The Chippewas' roster also includes freshman Jenny Trott (Plymouth Salem), who is coming off knee surgery, and third-year player Erin LeSage, who

was at Ladywood when Young was a freshman. Setter Amanda Ault (Farmington Hills Harrison) is a senior.

"Erin has been up there awhile and all the players I talked to were pretty reassuring," Young said. "I also went to summer camp there and got to know the coach (Elaine Pihl)."

Pihl is taking over at CMU on an interim basis for Terrie Robbie, who resigned in May.

"I'm confident the coach will be back next year," Young said. "That really wasn't a factor at all in my decision."

"I'll be going as an outside-hitter and I hope to get some playing time. But you can't tell until you get up there."

Spartan mistakes lead to a Falcon victory

BY DAN O'MEARA
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FOOTBALL

Farmington High did what a good football team is supposed to do Friday and took advantage of the opponent's mistakes.

The Falcons turned three of host Livonia Stevenson's seven turnovers into touchdowns for a 19-3 victory — their third in four games.

Farmington improved to 3-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and evened its record at 3-3 overall.

"Five-hundred is not our goal; it wasn't from the start," Farmington coach John Bechtel said. "We were prepared to play today and we were successful. Now we have to prepare for next week. We're interested in improving every week."

"We know we can play this game. We can play better than we did tonight. That's nothing against Stevenson, because that wasn't their best game. They turned the ball over, and that was unfortunate for them."

The Spartans, now 2-3 overall and 1-3 in the division, fumbled away three punts, lost another fumble at the Farmington 7-yard line early in the game and had three passes intercepted.

"It's hard to do much with the ball when you're giving it back to them," Stevenson coach Tim

Gabel said. "We only scored three points; that's why we lost the game."

"All the turnovers are big, because you're not scoring and you're giving them field position. If they're punting, that means we stopped them, and we're giving the ball back."

After losing two fumbles in the first quarter, Stevenson was still first on the scoreboard when Dan West kicked a 23-yard field goal early in the second period. Eric Puninske's 45-yard run on first down at the Stevenson 20 sparked the drive.

The Falcons rallied to take a 13-3 halftime lead. Dustin Gress and Rory Crittenden recovered fumbled punts at the Stevenson 20 and 36, respectively.

Farmington needed just four plays to score and go ahead, 6-3, with six minutes left in the half on Grant Weber's 1-yard quarterback sneak.

On first down after Crittenden's recovery, quarterback Scott Kneller threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Weber and Stephen Wayne booted the extra point for a 13-3 score.

The Spartans had a 174-122 advantage in first-half total offense. The Falcons ended up on the plus side for the game, 248-225.

In the third quarter, Stevenson pinned Farmington in its end with a punt but was penalized for illegal motion, forcing the Spartans to punt again. But the snap was low; the punter tossed the ball forward and Crittenden intercepted.

Instead of starting at its own 13, Farmington now had the ball at the Stevenson 43. On fourth-and-1 at the 22, the Falcons drew the Spartans offside to get the first down.

Farmington scored on the ninth play of the drive when Weber passed 13 yards to tight end Justin Milus, who used his 6-foot-5 height to reach for the ball in the end zone.

The Spartans had one last chance when they recovered a fumble at the Farmington 20 early in the fourth quarter, but they were stopped on downs at the 14.

Farmington had 119 yards rushing and was led by Brian Brinsden, who carried 10 times for 84 yards. Scott Rycerz had 12 carries for 37 yards, Mark Ostach six for 32 and Weber 11 for 20. Kneller was 1-of-11 passing for 36 yards.

Eight players carried the ball for Stevenson, which had 149 yards rushing and 82 passing. Waleed Haddad had 35 yards on 12 carries, Puninske 48 on three, Dan Wilson 27 on five. Ryan Van Belle was 4-of-10 passing for 44 yards.

GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

Following is a list of Observerland girls best swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates by calling Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 or faxing information to (734) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (state cut: 1:56.79)

Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.08
Livonia Stevenson 1:56.27
North Farmington 1:57.22
Plymouth Canton 1:59.45
Livonia Churchill 2:04.10

200-YARD FREESTYLE (state cut: 2:01.09)

Amy McCullough (Mercy) 1:54.92
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:58.47
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 1:59.16
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:59.32
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:59.75
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 2:00.26
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:00.29
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 2:01.19
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 2:02.42
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 2:02.91

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (state cutoff: 2:17.69)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:08.78
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 2:12.56
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:15.28
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 2:15.87
Lindsay McErian (N. Farmington) 2:17.66
Neve Alver (N. Farmington) 2:18.22
Erin Downs (Mercy) 2:19.00
Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 2:19.69
Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 2:20.05
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 2:21.41

50-YARD FREESTYLE (state cut: 25.59)

Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.48
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.74
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 25.94
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 25.95

Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 26.12
Teri Hanson (Canton) 26.13
Amy McCullough (Mercy) 26.15
Erin Downs (Mercy) 26.25
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 26.28
Lindsay McErian (N. Farmington) 26.31

DIVING

Katy Ballantine (Stevenson) 241.05
Angela Aneiros (Churchill) 218.20
Erin Lizura (Redford Union) 198.95
Kristey Biaz (Churchill) 192.90
Jennifer Down (John Glenn) 188.40
Courtney Draughn (Churchill) 182.40
April Aquilino (Salem) 174.35
Danielle Darling (Mercy) 167.40
Lysa Kowski (Canton) 163.25
Susan Neal (Mercy) 161.62

100-YARD BUTTERFLY (state cut: 1:02.29)

Erin Downs (Mercy) 59.80
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Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:01.45
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:02.06
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:02.10
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 1:02.65
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Christina Mocer (Ladywood) 1:03.30

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Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 55.13
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 55.19
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 55.52
Martha Obringer (Mercy) 55.86
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 56.09
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 56.67
Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 56.71
Danielle Drysdale (Canton) 57.17
Teri Hanson (Canton) 57.31

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Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 5:13.02

Elizabeth MacDonald (Mercy) 5:14.24
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:18.04
Lauren Yagela (Mercy) 5:18.18
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 5:20.23
Angela Simetkosky (Churchill) 5:22.69
Meghan Mocer (Stevenson) 5:25.24

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Chances are good, that you are eligible to be a credit union member. If you don't belong, here's how to find a credit union to join:

1. Call the Michigan Credit Union League. A representative will tell you about credit unions in your area that you are eligible to join. The toll-free number is 1-800-474-JOIN. 2. Ask your boss. Your company may sponsor a credit union, or may be a select employee group (SEG) that has access to a credit union. Many employers offer direct deposit of payroll to your credit union.

3. Poll your family. Does your spouse's employer sponsor a

credit union? Most credit unions allow credit union members' families to join. Each credit union, however, may define "family" differently. At some, only members of your immediate family are eligible. At other credit unions, family may include extended family members, such as cousins, uncles, and aunts.

4. Quiz the neighbors. Some credit unions have a "community" field of membership, serving a region defined by geography rather than by employment or some other association. Ask friends in the community if they know of a credit union you may join. 5. Read the yellow pages. Some credit unions rarely advertise, so you might not know about them unless you look them up. A yellow pages display ad may state a credit union's field of membership. If not, at least you'll know what number to call to ask about membership eligibility.

Your Money Is Safe in a Credit Union

Credit unions are usually more modest institutions than banks, which can sometimes lead to confusion. Few credit unions have imposing granite pillars at their front door or costly oak paneled boardrooms where highly paid directors discuss billion-dollar transactions. Most credit unions are located in simple business offices.

Sometimes this makes people think that credit unions aren't as safe as banks.

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Consumer Choice Restored with Passage of Credit Union membership Access Act

BY LORI Z. BARNHILLER

Consumers will soon have more choices in the financial services industry - options that, for many, can't come soon enough.

While it took more than two years of courtroom battles, a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Congressional hearings, debates and votes to earn an invitation to the White House, the Credit Union Membership Access Act (H.R. 1151) has finally graduated from bill to law. The Act makes it possible for consumers to join credit unions as a low-cost financial service alternative to banks.

"This bill resolves uncertainty about the future of credit unions," said President Bill Clinton on August 7, 1998, after signing the measure into law. "It protects existing credit union members and makes it easier for credit unions to expand where appropriate. This bill also ensures that consumers continue to have a broad array of choices in financial services."

The law protects 74 million current credit union members - including four million Michigan members - and restores eligibility for 62 million small-business employees who want to join a credit union where they work.

"Millions of consumers who want the door open to low-cost credit union service are grateful for the bipartisan support that has moved our legislation through both houses of Congress and on to the President's desk for approval," said David Adams, president and chief executive officer for the Michigan Credit Union League.

"This is a significant victory for consumers brought about by the efforts of millions of credit union members in Michigan and across the country," Adams added. "It ensures we'll be able to continue to provide low-cost financial services to millions of Americans in the future."

Once the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)

finalizes its new regulations, federal credit unions can once again reach out to new groups of members - including small businesses and low-income communities that had been locked out by a narrow Supreme Court ruling.

The President's signing of

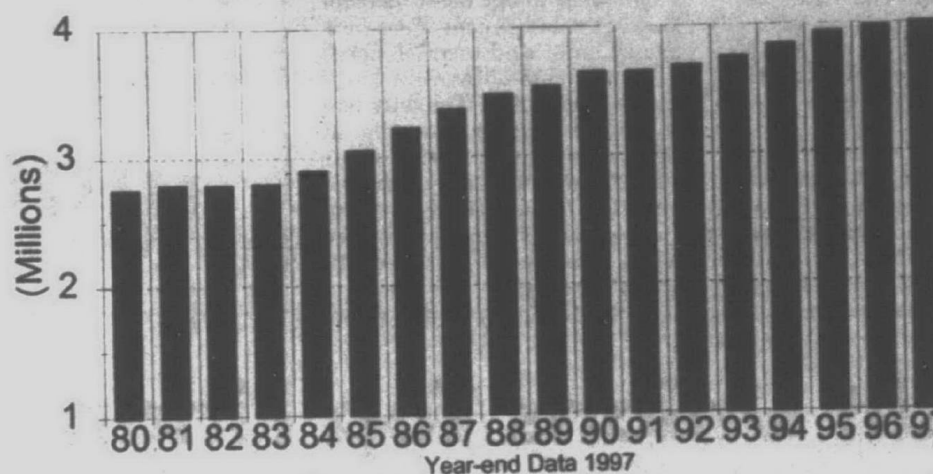
financial services and the impact of the court-imposed restrictions on the more than 62 million Americans who work for businesses too small to form their own credit unions.

The Congressional effort gained further momentum February 25, 1998, when the

Levin, D-Mich., and Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., quickly embraced the measure and committed their support.

On July 28, the Senate overwhelmingly passed H.R. 1151 by a vote of 92-6. Immediately following passage, Sen. Levin said he hoped the House would

Number of Members Michigan Credit Unions



H.R. 1151 marks the completion of a journey that began on March 20, 1997, when Reps. Steven LaTourette, R-Ohio, and Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa., first introduced the measure with 18 House cosponsors - including Reps. John Dingell, D-Monroe, and Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor. The bill was immediately met with fierce objection from the banking industry.

In the ensuing months, credit unions, united under the Campaign for Consumer Choice, worked in Washington and locally to build cosponsors. Major themes emphasized were freedom for consumers to choose credit unions for affordable

U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of the banking industry in the landmark AT&T Family Federal Credit Union field-of-membership case. On April 1, the House - including the entire Michigan House delegation - passed H.R. 1151 by the huge margin of 411-8. The key provision overturned the Supreme Court decision by allowing credit unions to accept multiple groups.

After the House bill passed, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., quickly held hearings on the field-of-membership issue and put forward his own version of H.R. 1151. Senators Carl

accept the Senate version of the bill and avoid the need for dragging out deliberations in a joint conference. That proved to be the case, as the House approved the Senate version of the measure on August 4 in a voice vote.

Following the President's action this morning, the law moves to the NCUA. The NCUA must adopt rules and regulations before any of the provisions of H.R. 1151 can be exercised by credit unions - including the field-of-membership rule. The NCUA reports that it may take up to six months before new groups will be permitted to join credit unions under the new law.

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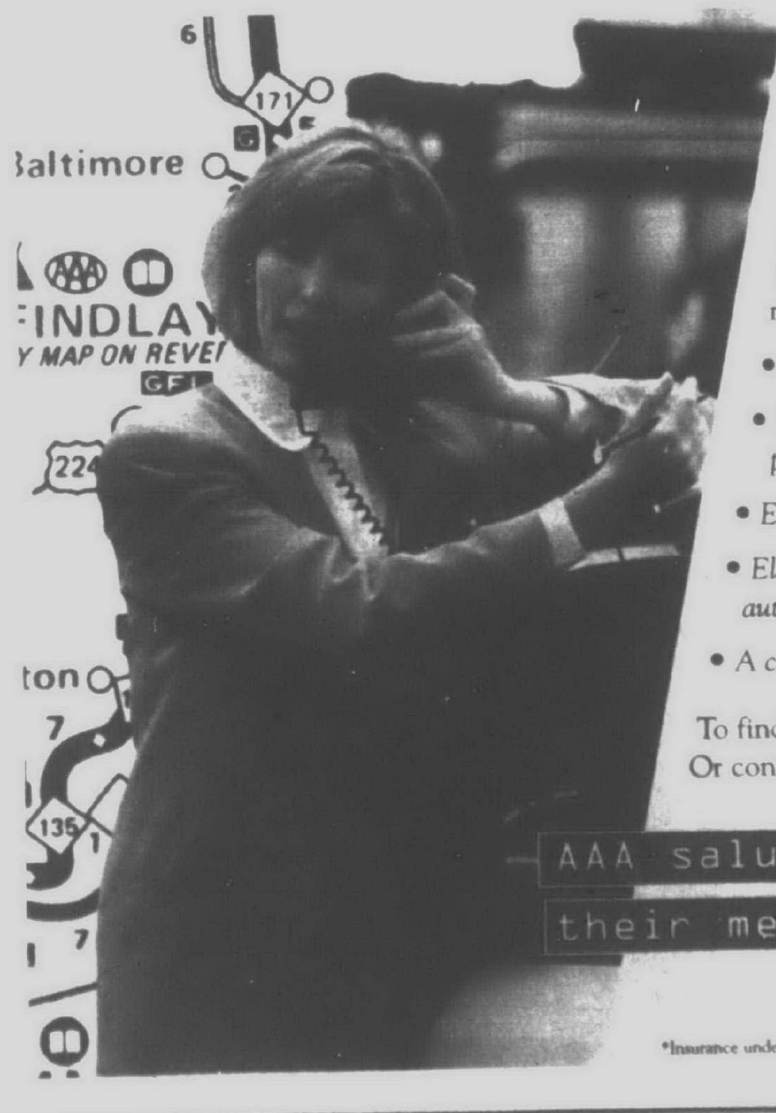
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Banks Charge More Fees and Higher Fees than Credit Unions, Consumer Federation Study Reports

BY LORI Z. BAHNMLER

On most financial services products, banks charge more fees and higher fees than credit unions, according to survey data recently released by the Consumer Federation of America (CFA) and Credit Union National Association (CUNA).

"The difference in fees is significant and helps explain why consumers consistently rate credit unions more highly than banks," said Stephen Brobeck, CFA Executive Director.

"Credit unions charge fewer fees and lower fees because they are not-for-profit consumer cooperatives run for the benefit of all members," said David Adams, president and chief executive officer of the Michigan Credit Union League.

The CFA/CUNA data was gathered between 1994 and 1997 by Sheshunoff Information Services and CUNA.

For almost all services, fewer credit unions than banks charge

fees. These differences are especially striking for economy checking accounts, where far fewer credit unions than banks charge monthly fees (16 percent vs. 86 percent) and per-check fees (6 percent vs. 95 percent). The differences are also large for per-check fees on other checking accounts, fees for having a cashiers check or certified check written, and annual credit card fees.

Almost all fees surveyed were lower at credit unions than at banks, sometimes substantially so. Fees on checking (among those institutions that did have a fee) were about 30-40 percent lower at credit unions. Fees for a money order and certified check were about 55-65 percent lower at the non-profits. The only fees that were roughly the same at the two types of institutions were for a safe deposit box and for ATM transactions (on non-owned ATMs, and on owned ATMs when used by non-credit union members).

Over the past three years

(1994-97), most fees have risen less rapidly at credit unions than banks. In fact, at credit unions some fees — e.g., monthly and per-check fees on economy checking — declined during this period. The one major exception to this trend was fees for non-sufficient funds, overdrafts, and stop-payments, which increased more rapidly at

credit unions than banks.

Bank fee income on deposit accounts approximated \$18 billion in 1997, according to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation data. "Apart from banking at a credit union, the two most important ways that consumers can lower check fees is to meet minimum balance requirements and avoid bounc-

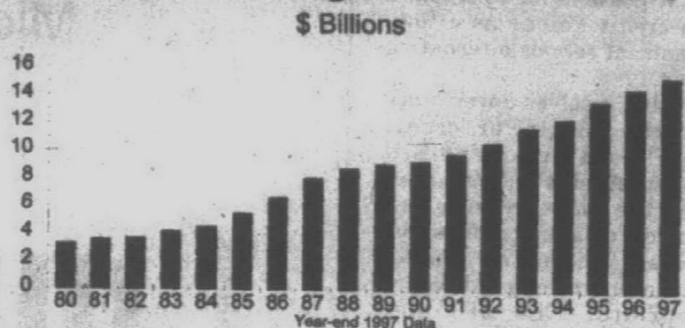
ing checks," said Brobeck.

Sheshunoff Information Service bank fee data were collected in the summer of 1997 by sending out a survey form to all banks and savings & loans. The CUNA survey was conducted by its market Research Department and Credit Union Executive Magazine in the fall of 1997 based on a random sam-

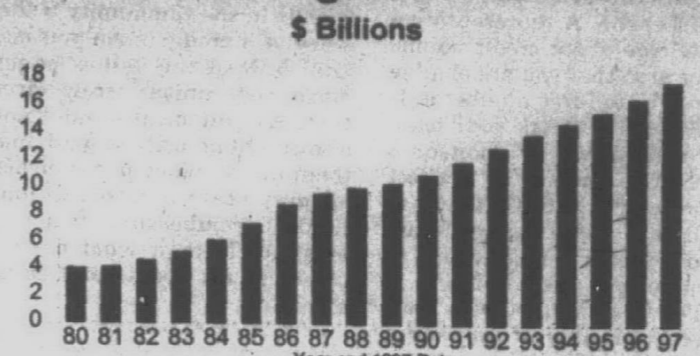
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CFA is a non-profit association of some 240 pro-consumer groups that was founded in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through advocacy and education. CUNA serves more than 90% of America's 11,500 credit unions, which are owned by 72 million consumers.

Savings - Michigan Credit Unions



Assets - Michigan Credit Unions



Credit Unions Top Financial Services in Customer Satisfaction Survey

BY LORI Z. BAHNMLER

Credit union members continue to be more satisfied with their financial services than bank customers, reports the American Banker in its most recent Gallup Consumer Survey.

"Credit unions, the perennial service quality champs, rose to 73 percent from 69 percent (in customer satisfaction)," reports the American Banker. "They also far exceeded other organizations in their ability to keep improving: 36 percent of credit union members said they had a better feeling about their relationships this year than last. The comparable numbers were 20 percent for both banks and thrifts and 25 percent for other."

For more than 10 years, the American Banker Gallup Consumer Survey has consistently shown customer satisfaction is higher among credit

union members than bank customers.

Diana Nash, chairman of the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) Board of Directors, attributes credit unions' success to the philosophy and volunteer organization that powers them.

"Credit unions are cooperatives, owned and managed by their members," Nash said. "There are no stockholders like you find at banks. Credit unions pay good dividends and at the same time extend credit more freely, and most often at a lower cost, than other sources of consumer financing. That's because credit unions know their borrowers."

More than 73 million people belong to nearly 11,500 credit unions across America. In Michigan alone, over four million people are credit union members - and as such, owners of not-for-profit cooperatives.

WHO OWNS THE CREDIT UNION?

The members do. Once you deposit money in the credit union, you become a member and a shareholder. Eligible members can then vote for the credit union's board of directors on a one-member, one-vote basis. Officers and directors are chosen from the membership and serve on a voluntary basis. Once a member, you're not only a member of the credit union but part of a national financial system. Your credit union does not stand-alone.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

A wide range of services is available in many credit unions. Credit union savings help people meet their financial goals and credit union checking accounts often earn interest. They often have low or no service fees or

minimum balances. Members' savings accounts are insured up to \$100,000 by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (NCUSIF), which has never had to take a penny of taxpayers' money. Many credit unions offer many services including credit cards, home mortgages, loans of all types and automatic payroll deduction for loan payments, checking and savings deposits.

How can you find a credit union? You can call the Michigan Credit Union League at 1-800-474-JOIN. And once a member, you're a member for life, even if you move or change jobs.

Policymakers Meet, Nash Elected to Head MCUL Board of Directors

The Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) chairman's gavel has changed hands.

Diana Nash, president and chief executive officer at Steelcase Employees Credit Union in Grand Rapids, was elected as the MCUL's 27th chairman when the League Board of Directors gathered recently at the Holiday Inn South in Lansing. She is the first woman to hold the office in the League's 64-year history.

As chairman, Nash will take on the top policy-making position at MCUL, a not-for-profit trade association representing more than 90 percent of Michigan's credit unions.

Robert Huston, president and chief executive officer at Co-op Services Credit Union in Livonia and former MCUL secretary/treasurer, succeeded

Nash as MCUL vice chairman. Robert Mackay, general manager at Berrien Teachers Credit Union in St. Joseph, succeeded Huston as the MCUL's new secretary/treasurer. All three were elected to one-year terms.

Nash, who has served on the MCUL Board since 1994, said she was "both humbled and excited to be entrusted with the chairman's gavel." She praised her predecessors, Paul Fredenburg and Allan Kemp McMorris, for the examples they set in the League's highest elected office.

In addition to the vote for MCUL officers, the policymaker meetings also included several other elections, including two posts on the CUcorp Board of Directors and a Michigan CU Foundation trustee.

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U.S. Intro

BY LORI BAHNMLER

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U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve Bank Introduce a New Twenty Dollar Bill

BY LOHI BAHNN LER

Jackson will soon be sporting a bolder, snazzier look. Slated for unveiling this fall, an enlarged, off-center photo of the late president is among the noticeable changes embedded in the newly redesigned \$20 note. Other architectural changes include: the addition of a watermark; enhanced security thread that glows green when exposed to ultraviolet light; fine line printing patterns; and color-shifting ink.

The Series 1996 \$20 note is the third U.S. currency note to be redesigned to include such security features to deter coun-

terfeiting of U.S. currency. Lower denominations will follow.

The continuing introduction of redesigned notes is a critical component of the Federal government's anti-counterfeiting effort. The new series aims to maintain the security of the nation's currency as computerized reprographic technologies such as color copiers, scanners and printers become more sophisticated and more readily available. The \$20 note is the most frequently counterfeited note in the U.S., said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in a recent ceremony at the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington,

D.C. "The new \$20 note will be an important tool against would-be counterfeiters," Rubin said. "The introduction provides us with an opportunity to educate cash-handlers and consumers about the importance of authenticating currency. These security features are effective only when they are used."

Like its predecessors, the \$20 note will replace older notes gradually. However, unlike the new \$50 and \$100 note introduction, old \$20 notes still in good condition will be recirculated. About \$88 billion worth of \$20 notes is currently in circulation, 80 percent of those in the U.S.

More than \$460 billion worth of U.S. currency circulates around the globe.

"We are most gratified with the successful introduction of the new \$100 and \$50 notes and look forward to the same success with the new \$20s," Rubin said. "Older notes will not be recalled or devalued. All existing notes will continue to be legal tender."

Many large retail companies have partnered with Treasury to help ensure a smooth transition to the new \$20 note, the first major redesign of the U.S. currency in almost 70 years. The retailers have agreed to educate their employees and customers by distributing posters to their

outlets, training cashiers, offering pamphlets to the public, and including information about the new note in advertising circulars.

The new \$20 bill also includes a capability that will allow the development of technology to help the blind ascertain the denomination of their currency; the new \$20 and \$50 notes also have a large numeral on the back that make the notes easier for millions of Americans with low vision to read.

Wal-Mart will include a promotional ad in its Sept/Oct. circular reaching 84 million households; post signage at its 100,000 cash registers; include

materials in its company-wide training; and host Treasury speakers at its August managers' convention. Domino's Pizza Inc. will train employees and distribute information to all its franchisees.

Kroger Company, Inc. will display tent cards and posters, include a \$20 ad in their circular; play Treasury's radio announcement; host authentication seminars for their cashiers and send training CD-ROMs to its 155 stores; and enclose posters in all its employee paychecks. Ace Hardware will distribute posters, pamphlets and point-of-sale displays to all its stores.

Seven Ways to Invest Fifty Dollars or Less

Saving money - we all know that we're supposed to be doing it. And, once it's saved then we should be investing that money to make it grow. But how can we save (and then invest) when we can't seem to save more than a few bucks here and there?

It can be done. Consumer Reports magazine offered the tips below, which are proof positive that anyone is capable of saving and investing \$50.

1. Pay off your credit cards. This is a top priority for your \$50. If you pay off a debt balance carrying a 17.36% interest rate, that is as good as earning 17.36% on an investment. That's better than you'll do in most investments and it's a sure thing. Also, be sure to check the interest rate on your credit card. According to Diana Nash, Chairman of the Board, Michigan Credit Union League, the average bank issued credit card has an interest rate of 18.21%, while a credit union issued credit card has a much lower average interest rate at 13.14%. Using these rates as an example, you could save \$252 dollars a year on a \$5,000 balance by switching to a credit union issued credit card.

2. Invest where you work. Add that \$50, and as much more as you can to your employer's 401k or other retirement plan. Your contribution will help reduce next year's tax bill and your employer may match it.

3. Buy U.S. Savings bonds. Series EE bonds sell for half their face value, so your \$50 will get you a \$100 bond. Hold it less than five years, you are guaranteed a 4% interest rate; held longer, you get that guaranteed rate or a variable rate, whichever is higher. Savings bonds are among the safest investments going, even though their returns are not huge.

4. Invest in mutual funds. These are getting harder for small investors, but with some companies' mutual funds are still accessible. Look for 'no-load' funds that ask for an initial investment of \$1,000 or less, with subsequent investments as low as \$50. Or, seek out a fund that will waive its minimum investment requirement if you commit to making regular deposits.

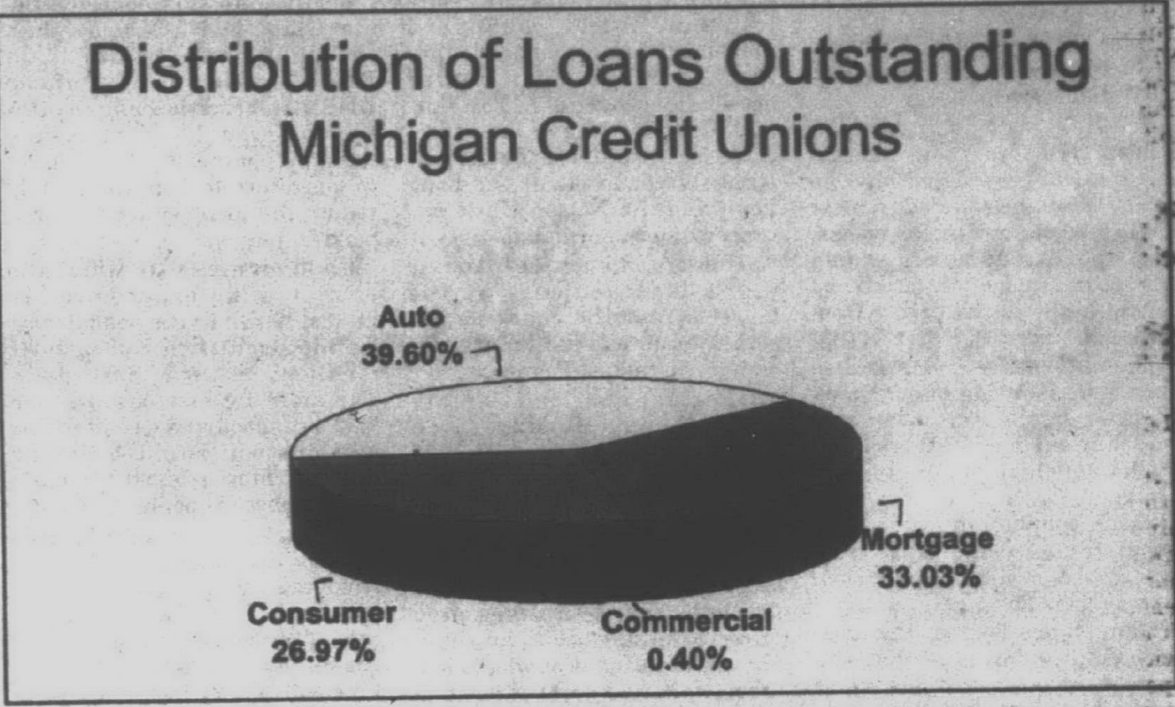
5. Buy stock directly. If you already own stock and partici-

pate in a dividend reinvestment plan (where your dividends pay for new shares of stock), you might be able to send your \$50 as a contribution toward more stock purchases. A Standard & Poor's directory of companies offering dividend reinvestment plans is available in many libraries.

6. Join an investment club. These are like do-it-yourself mutual funds, in which members pick stocks and pool their funds to invest. The typical monthly investment is about \$25 per person.

7. Prepay your mortgage. Paying an additional \$50 per month on the principle of a 30-year, \$100,000 mortgage at 9 percent interest would save \$49,434 in interest and get the mortgage paid off six and a half years early! Pretty impressive. Do call your lender to check rules on prepayments and keep your canceled checks as proof of the extra payment.

A measly \$50 can go a long way!



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All of us on the staff and board of **Community Choice Credit Union** look forward to an exciting new era of providing the best in financial services to people throughout Livonia and Redford Township. We hope to have this partnership completed by the end of this year.

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RECREATION

Waterfowl season expanded

Despite an early drought throughout much of the prairie pothole region of the continent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan DNR have instituted another 60-day waterfowl season with a six-duck per day limit for the 1998 season.

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Moulee State Game Area for the waterfowl season should be aware that the water-level has been lowered.

The water is being drawn down as part of an ongoing effort to restore the marsh. The lower water levels will allow for hydraulic dredging and revegetation of the Vermet and Lead units.

Sediment dredged from these areas will be used to recreate islands in what is now open water.

"Duck hunters will need to use boats that can operate in very shallow water," said Tim Payne, wildlife biologist at the DNR's district office in Livonia. "Water levels that are normally around 18 inches will be lowered to less than six inches, which will have an impact on hunter mobility."

Hunters will not be able to operate outboard motors in the Lead Unit, which will have very shallow conditions. Jon boats less than 14-feet, canoes and punt boats are recommended for the Lead Unit. Foot or bike access is encouraged. The Vermet Unit will have less than three-feet of water at its deepest point. Water levels at the Long Pond and the Nelson Units are expected to be normal.

"Hunters will benefit from this year's inconvenience as the marshes' historic channels are recreated to expand habitat for waterfowl," added Payne.

Hunters can call Pointe Mouillee on Mondays and Wednesdays at (734) 379-9692 for more information.

Turkey season underway

Michigan's revived fall turkey season began Monday and runs through Nov. 8 in designated areas of the state. With an annual flock hovering around 100,000 birds, fall turkey hunters can expect a banner season.

"Many turkeys survived the mild winter this year, and spring nesting and summer brood-rearing conditions for turkeys were good over most of the state," said Dave Luukkonen, upland gamebird specialist with the DNR. "Biologists are seeing many

turkey broods and we expect a large number of young turkeys in the fall flock."

Interest in the fall season is also soaring with a total of 19,538 hunters applying for 10,250 available permits.

Hunters may take a male or female turkey during the fall hunt. Only shotguns with shot no larger than No. 4, and bow and arrows may be used to hunt turkeys and they may not be hunted over bait. The bag limit is one turkey per season.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help kids catch better than 4,000 hybrid bluegills at Buck Wilder's Fishin' Hole, the pond at the DNR's Pocket Park located at the state fairgrounds. This "Catch a Meal" event will help remove fish stocked into the pond for the State Fair.

"We stocked 5,000 hybrid bluegills into this pond for the state fair, which is more than the pond can sustain," said Bruce Matthews, chief of the DNR's Information and Education Division. "Now we have a unique opportunity for children to learn how to fish and to help reduce the fish population in the pond."

Children ages 6-16 with little or no fishing experience are invited to fish in the pond during morning and afternoon sessions for the next three Saturdays. The morning sessions will run 9:30 a.m.-noon and the afternoon sessions will run 1-4:30 p.m. Children must register for a limited number of openings.

The program is coordinated through Project F.I.S.H. (Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage) through the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Hook Line and Sinker Inc., in cooperation with the DNR.

Ten volunteers are needed to work each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers will assist youngsters in a variety of duties from helping untangle lines to taking a fish off a hook.

Call (517) 432-2700 to register and for more information.

The season opened Saturday and runs through Dec. 8 here in the South Zone and runs through Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones.

The continental duck breeding populations have declined slightly from last year's record-high numbers, but still remain above the long-term population objectives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Duck flights through Michigan are expected to be similar to what they were last year.

Puddle duck hunting should remain good throughout the season, but will get tougher later on as the birds become edgy after having been shot at for weeks. Local ponds and rivers should hold good numbers of ducks and should be productive right from the start.

The outlook for divers is also excellent. Hunting should pick up later in the season as cold weather up north drives the ducks south to the waters of Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie and the connecting rivers. The infestation of Zebra mussels in the Great Lakes has been a boon for waterfowlers.

Many divers feed on the mussels. Another plus is that the mussels have cleaned the water in the big lakes and this clean water has promoted weed growth, which offers an abundant food source that tends to hold the ducks a little longer than in the past.

Shallow water at Mouillee

Hunters heading to the Pointe

Birds often recognized in battle

Heated battle in the middle of a war seems like the last place someone would be watching for birds. Yet here are a couple stories that relate to this very topic.

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

Dan LaBlonde was kind enough to send me information on a story from the Civil War.

On the battlefield at Gettysburg near the location of the 90th Pennsylvania infantry there is a sculpture honoring the infantry's efforts in battle. It is a tree stump with ivy growing on its side some infantry accouterments and a bird nest near the top.

Though it may seem like an unusual monument, there is a non-authenticated story about why the tree was erected.

According to a story handed down through the generations, an oak tree had been hit by artillery fire and shattered.

Wood splinters, limbs and branches went flying everywhere.

Only a tall stump remained.

As the debris came raining down, a robin's nest landed near a soldier. The young were still in the nest but very shaken.

Though the enemy was still firing, the soldier grabbed the nest and replaced it in the remaining stump.

Maybe the bird nest symbolizes a regeneration of life, or maybe it is a true story. This is not the only time birds have been recognized in battle.

A long time before the Civil War, the Athenians fought the Persians. Athenians were anticipating an attack by the Persians, but continued to pray at their new temple the Acropolis, dedicated to Athena.

People who came to pray noticed an owl had taken up residence at the temple. They soon came to expect to see the owl and attributed intelligence to the bird for having chosen such a safe place to nest.

Legend soon evolved that Athena had taken the form of the owl. Athena was loved by all her people and was a great inspiration to them. This is one story on how the owl came to be associ-

ed with wisdom.

Eventually the day came when the Persians attacked.

Athenians had divided their army and only a small contingency was left to protect Athens when the Persians were sighted. Out numbered four to one the Athenians decided to attack the Persians near the shore at night when their horses were unavailable. Despite the odds, the Athenians attacked.

In the heat of battle the Athenians saw the owl, which they associated with Athena, circling overhead calling to rally on her troops.

This incident inspired the warriors to fight even harder and push back the Persians to the sea.

After the battle the Athenians gave all the credit for their victory to the owl.

Subsequently, generals even kept tame owls on the battlefield to use in case they needed that extra edge during future conflicts.

Birds in battle — both inspirational and recipients of compassion.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

NEW LIVONIA RANGE OPENS

The newly-expanded City of Livonia archery range, located on the north side of Glendale Avenue one block east of Farmington Road, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sunday, and by appointment Tuesdays and Thursday through mid-December.

The range is free for Livonia residents.

The fee for non-residents is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

After a five-year search for the right location, the City established an archery range at the site of the old municipal landfill. The range had been open for only a short time before the Ted Nugent United Sportsman of America group approached the City with an offer to help design the new range, purchase some new materials, gather on-the-job volunteers and seek donations for operations.

The City purchased the stockade fencing and posts, and provided the manpower and heavy machinery for site regrading, post-digging and grass seeding.

"With eight lanes, including a 20-yard broadhead lane, the City range is an outstanding practice facility for the whole family," Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey said. "Children under 14, accompanied by a parent or guardian are welcome. We have picnic tables on site and the range is supervised."

CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen'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 \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

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 Liparoto 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) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

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 Gander Mountain in

Taylor. Call (734) 678-2863 for more information.

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, Nov. 4-5, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Terese Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASONS/DATES

BEAR

Bear runs through Oct. 26 in designated bear management units.

DEER

The first half of the archery deer season runs through Nov. 14. The firearms season opens statewide runs Nov. 15-30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK

The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules runs through Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK

The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE

There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE

Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT/HARE

Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

TURKEY

The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 8 in designated areas of the state by special permit only.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs through Nov. 2 statewide.

QUAIL

Quail season runs Oct. 28-Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout

southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific openings.

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.

HAYRIDES

Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through October.

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 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

FORESTER ACTIVITY

Webelo scouts can earn their Forester Activity pin during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Stony Creek. There is a \$5 fee and participants must pre-register by mail only. Send a SASE to Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center, 4120 Inwood Road, Washington, MI 48095.

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Ages 6-7 will get into the spirit of the season during this craft program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Kensington. There is a \$2 fee per child and pre-registration is required.

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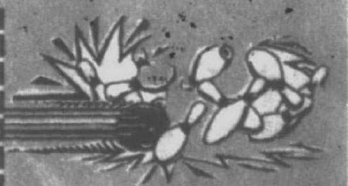
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CIDER

Press your own apple cider during this program, which will be held throughout the day on Sunday, Oct. 18 and again on Sunday, Oct. 25, at Stony Creek. Participants should bring clean apples and clean plastic containers and should call ahead to reserve time on the press.

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