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THE WEEK AHEAD

Concert series finale: J.D. Hart will perform country music at the Performing Arts Pavilion behind the Westland library beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday. The concert is sponsored in part by the Westland Cultural Society and Westland City Council.

TUESDAY

Marlinga talk: Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, a candidate for attorney general, will



Marlinga

speaking to the Westland Democratic Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey, east of Venoy, south of Palmer.

Wheelchair pool: The National Wheelchair Pool Players Association's national championship begins Friday at The Electric Stick, Wayne Road north of Hunter, Westland.

SATURDAY

Walk and run: Wally's Walk & Fun Run to help raise funds for the American Brain Tumor Association and Karmanos Cancer Institute is Saturday in Hines Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Opening band: Branded with singer Jason Bergeron of Westland opens for Alice Cooper at 7 p.m. Saturday at the State Fairgrounds.

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Church leads new housing effort



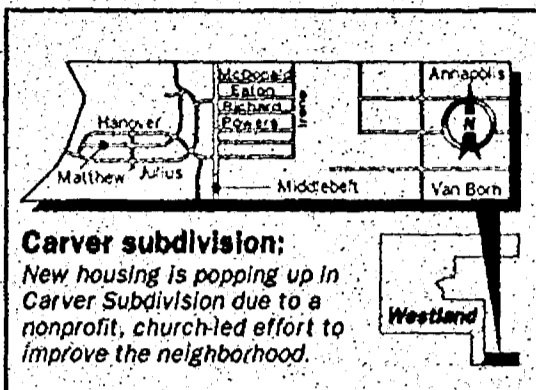
Peoples Community Hope for Homes is using \$460,000 in federal money to build new homes and rehabilitate older, abandoned ones in the Carver subdivision in the far southeast corner of Westland.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland church's effort to revitalize a south-end neighborhood has sparked new housing for the first time in 25 years in Carver subdivision.

Peoples Community Baptist Church, in a nonprofit endeavor, has begun to make a tangible difference in an area bounded by Middlebelt, Annapolis, Irene and Powers.

An offshoot of the church, Peoples Community Hope for Homes, is using \$460,000 in federal money to build new homes and rehabilitate older, abandoned ones. The city is in charge of releasing the funds.



Carver subdivision:
New housing is popping up in Carver Subdivision due to a nonprofit, church-led effort to improve the neighborhood.

The homes will be sold to provide money that, in turn, will be pumped

Please see **HOUSING, A2**



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Hope for Homes: Sam Brown is executive director of Peoples Community Hope for Homes, which has sparked new housing in Carver subdivision.

Go, girls



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

'50s style: Jessica Berner, 13, of Westland performs with the Earth Angels as they lip sync to the song "Heat-2" during teen night at the Bailey Center in Westland. For more on the program, please see A3.

Social Security funded to 2032, advocate says

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Left alone, the nation's Social Security system is financially secure enough to pay full benefits through 2032, a senior citizen advocate told a Westland crowd of 200 seniors Friday.

Without changes, however, people born after 1967 will receive only 75 percent of their benefits when they begin turning 65 in 2032, seniors were told.

Those predictions came as Mord-Essie Ingram, a Michigan representative of the American Association of Retired Persons, spoke during a seminar at Westland's senior Friendship Center.

Ingram urged seniors not to panic when they hear statements about a supposed near-bankrupt Social Security system.

"Don't let anyone tell you that it's broke," she said. Not only can Social Security benefits be fully funded through 2032, she said, but cost-of-living increases will also be possible.

However, Ingram conceded that gradual changes, rather than quick-fix plans, will be needed to address long-term problems with Social Security.

"I feel that it's very important that we save it for our children and our grandchildren," she said.

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Comment policy raises concerns

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board has new committee assignments and a new policy on citizen questions and comments.

Citizens may now make comments during a citizens' comments and questions time on the board's agenda near the beginning of the meeting as well as at the end. Residents who wish to comment also will be asked to fill out cards with their name, address and topic of concern.

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

But the statements during the first comment time must pertain to agenda items and that raised concerns with district resident Marshall Wright.

Board President David Cox said the first citizen comment segment will allow the public to address the board on an issue they would vote on that night rather than after the vote. Also, with the addition of the earlier time for public comment, the comment time at the end of the meeting will be limited to 30 minutes, Cox said.

But Wright questioned a time limit on the final comment time after comments on the sexual orientation issue Monday night exhausted the half-hour comment time. Allowing a number of people to speak on a topic doesn't allow others to talk, he said. Maybe speakers should be picked by a lottery system, he said.

He also questioned why the board couldn't broadcast its agendas on cable TV as Westland City Council does so residents can be prepared to speak on agenda items.

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Board tunes into instrumental music for kids

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

Three Livonia Board of Education trustees say they endorse reinstating instrumental music for fifth- and sixth-graders in Livonia Public Schools.

Trustees Frank Kokenakes, Ken Timmons and Dan Lessard voiced support for the program during Monday's board meeting after a group of parents once again attended the meeting to build support for restoring the program in all the school district's elementary schools.

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

A fourth trustee, board president Diane Nay, said the question of whether to bring back the program should be discussed in an upcoming committee meeting.

Superintendent Ken Watson said administrators are now gathering information on how the program can be reinstated. The data, he said, will be available for board review sometime in October or November.

"We should require the district to include this in the budget for the 1999-2000 school year," said trustee Frank Kokenakes. "We must take steps to restore this."

Livonia parents who formed the "Let the Children Play" committee are still circulating petitions to show administrators that the community backs reinstating instrumental music for all fifth- and sixth-graders.

Since the budget cuts of the early 1990s, there has been no instrumental music in elementary class-

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back into the neighborhood to create even more housing.

"I'm hoping this will revitalize the entire Carver subdivision by bringing in new homes and new families and by getting the vacant homes occupied," Hope For Homes executive director Sam Brown said.

Brown credited Peoples Community Baptist Church's the Rev. John Hearn for leading the charge in recent years for Hope for Homes.

"It was his vision," Brown said. To steer the project, Hope for Homes has its own board of directors that reaches beyond the church to pull one-third of its members from the larger south-end community.

The group already has made strides in its effort to secure land and to provide new housing that Brown estimated will cost buyers \$45,000 to \$75,000.

Consider:

■ A new three-bedroom ranch with a two-car garage is nearing completion on Richard Street and is expected to be ready for occupancy as early as November.

■ Next door, another three-bedroom ranch was physically moved to Richard Street from another section of Westland. A sale has been virtually completed, and the house is expected to be occupied in a few weeks by the Carver program's first buyer.

■ One street north, on Eton, a formerly boarded-up house has

been spruced up and is soon expected to be ready for sale.

"It was just an old abandoned house, but the structure was good," Robert Patterson, Westland community development specialist, said.

Several other housing plans are expected to arise soon, including a new home on Annapolis near Irene and a rehabilitated residence on McDonald. Hope for Homes also wants to build new Carver homes on now-vacant property and to overhaul as many as 10 vacant homes in the area.

"We want the people who move in to be homebuyers," James Gilbert, Westland community development/housing director, said.

The reason: Hope for Homes wants to foster a long-term neighborhood renaissance that is more likely to succeed if residents have a stake in their homes.

Fair price

Hope for Homes won't try to sell houses at inflated prices, but the group will seek to get a fair price so that dollars will be available for other projects.

"We try to get as much as we can," Brown said.

Hope for Homes already has led the charge for new housing in Inkster and Romulus, helping to provide residences for about 20 families, he said. The group hasn't pinpointed the number of

families it hopes to draw to Carver subdivision.

"That depends on the number of homes that become available," Brown said.

Gilbert noted that potential homebuyers who come up short on their down payment may qualify for up to \$5,000 in government assistance, depending on their incomes. Otherwise, they have to be able to afford the homes.

As the Carver program flourishes, Gilbert said it's likely that private developers will begin to show an interest in the area targeted by Hope for Homes.

Moreover, new developer Daryl Williams is moving closer to building 64 new homes in what would mark a two-street expansion of Carver subdivision. He is expected soon to submit a development agreement for review by the Westland City Council.

Williams wants to develop two streets, Hanover and Currier, that never got built even though they appear on city maps. New construction could begin as early as next spring on an initial 32-home phase, Westland Planning Director Tod Kilroy has said.

Houses are expected to be priced as low as \$107,000 for a conventional ranch and as high as \$125,000 for a two-story house, according to the latest estimates.

The higher cost of houses in Williams' proposal could lead to better property values on existing Carver streets, Gilbert said.

Rather than viewing Hope for Homes and Williams as competitors, Gilbert said the two plans could, in different ways, transform Carver subdivision and secure its survival.

"I believe what Daryl Williams is doing will complement what Peoples Community Hope for Homes is doing," Gilbert said.

Security from page A1

Ingram warned seniors to remain on guard for any quick legislative pushes to overhaul the system. Changes should be made only in the wake of thoughtful dialogue with citizens of all ages, she said.

Ingram also said the nation's older population must stress to young workers the importance of saving for their retirement.

"We must do more to encourage the young people in the workforce to save," she said.

Ingram stressed that Social Security isn't intended to be a sole income for retirees and that workers should explore investments, pensions and other options during their working years.

Ingram gave seniors an AARP legislative hotline number where they could call for a "Reality Check" booklet on Social Security issues. The toll-free number, which also provides other information, is 1-800-458-4227.

Seniors also learned about other senior issues Friday as guest speakers addressed topics ranging from Medicaid services to public safety to legal issues to home-delivered meals for shut-in seniors.

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, and state Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, served as co-sponsors of the three-hour seminar.

"It was intended to provide information about senior issues," Friendship Center director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said.

Seniors also got their blood pressure and their cholesterol levels checked outside the main meeting room.

Pam Dobrowolski, a Wayne City Council member and Wayne County Senior Services employee, explained that the county feeds thousands of needy seniors each day, many of them homebound.

"We send out more than 4,000 meals a day," she said.

She also said the county provides help for seniors to make their homes warmer for cold

Senior Alliance spokeswoman Nell Thompson talked about a "Medicaid waiver" program in which seniors who meet certain income criteria can receive in-home services.

weather with new windows, doors and roofing. Dobrowolski also explained that the county has a day care program for seniors at its Michigan Avenue building named after Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard. Caregivers can take seniors there when they need time to attend to their own personal business, she said.

Senior Alliance spokeswoman Nell Thompson talked about a "Medicaid waiver" program in which seniors who meet certain income criteria can receive in-home services.

"This is much more cost-efficient than nursing home care," she said.

"Seniors today want to live with independence and dignity, and we are here to help," Thompson said.

Following are some phone numbers circulated at the seminar:

■ Wayne County Office on Aging: (734) 326-5565.

■ County senior day care center, Westland. (734) 326-4977.

■ Wayne County weatherization program. (734) 326-9422.

■ Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors, Westland. (734) 326-4978.

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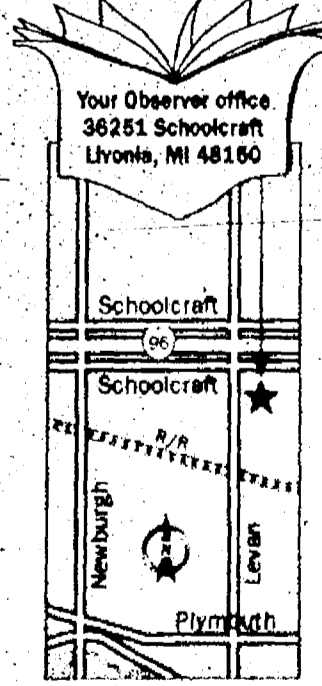
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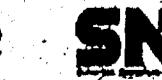
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Cool, man: Carl Saenz of Farmington Hills of the Earth Angels lip synchs to the medley "Swing the Mood."



The twist: Linda Karbo (left) of Livonia, a member of the Earth Angels, twists with Westland teens at the closing of teen night at the Bailey Center.

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Leader of Pack: Patrick Lynn of Farmington Hills (left) and Kristen Kwiathowski of Livonia dance and lip synch to "Leader of the Pack."

Earth Angels rock at teen night finale

They "Rock Around the Clock," "Think," and like "Dancing In the Streets."

The Earth Angels, a group of 22 youngsters ages 9-18, performed Tuesday night at the final summer Teen Night at the Bailey Center.

The kids do choreographed routines and pantomime to hit songs from the '50s and '60s and perform year-round at shows mostly in Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

They recently returned from a performance at Disney World in Florida, according to Debbie Lindquist, pool supervisor at the Bailey pool. Lindquist's daughter, Jessica Berner, 13, of Westland has been performing with the Earth Angels for four years.

Tuesday's performance at the Bailey Center drew about 150

people and is the culmination of a summer-long program for middle schoolers and teens.

After a slow start the program proved to be popular this summer, Lindquist said. Part of it was the rapport the lifeguards had with the kids, including participating in the dancing, she said.

Some kids asked to have it expanded to other nights as well, she said.

Plans are to bring the program back next summer with some additions such as arcade games and theme nights, Lindquist said.

The Earth Angels will be seeking three new members in September.

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Dance duo: Cari Murphy (left) and Evan Berman, both of Farmington Hills, dance and lip synch with the Earth Angels to the medley "Swing the Mood."

Metro officials outline plan to help travelers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

With a strike deadline looming for pilots at Northwest Airlines on Saturday, Aug. 29, Wayne County officials at Detroit Metro Airport have outlined plans to help air travelers inconvenienced by a walkout should one occur.

David Katz, director of Wayne County airports, said about 30 county employees will assist air travelers with finding another airline, or give them information and shuttles to and from local train or bus stations. Information centers will be set up and

brochures prepared for the public.

"In terms of planning and coordination, it's not the kind of thing that will sneak up on us," Katz said.

Katz wants to ensure that travelers aren't stranded at the airport. "We will let people know that there are other carriers. About 55 percent of our traffic is flying with another carrier already."

"I anticipate other carriers will be flying in (at Metro) bigger planes."

Other carriers would be willing to bring in more planes, but

Katz said most of them are filled to capacity.

John Truscott, spokesman for Gov. John Engler, said Engler and governors from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin signed a letter sent to President Clinton.

"We want to make sure he is aware of the potential impact to those states," Truscott said. Clinton can step in and order the two sides back to the bargaining table and employees back to work, as he did with the American Airlines strike. Clinton would be expected to step in

should a strike begin.

Engler recently met with Northwest management and with the pilots union on Tuesday.

While there isn't anything he can do legally to involve himself with the airlines' operations, he hopes the two sides can reach an agreement before another strike hurts Michigan's economy.

Michigan lost \$1 billion during GM's walkout, and Truscott estimated a Northwest strike could cost "tens of millions" of dollars.

Early this week it was difficult to tell if progress had been

made.

"It is hard to know what is posturing and what isn't," Truscott said.

Katz believes a short-term strike won't affect the \$1.6 billion airport expansion or the budget, but a strike would affect travelers and concessionaires, Katz said.

On July 6, investors started buying a piece of the airport improvements through a \$1.1 billion bond sale, the largest single-issue airport revenue bond in American aviation history.

As far as actual airport operations are concerned, operating

budgets are adjusted at the end of the fiscal year with Northwest paying more money or credited by Wayne County depending on how actual operations fare against the budget.

"At the end of the year, we send (Northwest) a bill and they are obligated to pay for it," Katz said.

Passenger travel at Metro continues to grow at twice the national average, Katz said. Katz is optimistic a strike will be averted.

"My feeling is Northwest and its team will come together," Katz said.

Commission OKs loan to stadium

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners approved a \$145 million loan Thursday to finance the new Tiger Stadium after listening to critics who said the penalties were too soft on punishments for contractors who do not employ or hire minorities.

The agreement was revised with last-minute changes. The Tigers have agreed that 50 percent of work and contracts should go to Detroit firms, 30 percent should go to minorities, and 5 percent to women. The club would face a \$50,000 fine for each violation of that agreement, no more than once a month.

Any penalties will go to the Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority to fund programs to develop opportunities for disadvantaged workers. The Tigers are expected to sign paperwork in New York by the end of the day Monday with lenders from the Sumitomo Bank.

Mike Anderson, of the Community Coalition, a Detroit black economic empowerment organization, submitted a letter to commissioners urging a vote against the deal, because it would "nullify any semblance of affirmative action."

Anderson said it wasn't too late to change the agreement, stating that commissioners should not feel pressured into making the decision.

"The fine should be tripled to \$150,000," Anderson said. He also recommended a "grass-roots" effort of contracting Michigan minority businesses should be initiated and the fines should be used to construct a building trades center in Detroit.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, did not like the term "punitive damages" and "fines" used during the stadium discussions. "The prize in my mind is a stadium that is well-constructed, on time and under budget," Patterson said.

Commission Chair Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, told Community Coalition members the commission would monitor the project. "We will work with the association," Solomon said, referring to the African American Association of Business and Contractors.

Charlie Beckham, who leads that association, told commissioners he was working closely with Tigers officials to meet the minority participation goals.

Commissioners unanimously approved the agreement. The Downtown Development Authority and stadium authority also approved the agreement.

Concert in the park

On Wednesday the Verdi Opera Theatre, accompanied by the Redford Symphony Orchestra, will give a free concert at 7 p.m. at Bell Creek Park in Redford Township.

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Table with 4 columns: Parcel I.D.#, Commonly Known As, Last Known Owner & Address, and Parcel I.D.#. Contains numerous rows of property listings with owner names and addresses.

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Wright also suggested meetings be held at sites other than the administration building such as at schools.

Board member Ed Turner said holding the meetings would be "almost cost prohibitive" because of the need to cablecast them and the expense of moving the equipment.

In other business, Cox announced the committee assignments for the 1998-99 school year and their responsibilities.

Strategic Planning Committee: Board members Cox, Robin Moore, Martha Pitsenbarger and Superintendent Greg Baracy.

Community Relations Committee: board members David James, Moore and Pitsenbarger, plus Baracy and Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration.

Instruction Committee: Cox, Moore, Turner and Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction.

This committee will look into a

ninth-grade intervention program to help students adjusting to the transition to high school. It will also develop a curriculum review plan that re-examines the district's curriculum on a five-year cycle. A report is due to the board by Dec. 7.

Employee Services Committee: board members James, Mathew McCusker and Teresa Robbins and Dan Slee, assistant superintendent for employee services.

Finance Committee: Cox, James, Pitsenbarger, Baracy and Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business.

Legal Services Committee: James, Robbins, Turner and Baracy. This committee is to develop an evaluation procedure to assess the effectiveness of the district's legal services.

Policy Committee: McCusker, Moore, Robbins, Sherman. This committee will monitor and review policy to ensure compliance.

President/Superintendent Committee: Cox and Baracy. They will prepare and review board agendas.

The board's meeting schedule for the upcoming school year includes meetings at 7 p.m. on Sept. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 19, Feb. 8, March 8, March 22, April 19, May 10, May 24, June 15 and July 12.

Music from page A1

Youngsters who want to learn to play an instrument do so either through private lessons or through a once-a-week, after-school program run by the district's community education department in some of the elementary schools.

Seymour LeVine, who retired from Livonia schools in 1991 as music and art coordinator, stepped to the podium Monday to ask for the program's restoration.

"I realize that there is a limit to the time and money available to sustain a quality K-12 instructional program and that difficult choices are to be made," said LeVine, who lives on Bretton Road.

LeVine said the afterschool, voluntary program doesn't have the same quality as one given by district teachers during the school day.

The afterschool classes conflict with family obligations, are taken by only a small number of students, and suffer from a "lack of qualified and dedicated band and orchestra teachers," he said.

"After a full day of school, the attention span of the children falls off, and new skills are difficult to learn," he said. "We are among only a few Michigan districts of comparable size to deny its children an elementary instrumental music program."

"Let the Children Play" committee members have met with school administrators to go over the costs of reinstating the program.

Kent Gage, assistant superintendent for elementary instruction, recently estimated it would cost \$600,000 to restore the pre-

vious twice-a-week instrumental program, and \$2.2 million to launch a beefed-up five-day-a-week program.

Despite today's rosy financial picture in the district, with about \$15 million in surplus, the district to date has not made restoring the program a top pri-

ority. The topic surfaced after about 200 Churchill High band students wrote letters to the trustees, telling them how important instrumental music is to their lives, and urging them to bring the elementary program back.

The Class of 1998 was the last group of students who learned to play an instrument in fifth and sixth grades as part of the elementary curriculum.

Next year, all high school band students will have received their first classroom instruction as middle-school seventh-graders.

Wayne from page A4

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 26, 1998

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Wednesday, August 26, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following:

Location: 5797 Middlebelt, also known as Lot 141, Foklers Full Acre Farms Subdivision No. 1, as recorded in Liber 45, Page 4 of Plats Sidwell No. 007-001-000-141-05.

Request: The applicant is requesting a variance, which, if approved, would allow the non-conforming use to expand. They are seeking to expand their existing parking lot by an additional 40' by 115'.

ALLYSON BETTIS City-Clerk Treasurer

Posted: August 19, 1998 Publish: August 23, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland:

(APPENDIX A) Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1998.

Table with 4 columns of parcel numbers and their corresponding owners. Owners listed include: 001-99-0010-000, 001-99-0027-000, 001-99-0028-000, etc.

RICHARD DITTMAR City of Westland Commissioner of Noxious Weeds

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CITY OF WESTLAND

Table with 3 columns: Parcel ID #, Commonly Known As, Last Known Owner & Address. Lists various parcels and owners such as James & Cora West, Girlie Calloway, etc.

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Two weeks ago I was on vacation in Elk Rapids, just a little north of Traverse City, visiting relatives, fishing, reading, and eating a lot.

I didn't have to cook once. It was Tuesday, late afternoon, and I was hanging out at the Traverse Brewing Co. with the owners - brewers Jack Archibale, John Edstrom, and assistant brewer Chaz Stallman doing exhaustive testing of a number of beers that I brought up, and their own product line, when the question of dinner came up. Since my better half was out with her mother, I was on my own.

Jack told me about a new restaurant in Elk Rapids called Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen that he brews a pale ale for. Jack said he thought I'd really enjoy the food and ale, and enjoy it I did.

Executive Chef Mary Palmer gave me the recipes for Crawfish Cakes and Shrimp Creole to share. At the restaurant they serve the Crawfish Cakes with a Smoked Tomato Broth, but that could be a little daunting for home cooks, so I included a Roasted Orange Pepper Garlic Tarragon Mayonnaise.

I made these recipes when I got back home, and served them with Jack's Old Mission Lighthouse Ale and Manitou Amber Ale, which complemented the dishes just as fine as the Pale Ale.

There's plenty of great weather left for going up north, and if you are in the Traverse City area, visit the Traverse Brewing Co., which is about 15 miles out of Traverse in Williamsburg; Elk Rapids is north on 31; and Pearl's is at 617 Ames Road, almost one mile east of U.S. 31 in Elk Rapids.

ROASTED ORANGE PEPPER MAYO

- 1 large orange bell pepper, roasted, peeled and seeded
- 2 medium cloves of roasted garlic
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon fresh tarragon, finely minced
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place the pepper and garlic in a blender or food processor, and process until smooth. Add to mayo, then add tarragon. Mix well and place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.

CRAWFISH CAKES

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons green bell pepper, small dice
- 2 tablespoons red bell pepper, small dice
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 pound crawfish tails, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons Creole Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup bread crumbs

Melt butter in large sauté pan, add onions, peppers, and garlic. Sauté lightly, set aside.

In large mixing bowl, combine vegetables, crawfish tails, seasonings, cheese, eggs and bread crumbs.

Portion mixture into 2 ounce patties, and coat with bread crumbs. Place on wax paper covered tray. Sauté crawfish cakes in canola oil until golden brown, place on serving plate. Serves 4.

CREOLE SAUCE

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 cup onions, medium dice
- 1 green pepper, medium dice
- 2 stalks celery, sliced

Please see **CHEERS, B2**

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Home Sense
- A Taste of the Golden Mushroom

FOR A PINCH OF THE PAST



Classic dessert: The season's finest fresh pears star in Gingered Pear Upside Down Cake. This updated classic boasts the nut-like flavor and crunchy texture of wheat germ, both in the cake and ginger-flavored glaze.

KLETSCHNER WHEAT GERM

Peek into Mrs. Boone's kitchen

"Mrs. Boone's" oven didn't have a thermostat, and when she measured ingredients, if she did at all, she'd use a teacup, or a "pinch of" of this and "some" of that.

"Cooking has become a science, in the old days it used to be an art defined by each cook," said Ron Monchak of Rochester Hills, publisher of "Mrs. Boone's Favorite Early American Recipes," (Momentum Books LTD, compiled by Franklin Fox \$15.95).

"Mrs. Boone's" first book, "Mrs. Boone's Wild Game Cookbook," inspired the second.

"We found some interesting old, old recipes, and discovered they differed considerably from recipes today," said Monchak, who owns Troy based Momentum Books. "We take all this modern cuisine for granted."

While researching "Mrs. Boone's Wild Game Cookbook," Monchak said they discovered some wonderful recipes, and ideas about cooking that weren't found anywhere.

"We thought it would be fun to recreate these recipes," said Monchak. "It's enjoyable to read. You don't have to be a cook."

The recipes were submitted by friends, neighbors, and relatives. Monchak found some of them in one of his mother's old cookbooks. He also

scoured used bookstores for out-of-print cookbooks.

"My mother, Rose, cooks all the time," he said. "She's 85 years old, and takes it more for granted. She had an old 19th century cookbook that was out of print for 100 years."

Possum, squirrel and pigeon probably aren't your idea of what's for dinner tonight, but you'll find these recipes in "Mrs. Boone's Favorite Early American Recipes."

"Mrs. Boone," doesn't exist, she's a fictional character, kind of like Betty Crocker. If you wanted to know something about cooking squirrel, Daniel Boone's mother is someone you'd trust for advice, hence the name - Mrs. Boone.

The 176 page paperback cookbook brings to life recipes from a bygone era when cooks judged the temperature of her wood burning oven by "opening the oven door and quickly waving a hand through it, or by sprinkling a little dry flour inside. If the flour turned dark, the oven was considered too hot and allowed to cool."

They didn't have timers then, and a good cook knew how to tell if something was done by "color, smell, or gently probing with a fork or toothpick."

"Mrs. Boone" shares recipes, and historical tidbits in her book. For instance, did you know John-

ny Cake, a basic cornbread, "was taken on the trail and originally called journey cake?"

Brown Betty is one of the oldies but goody desserts featured in the cookbook. Old-time desserts are never out of style.

According to a list of trends by "Bon Appetit" topping the list of "Must Have Desserts," are upside-down cakes, cobblers and crisps.

Upside-down cake originated in the 1900s using newly-available canned pineapple and maraschino cherries.

Celebrating its 11th year, Momentum Books Ltd. is a general book publisher. "We take a great deal of pleasure in doing these books because they're different," said Monchak.

Momentum Books also published "The Ultimate Lark," by local restaurateur Jim Lark, and "The Simply Great Cookbook," and "The Simply Great II Cookbook," featuring recipes from the chefs and staffs of Chuck Muer restaurants.

This spring, look for "Heart to Heart," a cookbook written by Jeffrey Leeds, who changed the way he eats after receiving a heart transplant. "Mrs. Boone's Favorite Early American Recipes," at your favorite book store, or call Momentum Books (248) 828-3666.

See recipes inside.

Potato soup, spinach calzones are favorites

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Growing up in Hamtramck during the Great Depression, Steven Benche of Troy remembers the Potato Soup his mother made.

"This is an old recipe," he said. "It is meatless, tasty and easy to make, especially when the potatoes are new and the parsley is fresh from the garden."

Benche and his wife Cassie have two children, and will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on Monday.

"I like to cook," said Benche who retired in 1975 from Chrysler Corp. where he worked as a bookkeeper. "When my wife doesn't feel like cooking, I do."

Next month Benche will celebrate his 84th birthday. "I still get around," he said. Soups are Benche's specialty, he also makes a good meatloaf too. Besides cooking he enjoys growing tomatoes and cucumbers in his garden.

Cheese makes the difference

Spinach is good for you, but most kids think it's yucky and slimy. Shirley Ellul of Redford discovered a way to make it more appetizing to her three girls

ages 18, 14 and 8.

She combines the spinach with cheese to make Spinach Calzones, which have become a family favorite. "In addition, I have adapted the recipe to be pretty easy for working moms," she said. "I used to use fresh spinach and make my own dough, then I switched to frozen white bread dough, now I use refrigerated biscuit dough."

Ellul and her husband Gary own Phoenix Installation in Livonia. "We install built-in appliances for major retail chains," she said. Shirley has always worked to help their family business, but since 1996 she's been working 40 hours a week leaving less time for cooking.

"I try to cook ahead," she said explaining how she finds time to prepare home cooked meals for her family. "I plan meals for the week on Sunday, and do my grocery shopping after the sale papers come out on Tuesday."

The Spinach Calzones could be made ahead of time and reheated for dinner. Shirley serves them with tomato sauce.

"For my daughter's confirmation I served them as a side dish," she said. "I put the calzones in a basket, and served hot tomato sauce on the side."

POTATO SOUP

- 2 1/2 quarts water
- 6 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped celery leaves
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

In a large kettle, sauté onion in butter for 3 minutes. Add potatoes, water, celery leaves, salt, pepper, paprika and tomato sauce; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes or until potatoes are just tender, stirring occasionally.

In a small skillet, combine oil and flour until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is golden brown. Carefully stir into hot soup. Add parsley. Cook, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes, or until smooth and soup thickens. Yield 12 servings.

Served with a tossed green salad, Spinach Calzones, is a quick, no-fuss dinner for families on the go. If you prefer fresh spinach instead of canned, buy a bag, cut off the stems, and steam until limp. Squeeze out excess moisture.

"Instead of biscuits you could use phyllo dough for a flakier crust," she said. "I like Hungry Jack Biscuits, but any brand will do."

SPINACH CALZONES

- 1 (14 ounce) can spinach, drained well and squeezed dry by hand to remove as much water as possible
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 4 cans refrigerator biscuits

Mix spinach and cheeses together in mixing bowl. If you think the mixture is too green for your kids, you may want to add more mozzarella cheese.

Put about 3 tablespoons filling in center of biscuit and cover with another biscuit. Seal edges well.

Place calzones on greased cooking sheet. Repeat steps using up spinach/cheese mixture and biscuits.

Bake at 325°F for 20-25 minutes or until light brown. Top with spaghetti sauce and serve warm. Makes 20 calzones.

Everyone knows the best recipes are ones you share. Send your "Favorite Recipe to Share," to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48160. Fax recipe to (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

If your recipe is chosen to be featured, you'll receive an apron, and cookbook.

Look for Recipe to Share in Taste on the third Sunday of the month.

Classic American desserts are never out of style

See related story on Taste front.

GINGERED PEAR UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

Topping
5 tablespoons stick 70 percent vegetable oil spread
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
2 tablespoons toasted wheat germ
3 small ripe Bartlett or Bosc pears, peeled, quartered and cored

Cake
1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
3/4 cup granulated sugar

3/4 cup toasted wheat germ
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup fat-free milk
5 tablespoons stick 70 percent vegetable oil spread, melted
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat oven to 350°F.

For topping cut vegetable oil spread into 5 pieces in 9-inch road cake pan; add brown sugar. Place pan in oven for 5 minutes or until spread is melted, stirring once. Remove pan from oven. Stir ginger into sugar mixture and sprinkle evenly with 2 tablespoons wheat germ. Arrange pear quarters in pinwheel shape, rounded side down, over sugar mixture around

edges of pan; set pan aside.

For cake, combine flour, granulated sugar, remaining 3/4 cup wheat germ, baking powder and salt in medium bowl; mix well. In small bowl, combine milk, melted spread, egg and vanilla; blend well. Add to flour mixture; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter evenly into baking pan.

Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until golden brown and a wooden pick inserted in center of cake comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. (Do not overbake.)

Cool 5 minutes in pan. Loosen sides of cake from pan. Invert onto a serving platter, letting glaze drip down sides of pan; spoon any glaze remaining in pan onto cake. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Store cooled cake tightly wrapped. Serves 12.

Nutrition information: 1/12 of recipe - Calories 280, Calories from fat 100, Total fat 12g, Saturated fat 2g, Cholesterol 120mg, Sodium 290mg.

Recipe compliments of Kretschmer Wheat Germ.

BROWN BETTY

1 cup bread crumbs
2 cups tart apples, chopped
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons butter, cut into small pieces
Cream

Butter a deep dish and start with a layer of chopped apples at the bottom. Sprinkle with sugar, a few bits of butter and cinnamon.

Cover with the bread crumbs and add more chopped apple. Proceed in this fashion until the dish is full, ending with a layer of crumbs on top.

Cover closely and steam for 3/4 hour in a moderate (350°F) oven. Uncover and brown quickly.

Serve in the dish in which it has been baked. Eat warm with sugar and cream.

APPLE FRITTERS

6 tart apples, not too mellow
3 eggs
2 cups milk
Pinch of baking soda
Pinch of salt
Flour
Sugar
Cinnamon
Lard (vegetable shortening)

Powdered sugar

Pare and core the apples, and cut them into round slices about 1/2-inch thick. Beat the eggs lightly and add in the milk. Add baking soda, salt and just enough flour to make a stiff batter.

Dip the apple slices in a mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Put each slice on the forefinger and whirl it in batter until thickly covered. Drop into hot lard or drippings and fry until golden brown.

Dust with powdered sugar before serving.

Recipes from "Mrs. Boone's Favorite Early American Recipes Cookbook," (Compiled by Franklin Fox, \$16.95, Momentum Books Ltd., Troy).

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1 tablespoon garlic, minced
2 pounds tomatoes, diced
1 cup clam juice
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon thyme
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 bay leaf
24 shrimp
2 cups cooked white rice

In a large saucepan, melt butter and sauté onions, peppers, celery, and garlic until they begin to soften. Add tomatoes, clam juice,

paprika, salt, thyme, cayenne pepper, black pepper, and bay leaf. Reduce heat to low and cook for 15 minutes until sauce starts to thicken. Remove from heat and chill.

At service time, sauté 24 shrimp in butter, when cooked half way,

add the prepared Creole Sauce. Bring mixture to a boil, and serve over white rice. Portion should be 6 shrimp per person, making it 4 servings for this recipe.

At the Water Club Seafood Grill, we have a SummerFest Menu, which features Salmon of the Angels - sautéed salmon

medallions served with a dill butter sauce over angel hair pasta; Grilled Tuna Medallions with a Dijon Barbecue Sauce served over mixed greens, and Herb Chicken Breast, sautéed with fresh herb cream sauce, served over garlic, parsley linguine. Call (734) 454-0666 for

reservations/information.

Chef Joseph Styke is sous chef at the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, and an award-winning home brewer. Look for his column on the last Sunday of the month in Taste.

Grilling recipe for chicken dippers emphasizes flavor

AP - Spicy, hot flavors stand up well to the heat of the grill, say the authors of a new book on grilling.

"Grilling for Dummies" (IDG Books, \$19.95) by Marie Rama and John Mariani offers loads of lore on grilling, from choosing equipment and firing up to handling and choosing foods and seasonings.

There are also 175 recipes, paying special attention to flavor. Among the recipes are these for Chicken Satay with Peanut Dipping Sauce, and Gingerly Grilled Vegetables.

chicken breasts, about 2 1/2 pounds
1/3 cup olive oil
1/4 cup lime juice
2 tablespoons grated lime peel
2 tablespoons fresh coriander, chopped with stems
2 small scallions, trimmed and chopped
1 teaspoon pepper sauce
1 large clove garlic, peeled and minced

Lay one chicken breast placed between two pieces of waxed paper on cutting board or other flat surface. Using meat mallet (rolling pin or bottom of heavy skillet also work), pound breast to flatten slightly; cut across grain into 1-

inch-wide strips. Repeat with second breast. Place strips in large resealable plastic bag or mixing bowl.

In small mixing bowl or glass measuring cup, combine remaining ingredients. Pour marinade over chicken strips. Seal bag or cover bowl and marinate in refrigerator at least 4 hours or overnight.

Prepare medium-hot fire in charcoal or gas grill.

Remove chicken from marinade and thread on bamboo or metal skewers. (Pre-soak bamboo or wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes before using to prevent them from burning.)

Place skewers on well-oiled grill,

4 to 6 inches from heat. Grill about 4 minutes on each side, or until done. Serve with Peanut Dipping Sauce.

Makes 4 main dish servings or 8 to 10 appetizer servings.

PEANUT DIPPING SAUCE

1 tablespoon corn oil
1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
1 teaspoon peeled and minced fresh ginger
2/3 cup canned coconut milk
1/3 cup crunchy peanut butter
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 tablespoon rice vinegar

1 teaspoon pepper sauce
2 tablespoons fresh, chopped coriander

In medium skillet, heat oil over medium heat; add garlic and ginger and cook 1 to 2 minutes, stirring until garlic is softened. (Be careful not to let the garlic brown.)

Add coconut milk, peanut butter, soy sauce, lime juice, rice vinegar and pepper sauce. Stir well to combine. Bring mixture to boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer sauce to small bowl and sprinkle with coriander. Serve with grilled chicken strips, as dipping sauce.

Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

etables (tomatoes, onions, summer squash, zucchini, mushrooms, peppers, cut 1/4 to 1/2-inch thick)

In medium-size mixing bowl or glass measuring cup, combine first nine ingredients for marinade.

Place sliced vegetables into 1-gallon, resealable plastic bag or other large container. Pour the marinade over the vegetables in the bag or container.

Press air out of bag and seal tightly, or cover container. Refrigerate 30 minutes to 1 hour, turning bag over once or occasionally tossing the vegetables in container.

Prepare medium-hot fire in charcoal or gas grill.

Place vegetables on lightly oiled grill (or in hinged wire basket or on grill topper) 4 to 6 inches over heat.

Grill firmer vegetables such as squash, zucchini, peppers and onions about 10 to 15 minutes, turning once. Grill more tender vegetables like tomatoes and mushrooms about 5 minutes, turning once. All vegetables should be cooked until lightly browned and still crisp-tender. Before serving, season with additional salt, pepper and pepper sauce, if desired.

Makes 6 servings.

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Little-known quinoa adds unusual flavor to potato salad

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Quinoa is a perfect grain for summer salads. It is light, cooks quickly, and mixes well with many other ingredients. In addition this sesame-sized whole grain is a good source of protein, making it a good choice for nutritious, meatless meals.

An ancient grain, quinoa originated in the Andes mountains of South America. Today it thrives at high altitudes in Colorado and western Canada as well as Peru, Bolivia, parts of Ecuador and Columbia. When quinoa is beige mixed with some darker grains, rather than uniform ivory or yellow, it is likely that it was grown in the United States.

The flavor of quinoa can range from nutty to sweet to grassy. Some people complain that it has a bitter taste, but this usually means the grains have not been well rinsed before cooking.

To avoid an unpleasant flavor, always wash quinoa vigorously under cool water until the water no longer foams. This will rid the grains of their natural soap coating, saponin, which acts like an natural insect repellent.

The machines used during processing usually removes most of the saponin, but even a tiny

residue can make the grain taste bitter.

Quinoa is one of the fluffiest whole grains. Toasting it in a dry pan before cooking can make it even lighter. It is also one of the fastest cooking grains, taking 20 minutes from start to finish, including toasting. It is done when you see tiny white halos floating with the grain.

I sometimes used quinoa in salad recipes that call for couscous or bulgur. I make a feather-light tabbouleh with it, as well as a colorful salad combining quinoa with raisins, chopped walnuts and an assortment of chopped raw vegetables and curry powder.

This salad is my version of a traditional dish from Crete, where it is usually made with barley.

BEEF, QUINOA AND POTATO SALAD

- 2 medium beets, or 1 large beet
- 1/2 cup quinoa
- 1/2 pound potatoes, peeled, cut in 3/4-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cups water
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

In a large saucepan, boil the beets in a generous amount of water until they are tender when pierced with a knife, about 30 minutes. Drain and cool. Peel the beets and cut them into 3/4-inch cubes. Place in a medium bowl.

Meanwhile, place the quinoa in a sieve and rinse under cool running water until there is no foam. Drain thoroughly. Place the quinoa in a heavy-bottomed, medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Toast the grain, stirring frequently with a wooden spoon, about 8 minutes. The damp kernels may stick at first, so scrape them firmly to prevent burning. Continue stirring until the individual grains separate and start popping. Remove pot from the heat.

Carefully add 2 cups water, standing back to avoid being splattered. Cover the pot and return it to the burner. Reduce the heat, and simmer 12 minutes, until the grains are translucent and *al dente*. Remove the pot from the heat and let the quinoa sit, covered, for ten minutes. Fluff with a fork to separate the grains. Add the cooked quinoa to the beets.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the potatoes, arranging the cubes in a sin-



Savory Salad: Beet, Quinoa, and Potato Salad is hearty enough to be served lukewarm or at room temperature, as the centerpiece of a meatless meal.

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gle layer. Cook the potatoes, turning them until lightly browned on all sides, about 6-8 minutes. Cover the skillet and cook the potatoes 3-4 minutes longer, until they are tender.

Add the potatoes to the bowl and toss with the quinoa and beets until the mixture is an even-ruby-red color. Season with salt and pepper. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Each of the six servings contain 126 calories and 3 grams of fat.

Prepared by cookbook author Dana Jacobi for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Steamed vegetable dumplings are low in fat ... and delicious

AP - Sweet Tortilla Bites, Burritos with Black Bean-Corn-Raisin Stuffing, Steamed Vegetable Dumplings. These are some of the low-fat and delicious recipes that Sarah Schlesinger has included in her latest book, "500 More Fat-Free Recipes" (Villard, \$25). All of the recipes in Schlesinger's book conform to the FDA's low-fat guideline of 3 grams of fat or less per serving.

The following recipe for Steamed Vegetable Dumplings features minced spinach and shiitake mushrooms. Each serving contains 1 gram of fat.

STEAMED VEGETABLE DUMPLINGS

- Preparation Time: 20 minutes
- Cooking Time: 10 minutes
- 2 cups minced shiitake mushrooms

- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 cup minced fresh spinach
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh gingerroot
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 tablespoon sherry
- 2 egg whites, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- per 60 wonton wrappers
- 4 large lettuce, kale, or spinach leaves

Combine mushrooms, onion, spinach, garlic, gingerroot, curry powder, sherry, egg whites, soy sauce and cayenne pepper in a large bowl. Mix thoroughly.

Place a generous tablespoon of the mixture in the center of a won-

ton wrapper, raise the corners of the wrapper and pinch them together, leaving a small opening for steam to escape.


Line the bottom of a steamer basket with lettuce, kale or

spinach leaves, place a layer of dumplings in the steamer, and steam until dumplings are done, about 10 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 10 servings.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.
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Pre-registration is required. Call Dwight Forshee at (734) 327-3409.

St. Mary Immunization clinic

In preparation for the new school year, St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering an Infant and Child Immunization Clinic from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24. Cost is \$5 per child no matter how many immunizations are given.

Health care professionals from St. Mary Hospital will administer the vaccine. All state-required immunizations will be administered pending availability of serum, including hepatitis B and H. Influenza type B, for children under age 18. Please bring all available immunization records with you. No registration required.

Children need 12 to 16 doses of different vaccines before their second birthday to be protected from serious childhood diseases. These shots can be administered in about five visits to a health clinic or private physician. For more information, call (734) 655-8940 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Stress management

Life got you on the edge? Your coping skills wearing thin? Hold on, help is on the way.

Madonna University in Livonia is offering a stress-management course for the fall term. "Stress Management for Personal Health" will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 14 through Oct. 19. The non-credit fee is \$100. Students can earn 1.5 continuing education units. The course also is available for credit, even if you are not an admitted student. For registration information, call (734) 432-5731 or fax (734) 432-5364.

Striking out cancer

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is teaming up with WJR-760 AM for the 12th annual "Bowl for the Cure". On Monday, Aug. 24, the tournament will start at 8 p.m. at Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield.

On Wednesday, Aug. 26, WJR's Sportswrap will broadcast live beginning 6:30 p.m. from the Super Bowl in Canton, where the radio station's team will share its lane with the team that collects the most money over \$100.

The event's Benefit Day will be from 9 a.m. to midnight Monday, Sept. 7 at 11 bowling centers, including Merri Bowl in Livonia, Super Bowl in Canton and Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield.

For information or an entry form, call Wendy Corriveau at (800) 527-6266.

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

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NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Holistic approach treats spirit, mind and body



Patient care: At far left, pediatric nurse practitioner Sondra Raubacher consults with patients, while above, nurse practitioner Pat Rutowski examines one of her patients.

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Nurse practitioners listen to their patients. They listen for the person, not just the symptoms.

"We're trained in the holistic approach - spirit, mind and body. Based on that, integrated into our training is a great deal of the art of communication," said Pat Rutowski, a nurse practitioner with the University of Michigan's Plymouth healthcare office.

Rutowski has a master's degree in women's health and two additional years of study in primary care. She is certified in adult primary care and women's health. Her specialty is incontinence.

She sees patients of all ages, from adolescents to the elderly, for acute limited problems like upper respiratory infections as well as chronic but stable conditions. Many of her female patients are peri- or post-menopausal.

Besides listening to her patients, Rutowski believes them. "You have to believe there is a problem. Whether the problem is where the patient thinks it is is where you have to explore."

Next comes the essential but time-consuming application of the nurse practitioner's holistic philosophy. "You tap into their values and beliefs about institutions, prescribed medicine vs. alternative therapies, counseling, exercise and therapy. You try to fit together a plan that is collaborative in nature."

"Why not this philosophy in the entire system? That's what is being advocated now. A good therapeutic relationship is an interpersonal relationship."

The American College of Nurse Practitioners

defines a nurse practitioner as a registered nurse with advanced academic and clinical experience that enables him or her to diagnose and manage most common and many chronic illnesses, either independently or as part of a health-care team.

Nurse practitioners are a segment of advanced practice nurses (APNs), which includes clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives and nurse anesthetists.

In Michigan, which has a high concentration of physicians, nurse practitioners work under the authority of doctors. They can prescribe medications but no controlled substances. They also order and interpret lab tests and X-rays. They focus largely on health maintenance, disease prevention, counseling and patient education.

Variety of work

Nurse practitioners work within several specialties, including neonatology, nurse-midwifery, pediatrics, school health, family and adult health, women's health, mental health, home care, geriatrics and acute care.

Rutowski finds her job very satisfying; frustrations, for the most part, concern reimbursement and prescriptive authority in terms of the state and third-party payers. Nurse practitioners currently receive 85 percent of a physician's fee schedule from Medicare.

Rutowski is not anti-doctor.

"There are very experienced nurse practitioners who think we don't need doctors. I don't feel that way. My practice is a collaborative one with internal medicine and obstetrics and gynecology."

Phyllis Collier, a nurse practitioner for 21 years, currently practices at Henry Ford Health System's Livonia office. Although she is certified in adult primary care, 60 percent of her practice is geriatrics. Just before being interviewed, Collier diagnosed mild congestive heart failure in an 83-year-old male complaining of shortness of breath.

He had high cholesterol, high blood pressure and a family history of heart disease. An X-ray confirmed Collier's diagnosis. "We hope we kept him out of the hospital. All manner of adverse effects happen when our seniors go into the hospital," said Collier.

Collier currently sees 13 to 14 patients a day. As her practice becomes more focused on seniors, she expects that number to drop to eight to 10. "As nurse practitioners, we are given more time for a patient, which gives us time to give

patients what a physician can't provide."

And like Rutowski, Collier invites her patients to participate in their own care. "I think every practitioner better have an open mind and invite their patients to tell them what they want. I'm a firm believer that people should direct their own care."

Working together

Collier doesn't understand the resistance some physicians have for nurse practitioners. "We don't want anyone to think we want to be doctors because we do not. I think every nurse practitioner knows her level of expertise. There's room for all of us in this profession."

She believes mid-level providers enhance a physician's practice, especially one with lots of seniors. "If you think of geriatric care, you think of nurse practitioners."

Sondra Raubacher, a pediatric nurse practitioner with Child Health Associates in Plymouth, sees jaundiced newborns, children with attention-span deficits, and adolescents with eating disorders. She also does pelvic exams and family planning.

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Nurse practitioners in Michigan

■ As of January 1996, there were 595 certified nurse practitioners in the state, or 9.5 per 100,000 population.

■ Almost 36 percent of NPs are associated with physician/nurse practices, almost 15 percent are with hospitals.

■ Nurse practitioners in Michigan must receive "delegated authority" from a physician in order to prescribe medications. They are not allowed to prescribe controlled substances.

■ In most states, including Michigan, NPs are allowed practice without direct physician supervision.

■ In Michigan, Medicaid provides 100 percent reimbursement for family and pediatric NP services. Medicare reimburses for NP services in rural areas and in urban areas only when the services are integral to the physician's practice and directly supervised. Private insurers are not required to reimburse. In certain areas, a Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan pilot program reimburses all NP services at 85 percent of the physician rate.

■ As the HMO market in Michigan develops, more NPs may be needed if the supply of primary care physicians is inadequate. Because of the present shortage of primary care physicians in rural locales, the demand for NPs in those areas may continue to increase despite the absence of managed care.

Source: "Health Professions Workforce in Michigan: State of the State," a report prepared by Public Sector Consultants, Inc. for the Michigan Primary Care Association.



Checking it over: Phyllis Collier, a nurse practitioner for 21 years, looks over a patient's record with a colleague. She practices at Henry Ford Health System's Livonia office.

Boomer lifestyle blamed for memory lapses

Busy baby boomers are more likely than older people to forget to take the pills their doctors prescribe, according to a University of Michigan study.

"Being too busy, not being old, is what leads people to make mistakes in taking their medications," says Denise C. Park, a psychologist at the U-M Institute for Social Research, who presented her findings this month at the annual meeting of the International Congress of Applied Psychology.

With money from the National Institute of Aging, Park and her colleagues designed a study to learn who most likely makes mistakes and what kinds of mistakes they make.

For eight weeks, the researchers studied 121 men and women between the ages of 34 and 84; all diagnosed

with moderately severe rheumatoid arthritis. On average, participants took four types of medication.

"We selected that illness because we expected medication adherence to be very good," says Park. "Taking the medications commonly prescribed leads to real relief from pain, stiffness and other symptoms."

Researchers first tested all participants to determine their levels of depression and anxiety and to find out their attitudes about arthritis and disease in general. Participants also went through testing to assess their memory recall and other measures of mental functioning.

Park and her colleagues developed the "Busy Life Style Questionnaire" to measure the chaos and unpredictability

of the participant's daily lives, asking about missed breaks or rest periods, daily routines and activities with family members.

After these initial assessments, participants received the prescriptions they were taking in new containers, special bottles with caps containing tiny electronic monitoring chips that recorded exactly when the bottles were opened.

Overall, the researchers found a surprisingly high level of adherence. Nearly 40 percent didn't make a single medication error during the two months studied. Of all the mistakes made, more than 98 percent were errors of omission. Just 1.2 percent took an extra dose.

Perfect adherence was more common

among older than younger adults. Fully 47 percent of those over the age of 55 made no mistakes, compared with just 28 percent of those between the ages of 34 and 54.

What usually led to mistakes was being too busy, Park found. Being slightly unhappy also contributed, combined with the belief that taking the medications may make you feel better physically but won't make you feel any better emotionally.

For doctors, the implications of the research are clear: "Consider prescribing simpler drug regimens for busy, middle-aged patients, not for older patients," says Park.

For busy boomers, Park suggests using memory aids such as written reminders or beeping wristwatches.

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 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.

MON, AUG. 24

BREASTFEEDING CLASS

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TUES, AUG. 25

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FIBROMYALGIA

Dr. Martin Tamler, a specialist in fibromyalgia, will present an overview of research updates and treatment protocols for fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome from 7-9 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$3. Call Sharon, (248) 344-4063.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital's "Us, too" prostate cancer support group will have a roundtable discussion on the "Fight for Cancer" march in Washington, D.C., in September. Meet in auditorium at 7 p.m. Call (734) 432-1913.

BRAIN TUMOR SUPPORT GROUP

An educational program and support group for people diagnosed with brain tumors. Family and friends welcome. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday each month in the McAuley Cancer Care Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

WED, AUG. 26

CPR REVIEW

Recertification in Adult, Infant/Child, Community CPR or CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Four-hour course includes materials. Cost: \$22. From 6-10 p.m. Livonia Red Cross Service Center, 29691 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Call (313) 542-2787.

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THUR, AUG. 27

TOPS CLUB

TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets from 9:15-10:30 a.m. every Thursday at Church of the Holy Spirit, Newburgh north of Joy in Livonia. For more information, call Elsie at (734) 522-5444.

HEALTHY COOKING

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Free immunizations from the Wayne County Health Department's Mobile Immunization Unit 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. at Garden City Hospital. Children from birth through 18 must be accompanied by a parent and immunization record to receive require: Call (734) 458-4330.

SAT, AUG. 29

BLOOD DRIVE

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Gerald Church, 21220 Farmington Road, between Eight and Nine Mile, in Farmington.

SUN, AUG. 30

BRAIN TUMOR TREATMENTS

The American Brain Tumor Association will host a panel discussion for patients and their families on state-of-the-art treatments for brain tumors. Doctors from major area medical centers, including Henry Ford Hospital and the University of Michigan Medical Center, will speak about chemotherapy, clinical trials, neurology, neurosurgery, pediatric hematology/oncology, and radiation oncology. From 1-4 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 8600 Merriman, Romulus. Reservations required. Call (800) 886-2282.

Hospital got you worried? Laugh it off, doctor says

A daily dose of the chuckles may be the best Rx of all.

Dr. Paul McGhee, a developmental psychologist who spent more than 20 years conducting research on the benefits of humor and the author of 11 books on humor, said laughter can do a whole lot more than make you feel better emotionally.

"Anyone with a serious illness or facing an upcoming surgical procedure is facing one of the most stressful times of his or her life. A good sense of humor can reduce your stress and help you cope more effectively."

How does "bed pan" humor work? McGhee said when you can poke fun at your stressors, you remove some of their emotional power over you. Laughter is a natural stress reducer.

Picture yourself in the hospital, coping nicely, but the television channel-changer won't work. You press the call bell, and the over-worked person on the other end brusquely replies that patient requests are stacked up longer than planes at Detroit Metro. You're going nowhere fast. What do you do?

Try letting go with a strong belly laugh, said McGhee. "Laughter reduces muscle tension. This muscle relaxation, and the easing of psychological tension that inevitably accompanies it, is the main goal of all stress-management techniques."

Humor and laughter have been shown to boost numerous components of the immune system, including Immunoglobulins A, G and M (known as IgA, IgG and IgM), B-cells, helper T-cells,

Humor and laughter reduce the level of stress hormones found in the blood.

T lymphocytes, and gamma interferon. It also increases amounts of Complement 3, a substance that helps pierce through and destroy defective cells — often the precursors to tumors.

"Among cancer patients, reduced natural killer cell activity is associated in an increased rate of the spread of tumors," said McGhee. "So the significance of laughter's ability to increase the activity of these cells is clear. This is one reason oncology units of hospitals around the world have become so interested in humor as a form of therapy."

Humor and laughter reduce the level of stress hormones found in the blood, and they reduce pain for many patients. Hearty laughter even provides a cardiac workout of sorts. Laughter also offers a number of respiratory benefits, especially important for bed-bound patients.

In a nutshell, anyone can improve their humor skills, regardless of age. And if you work now to improve those skills, they'll be stronger during stressful times when you really need them.

McGhee is president of The Laughter Remedy, a Montclair, N.J., company. The preceding excerpt is adapted from his latest book.

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Her physical exams, as with other nurse practitioners, are more involved. "We look at the whole child and family. We look at the psycho-social as well the growth of the child," she said. "We do a lot more with education and community resources and hooking kids up to the proper programs."

However, she knows her limitations. "If I have a 3-week-old running a 101 fever, we would probably refer it to a physician." The diagnosis could be meningitis.

Raubacher said those physicians who see

nurse practitioners as a threat rather than an augmentation simply haven't worked with them.

The Michigan State Medical Society spoke out against a recent Senate bill that would have given nurse practitioners more prescriptive authority. (Raubacher had more authority to prescribe medications when she practiced in New York in 1990.) The bill was withdrawn. Raubacher believes the medical society's position will continue to impact reimbursement by HMOs.

However, these frustrations are dimin-

ished by the professional rewards, like calming an overwrought new mother and getting her newborn to nurse. "I can bring her in and work with her for 30 to 40 minutes and we get that baby on the breast."

Above all, nurse practitioners want to assure the public that they are not in competition with doctors. "They are not giving up physician care when they see a nurse practitioner. We collaborate. It's the best of both worlds. You get the physician's input and the nurse's input," said Collier.

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Benefits. That's what Mike Parsons missed the most when he went into business himself. Benefits and a personnel department. Company-paid medical and savings. The things he took for granted at the corporation where he used to work. Like life insurance.

With two young kids and a pregnant wife, Mike needed plenty, he realized. Yet, on his own now in his first year as an independent sales rep for several automotive supply firms, he needed to concentrate on sales, not self.

He just didn't have the time to shop around the way he'd like. And he sure couldn't afford to have the woman he paid \$10/hour to handle his phone calls and office work do it, either.

That's where the Internet came to the rescue.



MIKE WENDLAND

It came from a site called Instant Quote (www.instantquote.com), where the 34-year-old Parsons was able to do some very quick comparison shopping. The first screen had him fill in his name and the amount of coverage he wanted. He selected \$500,000 in coverage, clicking on a box that indicated he was a non-smoker.

In seconds, the rates came back. For a little over \$335 a year, Mike Parsons found just what he wanted; from a AAA-rated company. The agent he called on the phone quoted him a price almost twice that.

"I know, this doesn't sound like a big deal," he told me via e-mail the other day, a few months after he turned to the Net. "But the piece of mind that simple little procedure brought me can't be measured. If you've ever started a business, you know how frightening it is. Your mind goes through a thousand different scenarios. 'Will I make it or will I flop?' was one I kept playing in my mind. Anyway, in 10 minutes on the Internet, I found the best insurance rate, applied

online and was able to get back to work. Now, I'm covered. It took a week for the company to send out a nurse to take my history and weigh me and all that. I guess they can't do that online. Yet."

Yet.

It's another story about the Internet and how it does more than inform and entertain. It also saves money and time.

Here are some other useful sites that will help you with all sorts of everyday questions:

- Consumer World (www.consumerworld.org) - This is a terrific site loaded with all sorts of handy, how-to guides and bargains you can tap into. Be sure and check out the information on discount travel and low cost credit cards.
- Relocation Salary Comparison (www.homefair.com/homefair/cmr/salealc.html) - If you've ever thought about moving or taking a job in a distant city, you'll want to know about this Web site. It calculates the cost of living for different geographical areas and even offers reports on other cities.

- Small Business Resource Center (www.webcom.com/seekquest/sbr/reports.html) - This site tells you how to prepare a business plan, how to raise money and find investors, what questions to ask before you buy a franchise. It's a plain vanilla site with no flashy graphics but lots of valuable information.
- Calculate Anything (www.sci.lib.uci.edu/HSG/RefCalculators.html) - First notice that it's a "-", not a "+" that comes after the www part of the address. But, this site has every sort of calculator known to humankind. Calendar calculators, mileage measurers, code translators, fuel costs, cooking stuff.
- Meaning of First Names (www.pacificcoast.net/~muck/ety/m.html) - Okay, maybe you don't need the information you'll find on this site. But I'll bet you'll check it out, at least to learn things like the name Michael is a Hebrew-based name that means "Who is like God?" This is a site everyone will want to visit to run through the names of all their family members.

Meanwhile, it's been great

meeting so many readers of this column over the past few weeks at our live, remote broadcasts of the PC Mike show. I'm impressed by how loyal O&E readers are.

Our next on-location radio event will be Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. I'll be doing the whole program live from 4-6 p.m. and will be joined by many Detroit Lions players and coaches during the

big Detroit Lions/WXYT Family day at the zoo. Come on out and say hello.

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. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS



Barbara Yack

P.O. customer advocate

Barbara Yack of Garden City has joined the Westland post office as the new customer advocate. She has served the U.S. Postal Service in that capacity for the past two years and has worked in both the Ferndale and the Grand Shelby offices. She is a member of the Customer Advisory Council and has been awarded the certificate of appreciation on numerous occasions.



Angela Dillon

Achievement, March of Dimes, and the Michigan Humane Society.

A tisket, a tasket

The Longaberger Co. recognized several area residents for their sales achievements at the company's recent annual convention in Columbus, Ohio: Gail Ryan and Sharon Mitton of Livonia were commended as a 1998 Sales Achievers for annual sales over \$20,000; Margaret Hakala and Karen Greger of Canton were commended as 1998 VIP National Sales Award Winners for annual sales over \$35,000.

New board member

William H. Harvey, CPA, of Livonia recently was elected to the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) board of directors for a three-year term. He currently serves as a professor of accounting at Henry Ford Community College, where he has been employed since 1974.



Rick Stallings

Arthur Andersen

Rick Stallings of Plymouth, a partner with Arthur Andersen, has been named the company's Michigan Business Consulting Practice Leader.

His specialty is consumer products. He is a member of the Council of Logistics Management and is active in the Boy Scouts of America.

Angela L. Dillon, former Westland resident, has been promoted to state and local tax manager in Arthur Andersen's Detroit office.

She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Women's Economic Club.

She is active in the Michigan Accounting Aid Society, Junior

Harvey is co-chairman of the MACPA's Educator's Task Force. He has served on the board of directors of the Dearborn Schools Credit Union since 1977 and has been president and CEO of the organization for the last 15 years.

He received his bachelor's degree in accounting (magna cum laude) and his MBA in finance from the University of Detroit. He later earned a master's in taxation from Walsh College and has practiced as a CPA since 1970.

Oakwood's Cancer Center of Excellence

The Team Approach to Cancer Care

By: Manuel Valdivieso, M.D.
F.A.C.P., F.C.C.P.

Significant progress has taken place in the care of cancer patients in recent years. One of the factors responsible for this progress has been the realization that physicians and the rest of the patient care team need to work together, and as a well coordinated team. In a sense, this is similar to what is expected if one listens to the entire orchestra rather than one instrument at a time.

The cancer care team, referred to as the Multidisciplinary Team, assures the presence of medical expertise from several appropriate disciplines at a given time and site where the patient's problems and tests can be reviewed and discussed, and a consensus treatment recommendation given.

This type of face-to-face discussion among the members

Dr. Valdivieso is the director of the Cancer Center of Excellence. He is responsible for overseeing all of Oakwood Healthcare System's Cancer Center programs. He is nationally known for his work in lung cancer and has an outstanding reputation as a bedside clinician.

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Tax change saves retailers \$6.5 million

Sales tax changes pushed by the Michigan Retailers Association and signed into law by Gov. John Engler July 16 will save retailers and their customers \$6.5 million next year, a new study has found.

Economist Patrick L. Anderson of Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group said the savings will come from eliminating the requirement that retailers provide an interest-free "loan" to state government each month by pre-paying their sales and use tax collections.

"In the aggregate, the change in law will save retailers, and through them their customers, workers and owners, a total of \$6.5 million in 1999 alone," Anderson wrote. "We believe these changes will not only result in improved business prospects for retailers, but also the potential for lower prices for consumers, in a more competitive economic environment for the state of Michigan."

Since 1993, retailers with annual taxable sales of \$12 million or more have been required to remit their monthly sales and use tax collections to the state on the 18th of the same month - before fully collecting the money from customers.

Although the practice improved the state government's cash flow and reduced the state's borrowing costs, it drove up businesses' borrowing costs to cover the pre-payments. The Anderson study last October determined that the requirement was harmful to Michigan's economy because it cost businesses \$2 for every \$1 it saved the state.

Under the new laws, these larger retailers will pay half their sales and use tax obligations on the 15th of the month and the balance on the last day of the month.

Engler signed the legislation to eliminate the pre-payment requirement beginning Jan. 1, 1999.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Canton's calling for artists

Linda Shapona and Banks Dishmon are looking for you if creating fine art is your specialty. As co-chairs of Canton Project Arts' sixth annual Fine Arts Exhibition Oct. 31 to Nov. 6 at Summit on the Park, they're expanding the number of exhibited artworks to a minimum of 100 pieces this year so chances are better than ever for acceptance.

Cash prizes totaling \$1,500 will be awarded to Best of Show, Second, Third Place, and Merit Award winners, and are an extra incentive. Deadline for entry is Thursday, Sept. 10.

"We're looking to have a diversified show—paintings of all types of mediums, sculpture, fabric, pottery, jewelry and photography," said Shapona, executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. "We want to encourage artists who've never entered before, as well as artists who've entered before, because there's a new juror every year."

This year's juror

Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp, a Madonna University assistant professor of art and humanities, serves as this year's juror. For more than 25 years Hogan Chellstorp, a Farmington Hills resident, has exhibited in invitational shows such as the Michigan Water Color Society's 50th anniversary show at the Detroit Institute of Arts and the 1996 Our Town exhibit at The Community House in Birmingham. Her work has been shown in more than 20 museums and galleries.

"The juror comes highly respected and is known for looking at a variety of art," said Shapona. Every year a piece of art from the preceding exhibit is chosen as the focal point for a poster. Last year's People's Choice winner, Teri Gillespie, a dispatcher for Canton Public Safety, will have her oil painting "Mother's Beauty" featured.

What: Canton Project Arts is looking for fine art works in all mediums. Cash prizes totaling \$1,500 will be awarded to Best of Show, Second, Third Place, and Merit Award winners. Deadline for entry is Thursday, Sept. 10. For more information, call (734) 397-6450. **When:** For exhibition to run Saturday-Friday, Oct. 31 to Nov. 6. **Where:** Summit on the Park Community Center, Canton.

Art history

Canton Township treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and supervisor Thomas Yack started the annual exhibition after founding Canton Project Arts, the township's official arts organization in 1993. Held to coincide with the

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Call for art: Canton Project Arts exhibit co-chairs Linda Shapona (seated) and Banks Dishmon met with committee member Elaine Kirchgatter last week to discuss the annual fine arts exhibition.

Future of the arts is in the hands of the Conservatory

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Corbin Wagner, a French horn player with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Detroit Chamber Winds, thinks the creation of an arts conservatory for Southeast Michigan youths is long overdue.

Wagner taught at a two-week band camp for junior high students hosted by Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in July. Designed to give hands-on experience, the camp is indicative of the music and dance programs the conservatory will offer students when it opens Tuesday, Sept. 8 in Canton. Wagner, an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan School of Music, attended Interlochen Center for the Arts and knows the importance of early training and performance experience.

"There isn't anything quite like what's being offered in Canton," said Wagner, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It's important to motivate children to a higher level. These are young people who are serious about music."

Discovering a need

Director Jeff Myers decided to open the conservatory after discovering a need for private music instruction and ensemble experience for youths. Programs such as the Livonia Youth Philharmonic and the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra provide orchestral ensemble training, but there are few programs that incorporate orchestral and band music. After talking with band directors in junior and high schools in Livonia, Northville, Farmington, Ann Arbor, Novi, Plymouth, and Canton, Myers determined there are more than 15,000 students who could benefit from intensified training in an ensemble setting.

The idea expanded from there. In addition to private music, band and orchestral studies, the conservatory will offer classes in ballet, tap and jazz, creative dance for children, and Kindermusik, a music education program for ages newborn to seven. A dance studio, ensemble rehearsal hall and smaller studios for private instruction ensure plenty of space for the programs. Myers is currently looking for a drama director to initiate a theater program in January.

"There's no place for kids to perform, and no attention to this type of education (music, dance and drama with hands-on professional training) in elementary and junior high schools," said Myers.

Private/public partnership

Training future generations in the performing arts was uppermost in Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack's mind when Arnoldt Williams Music announced it was closing its store. The conservatory will move into that space in September.

Arnoldt Williams sold pianos and employed a staff of music teachers. Concerned that Canton would be devoid of cultural education programming, Yack approached various arts institutions, such as the Center for Creative Studies, about the possibility of offering programs in the soon to be vacated building with no success. Myers, who taught trumpet privately in Plymouth, approached Yack with the concept for a conservatory. The approval of lease and operating agreements for the conservatory by the Canton Board of Trustees not only assured the students would develop music skills but foundations in dance and drama. The township is leasing the building to the arts conservatory for one year.

"Jeff came to us and really took the lead," said Yack. "We're offering encouragement by partially funding the center for a year. If you're looking at building quality of life, equally important is developing cultural opportunities within a community. With the schools cutting back on funding, and aging audiences, we need to develop young musicians and new audiences. I think the conservatory is a huge step forward."

Although expanded arts education programming at a single location does not exist anywhere but in Canton, elements of the conservatory can be found at a number of arts institutions in the area.

Southfield Centre for the Arts

At the Southfield Centre for the

Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory

What: Opens Tuesday, Sept. 8

Where: 5701 Canton Center Road and Maben, Canton, call (734) 453-7590.

Arts education programming is also offered at:

- Southfield Centre for the Arts, (248) 333-7849
- Michigan Opera Theatre, (313) 874-7248
- Center for Creative Studies, (313) 664-7611



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HIRSCHMANN

Planning ahead: Jeff Myers and dance director Michelle Langley plan the Sept. 8 opening of the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory in Canton.

Arts, Marlowe Belanger began instituting dance and music programs for youth 19 years ago. Some 150 students ages six and up study ballet, tap and jazz at the center. Middle and junior high students study violin, flute, piano and clarinet under the direction of Vladislav Kavalsky. The Southfield Centre for the Arts is affiliated with 80 arts organizations including the Bel Canto Choral Group, Motor City Brass Ensemble, and Southfield Symphony so high school and college age students have the opportunity to continue acquiring performance experience.

"It's extremely important to offer arts education programs for youth because that's our future generations to continue the arts and to explore and expand the arts," said Belanger, manager for the cultural arts division. "There's a great deal of creative activity going on at the center."

Michigan Opera Theatre

Karen DiChiera, director of community programs at the Michigan Opera Theatre, stresses that students, who may not excel in math or science, could compose music or conceive of a set design if given the opportunity. That's why programs such as "Create Opera" nurture an appreciation for the arts in the

young. Developed by DiChiera while composer-in-residence in the Birmingham Public Schools in the mid-1970s, the outreach program combines creative writing, music composition, choreography, and performance.

"We like to give the students that performance experience, not only learning about singing but costumes and painting sets," said DiChiera. "They learn about theater."

Another Michigan Opera Theatre program for middle and high school students, "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber" and "The Classics on Broadway," gives youth a "taste of professional performing."

"Students are directed in blocking of the performance and are invited to perform with the Michigan Opera Theatre on stage," said DiChiera.

Center for Creative Studies

At the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance has extension classes in ballet and East Indian dance. At the center itself, programs such as ensemble training for young musicians and voice and jazz ensembles provide students with a wealth of performing opportunities.

Uncompromising vision in Podolsky's debut film

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Midway through a shoot at Long Lake Market in West Bloomfield last November, Jody Podolsky recalls halting production, feeling compelled to rewrite a scene in her debut film, "All of It."

Amid the tight schedule and grueling pace, Podolsky didn't forget the main reason for hustling together a script, cast, sundry contributions and \$500,000 to finance her first film.

She sought refuge in the trailer of the film's star, Lesley Ann Warren, who portrays a middle-age mother with exacting expectations for her independent-minded 25-year-old daughter (Allana Ubach).

"I just sat there and started rereading the script from the beginning," said Podolsky, 27, a graduate of Cranbrook's Kingswood School and University of Southern California Film School.

"That was a moment when it was 'Wow, this is really happening.' Then I remembered where it all came from—what it took to write and produce the film."

On Aug. 20, Podolsky's recently completed film was shown at the Maple Theatre to an overflow crowd of financial backers, friends, family and the host of supporters who loaned everything from food to clothing to physical locations.

Many of the supporters on hand appeared as extras in the film.

Touch and be touched

Podolsky doesn't flinch from subjects that other filmmakers might find too intense or lacking commercial appeal. The film's promotional materials characterize "All of It" as a slice-of-life, and compare its dramatic tone to the 1980 Academy Award-winning film, "Ordinary People," a story about changing relationships among a father, mother and son.

Although before producing "All of It" Podolsky had rapidly risen to vice president of development for Alphaville, a production company at Universal Studios, she has taken a distinctively non-Hollywood approach in creating her independent film.

Last fall, Podolsky and her longtime

friend, producer Darren Gold, formerly of Birmingham and also a Kingswood grad, returned to the area for a 26-day shoot that took them to Cranbrook, Townsend Hotel, Franklin Cider Mill, Tam O'Shanter Country Club and Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

"We set out to cultivate a community for the film," said Podolsky. "Whoever touched the film would be touched by it."

After shooting was completed late last fall, Podolsky spent five months in New York editing the film. It took another few months for post-production polishing.

Cherished deal

After the premiere, Podolsky, Gold and the film's stars were expected to head to the Montreal World Film Festival, which runs Thursday through Sept. 5. The prestigious international festival presents the top 200 films submitted from 60 countries.

Along with an international press corp, a fleet of acquisition executives are on hand, representing major stu-

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Family drama: Actors Allana Ubach, (left), and Michael Silver star in Jody Podolsky's debut film, "All of It." The familiar location? The grounds of the Cranbrook Education Community.

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dios. The cherished deal, of course, is for a studio to pick up the distribution for "All of It," according to the film's producers.

Despite the excruciating pressure to write, direct and produce "All of It" on a shoestring budget, Podolsky doesn't see filmmaking as much as a risk as a way to probe universal themes.

"If you are intrigued by the experience of living, then you're grateful to see yourself in so many different colors," she said.

Making it happen

While "All of It" is not autobiographical, Podolsky brings an uncompromising vision and a highly personal tone. Apparently, the intense conflict between the film's mother and daughter serves as a metaphor

for a larger theme. In her quest to find her own authentic vision, Podolsky has created a parable. She presents - without preaching - what it takes for a young woman to find her own voice.

Like the character in the film; the odyssey of making "All of It" seems to have been as significant as the result.

While the completed film now gives Podolsky a "calling card" when she looks for work at major studios, Gold has found an indelible lesson in nurturing the film over the last year.

"It's been a miracle to make this film," he said. "Through it all, Jody was inspirational. She kept saying, 'We're going to make it happen.'"

"We did it without compromising or settling."

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nationwide celebration of October as National Arts Month, the exhibition's goal is to encourage an appreciation for the arts and also to showcase talent.

"It's important because it brings culture and fine arts to the community," said Shapona.

"It expands the quality of life," added Kirchgatter. "It's an opportunity for residents of western Wayne County to view art work and purchase art. We're big on quality of life in our community."

A long time supporter of the arts, Yack not only helped initiate the Canton Fine Arts exhibition with Kirchgatter but was instrumental in bringing a conservatory to Canton after Arnoldt Williams Music recently closed (see lead story). For the last few years, he has been investigating the possibility of building a performing space and arts education center which

could also be used by the Plymouth Theatre Guild and Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Yack, who's spent the last 10 years focusing on the quality of life in Canton, is presently awaiting the results of a feasibility study to determine the amount of support available from individuals, corporations, and foundations to build the \$8 million theater and arts education center.

"We saw the need not to duplicate what others are doing but supplement," said Yack. "We've been interested in cultural programming in our community. The real challenge for us in western Wayne County is to find businesses and corporations to make contributions to the performing arts."

Volunteers sought

As with all nonprofit groups, Canton Project Arts is short of

volunteers to help coordinate the exhibit. Art lovers, artists, business owners, and residents are needed as volunteers to sit with the art for a few hours during the week and to install art works and sculptures.

"We need volunteers to staff the art show and watch it during hours the Summit is open because these are precious art pieces, and also to help hang art works," said Shapona. "We'd like to get them involved in Canton Project Arts all year long."

Next February, Project Arts will host a storytelling festival and a Focus Hope photography exhibit.

"Our goal is to get a lot more people involved," said Dishmon, publisher of the Observer Newspapers, one of the sponsors for this year's exhibition. "That was fun last year, hanging the art."

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

ART BEAT

Send Art Beat items to, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

OPERA UNDER THE STARS

Redford Civic Symphony conductor John Gajec is thrilled about the reception the orchestra received at a June 30 concert in Redford's Capitol Park. The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan sang selections from "Showboat," and arias from Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro." Guest soprano Dina Kessler sang "Can't Help Lovin' That Man."

If you missed the concert, the symphony performs a majority of the program, including works by composers such as Rossini and Puccini, with the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan in "Opera Under the Stars" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 in Bell Creek Park, at Inkster Road, north of Five Mile, Redford Township. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

"They did a beautiful job and the audience just loved it," said Gajec.

Also on the program, part of a series sponsored by Wayne County Parks, are selections from Bizet's "Carmen" and "La

Traviata." Guest performers will be soprano Kimberly Swan, mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing and baritone Dino Valle.

The orchestra, founded by Gajec in 1956, opens its 1998-99 season in mid-December.

BALLET AUDITIONS

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company auditions dancers for its 1998-99 season Sunday, Aug. 30 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Auditions for junior company dancers, ages 7-11 with three years of ballet instruction, begin at 1 p.m.; senior company dancers, ages 12 and over with five years ballet and two years on pointe (bring pointe shoes), at 2:30 p.m. All dancers should wear proper attire of black leotards, pink tights and pink ballet slippers with hair secured in a bun. There is a \$5 non-refundable audition fee.

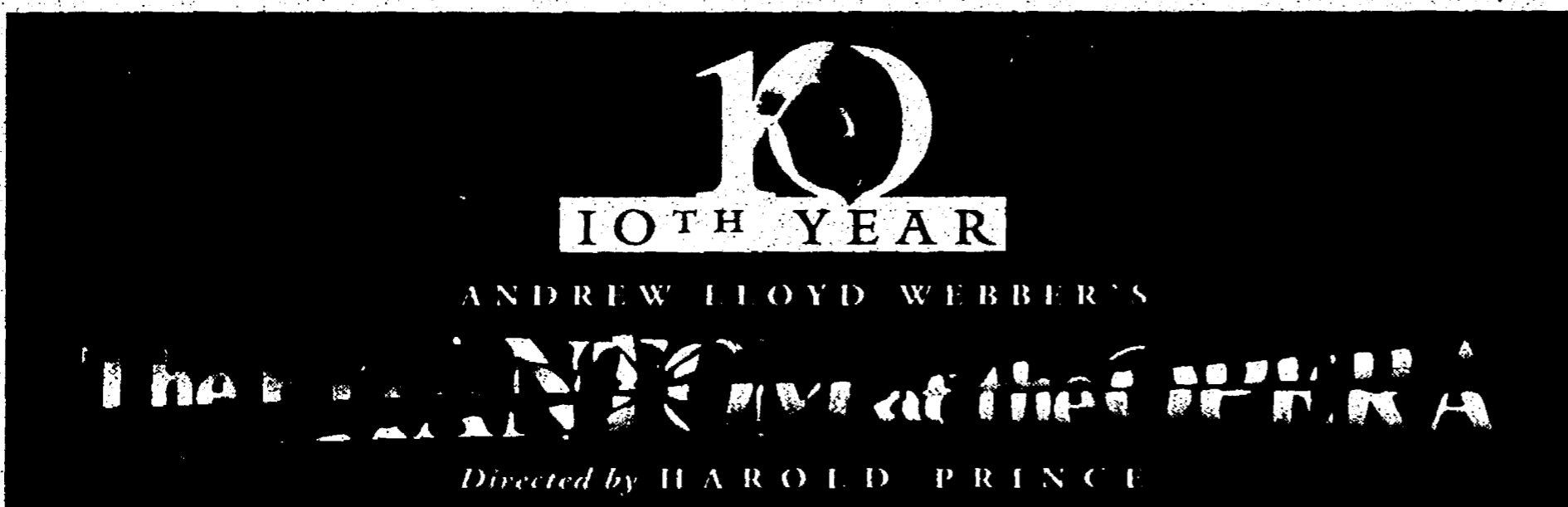
The company performs "The Nutcracker" in December. The Livonia Civic Ballet was recognized as the official ballet company of the City of Livonia in 1991 by former Mayor Robert Bennett.

For more information about the audition, call (734) 464-7310.

"FAMILIAR FACES"

An exhibition of illustrative portraits by Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young will be on display Aug. 31 to Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 744 North Sheldon at Junction.

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



Guess Who's Behind The Mask?

How to Play

To play "Guess who's behind the mask?" Simply guess who the local celebrity Phantoms are and submit your answers on the ballot below for a chance to win a weekend in Toronto & the chance to see the Phantom of the Opera live at The Pantages Theatre in Toronto.

If you need clues to whom the Phantoms might be stay tuned daily to WNIC for on-air clues with Jim Harper and "The Breakfast Club" mornings 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 on 100.3 WNIC, FM.

Grand Prize

Correctly identify the local celebrity Phantoms pictured above and submit them on the entry ballot provided. The correct ballots will be submitted for a random drawing to be held on September 30, 1998.

The Grand Prize will include a pair of choice tickets to a performance of the Phantom of the Opera in Toronto, one night accommodation at The Delta Chelsea Inn, round trip VIA RAIL passes and one Phantom Gift Pack.

How to Enter Contest Rules

If you know "who's behind the mask" complete the entry ballot below and send to: **Observer & Eccentric Newspapers**, C/O: Marketing Department 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150. One ballot per household. Contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18.

No purchase necessary. To obtain an entry ballot and/or full contest rules, please visit the AT&T Centre for the performing Arts, Pantages Theatre Box Office located at 244 Victoria Street in Toronto or mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to Observer Eccentric c/o: Marketing Dept. 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Entry Ballots must be received by Observer Eccentric no later than Sunday, September 27, 1998. No substitution for or transfer of the prize will be allowed. The contest is subject to all Federal, Provincial, state and municipal laws.

The contest is open to residents of Michigan over the age of 18. Employees of Livent, Inc. Spring Newspapers, Delta Chelsea Inn and members of their households are not eligible.



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The PHANTOM of the OPERA
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE

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Address: _____

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"Who's Behind the Mask?" Answers:

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BEAUTY AND THE BEST



JEFFREY BRUCE

Let's talk about getting old, shall we? No matter how many vitamins you take, how many facials you have, how many facelifts you've had, you can't escape it. Gravity is gravity. How many of you actually have the time to hang upside down with me in caves to let your blood rush to your head (not that I'm obsessed with aging!)? Very few, I'd imagine.

Let's talk about LOOKING your age. I am in my 35th year as a make-up artist, and I have seen, and made up, thousands of women in my travels. Some look great. Some don't. First, the ones who don't...

Styles are called styles because they denote a specific time. False eyelashes were a thing of the '60s. Do you hear that, Joan Collins? Flips also were worn in the days of Marlo. Let's not forget the lovely, natural look of the navy blue lip liner with the frosted Erase inside (a la Connie Stevens). You know what I'm getting at.

The easiest way to look older than you are is to hold on to looks that were fashionable during the Spanish Revolution. Who are some of these "time warp" women of note? Jayne Meadows, Elizabeth Taylor, and in the same breath, Debbie Reynolds. At 16 years of age, someone told them they looked great, and TIME STOOD STILL.

I have always said that the toughest thing in the world is to be objective about a subjective situation. Keep in mind that women age faster than men do. It's that hormone thing. We die before you do, but being as shallow as I am, I prefer it that way. Shoot me when things get really bad!

So, to summarize, what was attractive even last year is not necessarily attractive on you now. That's why I see my clients every year or so. It is your makeup artist/hairdresser's job to keep you slightly ahead of the game.

Media Babes

Who looks great? I think of Mary Hart on "ET." She's probably the best made-up woman on the telly, because you don't NOTICE the makeup. That's the key. Heather Locklear is adorable but I think it's time for a new coif.

In Detroit, Marilyn Turner is probably one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen. When we did "Kelly" together, I couldn't keep my eyes off of her. She even looks great with no makeup. I think she personifies how a more sophisticated woman should look. I always thought that Doris Biscoe and Carmen Harlan were lovely to look at. At the other extreme, let's talk about Dayna Eubanks, or maybe, not.

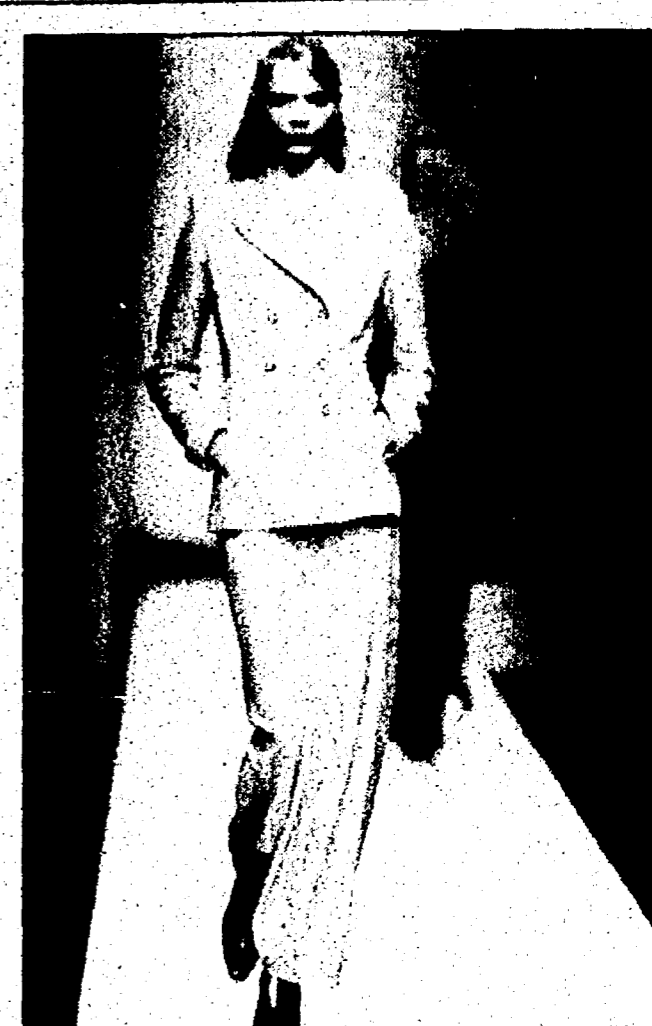
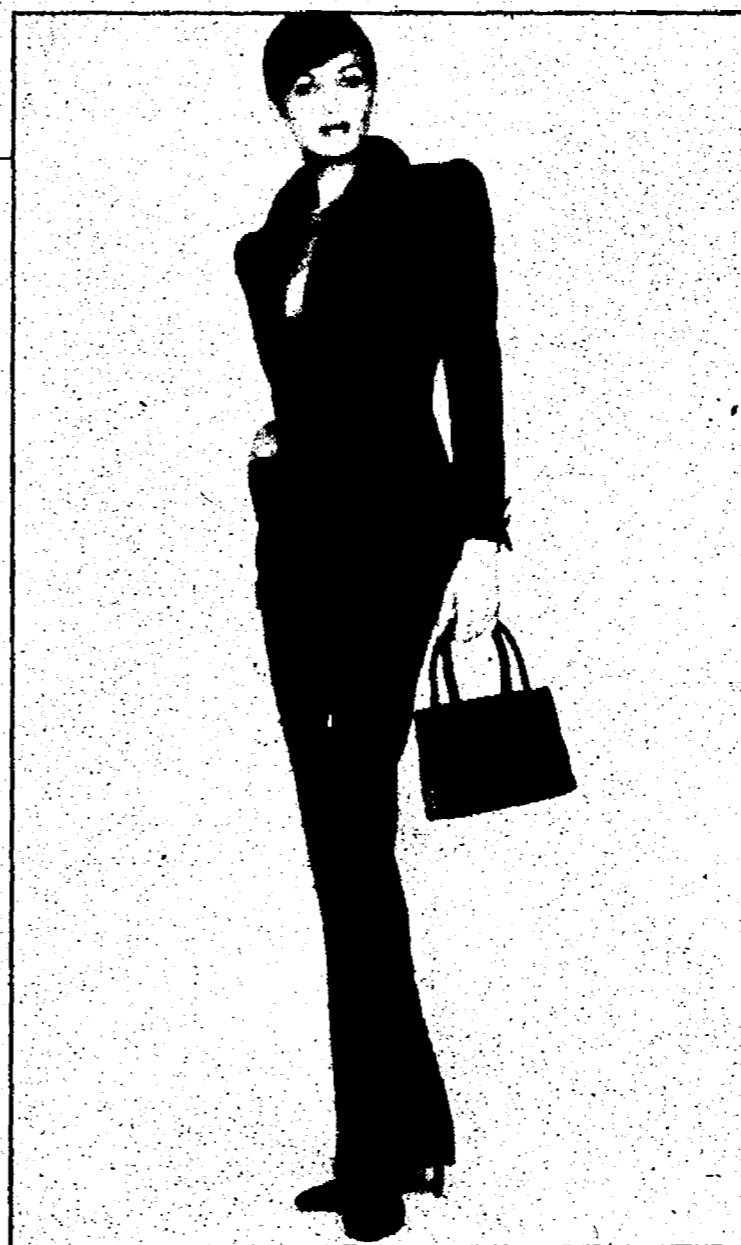
So how do you know if you are looking the best that you possibly can? Don't be afraid to seek an outside opinion.

One of my favorite people "in the biz" is Cheryl Hall from Saks. She's brilliant. As is her staff. They'll give you great advice.

Speaking of advice, I have some good news. Although my dates for personal makeovers at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham are sold out through the end of the year, I have just added one week in November. The session is three hours long and consists of my making you up in colors you can wear every day, and teaching you how to apply the make-up. I also give advice on skin care and hair - style, cut, color, length, etc. The minimum purchase (which goes toward any Jeffrey Bruce aloe-based products) is \$125.

For more information, call 1-800-944-6588. My e-mail address is jwb@worldnet.att.net. Visit my Web site at <http://www.jeffreybrucecosmetics.com>.

In September, I will be going to Vienna and Amsterdam on vacation. I will report back to you on Sept. 27 about everything that is happening, style-wise. Until next month, my friends.



Gray matters: Left - From Linda Allard for Ellen Tracy, a sheer mohair cowl (\$135), steel Harlow pant (\$255) and pewter oxford (\$170), from Saks Fifth Avenue. Center - The perfect fur-trimmed gray suit by Rena Lange at Saks Fifth Avenue and Jacobson's. Right - Ellen Tracy's walking suit features a steel double-breasted jacket (\$425), heathered skirt (\$245), cashmere blend sweater (\$155) and pewter metallic leather boot (\$355), from Saks Fifth Avenue.

Autumn's filled with amazing grays

BY LINDA BACHRACK
EDITOR

As if we don't have enough "gray" areas in our everyday lives, fall fashion is suddenly awash in shades of the sunny-less hue.

However, there's no need to anticipate a rainy-day pall on the streets this autumn. The season's grays are neither dull nor lifeless. Rather, the grays are luxurious and soft, made fresh in rich textures and subtle sheens.

Think Katharine Hepburn in chic charcoal pin-stripe trousers with a pearl gray cashmere sweater. In fact, the spectrum of grays is reminiscent of the varied tones of the great black-and-white film classics. From slate and pewter to platinum and silver, the palette of hues is endless.

"Gray also happens to be one of the best backdrops for touches of color; try sky blue, sea green and lavender, or a bold dash of scarlet or yellow,"

says Gina Tovar, fashion director, Nordstrom Central States Region.

Layering grays intensifies their punch. Add elegance to gray flannels with a shimmering pearlized gray lambskin jacket, a smoky mohair shell, rhinestone ballet flats, pewter pearls and a gunmetal handbag.

"Gray looks best when worked in tonal combinations, contrasting textures, with touches of embellishment and shots of color," says Nicole Fischella, vice president and women's fashion director, Saks Fifth Avenue. She suggests a bright pink to perk up your grayest garb.

Facing the Gray Season

Can everyone wear the new fall palette of grays? Yes, say the experts. Even the palest blondes are flattered by grays if they intensify their makeup just a bit.

Lisa Kellam, cosmetic buyer for Nordstrom Central States Region, offers her cosmetics suggestions for the season ahead.

- Think subtle highlights, rather than bold, all over color.

- The finished look should be almost moist, not matte.

- Use foundation and concealer only where the skin is discolored or uneven.

- Pink blush gives a fresh, healthy look.

- Shadow choices include fleshy mauves and russets, pale plums, muted greens and sheer metallic silver.

- Let mascara define the eyes, rather than eyeliner.

- Fall's emphasis is on lips. Choose pale, blush-like colors such as silvery beige, transparent rose, raspberry and a range of reds. Add shine with silver gloss.



Close knit: Silvery knit Strenesse Gabrièle Strehle sweater (\$530). Photographed exclusively for Saks Fifth Ave. by Patrick Demarchelier.



Flowery flannel: Dolce & Gabbana gray tank dress (\$1,225) and shawl (\$520). Photographed exclusively for Saks Fifth Ave. by Patrick Demarchelier.

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, AUG. 23

GO WILD

Laurel Park Place in Livonia hosts an after-hours Wild Trax party to benefit the Detroit Zoo and Wild Thing Society. Live entertainment by Stuart Franke and food from the restaurants of Laurel Park Place. 6-9 p.m. Contact the Detroit Zoological Society for tickets. (248) 541-5717.

BEANIE BONANZA

The Plymouth "Beanie Baby Show & Sale" returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. The show features dealers and collectors selling current and retired Beanie Babies and acces-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

sories. Beanie Baby door prizes every hour. Admission: \$4. Children ages 4-12, \$2. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

LOONEY LORE

Borders Farmington Hills hosts a book signing for Kevin Sandler, editor of Reading the Rabbit: Explorations in Warner Bros. Animation (Rutgers University Press, \$19). The book is devoted to a critique of Warner Bros. animation from the Looney Tunes characters to the present. 7:30 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

ROCK KING

• Livonia Mall hosts "Elvis ... Memories of a Leg-

end" tonight at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. The tribute is a musical journey brought to the stage by Elvis illusionist Ray Maas.

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

SWING SHIFT

Pro golf instructor Rick Smith will discuss and sign copies of his new book, *How to Find YOUR Perfect Golf Swing*. The book gives insight into what Smith's students receive in his popular golf clinics. 4 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

ICE QUEEN

Meet Olympic gold medalist Tara Lipinski during a special appearance for DKNY at Hudson's in the Somerset Collection. Register to win a private skating party with Tara. 2-4 p.m.

RETAIL DETAILS

What's in-store for fall fashion?

MONDAY, AUG. 24 Emanuel Fall 1998 Collection with representative Krista Weyer. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Salon Z, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27 Jones New York Collection with informal modeling and light refreshments. 6-8 p.m. Town Square department, Nordstrom, Somerset Collection.

Tamotsu Fall 1998 Collection with representative Ellen Mullman. Salon Z, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection.

Grownbeans Trunk Show. View the knockout, paint-the-town Grownbeans designs in leather and suede, custom-made for you in the colors and styles you choose. Show continues through Saturday, Aug. 29. Roz & Sherm, Bloomfield Plaza, 6536 Telegraph Road.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28 Anne Klein Fall 1998 Collection with representative Amy Voegtli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Salon Z, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29 DKNY Wardrobe Workshop and informal modeling, with representative Irene Jorgenson. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Casual sportswear, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection.

Trunk showing of sweaters by DUNA in chenilles, crepes and blends. Informal modeling. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Continues Monday, Aug. 31 and Tuesday, Sept. 1. Hersh's on The Boardwalk, 6901 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

Dr. Martens trunk show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Greg Shoes, Orchard Mall, 6325 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1 Hudson's launches the Lagerfeld JAKO fragrance. Karl Lagerfeld recently captured an International Fifi Award in

honor of the men's scent which blends grapefruit, mandarin, Indian ginger root, Brazilian rosewood and Indian sandalwood for a mysterious, masculine fragrance. It will be available exclusively at Hudson's stores.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 Fall Faces by Stila cosmetics. Cosmetic consultations. Call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1410 to schedule a complimentary appointment. Continues through Sept. 13. Nordstrom, Somerset Collection.

Country Shop Fashion Show. Preview the Fall 1998 Country Shop fashions. Light refreshments served. 6 p.m. Hudson's Twelve Oaks, Novi.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 View the Fall 1998 Suit Collection, featuring Tahari, at Neiman Marcus. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Informal modeling from noon-3 p.m. Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection.

Advanced Collection Event, featuring the new moderns by BCBG, Catalyst, Laundry, Vivienne Tam and Theory. Informal modeling noon-4 p.m. Leisure Sportswear, Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection.

Lauren Fashion Show. A fall fashion show featuring the collection from Lauren by Ralph Lauren. 2 p.m. Hudson's, Somerset Collection.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15 Jones New York Fashion Show. View the fall collection from Jones New York. 7 p.m. Hudson's, Somerset Collection. Jones New York seminars continue Sept. 16 at Hudson's Twelve Oaks, and Sept. 17 at Hudson's Oakland.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17 Fall Bridge Fashion Show. This fashion event previews the Fall 1998 collections from Hudson's Bridge Department. Light refreshments served. 7 p.m. Hudson's, Somerset Collection.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19 Giorgio Armani Le Collezioni. View the men's clothing collection for fall. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 Women's World Fashion Show. Hudson's previews Women's World fall fashions. 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. show. Hudson's, Oakland Mall.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 Hickey-Freeman Trunk Show. View the Fall 1998 Stock and Spring 1999 Custom Swatch Collection. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 DKNY event. Celebrate DKNY Fall 1998. 1 p.m. Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection. RSVP to (248) 643-3300, ext. 2511.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29 Liz Petites Seminar. Liz Claiborne Petites fall fashion show hosted by a Liz Claiborne specialist. 7 p.m. Hudson's, Oakland Mall.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3 Men's Fashion and Finance Event. To kick off Hudson's men's weekend sale, guests are invited to attend a special event that includes informal modeling, finance presentations, complimentary shoe shines and a cigar-rolling demonstration. 3-4:30 p.m. Hudson's, Somerset Collection.

THURSDAY, OCT. 8 Mary Lou Andre Personal Appearance and Seminar. Andre, a wardrobe consultant and founder of Organization By Design, presents a seminar on "Perfectly Petite! The Art of Dressing the 5'4" and Under Woman." She will highlight fall trends and suggest fashion tips and strategies. The presentation follows a dinner reception at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary; seating is limited. Call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1690 for reservations. Nordstrom, Somerset Collection.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message, and you should see your input in Sunday's column. Thank you.

What We Found:

An ironing board sleeve can be found at Minnesota Fabrics and the tape measure can be found at JoAnn Fabrics. House numbers that are spelled out can be found at Damman's on Maple and Telegraph roads.

Pay Less Grocers on Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile in Livonia, carries Curves Tampons, (248) 477-2666.

A retractable clothesline can also be found in the Lillian Vernon catalog, 1-800-285-5555.

Button Bracelets can be found through Grandmothers Button catalog, P.O. Box 1689, St. Francisville, LA 70775, 1-800-580-6941. They carry Victorian Reproduction Button Bracelets and Cuff Links. There is a \$5 charge for the catalog and it is used towards your first purchase.

Plastic rain bonnets can be found at the Dollar Tree on Rochester Road in the Target shopping center, Hamlin and Rochester Roads. Also Meijer on Haggerty Road in Commerce had a large display of them. If you fill out a requisition they might donate them to the senior citizens.

We found Fleeta Ware for Colleen and Sharon through Mike. His brother is a collector and dealer in Illinois.

Virginia might try McDevitt's (next to Parisian) at Laurel Park Mall for her Angel Raphael medal.

KLORANCE eye makeup can be found at F&M on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. If they are out of stock, ask the manager to order more.

Found someone who might be interested in Darlene's Elvis collection. And Kathy's old 45 rpm's.

The April, 1998 issue of Bon Appetit magazine for Joyce.

Crystal letters can be ordered through the Crystal Creations catalog (800) 326-6626.

We're Still Looking For:

Judy is looking for a sterling silver dog tag, large enough to engrave and to be worn on a necklace.

Sue is looking for a Bubble Comb from the '60s/'70s. It has 2/3 rows of teeth with a handle.

John wants bare floor brush attachments for Silver King Home Canister Shop Vacuum #280828, to fit a 1/4" service wand.

Nancy is looking for lower-case stencils (3 inch) in block lettering. And a kids game from the '60s: Pig in the Garden.

Debbie wants a Chatty Cathy doll.

Sally has five Frank Sinatra LPs from the 1950s in excellent condition she wants to sell.

Kathy wants Britannia baggy blue jeans in women's petite sizes, used to be able to buy at Target or Kmart.

Bob from Farmington wants a copy of the movie Robinson Crusoe on Mars, it is a sci-fi movie from the 1960s.

Virginia is looking for paint

for her Sacred Heart garden statue, a (dull) wash with gold paint and she also wants a 38x70 lattice or resin free-standing privacy screen to be used outdoors.

Sylvia is looking for somewhere in the Redford/Dearborn area to take large tool area carpets to be cleaned.

Cammie and Janet are looking for the 1987 Oak Park High School yearbook.

Patty is looking for FINELLE wet-dry eye shadow in a honey/olive color.

Joyce is looking for the caramel candy Slow Poke on a stick and a 1996 Beatrix Potter (Easter) ornament made by Hallmark.

Lena wants the game Generation Gap.

Loretta would like Corelle Country Violets.

Ann is looking for a telescoping mirror on a stand, made by TOTAL-VUE.

Jackie is looking for a 1986 Catholic Central (girls) yearbook. It was located at Parsons and Woodward in Detroit.

Ann is looking for a 1956 Lowery High School yearbook located on Jonathon Street in Dearborn.

Marilyn wants an acrylic/plastic picture frame made by DAX (it is thin-edged).

Judy is looking for a stuffed animal from 1976-78 from Sears or Penney's called Henry (a dog). It has black ears, nose, black eyes, red tongue and the body is beige/yellow.

Caroline wants a laundry bag that hangs from the ceiling.

Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES. A large grid listing movies, theaters, and showtimes. Includes titles like 'Blade', 'The Matrix', 'The Godfather', and 'The Untouchables'. Lists theaters such as National Amusements, Starline, and United Artists.

'Cannes in Canada' beckons adventurous filmgoers

BY MARTIN BANDYKE, KIM SILARSKI
SPECIAL WRITERS

It's almost too much for a film fan to resist. Three hundred of the latest, greatest films a mere four hour drive away from metro

Detroit. The U.S. dollar is worth about a buck-fifty Canadian. The natives are friendly, public transportation is convenient and cheap and the food is fabulous. If your idea of a good time is

spending an hour in a queue having an animated conversation with total strangers about an obscure Russian film that moved you to tears, then the 23rd Toronto International Film Festival, Sept. 10-19, is just your ticket.

It was Time magazine that recently dubbed Toronto "Cannes in Canada," for good reason. It's one of the top four festivals on the globe, right up there with Cannes, Berlin and Venice. It's considered the gateway to the North American film market. It's got all the stars and the parties, but it's far more accessible than its sparkling peers. This year, it's even got a Cannes Grand Prize winner, Roberto Benigni's "Life Is Beautiful," a tragic yet somehow humorous tale of the concentration camps.

Also confirmed for this year are a number of stellar features including "Without Limits," the life of American runner Steve Prefontaine, directed by Robert Towne, who took home an Oscar for writing "Chinatown."

Toronto will host the world

premiere of "Down In The Delta," the much anticipated first film by poet-author Maya Angelou. Another world premiere is "Antz," a computer-animated comedy featuring the voices of Woody Allen and Sharon Stone. There are numerous categories from which to choose, including Midnight Madness, Contemporary World Cinema and the glitzy Roy Thompson Hall Galas, where big name stars and directors are typically in attendance and often take questions from the audience. Also of note is this year's National Cinema program, entitled New Beat Of Japan, featuring work from some of the most provocative and innovative directors in the world.

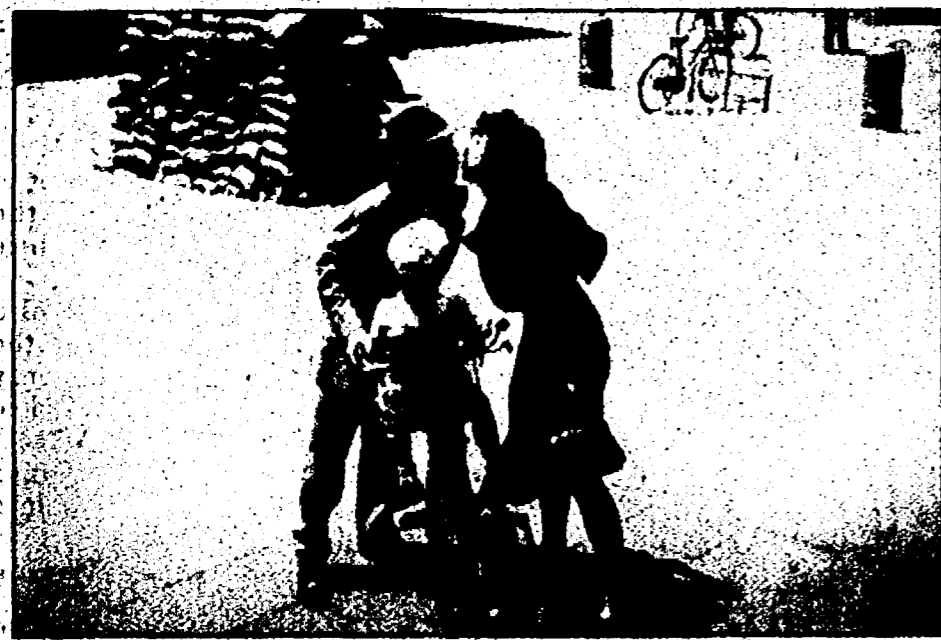
The complete list of films will be available on the Festival's web site (www.bell.ca/filmfest) at noon Tuesday, Aug. 25. Ticket info is also on the site, or call 416-968-FILM. With the Festival a mere 2-1/2 weeks away, the best bet to guarantee yourself tickets would be to check out the web site and then order Gala tickets by phone at the 968-FILM number beginning Saturday, Aug. 29 (only VISA accepted).

Heading to the Toronto Film Festival unticketed (advance individual ducats for non-Galas are consumed instantly by piranha-like T.O. filmgoers) is a risky but potentially rewarding venture. If you're willing to be flexible and wait in lines you can usually see something worthwhile. Start by going to the Festival Box Office (444 Yonge St.). Don't be too shocked to find most screenings sold out. Don't be afraid to experiment, and don't despair if you can't buy an advance ticket to something! If a screening is sold out, a line of non-ticket holders forms outside the theater, and if any seats do pop up, people in this rush line get in. Queue up at least one hour ahead of time.

Air Canada (800-361-7585) is offering festival-goers special airfares, but the drive, mostly on the 401, is easy and cheap and the ViaRail (800-561-9181) train



Film Festival: Michael Graph created this poster for the 23rd Annual Toronto Film Festival.



Award winner: Roberto Benigni, Giorgio Cantarini and Nicoletta Brashi appear in Benigni's Cannes award-winning film "Life is Beautiful."



Delta: Al Freeman Jr, Wesley Snipes and Alfre Woodard, left to right, appear in poet Maya Angelou's "Down in the Delta."

GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes features various travel news items. Send news leads to Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

TELL US YOUR STORY

We want to hear from you? Have you been someplace interesting? Have you had a special adventure? Is there a quiet island you'd like to recommend or a highly promoted place you'd like to warn against? Do you have special tips for other travelers to make their journeys easier? Have you met some interesting people in other countries that you'd like others to know about? We want to share your stories and your color pictures on our travel page. Call Hugh Gallagher at 734-953-2118, or fax him at 734-591-7279 or e-mail him at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

K'NEX @ COSI

COSI Toledo will host a new exhibit, K'NEX@COSI: Where Science Clicks, Oct. 2 through

Jan. 7.

From huge models of structures such as the Brooklyn Bridge, which demonstrates the concepts of tension and compression, to massive replicas of architectural wonders like the Capitol Building, illustrating the principles of physics and geometry in building, the exhibit will present an array of structures. Thousands of K'NEX pieces are used to construct each of these colorful, fascinating structures. And visitors to COSI Toledo can design and build their own creations as well.

Unique models built especially for COSI include a 7-foot high model of One SeaGate, a distinctive edifice on the downtown riverfront. The exhibit is presented by SSOE Inc. Engineers-Architects.

LABOR DAY EVENTS GALORE

In Manistique, a parade (Friday), a car show and street dance (Saturday) and a boardwalk shuffle (Monday) are planned; (906) 341-5010.

"Arts Docksides" featuring more than 100 exhibitors is back again in St. Ignace, Sept. 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; (906) 643-

6950.

Tawas and East Tawas hosts the annual Labor Day Arts and Craft Show, Sept. 5-6. Free shuttle service is offered between the two locations with 325 or more booths; (517) 362-8643.

Lansing's 19th annual Riverfest is Sept. 4-7 and is held downtown along the Grand River on Louis Adado Riverfront Park. The family event is free and features activities, events and shows for all ages. An electric float parade featuring lighted pontoons is a highlight.

In Jackson, the 1998 fireworks concludes in Cascade Falls Park Sept. 5. Bands provide entertainment until the show at about 9:30 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 7 the final Cascades Light Show Dance is staged, with waterfalls illuminated and synchronized to music at 10 p.m.

"Germanfest 1998" is on tap in Grand Rapids Sept. 4, 5 and 6. Entertainment includes the Windschlag Men's Choir from the Black Forest area of Germany, the Paloma Band from Chicago and the Grand Rapids Accordion Ensemble.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Athletic director news

•The National Interscholastic Athletics Administrators Association recently announced that Marc Hage, Director of Athletics at Livonia Churchill High School, has been recognized by NIAAA as a Certified Athletic Administrator.

•Brian Swinehart, North Farmington High boys basketball coach, has been appointed Director of Athletics and Physical Education for the Farmington Public Schools.

Swinehart, an eight-year employee of the Farmington Public Schools as a teacher and coach, succeeds Ron Holland, who retired in June.

Swinehart is a graduate of Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Masters in Athletic Administration.

Collegiate notes

Two Livonia Clarenceville High products are members of the Macomb Community College women's volleyball squad — Michelle Berry, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker and Wendy Roy, a 6-1 outside hitter.

Both are listed as freshmen.

Macomb, coached by Jesse Taylor, finished 26-17 overall and 6-4 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Youth soccer runner-up

The Livonia YMCA Meteors, an under-19 boys soccer team, finished second recently in their division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Tournament in Maumee.

The Meteors, coached by Dave Burton, defeated three Ohio teams en route to the finals, only to lose to the Perrysburg Yellow Jackets, 3-2.

Members of the Meteors include Livonians Kyle Bogenschutz, Ben Burton, Evan Chapman, Andrew Eshaki, Alex Grimes, David Herbeck, Matt Loney, Kevin Murphy, Bryon Niemczak, Matt Rzepka, Ben Schroeder and David St. Amant. Other members include Bret Driscoll (Plymouth) and Steve Hart (Novi).

Assistant coaches include Dave Schroeder and Gary Niemczak.

Running shorts

•Sondra Aron of Livonia was the women's overall winner with a time of 34 minutes, 29 seconds, in the 5-mile event recently at the 27th annual Stony Creek Metropark Distance Run.

•The second annual Run Wild II, a 5-kilometer race and 1-mile competitive walk, will be Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Detroit Zoo, located at Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue just off I-696 in Royal Oak.

The run, which supports the Zoo's veterinary hospital, begins at 9 a.m. followed by the walk at 9:10 a.m.

To obtain registration forms, call (248) 541-5717.

Fastpitch tryouts

Downriver Travel will stage 16-and-under and 18-and-under girls fastpitch softball tryouts from 2-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 29-30 and Sept. 12-13 at Southgate Parks, located on Dix between Northline and Eureka roads.

For more information, call Dennis at (734) 283-7475 (after 6 p.m.).

For 14-and-under information, call Joe at 282-8336.

TeeTime Golf Classic

The fourth annual TeeTime Golf Classic, Friday, Sept. 11 at Cattails Golf Club, 57737 Nine Mile Road, South Lyon.

The event will benefit the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft Community College.

The cost is \$85 (includes 18 hole scramble format, electric cart, range balls, hot dog lunch and buffet dinner). Dinner only, a 4:30 p.m., is \$30. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Registration (coffee and doughnuts) starts at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

Prizes includes longest drive and closest to the pin (women and men).

For more information, call (248) 486-8777.

To submit items to the Observer Sports Scene, write to: 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Hoop tip-off right around corner

Wayne Memorial will be sneaking up on people this year. Sure, and the Jolly Green Giant can sneak through a ripe wheat field, too.

The Zebras were 7-13 last season but played well at the end of the campaign. They played very well in losing a close district tournament game to tough Belleville.

This year Belleville joins the Michigan Mega Conference's Red Division to further strengthen an already rough conference.

"I don't know what's going to happen," coach Matt Godfrey of Wayne Memorial said. "Our schedule is really severe."

"Grosse Ile and Riverview (both in the season-starting Grosse Ile tournament Sept. 3) are 1-2 in the Huron League. Woodhaven should win the Mega White and Northville is tough."

"And Belleville's in our league now. And Trenton's got everybody back so our league's really going to be tough."

Godfrey may not know what's going to happen, but he knows what's not going to happen. Wayne Memorial won't be getting too many beatings.

If taking a thumping was a certainty, Godfrey would have quietly faded off into the sunset to his other basketball coaching job, at Henry Ford Community College.

It says something that Godfrey would return to the Zebras.

Tonya Crawford is one of the reasons. The 5-11 forward is one of the area's best players heading into the season. She showed some franchise-style ability last season and has worked hard coming into this year.

"Crawford's really stepped it up," Godfrey said. "She's going to be our equalizer. She's a great athlete."

Beth (Molitor, 6-1 center) has grown an inch and is one of the most improved players on the team. (Ericka) Davis started every game last year as a freshman, can handle the ball, is extremely quick and sees the floor pretty well.

Other area basketball teams should be a good bit stronger this year. Teams returning decent strength include Livonia Churchill, Ladywood and Stevenson.

"Plymouth Salem is the one everybody is going to have to beat," coach Dave Balog of Livonia Churchill said. "North Farmington has a good freshman coming back and Farmington Harrison will be tough."

"Canton is going to be young but he (Coach-Bob Blohm) will have them ready as usual."



Spartan eager: Kim Giller is one of several returnees for the Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team.

"I'm looking forward to this season." He has guard Kersten Conklin returning plus forward Stacey Sapanich to key a team with seven seniors.

Andrea Gorski coached a district champion at Ladywood last season, a feat which put the Blazers at .500.

They lost center Sarah Poglits but have guard Erin Haydn coming back plus some height in 5-10 forwards Elena Sventickas and Karly Queen. Ladywood also has a 6-foot freshman center in Liz Obrecht to bring along.

"As far as goals," Gorski said, "we're going to shoot for well above .500 this

GIRLS BASKETBALL

year." Coach Wayne Henry played a lot of kids at Stevenson last year and the payoff begins this season with a nice returning nucleus.

"Stephanie Dulz has a very solid inside game and should be one of the best post players in the area," Henry said. "She's strong and works hard to provide a target for our guards."

Sophomore Lindsay Gusick swings between the two guard spots and plays outstanding defense.

One of the Spartans' returning starters, Katie King, is currently out with an injury but is expected back shortly. The team will also be bolstered by the return of Cheryl Fox, who missed all of last season with an ACL injury.

Livonia Franklin loses Julie Warner and Lori Jendrusik but returns third-team All-Area forward Tera Morrill.

"Tera has worked hard on her entire game," Coach Gary Warner of the Patriots said. "She's been to All-State Camp in Traverse City and made the All-Star team."

The Patriots have a little size but a lot of quickness so Warner is going to speed things up in hopes he can run away with some wins.

Westland John Glenn won just three games last season but came close a number of times and improved during the summer.

The Rockets biggest improvement may have come with the addition of 5-9 freshman Stephanie Crews, whose junior sister Samantha is an inside force on the team.

Junior Latoya Chandler and Rola Amad should start giving second-year coach Joel Lloyd some experienced leadership.

In the Metro Conference, Lutheran Westland's Ron Gentz believes Cranbrook, undefeated in the conference last season, will be a power because it has four-fifths of its starters back.

And Mount Clemens Lutheran North should be difficult, too. Lutheran Westland split with Lutheran North last season but finished behind it in the standings.

"We should be in the upper half of the conference," Gentz said. "We have a very tough early schedule but I hope we can learn from it."

"I'm more optimistic about our team than I was a year ago."

See capsules on page D4.

The Next Level?

Lady Crusaders seek trip to nationals

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

"Take the Next Step," is the theme for Madonna University's women's volleyball team this season.

The Lady Crusaders of Coach Jerry Abraham nearly made the NAIA national tournament last season, falling two games short by losing in the regional semifinals.

"I think they're really excited about the challenge of going a step farther," Abraham said, previewing his 1998-99 squad, "to our fourth national championship appearance."

Madonna has five new players, one a transfer from Division I Coastal Carolina, to blend in with seven returnees.

The Lady Crusaders suffered a blow recently when they learned senior Karin Sisung, a preseason All-America selection, would be unable to participate this year due to conflicts with her academic program.

"She will be very difficult to replace," Abraham said. "She's one of the nation's best players. She was second team All-America last year and was the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year."

Nicole Scharrer could not return for her fourth season for a similar reason. Also not returning were Paula Dombrowski and Vicki Toth.

The lone graduated player was Erin Gregoire, who joins the coaching staff as a graduate assistant. Also assisting Abraham are Brian McClain, in his eighth season, and Tim Debeliso, in his second.

Madonna finished 34-15 last year, winning the WHAC championship and post-season tournament.

"We started out very strong," Abraham said, "and got better and better and better as the season went along."

Please see CRUSAER VOLLEYBALL, D3



Top sophomore: Redford Thurston product Brandy Malewski will stand tall at the net this season for the Madonna University Lady Crusaders.

BOYS SOCCER

Patriots pull off surprise

The high school boys soccer season has barely begun, but one local team raised a few eyebrows in its season opener.

Livonia Franklin, under fourth-year coach Dave Hebestreit, pulled off a 1-0 shootout win Friday over host Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day in the Yellow Jackets' tournament.

Goalkeeper Jeremy Bruckner made three of six saves in the shootout to give Franklin the victory over the five-time state champions.

Fernando Cazares scored what proved to be the game-winner on the sixth shot. Ross Bohler, Bill Fischer and Dave Moldovan also tallied penalty kick goals.

"It was a well-played game, end-to-end," Hebestreit said. "It was an awesome job by our kids. They played as well as I've ever seen them play."

The Franklin coach said the midfield play of Fischer and Mike Vega was critical along with the defensive play of Ryan Kracht.

"We played a very offensive game, but we didn't get a lot of opportunities," Hebestreit said. "That's why it was so important that our midfield played so well."

Franklin was to play Saturday in the semifinals against the quarterfinal winner of Dearborn Edsel Ford and Birmingham Groves. See Thursday's Observer for complete results.

Livonia Meteors 3-peat at Cherryland tourney

The Livonia Meteors under-18 team faced a kind of soccer Armageddon and came through as winners of the Traverse City Cherryland Tournament.

It was the third year in a row the team had won the tournament, which took place Aug. 15-16 in Traverse City.

The Meteors played three games Aug. 16 and defeated Plymouth, 5-3, in a shootout.

Livonia tied Plymouth, 2-2, in regulation with Stacey Supanich (Livonia Churchill) scoring both goals.

Plymouth deflected the ball into its own goal in the first 15 minutes of overtime to give Livonia a 3-2 lead but scrambled back to tie in the second 15 minutes to force a shootout.

Goalkeeper Jessica Weber

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(Birmingham) stopped all four shots for Livonia and her Meteor teammates Andrea Deshong and Becky Guibord (both from Dearborn) each scored to send tired Livonia back home with a title.

Livonia defeated its first opponent Aug. 15 by a 10-0 count but Aug. 16 got three goals from Kersten Conklin (Churchill) to tie the Tosa Kicks, 3-3.

The Meteors needed two goals in their next game to advance to the finals but didn't get them until the final 15 minutes. Conklin and Jill Gibson (Novi) scored them.

The tournament opened the season for the Meteors.



Meteor rise: Members of the Livonia Y under-18 Meteors include: (front row, left to right) Becky Peterson, Jill Richardson, Kersten Conklin, Jamie Jakacki, Natalie Pickelhaupt, Jill Gibson, Julia DiPorto; (top row, left to right) assistant coach Derrick Steele, Lindsay Theisen, Stacey Supanich, Jane Heffernan, Jessica Weber; Claire Lockhart, Hillary Weber, Vanessa Byerle, Becky Guibord, Andrea DeShong and coach Mike McGrath.

SPORTS SHORTS

RECREATION ADULT HOCKEY

Registration is on for men's and women's recreational adult hockey for the Rockets (men's over 21-) and the new Lady Rockets (women's over 21-).

Play starts in September and runs through March.

For more information, call John Wilson at (248) 471-0658.

WRIGHT STUFF AGAIN

Jane Wright of Livonia and Carolyn Benninger of Northville each shot a 73 Friday to tie for low net in the first flight of the Women's Suburban Golf Association tournament at Willow Metro Golf Club.

Lillian Vandenbroeker of Dearborn Heights had a 76.

Joey Kruihoff (Novi) won low gross first flight for the fourth straight week with an 82.

Diane Wazney (Dearborn) and Nancy Wilkie (Redford) each shot 93.

Penny Irwin of Westland shot a 102 to take first place in the second flight's low gross, edging Westland's Mary Cunningham by four strokes.

Pat Henke of Wayne fired a 73 to win low net in the second flight.

Dorothy Cody of Farmington Hills was second with a 74.

Salem product Roth rules Michigan PGA

A nice clean 70 has put Jeff Roth in the Michigan Section PGA record book.

Roth's 70 Monday in the final

round of the Michigan PGA Championship at Boyne Highlands gave him a 54-hole total of 205, 11-under and four strokes better than Steve Brady of Oak-

land Hills.

The victory gave Roth two wins in the state's three big events. He won the Michigan Open at Grand Traverse Resort.

He's the Michigan Section's first double-winner since Buddy Whitten in 1983 and only the eighth ever.

"It's pretty special," Roth said. "Obviously to be included in an elite group of golfers like that was a pretty special feeling."

It isn't the first taste of success

PRO GOLF

for the Salem graduate (1975) — currently the pro at Flint Golf Club.

He's also been the state's player of the year twice (1987 and 1996) and is well on his way to winning that title again.

"Overall, I've played pretty well all year," the 40-year-old Roth said. "I've been striking the ball and driving the ball very,

very well. Maybe I'm just a late bloomer.

"In the big picture, my long-term goal is to be recognized as a very good player. It's important to me to show consistency over a long period of time."

At the Tournament of Champions, Roth finished two strokes behind champion John DalCorobbo, two shots shy of being the first Grand Slam winner in state history. That would have meant another \$250,000.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT WAYNE COUNTY PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR FILE NO. 98-594003-68

In the matter of Daniel Devine, a minor, I, Diane McLean, am interested in the welfare of the minor and make this petition as grandparent.

The minor was born July 15, 1997, is unmarried, resides in Wayne County at 11659 Kinloch, Redford, Township, Michigan 48239, and is presently located in Wayne County.

The persons interested in this proceeding are Jason Devine, Taylor Beach Campground, 6197 N. Burkhardt, Howell, Michigan 48843, no paternity; and Sherri Vanceil, mother, age 19, Taylor Beach Campground, 6197 N. Burkhardt, Howell, Michigan 48843, Livingston County.

Person with care/custody of minor is Diane McLean, 11659 Kinloch, Redford 48739.

A temporary guardian is necessary because: Child Protection finds it necessary.

REQUEST: Diane McLean whose address is 11659 Kinloch, Redford Township, Michigan 48239 be appointed guardian of the minor.

The court orders the parent(s) to provide reasonable support for and visitation and contact with the minor.

I declare that this petition has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Adjourned: August 19, 1998

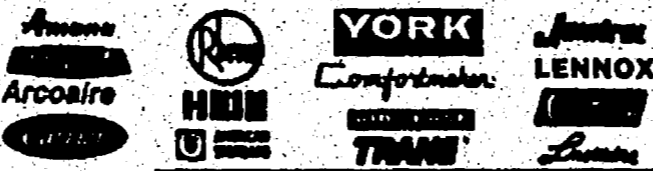
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United We Stand



Undeclared club: Livonia United, an under-14 Premier League girls soccer team, captured the first place trophy with an unbeaten run of four games in its division, Aug. 14-16, at the St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational Tournament. It was the Livonia Youth Soccer Club team's first tournament. Member of United include: (bottom row from left) Stacy Rock, Krysta Scheel, Megan Kogut, Kelly Vanston, Rachael Varga, Marie Nizienski, Audrey Dulude and Danielle Dougherty; (second row from left) Rachel Wheeler, Christine Slater, Shannon Anway, Megan Lane, Laura Richardson, Hollie Lefevre, Rachel Myers and Rachelle Marshall; (top row from left) coaches Paul Kogut, Bruce Slater, along with manager Desmond Myers. Not pictured is Colleen Luther.

Glenn off to hot start, rules best ball event

Westland John Glenn is certainly making its presence known on the boys golf circuit.

On Thursday, the Rockets scored a 138 to capture the 13-team John Sandmann Best Ball Invitational at Hilltop Golf Course.

On Friday, Glenn was runner-up to Hartland in the Pinckney Invitational at Rush Lake.

Duane Stott and Ryan Shamrock combined for a 2-under 68 to earn medalist honors for Glenn. Teammates Justin Fendlet and Chris Tompkins were only two shots behind at 70.

Trenton finished second in the team standings with 139 followed by Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson, 144 each; Ann Arbor Pioneer, 147; Plymouth Salem, 149; Dearborn Edsel Ford, 151; Livonia Franklin and Ann Arbor Huron, 154 each.

Stevenson's Steve Polanski, the Michigan Amateur runner-up and U.S. Junior Amateur qualifier, combined with teammate Matt DiPonio for a 68. Teammates Roy Rabe and Mike Byberg had a 75.

Churchill's Tom Fitzstevens and Mike Lightbody tied the Polanski-DiPonio duo with a 69.

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Chargers Will Bashara and Evan Chall had a 75.

Tony Fotiu and Scott Warra shot 73 for Franklin. Tim Kufel and Chris Griffith combined for an 81.

Jeff Marris shot a 2-under 71 to lead defending state Class A champion Hartland to the Pinckney crown. He edged Polanski, Bruce Suechota of Ann Arbor Greenhills and Luke Watkins of Pinckney by one shot apiece for medalist honors.

Hartland had a total of 302, followed by John Glenn, 312; Ann Arbor Huron, 314; Stevenson, 316; Salem, 318; Holly, Greenhills and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 325 each; Redford Catholic Central and Lapeer East, 329 each.

Rounding the field was Churchill, 332; Lapeer West, Dexter and Pinckney (Black), 340 each; Birmingham Groves, 353; Southgate Aquinas and Redford Union, 356; Franklin, 359; Pinckney (Red), 359 and Allen Park Cabrini, 364.

Rabe added a 76 for Stevenson. Kevin Yuhasz and Byberg shot 80 and 88, respectively.

WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Aug. 25

- S'field Lathrup at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Andover at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Grass Lake, 7 p.m.
(Redford Tourney at St. Agatha)
Franklin vs. St. Agatha, 5 p.m.
Thurston vs. Redford Union, 7 p.m.
(South Lyon Tournament)
Northville vs. N.B. Huron, 5 p.m.
John Glenn vs. S. Lyon, 7 p.m.
(Royal Oak Shrine Tournament)
Luth. W'sid vs. A.P. Cabrini, 5:30 p.m.
Shrine vs. S'field Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

- Redford Tournament at St. Agatha, 5 & 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27
Stevenson at S'field Lathrup, 7 p.m.
Carlton at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Berkeley, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Wat. Ketterling, 7 p.m.
South Lyon Tourney, 5 & 7 p.m.
Shrine Tourney, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Aug. 24

- Lakeland at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Milford at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Troy at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 25
Luth. W'sid at S'field Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26
N. Farmington at Thurston, 5:30 p.m.
Lensing CC at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27
Luth. W'sid at D.H. Fairlane, 4:30 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 28

- Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Redford CC at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Aug. 28

- Schoolcraft at Lewis (Ill.), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29
Schoolcraft at Valparaiso (Ind.), 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Saturday, Aug. 29

- Schoolcraft at Hillsdale, 2 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, Aug. 28-29
Madonna at Ft. Lewis (Colo.), TBA
Schoolcraft at Kellogg Tourney, TBA
TBA - times to be announced.

Crusader volleyball from page D1

We started to mold as a team, so it was a good way to end the season.

"I'm excited about this group of kids. They're working as hard as any group I've had in the past. They have great team chemistry and great team attitude plus an excellent work ethic.

"We're still in a rebuilding process, no doubt, but we're much more mature as a team, more skilled overall, than last year."

Abraham, in his 12th season as coach, welcomes junior transfer Nicole Burns, a 5-11 middle hitter from Coastal Carolina.

"She has nice size, nice speed, good court sense and a couple of years of experience. She's a real big time addition and she'll fill a spot in the middle. She could be an impact player."

Another key freshman recruit is 5-10 Marylu Hemme from Livonia Ladywood.

"She's an excellent all-around athlete," Abraham said. "She's very strong in the back row but can also play any-

where up front. We can utilize her in a lot of different ways and she's going to play a very big role in her first season."

Donna Birkenhies, a 6-1 freshman from Dearborn Edsel Ford, has looked good in early workouts.

"She looks like she's going to be a big contributor in her first season. She's a big blocker and is strong at the net. She has good arm swing and down the road can be a dominant player."

Two other freshmen who figure to contribute are Jennie Wind, a 6-footer from Birmingham Groves, and 5-11 Heather Adams of Lakeland high.

"We had a fantastic recruiting class. We got some immediate help and added depth at positions where we needed it," Abraham said.

Key returnees include Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston), whom Abraham said was "dominant last year as a freshman. She can be one of the better players in the region this year."

Senior Jennifer Russell is team captain and will be a

team leader from her back row spot. She's a passer and defensive specialist.

Senior Rayna Vert moves from middle hitter to the outside, where her coach hopes "she can be a terminator type hitter."

Settling into the setter's role is junior Deanne Helson. Abraham is expecting considerable improvement from her this year as she quarterbacks "a quick, fast offense."

Junior Stephanie Uballe starts at right outside hitter with sophomore Erin Cunningham competing for the other outside hitter spot. Kelly Aretymovich is also making the transition from middle to outside hitter.

The Lady Crusaders will hit the road next weekend to play in the Fort Lewis College tournament in Durango, Colo. They go to Lexington, Ky., for the Midway Classic the following weekend and three weekends hence host their own 12-team Madonna Invitational.

"We've got a lot of play early so that should be able to tell us what the team looks like," Abraham said.

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1998 GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAPSULE OUTLOOKS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Dave Balog, sixth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at home vs. Southfield Lathrup.
Last year's overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Andrea Galindo, Terri Owens, Dominique Betancourt.
Leading returnees: Kersten Conklin, 5-6 Sr. guard (fourth-team All-Area); Stacey Supanich, 5-9 Sr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Nikki Lewis, 5-6 Sr. guard; Andrea Parsons, 5-9 Sr. center; Debbie Ballis, 5-8 Sr. forward; Lauren Ruprecht, 6-0 Sr. center; Jill Rutzahn, 5-8 Sr. forward; Karen Kramer, 5-6 Jr. guard.
Promising newcomers: Stacey Salletck, 5-7 Jr. forward; Kristen Leszczynski, 5-9 Jr. forward; Meagan Sheehan, 5-6 Jr. guard; J.C. Evans, 5-8 Jr. forward.
Balog's 1998 outlook: "We're pretty experienced. We lost two kids who were starters but we've got three starters back plus one girl who played a lot. We have good chemistry. We did well in our summer league and in camp. This could be a real good season for us. We could make a lot of noise in the Western Lakes. We're quick, we can go inside and we can go outside. We're going to play an uptempo game much of the time. We can press."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Gary Warner, fourth year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).
Season opener: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Redford St. Agatha in Redford Thurston Tournament.
Last year's overall record: 8-12.
Notable losses to graduation: Julie Warner (All-Area honorable mention), Lori Rykiewicz, Julie Cencer, Lori Jendrusik (All-Area honorable mention).
Leading returnees: Tera Morrill, 5-10 Jr. forward (third team All-Area); Kerstin Marshall, 6-1 So. center; Kelly Young, 4-11 Sr. guard; Lindsay Duprey, 5-4 Sr. guard; Angie D'Annunzio, 5-7 Sr. forward; Alexis Bowman, 5-7 Jr. forward.
Promising newcomers: Lisa Balko, 5-8 So. forward; Elizabeth Cochran, 5-9 Jr. forward; Stephanie Parchel, 5-8 Jr. forward; Mandy Kwarsick, 5-7 Jr. guard; Laura Lukosky, 5-8 Jr. guard.
Warner's 1998 outlook: "We'll be a very uptempo basketball team. We've got some talented players. If they come to play we'll be exceptionally good. We'll give a run at some of the big teams this year. We have to play very aggressive basketball. Full-court defense. More running. If we get good guard play we could be pretty successful. We've got some shooters, but they have to be on every night."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Wayne Henry, seventh year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at home vs. Dearborn Fordson.
Last year's overall record: 11-10.
Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Backus, Colleen Breneman, Carolyn Courtright (All-Area honorable mention).
Leading returnees: Stephanie Dulz, 5-10 Sr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Cassie Ehlerdt, 5-9 Jr. forward; Lindsay Gusick, 5-6 So. guard (All-Area honorable mention); Katie King, 5-9 Jr. forward; Kim Giller, 5-3 Jr. guard; Cheryl Fox, 5-6 Jr. guard; Kate LeBlanc, 5-11 Jr. forward; Jen Peltier, 5-3 Sr. guard; Becky Smith, 5-8 Sr. forward.
Promising newcomers: Mary King, 5-7 So. forward; Melanie Leaga, 5-5 Jr. guard; Abbey Schrader, 5-6 So. guard.
Henry's 1998 outlook: "Our inside game will be stronger than last year and we should be stronger defensively. We have nice depth, and if we can avoid the injury plague we suffered from last year we should be very competitive."

"We hope to improve on last year's record."
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Joel Lloyd, second year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 vs. South Lyon at South Lyon Tournament.
Last year's overall record: 3-18.
Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Sanders.
Leading returnees: Samantha Crews, 5-10 Jr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Latoya Chandler, 5-10 Jr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Rola Amad, 5-10 Sr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Lacey Katarino, 5-7 Sr. guard; Sarah Pack, 5-6, So. guard.
Promising newcomers: Stephanie Crews, 5-9 Fr. guard.
Lloyd's 1998 outlook: "We're looking to improve on last year's 3-18 record. We want to build on last year. What helps is that our core nucleus is all returning. We're just going to play hard; work hard and let the chips fall where they may. I got baptized in the Western Lakes last year. There are some very good girls basketball teams in the Western Lakes."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Matt Godfrey, second year.
League affiliation: Michigan Mega (Red Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at Grosse Ile.
Last year's overall record: 7-15.
Notable losses to graduation: Natalie Garrison (All-Area honorable mention).
Leading returnees: Tonya Crawford, 5-11 Sr. forward (fourth team All-Area); Beth Molitor, 6-1 Sr. center (All-Area honorable mention); Ericka Davis, 5-5 So. guard (All-Area honorable mention); Sarah Moore, 5-7 Jr. guard; Laneetra Austin, 5-8 Sr. guard; Shelley Barge, 5-9, Sr. forward (captain); Elizabeth Kleitch, 5-5 Sr. guard.
Promising newcomers: Crystal Harris, 5-7 Jr. guard; Liane Roos, 5-8 Jr. forward; Rachel Romba, 5-5 Jr. guard; Tish Tedders, 5-6 Jr. guard.
Godfrey's 1998 outlook: "Last year we were an inexperienced team. This year we're not. After the experience of last year, we've played 20 games this summer and we've been to a team camp. The girls have really come along. I would really be disappointed if we didn't contend for the league championship - as would our team. We can deal with it this year. Last year really gave us an idea of what it's all about. It really made us hungry for the off-season."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Andrea Gorski, third year.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m., Tuesday Sept. 1 at home vs. Flint Powers Catholic.
Last year's overall record: 12-12 (District champions).
Notable losses to graduation: Sarah Poglits (second team All-Area, All-Catholic); Jenny LaChapelle; Sheryl Wroblewski.
Leading returnees: Erin Hayden, 5-7 Sr. guard (All-Area honorable mention); Elena Sventickas, 5-10 Sr. forward; Karly Queen, 5-10 Sr. forward; Kim Keller, 5-8 Sr. guard; Michelle Harakas, 6-0 So. forward/center; Melissa Harakas, 5-8, So. guard.
Promising newcomers: Kristen Barnes, 5-6 Jr. guard; Jenni Kostrzewski, 5-6 Sr. guard; Liz Obrecht, 6-0 Fr. center; Kristen Douglas, 5-9 Jr. forward; Brianna Watson, 5-7 Jr. guard; Liz Oliver, 5-8 Jr. guard; Allison Raub, 5-11 Jr. forward/center.
Gorski's 1998 outlook: "I think overall we're a more skilled basketball team than we've ever been, player for player. We have good team quickness, so we'll be able to press and play an uptempo game. I think we have some better shooters on our team. And defensively, I think we'll be solid."

"But we're going to have to show we can take care of the ball offensively, that's going to be a key."
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: To be named.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Redford St. Agatha.
Last year's overall record: 4-17.
Notable losses to graduation: Michelle Berry.
Leading returnees: Jenny Haapala, Felicia Hernandez, Jennifer Kennedy, Jessica Kennedy, Rachael Koernke, Kristina Skrela, Danielle Slez, Tanya Wheeler.
Promising newcomers: Amanda LaBeau, Marjeta Krekolezaj, Courtney Quinlin, Nicole Martin.
1998 outlook: Rosie Marano, who coached the Trojans one season, resigned. New athletic director Chuck Sorentino, who was appointed Aug. 4, is still searching for a head varsity coach.

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Ron Gentz, seventh year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 vs. Allen Park Cabrini at Royal Oak Shrine Tournament.
Last year's overall record: 12-9.
Notable losses: Kierra Decker (All-Area honorable mention); Cheryl Polkinghorne; Jenny Schulz (moved to Mount Clemens, Dakota); Sarah Hoffmeyer; Michelle Wiersig.
Leading returnees: Anna Schewecke, 5-10 Sr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Bekah Hoffmeyer, 6-0 Sr. forward (All-Area honorable mention); Sharon Greer, 5-4 Sr. guard; Karl Charles, 5-7 Sr. guard; Anna Rolf, 5-6 Jr. guard.
Promising newcomers: Carly Higgins, 6-0 Jr. forward/center; Heather Haller, 5-4 Jr. guard; Liz Unger, 5-5 Jr. guard; Sarah Marody, 5-11 Jr. forward; Krissy Rose, 5-5 So. guard; Chris Hilden, 5-7 Fr. guard; Karen Abramczyk, 5-6 Fr. guard.
Gentz's 1998 outlook: "We're going to be young in the guard department, but I think we're going to be better once we learn to play together. We're better at forward than we were a year ago at this time, too. We've got good speed. We have some athleticism. Once we get our younger kids playing together, we should be all right."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Tod Bartholomew, fourth year (returning after season's absence).
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Association.
Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Grass Lake.
Last year's overall record: 7-14.
Notable losses to graduation: Sara Tacis (All-Area Honorable Mention); Heather LaPrairie.
Leading returnees: Anya Day, 5-7 Sr. guard; Stephanie Graves, 5-9 Sr. center; Jessie Cherundolo, 5-8 Jr. forward; Stacie Graves, 5-7 Jr. forward; Jessica Whitaker, 5-7 Jr. forward; Kelly Kovak, 5-6 Jr. guard/forward; Rachel Zahn, 5-6 So. guard; Mandy Cherundolo, 5-1 So. guard; Samantha Pelligrino, 5-4 So. guard; Cassie Zell, 5-0 So. guard.
Promising newcomers: Jenny Kleinke, 5-6 Fr. forward; Holly Arnold, 5-8 Fr. center; Jessica Bartels, 5-6 Fr. forward.
Bartholomew's 1998 outlook: "I saw them play eight or nine times last year. They played really well in moving up to the Blue Division (big schools). Our record could have been 12-9 very easily. We were young and we're still young. But there's quite a bit of talent. A good goal for us is to try to at least split in the league. We're going to play full-court basketball. If we get in good condition and learn how to play that style, I think we can be real successful. We're not real big but we have quickness and good decision-making. It will be fun to watch them play. We're looking for some good things."

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