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THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

Pigskin preview: Look for your hometown teams in the High School Football Preview in today's Westland Observer. The special section includes a team roster, schedule for the season and story and pictures on local prep teams.

MONDAY

Pool championships: The first-ever Olhausen International Pro Wheelchair 9-Ball Championship is Monday through Wednesday at The Electric Stick, located in a strip mall on the northwest corner of Hunter and Wayne roads in Westland. Spectators may watch the games for free from roughly 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, except for the \$10-per-person finals.

Back to school: School starts for most Livonia Public Schools students today.

TUESDAY

Commission meets: The Westland Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the second floor council chambers of Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

WEDNESDAY

School days: Students of the Wayne-Westland school district return to class for a half-day in the afternoon on Wednesday. The first full day is Thursday.

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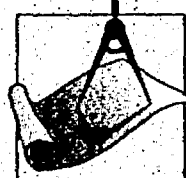
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Schools chalk up summer work

■ School projects are bustling as work crews repair track and tennis courts, replace boilers, install new roofing and replace gym floors, among other improvements in the Wayne-Westland school district.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER



Lisa Murray always dreaded those bad-weather days when she drove sons Josh, 9, and Jeremie, 6, to Wildwood Elementary School.

Inevitably, she found herself fighting heavy traffic as parents and bus drivers competed for space in the school's only drop-off loop.

"The traffic was awful trying to get in there on a rainy day," Murray said Wednesday, standing with her front door ajar. "And in the afternoon the kids couldn't find the parents."

Wayne-Westland school officials are hoping that a new, separate bus loop will ease traffic problems when the new school year begins Wednesday.

"Our goal is to have it done before the students return," Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration, said Wednesday.

Her statement came as work crews scrambled to finish the job — one of many stemming from a \$108.3 million bond issue that voters approved in February.

"That will be wonderful," Murray said of the new bus loop. "They've needed to do that for a long time."

School projects are bustling across the district as work crews repair track and tennis courts, replace boilers, install new roofing and replace gym floors, among other school improvements.

On the horizon are larger plans such as adding new classrooms to some schools, remodeling existing buildings and installing new computers across the district.

For now, though, officials are hoping the initial phase of projects will cause as little disruption as possible as students and educators return to school.

"We're very hopeful for a smooth

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

School sidewalk: Gabriele Cement Construction of Dearborn Heights workers, J.W. Matkins (left to right), Tony Matkins, Phillip Ciavaglia and Aldo Gabriele pour concrete and finish the sidewalks at Wildwood Elementary school in Westland Thursday.

Classes back in session this week

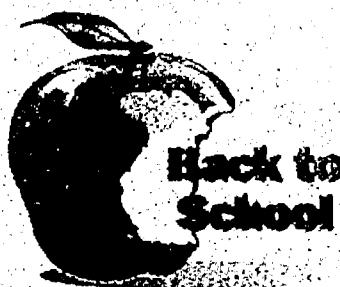
Those lazy, hazy days of summer are almost over for students in Wayne-Westland and the Livonia Public Schools.

For most students in Livonia Public Schools, summer vacation ends Monday.

Students in Wayne-Westland first report for a half-day in the afternoon on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The districts have mailed start-of-school information to school district residents.

Information on Livonia schools also can be called up on home computers on a site maintained by the district. Livonia's Web site address is www.livonia.k12.mi.us.



Livonia schools' back-to-school schedule is:

■ All students in grades 1-6 and morning kindergarten will attend school in the morning only on Monday. Afternoon kindergarten and full-day sessions begins Tuesday.

■ All 7th-grade students have a half-day session Monday. School for both 7th- and 8th-graders starts Tuesday.

■ All 9th-grade students have a full day of school Monday. The first full day of school for all senior high school students is Tuesday.

Wayne-Westland's back-to-school schedule is:

■ Students report for a half-day session Wednesday afternoon.

■ The first full day of school for students is Thursday, Sept. 3.

■ Orientations for Wayne-Westland middle school students are also planned.

■ At Adams Middle School, sixth-grade students and parents and parents new to the district can attend orientation 6-7 p.m. Monday.

■ At Franklin Middle School, sixth-grade orientation is at 6 p.m. Monday.

■ At Marshall Middle School, an open house is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday.

■ At Stevenson Middle School, orientation and open house for parents is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Shopping around



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Savers opens: Kaitlynn Skipper, 7, of Westland looks through some sweaters at the new Savers thrift store in Westland. Kaitlynn and her mother, Debbie Harris, were in the store for the first time. The store, which buys its merchandise from Big Brothers Big Sisters, is in a shopping center on Wayne Road, north of Hunter. Please see Page A3.

Judge upholds decision in Anthony's Pond case

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland judge Thursday stood by her earlier decision to dismiss criminal charges against two local businessmen who had been accused of defrauding condominium buyers.

District Judge Gail McKnight didn't question court testimony indicating that two couples lost tens of thousands of dollars on condominiums at Anthony's Pond, an upscale development on Hix Road between Warren and Joy.

"But I can't take a sad thing and turn it into a crime if it's not there," she said.

With that, McKnight upheld her July 23 decision to dismiss criminal charges against businessmen Alvin Berton Bright Jr. and Michael Edward Morche.

McKnight said assistant Wayne County prosecutor Jane Cramer failed to provide any new evidence that would support charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

McKnight's decision came after Cramer filed a motion asking her to reconsider her July 23 ruling. The

judge said she had no legal authority to reverse herself.

Cramer said no decision has been made whether McKnight's decision will now be appealed to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Bright and Morche could've faced as much as 10 years in prison if they had been tried and convicted of defrauding Marilyn and Amir Kashat and Renee and Larry Panther.

But McKnight, citing no evidence that Bright and Morche intended to cheat the couples, has indicated the case should be decided in civil court.

McKnight has said that financial difficulties and a complex business arrangement between Bright and Morche may have fueled problems at Anthony's Pond — but were not of a criminal nature.

The Panthers claim they lost \$65,000 on a partially built condominium that nearly two years later stands — unfinished without even a roof — between two upscale homes.

The Kashats say they spent more than \$100,000 for a condominium in

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A check for a millionaire

Gerald Dale Karns, 90, of Westland, won \$1,146,176 this week when he hit the Wheel of Gold MegaJackpot at the Kings Club Casino in Brimley.

"I've been coming up north for three or four years now to gamble," Karns said.

"I started to shake when they told me I won," he said.

Karns spent about \$60 in the machine when he hit the jackpot.

He said he'll help his kids with his winnings. Players win the jackpot by betting 75 cents at a time and lining up the appropriate reel symbols. Wheel of Gold is a progressive game.

Every time a player puts a coin into the slot of a linked machine, the jackpot grows until it is won. The jackpots are paid in annual installments.

PLACES & FACES

Toy show story

It will be a veritable toy land as the Westland Rotary Club sponsors a Toy Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Joy Manor in Westland.

Dealers of antiques, collectibles and obsoletes can rent tables for \$25 each.

Admission is \$3. Children under 12 get in free. Proceeds will benefit Rotary projects and charities.

Joy Manor is at 28999 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt.

For information, call Ken Belanger at (734) 721-1810 or John Toye at (734) 729-8693.

Chamber luncheon

The first Westland Chamber of Commerce business luncheon of the season begins at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Joy Manor.

The speaker for the luncheon is Rob Cantina, president of 9000 Solutions Group and his topic will be "Quality: What It Isn't, What It Is."

Everyone who RSVPs for the event will be entered in a drawing for \$100 donated by John Toye of Remerica Family Realtors.

In addition, those who fill out the luncheon survey will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to a chamber business.

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startup," Sherman said. Officials are currently fretting most about the Wildwood bus loop and a similar effort at Marshall Middle School, where a bus loop is being moved from the front of the building to the side to make room for more parking spaces.

"Our biggest concern right now is Marshall and Wildwood," Sherman said.

At John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, athletic field improvements are under way. Some new bleachers are being added, and tennis courts have been upgraded.

High school track repairs are expected to be completed by mid-September, and officials are hoping at John Glenn to replace football field lighting that became more urgent when a July storm toppled several poles.

"We're still hopeful that we won't have to disrupt the season or alter (game) times," Sherman said.

John Glenn Principal Neil Thomas isn't predicting any major snags for the new school year.

"Generally everything is on schedule," he said. "We're expecting a regular startup of the school year."

The voter-approved bond issue has given the district a much-needed boost and made it possible to address longtime deficiencies, officials say.

"We're real happy," Thomas said. "It's a great time."

Even after projects such as the

Wildwood bus loop are completed, site restoration and landscaping will still have to be done — tentatively by mid-October.

Some parents and students are more excited about what looms as the district plans to install new computers and other classroom technology in all buildings.

Some computers have begun arriving, and some will be in use as early as this fall, Larry Galbraith, executive director of student services, said.

"Every building will have some new computers this fall — but not all classrooms," he said.

Murray's son Josh, who will be a fourth-grader this year, said he recalls his class being split in two last year for visits to a Wildwood computer lab.

"If they put enough computers in there, maybe our whole class could go at once," he said. "I like computers because they're fun to use and they have a lot of games and stuff."

Josh said he's ready for fourth grade. His 6-year-old brother Jeremie will be a first-grader, but younger brother Jacob, 2, still has a few years to wait.

"We learn a lot every day at school," Josh said. "I make a lot of friends, and the teachers are nice."

Teachers are scheduled to return to school Monday, followed two days later by students who will attend school a half-day on Wednesday. Full-time classes start Thursday.

Although negotiations are continuing for a new teacher con-



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Driveway work: Raul Rodriguez, with Leo's Concrete Replacement from Troy, works on a driveway entrance at Wildwood Elementary in Westland Thursday.

tract, no disruption is expected at this point.

"We're continuing to make progress," Sherman said. "We've got some tentative agreements. Salary issues are traditionally the last item, but we feel we're getting close to discussing it."

"We certainly have proposals

on the table," she added.

For students and parents eager to begin the school year, all that's left is the waiting — and that's nearly over.

"I can't wait," Josh Murray said. "I'm glad school's starting."

Lisa Murray gave her son that knowing look of a mother who's

'If they put enough computers in there, maybe our whole class could go at once. I like computers because they're fun to use and they have a lot of games and stuff.'

Josh Murray
—fourth-grader

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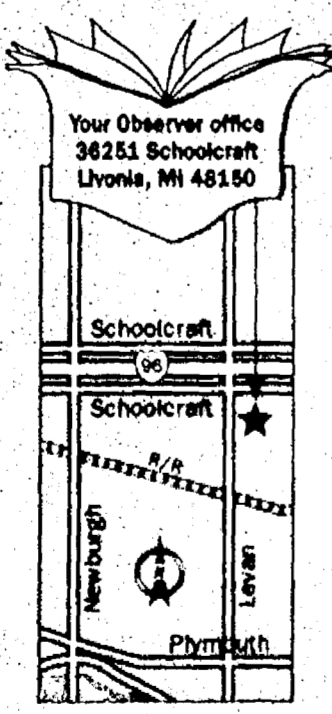
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Thrift store takes department store approach

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Thrifty shoppers have a new place to hunt for bargains and help a good cause.

Savers, a thrift store designed like a department store, has opened in Westland at 6613 N. Wayne Road, north of Hunter in the location of the former MC Sporting Goods.

TVI Inc., the company that owns Savers, buys its merchandise from Big Brothers Big Sisters, a mentoring program for youth.

While the store sells used goods, the goods are presented to appeal to shoppers and also so shoppers won't feel embarrassed to shop there, according to Frank Roperti, store manager.

Savers is operated by TVI Inc., which is based in Bellevue, Wash. The company has more than 150 stores in the United States and Canada. Sixteen more stores are expected to open in the next year in Michigan and Ohio.

The retail area is very strong in metropolitan Detroit, said Roperti.

Stores are also being opened in Las Vegas, Kansas City, Denver, Hawaii, and Orlando, Fla. in the coming months, he said.

The concept has become popular for many people who do not have money to give to charity but do have used goods to donate, Roperti said.

Departments of clothing for men, women, and children are organized by size and color. Other departments include housewares, toys, bed and bath, and furniture.

Departments are carefully arranged so shoppers can find what they are looking for, Roperti said. If a person is in the market for a black blazer, he can go to the blazers rack, look for his size and find all the black blazers together sorted by size, he said.

The store also carries many



brand-name items and clothing useful for career-oriented people. Many people think thrift shoppers are low income, but if the store looks nice, it attracts shoppers from all walks of life, he said.

Customers can also expect to be greeted by employees as they shop in the store, "Customer service is our biggest strength," Roperti said.

About 45 full- and part-time employees work at the store.

The store has a return policy, which is unusual in resale, Roperti said. Shoppers can exchange merchandise within seven days of purchase.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit has had a partnership with TVI for the past year, according to Joseph R. Radelet, executive director, Oakland County.

The organization sends a truck to the homes of people who are willing to donate used goods. Those items are then



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

What's in store: Store manager Frank Roperti of Savers stands among clothing items in the new thrift store in Westland.

this year, he said.

"We're really excited to be partnering with a store that looks terrific," he said.

He also expressed appreciation for the many donors of goods. "They are helping a lot of kids," he said.

About 40 shoppers lined up outside the store Aug. 20 for the store's opening to check out the store's goods.

Shopper Angela Cox of Van Buren Township was finding bargains in the rack of blue jeans.

She said she had driven by the new store before it opened and decided to come back and check it out.

Meanwhile, shopper Felicia Wilson of Detroit was looking for baby clothes, baby items and "just things for my house," she said.

Store hours are Monday through Wednesday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

ers Big Sisters program is also paid for those, Roperti said.

The process brings in money for the group's mentoring mission, Radelet said.

It is projected the partnership will bring in more than \$100,000 to the organization

OBITUARIES

FLORENCE DREW

Funeral services for Florence Drew, 89, of Westland were Aug. 27 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. Suzanne Walls.

Mrs. Drew, who died Aug. 24 in Westland, was born in South Sharon, Pa. She was a registered nurse. She was a member of D.A.V. Post No. 113, Redford and a past president of the Red Arrow Ladies Auxiliary, 32nd Division.

Surviving are: daughter, Carolyn Jackson of Dearborn Heights and granddaughter, Jennifer Martin.

Mrs. Drew is preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Col. James S. Drew (Nov. 7, 1997).

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice.

MARILYN KEPHART

Funeral services for Marilyn Kephart, 59, of Westland were Aug. 28 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kephart, who died Aug. 25 in her Westland residence, was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She worked in quality control for a manufacturing firm.

Surviving are: husband, George; sons, Mark Bake and Bruce Bake; daughter, Kathrin Bake; stepsons, George Kephart Jr. and Michael Kephart; brother, John Williams; sisters, Donna Sonoc, Madelyn Besau and Joanne; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Kephart is preceded in death by her son, Buckley Bake.

MEGAN M. BOLJESIC

Funeral services for Megan Boljesic, 16, of Wayne were Aug. 29 in Harry J. Will Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jeff Crowder.

Megan died Aug. 26. She was a student at Wayne Memorial High School.

Surviving are: parents, Charles and Lori; brothers,

Matthew and Justin; grandparents, Thomas and Patricia Boljesic of Canton; great-grandmother, Alice Brotherton; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

JAMES R. BROBST

Funeral services for James Brobst, 59, of Westland were Aug. 29 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Brobst, who died Aug. 26 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne, was born in Pontiac. He was an auto transport driver in the automotive industry. He was a retired employee of Commercial Carriers.

Surviving are: wife, Hannah; sons, Patrick, Thomas and Daniel; daughters, Cheryl LaLonde, Kathleen Harr of Monroe and Jane of Romeo; brother, Douglas Burns; sisters, Connie Shaw of Monroe, Judith Geer and Susan Burns; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Brobst Family.

CLAIRE NICHOLSON

Funeral services for Claire Nicholson, 95, of Plymouth were Aug. 28 in Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. John J. Sullivan.

Mrs. Nicholson, who died Aug. 24 in Westland, was born in Burnbank, Scotland. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She was a cook for Detroit Board of Education 1953-1964. She moved to Detroit in 1927 from Scotland with her sister. She moved to Plymouth from Detroit 27 years ago.

Surviving are: daughter, Sharon McCann of Plymouth; grandsons, Brian McCann of Ypsilanti and Kevin McCann of Westland; granddaughter, Kyle Bauer of Farmington; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Nicholson is preceded in death by her husband, William. Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

Meeting with legislators



Seeking HMO reform: Amaka Onumonu of Westland, along with physicians, health-care professionals and other consumers, recently had an opportunity to meet with Sen. Carl Levin and Congressman Sander Levin at The Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan to discuss HMO reform. Denise Avery (center), Onumonu's mother, explains some of the obstacles her daughter has had to face in accessing services. A burn victim and former brain injury patient at Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, Onumonu was disenrolled from her HMO shortly after her hospitalization. The family appealed and was eventually re-enrolled but has since had difficulty obtaining referrals.



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Unfinished: A court order allowed one couple to move into an Anthony's Pond condominium, but Renee and Larry Panther still can't move into an Anthony's Pond condominium that remains unfinished.

Court order puts couple in condo

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Marilyn and Amir Kashat say they spent more than \$100,000 on a condominium only to watch another family live there.

But a new ruling in Wayne County Circuit Court has ordered the other family to end a 15-month stay and allow the Kashats to move in.

"We're excited," Marilyn Kashat said Thursday. "That house is my house."

The Kashats were blocked from moving into their Anthony's Pond residence off of Hix Road, near Joy, after problems arose with businessmen involved in the development.

The two sides are still locked in legal battles in civil court, but criminal charges have been dropped against businessmen Alvin Berton Bright Jr. and Michael Edward Morche.

However, Circuit Judge Claudia House-Morche recently ruled that the Kashats could move into the condominium.

"We're hoping to be moved in by the (Labor Day) holiday weekend," Marilyn Kashat said Thursday. "We might be able to celebrate my husband's 60th birthday (on Sept. 5) there."

Amir Kashat still works for

Criminal charges have been dropped against businessmen Alvin Berton Bright Jr. and Michael Edward Morche.

Detroit Diesel, and he may not be able to retire anytime soon despite more than 30 years of employment. Marilyn Kashat said the couple has mounted some \$70,000 in legal fees.

"He can't retire now," she said. Amir Kashat described himself as a hard-working man who moved to the United States from the Middle East 36 years ago.

"I've worked hard for my money," he said. "Nobody helped me with one penny."

Meanwhile, Renee and Larry Panther still can't move into an Anthony's Pond condominium that they say resulted in \$65,000 in losses.

They ended up buying another house, and the condominium that they hoped to call home is still unfinished. Other Anthony's Pond residents have described it as an eyesore.

Bright and Morche have declined several offers to discuss

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Anthony's Pond that they are just now preparing to occupy, following a circuit court ruling. (See related story.) The Kashats say another family was allowed to live in the residence for 15 months.

In court Thursday, Cramer described Bright as a land contract vendor for Anthony's Pond and said he was acting as a real estate agent for Morche. Morche, according to Cramer, was involved through his company, Oakwood Builders.

Cramer said the two men didn't disclose certain business relationships to the Kashats and the Panthers while money was being spent on condominiums.

But defense attorney

Thomas Meconi said Thursday that Cramer misrepresented the situation and, in trying to sway McKnight, used "mental gymnastics of an extreme sort."

McKnight said she found earlier court testimony from Renee Panther and Marilyn Kashat to be "believable." But she said she hasn't been shown evidence showing that Bright and Morche had the intent to defraud the women and their husbands of money.

"I'm not surprised," Marilyn Kashat said of the latest decision.

Bright said in July that McKnight's ruling will finally bring to light "the truth" that there was never any intent to defraud condominium buyers.

their side of the story. Bright has only commented briefly that he hopes "the truth" will emerge to clear the defendants, with McKnight's ruling being a start.

It may be some time before

legal battles are resolved between the Kashats, the Panthers, Bright and Morche.

But Marilyn Kashat, smiling Thursday, said she is glad that at least she and her husband will soon live in the home they wanted, rather than the apartment they ended up renting.

"It's been almost two years that we've been waiting to move in," she said.

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A reunion is planned for August 1999. (313) 271-3050, Ext. 189 (days), (248) 552-8020 (days), or (248) 723-1907

CHERRY HILL
Class of 1983
Reunion and alumni family picnic is planned for August. (734) 729-6783

GARDEN CITY
Class of 1988
Sept. 12 at Roma's of Garden City. (248) 360-7004, press 5

GARDEN CITY EAST
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Sept. 12. (313) 886-0770

JOHN GLENN
Class of 1973
Oct. 10 at St. Aidan's Banquet Center, Livonia. (248) 360-7004
Class of 1978
Oct. 24 at the Doubletree Guest Suites, Southfield. (248) 360-7004

LIVONIA BENTLEY
Class of 1968
A reunion is planned for Nov. 7. (313) 886-0770
Class of 1958
A reunion is planned for Oct. 10. (734) 261-6984

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A reunion is planned for Sept. 18. (313) 886-0770
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Oct. 3. (313) 886-077

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Class of 1973
A reunion is planned for Nov. 14. (313) 886-0770

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27. (734) 459-8428

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Class of 1958
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Class of 1974
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Nov. 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. (734) 675-0244 or (313) 565-5725

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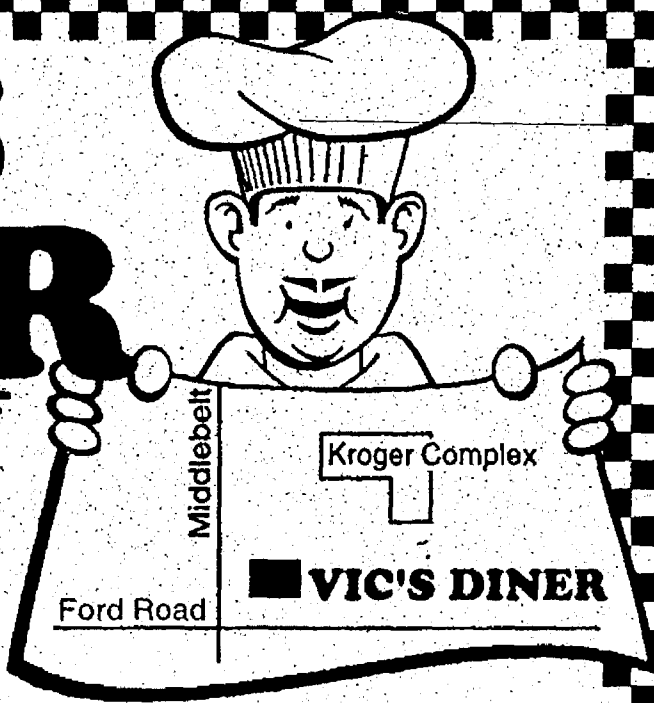
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Family shelter to get facelift

Wayne County's largest family homeless facility will be upgraded this fall in many ways.

First, the kitchen will be renovated. The new equipment will mean the homeless will not only have food prepared in-house every day (it had been brought in by an outside vendor), but they will assist with the meals and learn about food service from an on-staff cook nutritionist.

"It's a great double benefit," said Cynthia Haberman, the shelter's director. "We know the job market is crying out for workers who know their way around a commercial kitchen."

The center also plans to hire a staffer to work with the homeless after they've left the Westland facility.

"Too many homeless are coming back into the system, even after they have a home and job," Haberman said. The outreach worker would act as a counselor to assist the transition for those who are out on their own and do what might be termed "homeless prevention."

Opened in 1991, the Wayne

WAYNE COUNTY NEWS

County Family Center has room enough for 23 families, about 108 individuals and is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. There has been an increase in the client numbers as more people are released from state assistance and institutions.

The 4,000-square-foot facility is a transitional housing building and an emergency shelter. If a family is following the program and making progress, they can often stay in residence until housing and employment are secured.

The center operates as a collaborative effort between the county and the Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Since 1994, LSSM has contracted with Wayne County to handle the operations of the Family Center. The county owns and maintains the building, which is an old Eloise Center commissary, built in the 1920s and now renovated.

LSSM runs the program and pays the workers. Haberman believes it is a successful part-

nership and county officials agree.

"The Family Center is far more than just a shelter," said Sue Wisler, who serves as Wayne County's liaison between the county and Lutheran Social Services. "People can develop job skills, find housing and, in general, stabilize their lives."

People who stay at the shelter must have children; no single adults are permitted there. The average stay is 45-60 days. Once a family has stayed there, they cannot return for a year.

Staff includes a case manager overseeing individual clients, housing coordinator, and employment education coordinator. Clients' progress is monitored. They are asked to set goals, outline a plan of action, and are referred, if necessary, to outside agencies (substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence counselors).

There is a licensed day care center, KidZone, inside the shelter for kids age 3 weeks to 13

years. KidZone also accepts kids from outside the shelter so this helps minimize the stigma that homeless children often face.

The center houses toy rooms, a porch and outside playground. In good weather, adults can garden, as this year's crop includes corn, radishes, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Haberman has seen the difference the center can make in lives. One of the most recent success stories involves an abusive mother with a 6-year-old daughter. "She stayed a long time," Haberman said. "But she got back on her feet, has her own apartment and is working full time now. She's just a different person."

Haberman considers the center to be a great place to work. "If someone is ready to be helped, this can be a really positive situation," she says. "We're about hope here, not despair."

The Wayne County Family Shelter is located at 30600 Michigan Ave., behind the Kay Beard Building in Westland. The phone number is (734) 721-0590.

Golf outing to benefit Madonna scholarships

Golfers often dream of a one-on-one lesson with a PGA Tour professional. As part of Madonna University's third annual Scholarship Golden Classic Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 18, all participants of the fundraiser will have that chance.

The One-on-One Van will be on hand to give each golfer their personal lesson with Greg Norman. The van is a state-of-the-art mobile video production facility which can produce and deliver any of Norman's personalized video golf lessons.

Each individual golfer's swing fundamentals will be analyzed from two camera angles and eight club head positions.

Each participant will receive a copy of the 45-minute video analyzing their swing.

A full day of events is planned with proceeds bene-

fitting the Madonna University Scholarship Fund.

The event will be at the Links of Novi. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. and Shotgun (scramble format) at 1 p.m.

The awards banquet begins at 7 p.m. and features prizes and a silent auction of sports memorabilia including private suite tickets to the opening night of the Red Wings and 36 holes of golf for three at Oakland Hills.

Celebrity guests include former president of the PGA Warren "Mr. Rules" Orlick, former New York Yankee Bill Stafford and former Detroit Tiger Milt Wilcox.

Cost for golf and dinner for a foursome is \$800; for an individual the golf and dinner is \$160. Dinner alone is \$50 per person.

For information, call (734) 432-5421.

Health department has new address

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Health Department has moved.

A building near Merriman and Michigan Avenue in Westland that has housed the Health Department for the last 50 years is slated for demolition.

In July, the Health Department moved its administrative offices to 33030 Van Born, on the northwest corner of Venoy, in Wayne.

Wayne County commissioners recently approved an agreement with Oakwood Healthcare System of Dearborn for Wayne County to lease clinic space at Oakwood's Westland facility, 2001 S. Merriman Road.

Under the two-year agreement Wayne County will lease 2,826 square feet of space for \$115,866 in Oakwood's building located at

Palmer and Merriman and north of Inkster Valley Golf Course. That facility will serve 8,000 to 10,000 clients annually and provide immunizations, vaccines and family planning and treat sexually-transmitted diseases. No emergency service will be provided.

The building that used to house Wayne County's Library for the Blind, now will house county health administrators, according to Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Health Department.

"It is the first time (the health department) has moved in 54 years," Lawrenchuk said. "It was amazing and historical, some of the things we have found, like the minutes from the first Board of Health meeting."

While Wayne County provides health programs based on prevention, Oakwood will provide

primary care for sick patients, Lawrenchuk said.

"It's like 'one-stop' shopping. While they're there, they can take care of all their health care needs," said Lawrenchuk.

County commissioners also approved the following:

■ A five-year contract with a one-year renewal option with Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for \$1.2 million to manage the Wayne County Family Center in Westland.

■ A contract for \$38,750 with Michael Shirley Associates of Overland Park, Kan., to conduct a search for an executive director for the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

Wayne County Health Department's administrative phone number is (734) 727-7000. The Westland clinic's new phone number is (734) 727-7260.



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Crushed peppercorns make tuna steaks a sizzling treat

BY DANA JACOBI
SPECIAL WRITER

Chefs and food writers want us to care about the ingredients we use. They expect us to learn how the chickens we buy are raised, how the carrots at the supermarket are grown, and how our breakfast cereal is processed. They instruct us on the difference between coarse, kosher, and sea salt.

Favorite spice

But on pepper, all they generally say is: "Grind it yourself."

Pepper happens to be my favorite spice. While I don't carry a pepper mill around with me, I do season my own cooking with it generously.

Sometimes I even pop a whole peppercorn in my mouth, cracking it between my teeth to enjoy the unfolding complexity of flavors and the full hit of its glowing heat.



Simply delicious: Peppered Tuna Steak Smothered in Onions is a dish to remember.

Chefs have a good reason to recommend grinding pepper just

as you need it.

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Source of pepper

Black and white and green peppercorns are all the berries of the piper nigrum vine, native to India. Green peppercorns, usually sold dried or brined, are mature berries.

White peppercorns are both mature and fully ripe. Processing removes their outer skin and pulp, leaving the dried inner part of the berry.

Black peppercorns are mature too, but have been harvested before ripening completely. Spread out in the sun to dry,

their outer skin shrivels and blackens. This outer skin adds to the pungency and aroma of black pepper.

Today, peppercorns come from India, Malaysia, Indonesia and other tropical countries. Black Tellicherry pepper from the Malabar coast of India has the most complex flavor. Storing any vari-

ety of peppercorns in an airtight jar, away from light and heat will preserve its distinctive flavor.

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Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is the author of two cookbooks. The Institute focuses on the link between diet, nutrition and cancer.

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Open Letter to the Community:

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When a recent issue of the Detroit Free Press printed its "Grading the Groceries" section, I became outraged. My anger arose from the fact that so many consumers could easily be misled by the report and its findings. The report listed the names of the stores throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, their dates of inspection and the grades they received at that inspection, along with any food violations the store may have been cited for. Upon examination of the results one can find stores showing an E rating with no food violations versus a D rating with severe food violations and in one case, a C rated store that had pork seized from its premises (meaning that it was not fit for human consumption.)

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, stores are assigned a letter rating after each formal inspection. Regulators use the ratings to determine how often to inspect a store. A and B rated stores are to be inspected on a 12 month schedule, C rated stores are to be inspected on a 6 month cycle, D rated stores every 4 months and E rated stores every 2 months. However, upon careful review of the findings, it appears that in an overwhelming number of cases, inspections did not take place as scheduled. This leads me to question the validity of the findings presented in this section. I make no attempt to hide the fact that my Canton location has been cited for such violations as dust on the windowsills and the fans, crumbs on the floor and stained ceiling tiles. I have even gone as far as to post these violations on the front entrance of the store for examination by my customers. The question remains, however, how do the previously mentioned violations compare to a store that has been cited numerous times for meat and food contamination? Better yet, how does that store end up with an equal or better rating than Bob's of Canton?

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The Josephine Ford Cancer Center currently is involved in more than 160 cancer studies, including the use of suicide gene therapy for breast, prostate and brain cancer. Henry Ford Hospital is the only location in Michigan approved by the federal government to use monoclonal antibodies to fight cancer.

The toll-free number is 1-888-734-JFCC (5322). Calls are accepted from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Hospital Web site

Want to take some health classes, find a new doctor, review home medical equipment or apply for a job at Garden City Hospital? It's easy, just tune into the hospital's new Web site at URL <http://gchosp.org>.

Additionally, the site has a thorough section on medical education, reflecting the hospital's role as an osteopathic teaching institution. The calendar of events listing classes and other significant activities is regularly updated, and more than 250 physicians can be located on the Web site.

For more information, contact Terry Carroll, director of community relations, at (734) 458-4267.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach The Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events); Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field); and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories. To submit an item to our newspaper you can call, write, fax or e-mail us.

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HOW TO KEEP KIDS HEALTHY



Good hygiene, proper nutrition, sleep will help children stay well

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

From head lice to the flu, your child is bound to bring home something from school this year besides homework. While you cannot disease-proof kids, you can make them more disease-resistant by teaching them good hygiene and boosting their immune systems through proper rest and good nutrition.

"Tell children not to share with other children, biting off of sandwiches or drinking from the same pop bottle or glass," said Diane Case, a registered nurse with the Wayne County Department of Health's Disease Control Division.

"Wash your hands. Ninety percent (of communicable diseases) could be prevented if children just washed their hands," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Department of Health.

After that, it's a matter of luck. Starting about age 7, kids insist on doing things themselves, like bathing and washing their own hair. However, left to their own devices, kids are notorious shortcut-takers. They may wet their hair, but do they "wash" it?

Kids also are likely to run their fingers under a trickle of tap water and declare a major hand-washing. Sure, soap removes dirt and dried blood, but it's the friction—the wrist-to-fingertip, palm-rubbing action under running water—that dilutes germs and sends them spiraling down the drain.

"It's not the presence but the concentration," said Lawrenchuk about the potency of germs.

Head lice

If parents don't wash their children's hair or periodically inspect it, they may fail to spot head lice before it becomes a family infestation or is passed on to the schools. It often takes two to three weeks for symptoms to develop. While most people have itchy heads, many have no symptoms at all.

Head lice are tiny insects about 1/8th inch long that live on human heads. Unlike Superman, they do not travel by leaps and bounds, but rather crawl from hair to hair feeding on blood from scalp bites. Their color varies from light to dark tan.

Adult female lice lay tiny, grayish-white, tear-drop shaped eggs (nits), which they cement to hair shafts, usually within 1/4th inch from the scalp. The nits, usually found around the ears and the back of the neck,

hatch in seven to 10 days. Nit cases from hatched lice are translucent and found on hair shafts at any distance from the scalp.

While nits can be confused with dandruff on first sight, they cannot be removed easily. They are strongly glued to the hair.

Head lice are very democratic. Anyone can get them, rich or poor, clean or dirty. They are passed from one person to another in a variety of ways: head to head contact; sharing personal items like combs, hair decorations, towels, bedding, hats, coats and scarfs; placing heads on furniture, rugs, and car seats recently used by someone with head lice; and piling coats, hats, scarfs on top of each other.

"All the schools seem to have a major problem with it. In kindergarten and the lower grades, they hang all the coats together, and the lice can walk to another coat," said Casey.

Bombing your home or your child's classroom with a powerful delouser is not the answer and can be harmful to pets and humans. "They (head lice) have to reproduce on the head and get their blood meal. Off the head, they die in 72 hours. They're not sur-

dy creatures. They don't reproduce or lay eggs on the carpet," said Casey.

Winning the war

Special shampoos, hot water and a good vacuum are the best defense against head lice. Both prescription and non-prescription shampoos are available. Follow directions exactly, since overuse of these shampoos could have toxic effects.

Live lice usually die after the first shampoo; the second dose takes care of the remaining nits. "Eggs all hatch within seven days. That's why you wait the seven to 10 days for a second treatment," said Casey.

Family members should be checked daily for 10 days and treated if lice or nits are found. Also, some schools districts have a "no re-entry with nits" policy after the first shampoo.

While the humans are undergoing delousing, wash clothes and sheets used by an infested person in detergent and 130-degree water for 20 minutes or dry-clean clothes, including hats and scarves, to kill lice and nits. Larger items like pillows and comforters can be sealed in a plastic bag for several days.

Inspection

Your child's blue, green and brown eyes can easily turn pink under the right conditions.

Pink eye with pus (bacterial conjunctivitis) is caused by bacteria and can be a complication of a cold. It is spread through touch, something children love to do. Therefore, it is very important for infected children to wash their hands often and to have their own washcloths and towels.

Make sure to remove all the pus from the eyes with warm water and wet cotton balls before putting in any medicines. Otherwise, the medicines

will not work. Pink eye without pus is caused by a virus and requires rinsing the child's eyes with warm water as often as possible to keep a bacterial infection from occurring.

All sorts of things show up on a child's abdomen, including ringworm, chicken pox and measles, another reason to do a bath-time inspection. Casey said don't ignore a rash.

"If you notice something on your child or they itch, get them to the doctor. A lot of parents will let things go or they'll say it's probably the new soap."

Flu

Flu is highly contagious. Ninety percent of people who come in contact with the virus will become ill, according to Lawrenchuk. Symptoms usually begin within three days after a person inhales the virus.

Sneezes and coughs readily spread the airborne virus, which lives in the mouth and throat. Holding hands or kissing is another culprit. Also, the virus survives for hours in dried mucus on doorknobs, telephones, and faucets.

The severity of the flu season is unpredictable. Every few years, there's a major "antigenic" shift in the virus that defies immune systems and renders flu antibodies useless. "We are overdue for a worldwide epidemic," said Lawrenchuk.

Dr. Veena Sabharwal, chairwoman of pediatrics at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, said the flu season has been getting longer every year, often beginning in late September.

Most children she sees her private Livonia practice "go through the flu without any complications." Their symptoms include body aches, headaches, vomiting, diarrhea and a fever that ranges from 100 to 104 degrees and lasts from 24 hours to one week.

"Rest and proper hydration" are the best remedies along with non-aspirin pain and fever medication, she said. Occasionally, a secondary bacterial infection will set in—ear aches, sinus infection, bronchitis or pneumonia—requiring more intense medical care.

Neither Lawrenchuk nor Sabharwal recommends vaccinating healthy children against the flu; however, children with systemic diseases are the exception. These diseases include asthma, diabetes, and renal, cardiac and neurological problems. Also, children undergoing chemotherapy should be vaccinated.

For young children with a chronic disease, the vaccination is administered in two doses, one month apart. Older children get their vaccination in one dose.

Sure, the flu season is coming. We can run, but we can't hide. Don't panic. Sabharwal offers this simple, common-sense advice for warding off the flu:

"Good hygiene, good hand-washing and cleaning of utensils." She also recommends a hefty dose of sunshine and fresh air. "Do get out a lot. Open your windows. Fresh air is very important."

Wayne County is making progress in vaccinating its youngest residents. Five years ago, 70 percent of children 2 years old and under did not have all the required vaccinations.

"In 43 communities within Wayne County outside of Detroit, roughly 80 percent of our 2-year-olds are now immunized," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of the Wayne County Department of Health.

A new vaccine for Haemophilus Influenza Type B recently has been required by the state of Michigan for all children under 5 years who are enrolled in state-licensed preschools and day care centers, according to Lawrenchuk. This vaccine protects against a bacterial influenza that can lead to meningitis.

In consulting an immunization chart, Lawrenchuk reminds parents that doses are age-dependent. (A 2-month-old child would receive a lesser dose than a 6-month-old.) Always consult a physician about the correct dosage.

IMMUNIZATIONS	AGES 4-6	AGES 7-18
DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS & PERTUSSIS	4 doses are required. If a dose was not given on or after the 4th birthday, a booster dose of DTP is required. Most children will have 5 doses.	4 doses are required. If a dose was not given before 10 years, a booster dose of Td is required.
POLIO	3 doses are required. If the last dose was not given on or after the 4th birthday, a booster dose is required. Most children will have 4 doses.	3 doses are required.
MEASLES, MUMPS & RUBELLA	2 doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose and at or after 15 months of age.	2 doses are required. The 1st dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. The 2nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1st dose and at or after 15 months of age.
HEPATITIS B	Effective 2000/2001 school year, 3 doses are required.	Effective 2000/2001 school year, 3 doses are required.

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.

TUES, SEPT. 1

EATING DISORDERS
Garden City Hospital is offering a new support group for persons recovering from an eating disorder and for persons in need of peer support. Open to both males and females. Meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday, from Sept. 1-29. Call 458-3395.

WED, SEPT. 2

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
"Focus on Living," a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets from 7-8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650.

TUES, SEPT. 8

ACUPUNCTURE
Botsford General Hospital physician Jay Danto, D.O., will discuss acupuncture in treating pain, illness and addiction from 2-4 p.m. in the Zieger Center's Community Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5. Preregistration and prepayment

required by Sept. 4. Call (248) 471-8020.

IMPOTENCE

Help for Impotent Men (HIM) support group discusses "Women's Issues with Viagra" at 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavillion, Classroom 2 East A/B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Free. Call (248) 477-6100.

WED, SEPT. 9

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB
People with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month at the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth. Call (734) 712-6367.

THURS, SEPT. 10

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

MON, SEPT. 14

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

BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

Winning for Life, perfect Rx

Everyone wants to be a winner, and people in the medical field are no exception.

The Elysia Pefley Foundation and Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan are sponsoring "Winning for Life," an educational and entertaining evening for associates in the medical profession, 6-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Burton Manor in Livonia.

Learn to recognize intimidating behavior and enhance interpersonal relationships from Bob Burg, author of "Winning Without Intimidation." Enjoy entertainment by Three Men and a Tenor and place bids in the silent auction for sports memorabilia.

The event also hosts a Table Top Expo. Businesses wanting to exhibit can choose a sponsorship at the \$100, \$500 or \$1,000 level.

The Elysia Pefley Foundation is a Livonia-based volunteer organization dedicated to assisting seriously ill children and their families. Organizers hope to raise \$25,000 from the event, splitting the proceeds among their charities.

Tickets for "Winning for Life" are \$65 per person and include dinner. For more information about purchasing tickets or

exhibiting at the expo, call the Elysia Pefley Foundation at (888) 583-9914.

message therapy - to spend four to five weeks in Siberia, Russia, as part of an international group study exchange.

Applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 45 and have been actively engaged in their present business or profession on a full-time basis for at least two years. Application deadline is Sept. 16. Contact Bill Cameron of the Livonia Rotary at (734) 522-2643.

To Russia with love

The Rotary Clubs of District 6400, which covers southeastern Michigan and Ontario, Canada, are seeking four outstanding professional men and women in the health care field - administration, treatment or counseling, nursing, pharmacy, physical or

'Steps to Greatness' seminar will feature author/speaker

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce is going all out to make sure its Oct. 8 "Steps to Greatness" business sales-motivation seminar at the Burton Manor in Livonia is a huge success.

Nationally recognized author and "Million Dollar Round Table" motivational speaker Bob Burg is the seminar's headline speaker.

"This will be one of the largest events the Livonia chamber has put on. We invite all sales, marketing and customer service professionals to attend," said chamber President Rod Crider.

The seminar, which runs from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., will teach attendees how cultivate "endless" referrals, discern a quality lead, reach goals without using intimidation, and maintain integrity in sales.

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

Chamber member June Brokos, owner of Marketing Paradigm Inc. in Livonia and one of the event's organizers, said the chamber is hoping for an attendance of at least 800. Every business owner and employee from Livonia and surrounding communities - "from the novice to the seasoned pro-

fessional" - is welcome to attend.

Brokos heard Burg speak at a motivational sales seminar in Chicago and decided his speaking ability and professional credentials would be an asset for the Livonia chamber.

"You don't have to send sales professionals out of town. We have it right here. Anybody in customer service would benefit. It (the seminar) teaches them sales techniques and how to talk to customers," she said.

Burg will do double duty at the seminar. In his morning presentation, "Endless Referrals," Burg will answer the question most asked by business and salespeople: "Who do I talk to next now that my list of prospects is running out?"

His afternoon session, "Winning Without Intimidation," will focus on how to master the art of



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positive persuasion. He'll share his secrets on how to get what you want, when you want it, and from whom you want it - all this while making the other person happy.

In addition to authoring two books, "Winning Without Intimidation" and "Endless Referrals," Burg is a former television news anchor and a seasoned radio and television talk show guest. He has appeared on several network programs, including Montel, Rolonda, First Word with Maureen O'Boyle, and CBS Radio CNN-FM.

His business clients include Merrill Lynch, Marriott Corp., New York Life Insurance Company and Coldwell Banker. He also has been a participant in the Peter Love International Success Series.

In addition to Burg, Rich Levinson of RHL Associates in Southfield and Robert Shenefelt, president of White North Distribution Services in Livonia, will conduct sessions on qualifying prospects and developing sales integrity.

The Observer Newspapers is a co-sponsor of the event. Also on the team of Steps to Greatness sponsors are Nextel Communications, Exhibit Works, Citizens Bank and Walsh College.

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

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Questions about the Internet prompt these interesting answers

There was yet another big survey about online use released the other day, this one estimating that some 71 million people in North America are now regular users of the Internet. Similarly, America Online announced last week that membership in its service alone now exceeds 13 million subscribers.



MIKE WENDLAND

The Net continues to grow and has become such a huge part of our lives that some definite problems are cropping up, too.

Consider three typical e-mail questions I have received. Because they touch on increasingly common themes, I also offer up my answers.

Q: Is it possible to be addicted to the Internet? My wife and I went online about a year ago as a way to stay in touch with the world and learn some computer skills. But it's all she seems to do now. The house is a mess. She's on the computer when I leave for work, and several nights a week, she's still on the computer when I go to bed. When is it too much?

A: Sounds like in your case, it's way past too much. Yes, there really is such a thing as being addicted to the Internet. It's not a joking matter, either. The Canadian Medical Association has even come up with an official name and description: "Internet Addiction Disorder (IAD). Symptoms include loss of control, craving and withdrawal symptoms, social isolation, marital discord, academic failure, excessive financial debt and job termination."

You didn't tell me just what your wife is doing on the Net, whether she's surfing, caught up in chat rooms or e-mail lists, but whatever it is, you need to have a serious talk with her. I'm not Ann Landers but I'd also suggest some counseling. There is something about the Net and its interactive yet impersonal nature that brings out a real obsessive/compulsive behavior in some people. Your problem is not that unusual.

A University of Pittsburgh researcher named Kimberly Young specializes in studying Internet addiction. She delivered a report to the American Psychological Association and told of a divorce that occurred because a spouse chose the computer over their mate.

"The husband finally said, 'It's either the computer or me,'"

said Young. "She chose the computer and divorced him." Young conducted an online survey and, using the same criteria used to determine addiction to drugs and gambling, identified almost 400 users who were psychologically dependent on the Internet.

They ranged in age from 14-70 and spent an average of 38.6 hours online every week. She said that rooms were the biggest draw to Net junkies, who assume different roles under assumed names and act out, online, their fantasies. Some users have "virtual sex," others have actually met their Net lovers in person and begin real affairs.

Whatever your wife may be doing, it's not healthy. Get her some help.

Q: I have a son, 14. I thought he was innocent but I recently found by accident some porn stored on the computer. He's a good kid, but what's the best way to protect him? Educate him? And show him the right direction re: computers? He has a talent. Do I need some software to guard him against further problems?

A: First, don't think you're alone. Like the rest of the world, Cyberspace has some pretty rotten places, or neighborhoods. Your son obviously wandered into "the wrong part of town," or he was lured there by friends.

Yes, there is software available that will make it more difficult to him to get into places with objectionable material. SurfWatch (www.surfwatch.com) is one excellent filtering program that is available. So is a program called Net Nanny (www.netnanny.com).

And Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser has some effective ways to screen out content, too.

Don't forget to check out your hard drive for any files or pictures that he may have downloaded. You'll want to delete them and then do a regular inventory every couple of weeks.

But the best way ... the absolute best ... is for you to make sure you know how to use the computer and the Internet, too. Then, spend some time online with your son. Ask him to show you around Cyberspace. Learn and explore together. It's a great way to spend quality time together. Kids learn quickly and they take to computers naturally.

Over the years, I've found that the best way to keep our kids' Cyberspace activities healthy and productive is to first know what's out there ourselves ... so when our kids do start to head

off into the "bad neighborhoods," we are familiar enough with the turf to call them, back. Good luck.

Q: How do I know I'm not being ripped off when I buy something on the Internet?

A: Use the same criteria you use when you buy anything. Just because a Web site looks slick and professional, doesn't mean it's reliable. Look the site over carefully. Is there a real bona fide address? Be leery of people who only use postal boxes.

Is there a telephone number to call? If not, that tells you the Net company doesn't want you to be

able to reach them. Do they have a track record? If they've been in business over a couple of years, you should find other references to them by doing a search in their name.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has found more than 500 sites on the World Wide Web that are running pyramid and other scams on the Net. They've put a lot of good educational material on the FTC Web site (www.ftc.gov/pyramid) that you should check into.

Also visit the Better Business Bureau site (www.bbb.org) and a very aggressive site called Inter-

net Scambusters (www2.scambusters.org) that exposes the very latest Net rip-offs and archives the old.

Upcoming appearances:

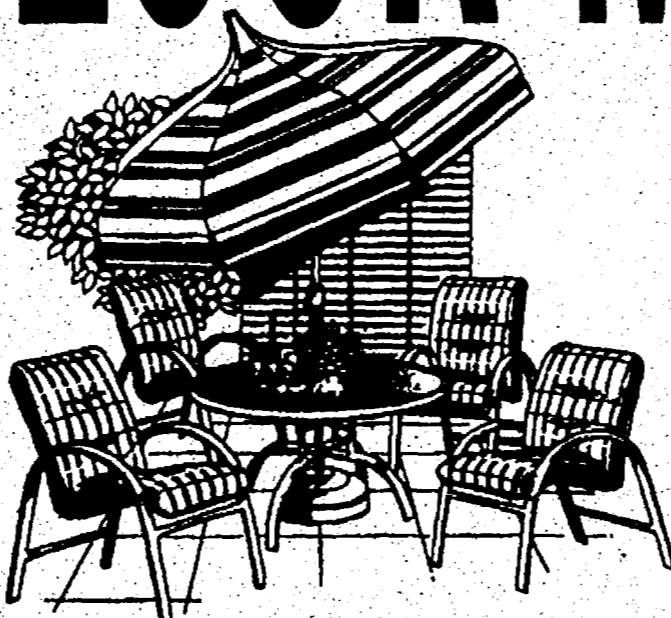
Today, Sunday, Aug. 30, I'll be broadcasting the PC Talk Radio show live from 4-6 p.m. at the Detroit Zoo. It's part of the WXYT Radio Lionfest event and members of the Detroit Lions football team will be on hand to sign autographs.

And, looking ahead, on September 26th, I'll be teaching a two-hour seminar on Computers and the Internet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Cafe Domain,

Washington and Fourth Street, in Royal Oak. Because space is limited, you must register to attend. Call the PC Mike Seminar line at (248) 423-2721. Hope to see you there.

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Newschannel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday 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>

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Or, you can choose the newest addition - glucose tablets. Glucose tablets are a delicious, fast acting energy supplement containing no fat or cholesterol.

Sports nutritionists also recommend that you eat a high-carb snack during the first half hour after exercise. These snacks are important because they help your muscles recover.

And make sure to eat a nutritious, well balanced meal a couple of hours after working out to complete your successful sports fueling program.

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LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Join the Plymouth Chorus in its 25th year

When Michael Gross joined the Plymouth Community Chorus as musical director and conductor in 1978, he had no idea the group would grow from 24 to 125 members. His task now is to find chorus members from the last 25 years to help celebrate the group's anniversary at a gala banquet and dance Friday, Oct. 2.

"There have been so many singers to come in and out of the chorus over the years," said Gross of Canton. "There have been hundreds of members, and we want to find as many as we can."

Leading the way

Gross took the reins of the chorus after William Grimmer retired. Grimmer, then choral director at East Middle School, founded the Plymouth Community Chorus in 1973. One of the great stories Gross tells is about Dolores Roth an original chorus member now living in California. At a final rehearsal before a concert, Roth tried to smooth over rough areas the chorus was experiencing by reminding them, "we always sound better in our dresses."

Plymouth Community Chorus

What: The chorus is looking for former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala banquet and special commemorative program. For more information, call (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

When: 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2.

Where: Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. The chorus holds open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at rehearsals in First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. Especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones with some openings for altos and sopranos. Call (734) 455-4080.

To this day when rehearsal isn't going well, Gross often puts the chorus at ease by reminding them not to worry, "they'll sing better with their dresses on." His comment always makes the men and women in the chorus laugh.

"What I've enjoyed the most has been the people I've come in contact with through the years," said Gross. "The people who sing in the chorus are extremely dedicated and talented, and we really try to approach our performances with the highest of standards. Mediocrity is not an acceptable standard in PCC."

Musical memories

Musically, three occasions stand out in Gross' twenty years of leading the chorus — earning second place in the Great American Choral Festival several years ago in Plymouth; leading the chorus in a performance of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein tunes with original orchestrations; and being invited to sing at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in 1995.

The chorus also sang at the Jefferson Memorial, on the Capitol steps and at Arlington National Cemetery, where they laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"Also memorable was singing from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and to have people all around listening, and just knowing those historic figures walked in those places," said Gross, who studied piano, voice and conducting at Eastern Michigan University.

The chorus has also performed with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and at Tiger Stadium. Their next concert is a benefit for the Brighton Cen-

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Inaugural festival nourishes Pontiac's cultural rebirth



Festival braintrust: "Art, Beats & Eats" has evolved from a taste fest to a full-fledged festival. Event organizers include Steve Weikal, (left to right), Lisa Konikow, Jonathan Witz and Chuck Uzelac.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Whatever was in the food at Colangelo's in Pontiac last December when Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson strolled in for dinner is worth investigating.

Perhaps years from now when "Arts, Beats & Eats" — held for the first time this Labor Day weekend — is mentioned in the same breath as the Chicago Taste Fest and Denver's Cherry Creek Art Festival, the story will have become a full-blown legend.

According to the emerging folklore, the idea for "Arts, Beats & Eats" was initially broached as Patterson and restaurant owner Ernie Colangelo discussed a proposed taste festival that would feature the growing number of restaurants in Oakland County. In only a few months, the idea admittedly borrowed from the annual Detroit Taste Fest evolved into a multicultural fine arts, culinary and musical extravaganza.

"The idea just kept getting bigger," said Steve Weikal, director of Oakland

County Arts, Culture and Film. "It had to be insanely big to get people's attention."

On Labor Day weekend, the festival will stop evolving long enough to spotlight 130 artists from around the U.S., more than 30 local restaurants, and nearly 60 local and national musical acts.

The much-anticipated celebration is widely considered as the long-sought catalyst to transform downtown Pontiac, said Chuck Uzelac, president of the Pontiac Downtown Business Association.

"In the short-term, it's a

lot of work, but when people come they'll find out what's been going on in Pontiac," said Uzelac of Bloomfield Hills, who opened a downtown gallery two years ago.

"Our downtown is a microcosm of the festival," he said. "We have a great downtown. We're not trying to build one."

'90s-style fest

Essentially, "Arts, Beats & Eats" is the definitive '90s-style festival — eclectic in taste and driven from the grassroots.

"We've taken a broad vision of what represents

the culture of the county and thrown our resources behind it," said Weikal.

However, those "resources" haven't translated into public funding. Projected revenue of \$550,000 for the festival will be derived solely from corporate sponsors.

More specifically, Patterson's support has translated into a ride on his political coattails. Half of the sponsors, said Weikal, are referrals from the county executive.

While some may contend that the lack of public seed money might jeopardize long-term plans, event producer Jonathan Witz said the timing and wide support of the festival guarantees corporate sponsors for years ahead.

"This will not look like any other festival. Each component of the festival can stand alone," said Witz, former event producer for Clubland in downtown Detroit.

"People need to see Pontiac as a destination point."

About 50,000 people per day are expected for the four-day festival, said Witz. The key measure of suc-

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Arts, Beats & Eats

What: "Arts, Beats & Eats," featuring 120 fine artists, 35 local restaurants and 65 local and national musical acts.

When: Labor Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7

Where: Downtown Pontiac, along Saginaw Street

Admission: Free, call (248) 584-4177, or artsbeats-seats.com on the web for more information. Proceeds benefit Lighthouse of Oakland County, Pontiac Rescue Mission, Dittich Foundation, Fancub Foundation for the Arts, Rainbow Connection, Boys and Girls Club of N. Oakland County, Haven, and Chrysler Oakland Arts Fund.



Grassroots eclecticism: The first annual "Arts, Beats & Eats" features 130 fine artists from around the country. The show features a range of media and styles, including Jack Brumbaugh's drawings and Jeanne Nash's fiber works.



Art show draws community together

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Seglinda Pritchard looks forward to Art on the Green every Labor Day as a way of reconnecting with the community. Hosted by the Franklin Arts Coun-

Art on the Green

What: The Franklin Arts Council's 18th annual art fair featuring 78 artists and live entertainment by one-man band Renle Kauffmann and guitarists Sean Blackman and John Arnold (latin, folk, blues). Proceeds benefit Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December.

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. Admission is free.

Where: Franklin Village Green; (west of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads). For information, call (248) 644-5832, ext. 449.

Local artists exhibiting: Carole Berhorst, clay; Elena Arnooutova, painting; Emi Watts, Japanese brushpainting; and Sue Walton, fiber. Bloomfield Hills; R.E. Saley, Troy; Marcy and Michael Feldman, and Nina Mann, Southfield; Cheryl Gleason, Franklin; Marcia Hovland, Royal Oak; Susan Papezian Cobb, fiber; Barbara Abel, photography; Bruce Migdall, pastels and Kathy Phillips, watercolor; West Bloomfield; Celia Block, Farmington; David Tyndall, painting; Beverly Hills; Cynthia Frost; mixed media, Waterford; and Sara Hicks, floor canvases, Pontiac.

cil, the 18th annual arts and crafts show features 78 painters, sculptors, photographers and clay, glass, fiber, and wood artists.

"Art on the Green is a day of reunion in the community as people come back from wherever their summer has taken them," said Pritchard, a former chairman. "Art on the Green celebrates art and life. It's a day for community and to pick up something beautiful for the home."

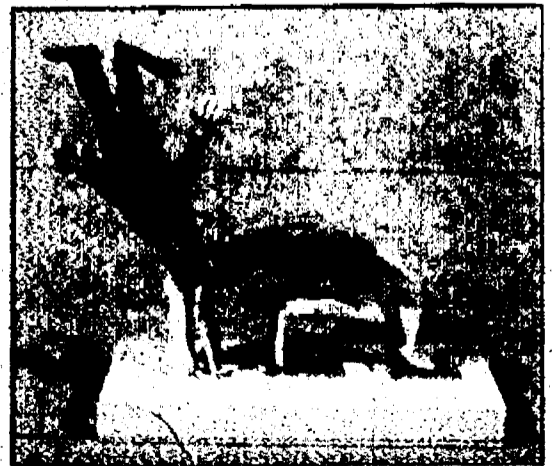
Art on the Green chairwoman Peggy Kerr is proud that show proceeds benefit community programs such as the Very Special Arts Michigan touring art exhibit. In the past, the arts council has used show profits to help support Michigan Opera Theatre programs for children, and to bring the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra into Pontiac Schools.

This year's recipients of booth fees will be Very Special Arts Michigan, Birmingham Groves High School art programs, and children's art activities for Franklin's "Holly Day" in December. "There's no charge to get in, but artist fees help fund community art

programs," said Kerr, Franklin Arts Council president. "Very Special Arts provides arts programs for children and adults with disabilities. As an added attraction we'll have a tent full of art by these children and adults."

"The money makes a difference in a small kind of way," added Pritchard.

For George Landino's students at



Seeing stars: George Landino will create whimsical folk art, including these popular kissing figures.

Students jam with pros at Montreux

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Education has always been a component of the Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival taking place Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit.

In addition to performing, college and high school jazz musicians spend time with professional musicians. Matt Michaels of Southfield, director of Jazz Studies and an associate professor at Wayne State University, said high school and college students "love to share the stage with professionals." He compares it to athletics. Any student of golf would love to play on the pro tour. Same with musicians — they love to jam with the pros.

Educational programs include performances by the high schools and college bands, seven workshops on jazz improvisation at the Pepsi Jam Academy and a chance for students to meet and talk to performers.

Meet the Artist

"Meet the Artist" sessions involve singer Dennis Rowland, Detroit bop veterans Louis Hayes and Curtis Fuller, and the grandson of Duke Ellington, Paul, current leader of the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

"Jazz is just a great training ground for any type of music career," said Michaels. "You are really playing contemporary music... today's music."

Most of the WSU jazz ensemble students "come from the suburbs" according to Michaels who plays with a quartet every Thursday at Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills.

Michaels' 18-piece jazz band will play for one hour on the Main Stage on Labor Day. He plans on using a lot of student versions of jazz pieces in the show. "Many of the arrangements are very good," he said.

Jack Pierson, retired Dearborn Public Schools teacher and resident of Livonia until recently, emphasizes that the students not only get the opportunity to play to an audience, but also to participate in the clinics and "talk to the artist" sessions.

Pierson is executive secretary to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, and takes pride in the high school and college participation at Montreux.

"The 'meet the artists' sessions are especially important. They give the students a chance to meet with the professionals, ask them about the life of a musician, how they got started." The improv sessions also play a valuable role.

"It used to be kids could learn at improv sessions...they are just not as available as they once were," said Pierson. "At ours they can exchange ideas with other students."

The seven clinic/workshops/improv sessions are scheduled either right before or right after the high school bands to facilitate student participation.

Big band

Pierson added that band directors feel the clinics are "very beneficial" to the students. Directors also get to see and hear the latest at the festival.

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Gold and silver: Charlotte Quinn designs contemporary fine jewelry on the cutting edge.

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tures he's been creating full time since retiring in 1997. Landino taught art at Birmingham Groves High School for 38 years.

His work reflects on family and community so it fits naturally with the show's concept of drawing people together. The West Bloomfield artist grew up in household of 18 where he learned early to create his own games and toys because his Italian immigrant family was so poor. Having a sense of humor was important as well. The family shared one bathroom and everyone had to schedule a time.

"I was the youngest," said Landino. "You had to make everything."

From a tongue-in-cheek wall piece featuring the yellow cabs and skyscrapers people think of when they think about New York, to a sculpture of Noah carrying an armful of animals up a hill to the ark as his wife is

about to be swallowed by a giant wave, Landino's art makes people chuckle.

The most popular pieces this year are his kissing figures ("it's a neat, romantic thing"). The American Craft Gallery in New Jersey recently ordered 30 of the sculptures in six different poses. Locally, Landino's sports figures, cowboys and Indians, airplanes, animals, Moses and the 10 Commandments, and Adam and Eve, and the serpent were best sellers at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs in July. Landino expects them to do as well at Art in the Park in Birmingham, Sept. 12-13. Landino designed this year's Art in the Park T-shirt.

"I try to get into subjects everyone can relate to, but nothing too heavy," said Landino. "Part of it is for my children and grandchildren to understand. They look at it and then I tell them the story."

Harmony

Husband and wife Charlotte and Harlan Quinn prove the family that creates together, stays together. Charlotte began designing jewelry more than 25 years ago after graduating with a master's degree in metal and design from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. That's where she met Harlan, who will exhibit animal sculptures alongside her.

Crafted in Quinn's Birmingham studio, the one-of-a-kind neck pieces, rings, earrings, and bracelets, some set with precious and semi-precious stones from diamonds to peridot, garnet, citrine, and amethyst, are sold to galleries nationally. Quinn also exhibits at Art in the Park in Birmingham in May, and at shows in Charlevoix and Royal Oak.

"It's a contemporary fine jewelry of gold and silver, and also some

materials on the cutting edge such as slate and neoprene, and reticulated silver," said Quinn. "For me, it always should be a leading edge design, not what you'd see in commercial jewelry. You always have to experiment with new techniques and seek new directions."

This is the first year Harlan is showing his art even though he earned a master's degree in painting and sculpture from Cranbrook. A computer analyst by day, Harlan exhibits clay sculptures of cheetahs, frogs, wart hogs, and meerkats.

"Our house is very much devoted to art with our studios and collecting art. The only drawback to working in a home studio is working weekends and evenings, but generally I work 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to make it a serious business. You can make a profession out of this."

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cess, however, might be how many return after the festival.

County initiative

Unlike trendy Royal Oak and upscale Birmingham, downtown Pontiac is distinguished by a grittiness that combines a sense of manufacturing history and a budding sense of possibility.

"Pontiac is not only the geographical center of the county, it's the last historic cityscape (in Oakland County) to get buffed up and become hip," said Weikal.

Since early February when a marketing campaign began promoting Pontiac as the "SoHo of the Suburbs," there's been a growing buzz.

By the time of his state of the county address in late February, Patterson elevated the festival as one of the top three initiatives for Oakland County along with expanding efforts to promote the county's automated businesses, and helping to establish a health-care program for small businesses.

While the "SoHo in the Suburbs" campaign has given Pontiac an identity, Witz contends that "Arts, Beats & Eats" gives the downtown area a personality.

"Once we get through the first festival we'll have a more regular pace," said Witz. "We've done a year's worth of planning in five months."

Lingering crowds

A critical component of elevating the quality of fine art included in "Arts, Beats & Eats" was enlisting the help of Lisa Konikow, former director/owner of Xochipillia Gallery in Birmingham.

In a consultant's role, Konikow of Franklin has put together an impressive range of 125 artists from around the country. Many of the works, contends Konikow, are on the "quality level" of gallery exhibits.

In conjunction with the artists booths, the downtown Pontiac streets will feature artists represented by local Pontiac galleries.

"This is one of the few places in the country where there are all types of media - painting, glass, furniture, fiber, clay," said Chuck Uzelac, who recently expanded his business, Uzelac Gallery, into a storefront space on Saginaw Street.

A few weeks after the Dream Cruise brought an influx of people to Pontiac, event organizers are anxious and optimistic about the broad appeal of "Arts, Beats & Eats."

If they serve the dish ordered by L. Brooks Patterson at that prescient dinner at Colangelo's in late December, who knows how long the crowds will stick around.

For information about the music lineup, please see the O&E's Entertainment section on Thursday.

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Pierson will be conducting the Michigan All State Big Band, which features top high school players, 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, on the Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage.

Eleven other high school bands are scheduled to perform, including the group from Divine Child High School in Dearborn directed by Christopher Blackmer of Westland.

"I am excited to be involved in the planning for this," said Pierson. "Another great thing for student players: each band gets a taped and written critique of their performance from professionals."

WSU Sextet

The Wayne State University Sextet, which includes Rochester Hills resident Norine Castine, is also playing at Montreux. She plays piano in the six-piece combo that includes electronic base, drums, trumpet, trombone and tenor sax. The other players, all male, are also students.

Castine who graduates in December, currently plays solo and with groups in the area, and

teaches piano for Annie's World, a Rochester music store.

"I've been going to Montreux since its inception ... almost my pre-teen years. I believe it is one of the greatest things Detroit has to offer. I've been to other festivals on the east coast. It is a real credit to Detroit and to the organizers of this ... the great thing is you can still get in free, and hear big name players."

She said the combo would play some student arrangements and some standards. She thinks the student venues are a key part of Montreux.

"I missed the opportunity to play in high school. It is an incredible opportunity for any young person to play; it is an honor."

Castine and her fellow musicians will play 45-minute sets 5:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Kowalski Riverfront Cafe.

The Dearborn Henry Ford Community College Big Band will also play at Montreux with vocals by the Evergreen Blues Quartet. HFCC is scheduled to play 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 on the Hudson's Live Jazz stage.

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ter for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Sept. 20.

"Over the years the chorus has changed in that we're not afraid to tackle any style of music," said Gross. "Contemporary music presented problems for a while, but now we don't shy away from it anymore."

Gross strives for a mix of classics and contemporary music when programming concerts. His first priority is "the audience, that they're enjoying the music and being entertained. Secondly, he selects "something that offers the chorus a challenge."

Stan Kovacheff joined the Plymouth Community Chorus seven years ago. He says there is about a 20 percent turnover every concert because some members only sing at the Christmas concert and not in the spring. A Plymouth resident, Kovacheff is proud to be a member of the chorus which annually awards scholarships to promising young vocalists. Grimmer presented the first award in his name in 1984. He died several years later.

In the past 20 years, members have paid for Gross to take workshops and seminars with leading choral directors and musicians to expand their conductor's knowledge. In turn, the chorus figures it will continue to grow.

"There's a lot of loyalty and it's an excellent chorus," said Kovacheff. "Michael's an excellent leader so you're not just rehearsing but learning how to correctly present choral music. Of course you have to audition, so we have excellent voices."

The chorus begins rehearsals with open auditions for new members Tuesday, Sept. 8 at

First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. The chorus draws singers from 26 communities including Troy, West Bloomfield, Westland, Ann Arbor, Brighton, and Howell.

One of the 12 original members, Joyce Hamilton, lives in Livonia and loves to sing. She has never read a note of music in her life, but that doesn't seem to matter. Neither does the fact, she can't remember why she originally joined the chorus.

"That was 25 years ago," said Hamilton. "I've stayed with it all these years because I enjoy singing and because I enjoy just getting together with the people."

The spring concert is Hamilton's favorite. She enjoys singing selections from "Phantom of the Opera" and newer musicals with the chorus. In honor of the 25th anniversary, the chorus recorded "Broadway Magic" earlier this summer. It will be available at the gala celebration for \$15 CD, \$10 cassette.

Lantha Stonestreet is the longest continuous member having joined the chorus in 1974. Ever since singing in the choirs at Mumford High School and Macomb Community College, Stonestreet longed to join in a fellowship of music again. "I've enjoyed and made many friends," said Stonestreet. "The music is an outlet. It releases stress. It uplifts the spirit. Plus you give enjoyment to other people."

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.



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

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

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

BERKLEY ART & ANTIQUES SHOW
Food, art, antiques and children's activities. Free admission, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 12 Mile Road (between Coolidge and Greenfield). (248) 584-0253 or (248) 548-8881.

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

WALLED LAKE'S ANNUAL MARKET DAY
More than 150 craft exhibits, food and family entertainment, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Free admission. Downtown Walled Lake, East Walled Lake Drive, Liberty and Market streets; (248) 624-4847.

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

AUDITION /CALL FOR ARTISTS

BIRMINGHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS
Auditions for 'She Loves Me,' which runs Nov. 14-28. Audition 7:30 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, Sept. 8 & 10:15 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, east side of Woodward, Birmingham. Contact Lee Sechler, (248) 642-5635.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
'100 Creative Hands: Festival of Arts,' presented by the Ladies of Gold and the Search for Life, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and recruiting potential bone marrow donors. Festival held Oct. 24-25 at Focus: HOPE Conference Center, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit. Interested artists send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to: '100 Creative Hands,' Festival of Arts, P.O. Box 37290 Oak Park, MI 48237. Deadline: Sept. 1, 1998.

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

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITORS FOR ART FAIR
Fine artists and crafters needed for show on Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4 at St. George Cultural Hall, Maple Rd.



Textile art: Lauren Gregersen-Brown is one of six artists showing work in 'Merging Boundaries,' an exhibition opening Sept. 3 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 West Liberty, (734) 994-8004. Meet the artists, all graduates of Cranbrook Academy of Art, at a reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. The show continues to Sunday, Oct. 4.

at John R. Troy. For information; (248) 932-5636.

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET
Auditions dancers for its 1998-99 season Sunday, Aug. 30 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia-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. There is a \$5 non-refundable audition fee. The company performs 'The Nutcracker' in December. For information, call (734) 464-7310.

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

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
Auditions for children and dogs for production of 'The Miracle Worker,' 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30. Roles to be cast: Helen Keller (female, age 8-12), Martha (African-American girl, age 8-13), blind girls at Perkins Institute, (ages 8-13), and Jimmie (Male, age 6-9). Children should prepare a one-minute memorized monologue or poem, and be prepared for physical improvisation. Dogs will be auditioned from 6-6:30 p.m. Appointments only, (248) 370-3310.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Auditions for 1998-99 season featuring Mozart's 'Vespers' and Brahms' 'German Requiem,' 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 134 Varner Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 370-2030 or (248) 370-2038.

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

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

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

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

CHORALE / CHOIR

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

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART CENTER
Fall community open house to introduce instructors noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, art demonstrations. Fall classes begin Sept. 14. Formerly known as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham; (248) 644-0866.

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

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

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

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, and printmaking begin Sept. 5. (313) 730-5960.

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

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

LONGACRE HOUSE - ART CLASSES
Range of art classes, including watercolor, drawing and collecting pottery. Hand quilting and applique taught by Lynn Van Nest, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays Sept. 14-Nov. 2; fee: \$72. Mask-making, ages 18 and up; 7:15-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21. Private voice lessons from instructor Bessie Koursaris, all skill and age levels: by appointment between 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16-Oct. 21 or Nov. 4-Dec. 16; fee: \$210. The Longacre House of Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. To register, (248) 477-8404.

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

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

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

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

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

MUSEUMS (ON-GOING)

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM
Through Sept. 6 - 'Cranbrook Intimate Space: Photography by Gene Meadows.' 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (248) 645-3314.

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

U-M MUSEUM OF ART
Through Sept. 2 - 'Jim Dow: The National League Stadiums,' a photography exhibit. 525 S. State Street, Ann Arbor; (734) 764-0395.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Sept. 6 - 'Japanese Resist-Dyed Textiles: Yuzen and Shibori,' an exhibit of Japanese textiles. Through Oct. 18 - 'The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican,' an exhibit of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century. Hours: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; (313) 833-7900.

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

MUSEUM DOCENTS
Volunteers to conduct school tours for grades 3-1, special pre-school tours and tours to the general public and adult groups. Volunteers receive extensive training, including one-and-a-half days of class per week from September-June. For information, (313) 833-9178.

FILM

DOCUMENTARY
'The Hudson's Building,' written and produced by Gary Glaser of Troy and Dave Toorongian, and directed by Glaser, will be re-broadcast 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 on WTWS (Channel 56).

EXHIBIT (OPENING)

PCAC GALLERY
Aug. 31 - 'Familiar Faces,' portraits by Plymouth photographer Jill Andra Young, Through Sept. 18. Plymouth Community Arts Council Gallery, Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 744 N. Sheldon, Plymouth; (734) 455-7787.

MILLER'S ART CENTER GALLERY
Sept. 1 - Drawings and paintings by Birmingham artist Lenore Gimpert. Through Sept. 31. 279 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. (248) 414-7070.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Sept. 4 - Glass sculptures of Jaromir Rybak and Cristen Vellicky. Through Sept. 26. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac.

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

UZELAC GALLERY
Sept. 4 - Figurative oil paintings of William Barnhart, Through Sept. 26. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 332-5257.

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS

(ON-GOING)

THE ANDERSON GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - 'Africa: The Art of a Continent,' 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 335-4811.

ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
Through Aug. 31 - 'POP-ISM,' an exploration of icons of popular culture, featuring Michigan artists Madeleine Barkey, Deborah Friedman and AWOL. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor; (734) 994-8004.

ARIANA GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - A variety of bug oriented arts. Exhibit is also held throughout the Royal Oak Business District in downtown. 119 S. Main, Royal Oak; (248) 546-8810.

CAFE DOMAIN
Through Aug. 31 - 'Children's Insect Art Show.' 308 S. Washington, Royal Oak; (248) 545-7165.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Aug. 31 - Glass sculpture of Antoine Leperlier and Janusz Walentynowicz. 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (248) 333-2060.

HERMITAGE GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - 'Santa Margherita' by Sam Parks, serigraph on canvas. 235 Main Street, Rochester; (248) 656-8559.

LIVONIA FINE ARTS GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - Watercolor artist Elbert C. Weber of Livonia. Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road; (734) 421-7238.

NETWORK
Through Aug. 31 - 'Trans,' an exhibit that investigates changes beyond boundaries by fiber artists. 7 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac; (248) 334-3911.

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
Through Aug. 31 - 3 p.m., 'Patricia DeBoer Groenenboom: A Retrospective.' 38840 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia; (734) 464-6302.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Sept. 5 - Annual Pewabic Students, Faculty and Staff exhibit. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit; (313) 822-0954.

SUMMIT PLACE MALL
Through Aug. 31 - Photographer David McIay's lighthouses, waterfalls and animal life. POSA Gallery in the Summit Place Mall, M-59 & Telegraph Rd., Waterford; (810) 683-8897.

PARK WEST
Through Sept. 3 - Animation art exhibit, featuring the work of Chuck Jones, creator of Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote, and other Looney Tunes. 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; (248) 354-2343.

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Sept. 4 - Abstract paintings and collage works by Sasha Kwaselov. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield; (248) 424-9022.

CRAIG GALLERY
Through Sept. 5 - 'Therese Swann, A Retrospective.' 801 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale; (248) 548-5367.

CREATIVE ART CENTER
Through Sept. 7 - 'Richard Wilt: A Retrospective.' 47 Williams Street, Pontiac; (248) 333-7849.

THE PRINT GALLERY
Through Aug. 31 - 'Willi's Wine Bar,' posters imported from the Paris wine bar, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield; (248) 356-5454.

GALLERY 212
Through Sept. 6 - 'Earthbound,' an exhibit by Kit Eagal. 212 S. Main, Ann Arbor; (734) 665-8224.

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

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

CASS CAFE
Through Sept. 30 - Drawings and painting of Robert Bailey, Sherry Moore, Kathleen Rasid. 4620 Cass Ave., Detroit; (313) 831-1400.

Malls & Mainstreets



Write on: Omas pens celebrate "Return to the Motherland - The Hong Kong Collection," at Crane & Co.

Fine pens spur passion



SHOPPING CENTERED

When I take notes for my column, or make out my grocery list, or doodle while talking on the phone, it's usually with a cheap, plastic, ballpoint pen.

I have two very nice Cross pen and pencil sets, but I rarely take them out of my desk. It's not that I don't like them

- I do. It's just that I'm afraid that if I use them, I'll lose them, because I'm notorious for losing pens.

Come to find out, maybe I lose a lot of pens because I use the really inexpensive kind. Carlyle Smith, manager of Crane & Co. pen and stationery store at the Somerset Collection in Troy, carries a fine fountain pen with him every day. He said he's not afraid to use it or to lend it out briefly when customers ask to borrow a pen. "If you use a fine pen," he said, "you tend to keep track of it and people are more apt to give it back when you loan it out. They're less likely to walk off with it, because they'll notice that it's a nice pen and sometimes they'll even make comments about it."

Gina Gajda-Tweed, manager of the Colorado Pen Co. store at Twelve Oaks mall in Novi, agrees.

"When you value something, you become more aware of it, whether it's a pen or a piece of jewelry," she said. Like fine jewelry, fine pens can range anywhere from about \$100 to thousands of dollars.

In general, the things that set them apart from less expensive pens include: the materials of which they're crafted (gold, silver and glass; for example, as opposed to plastic); the way they fit and feel in the hand (the pen should feel light and balanced), better ink flow technology and the overall look of the pen (some have special, limited edition designs). Fine pens can include ballpoint and roller ball types, as well as fountain, calligraphy and glass dipping pens.

So who buys fine pens? Collectors, mainly?

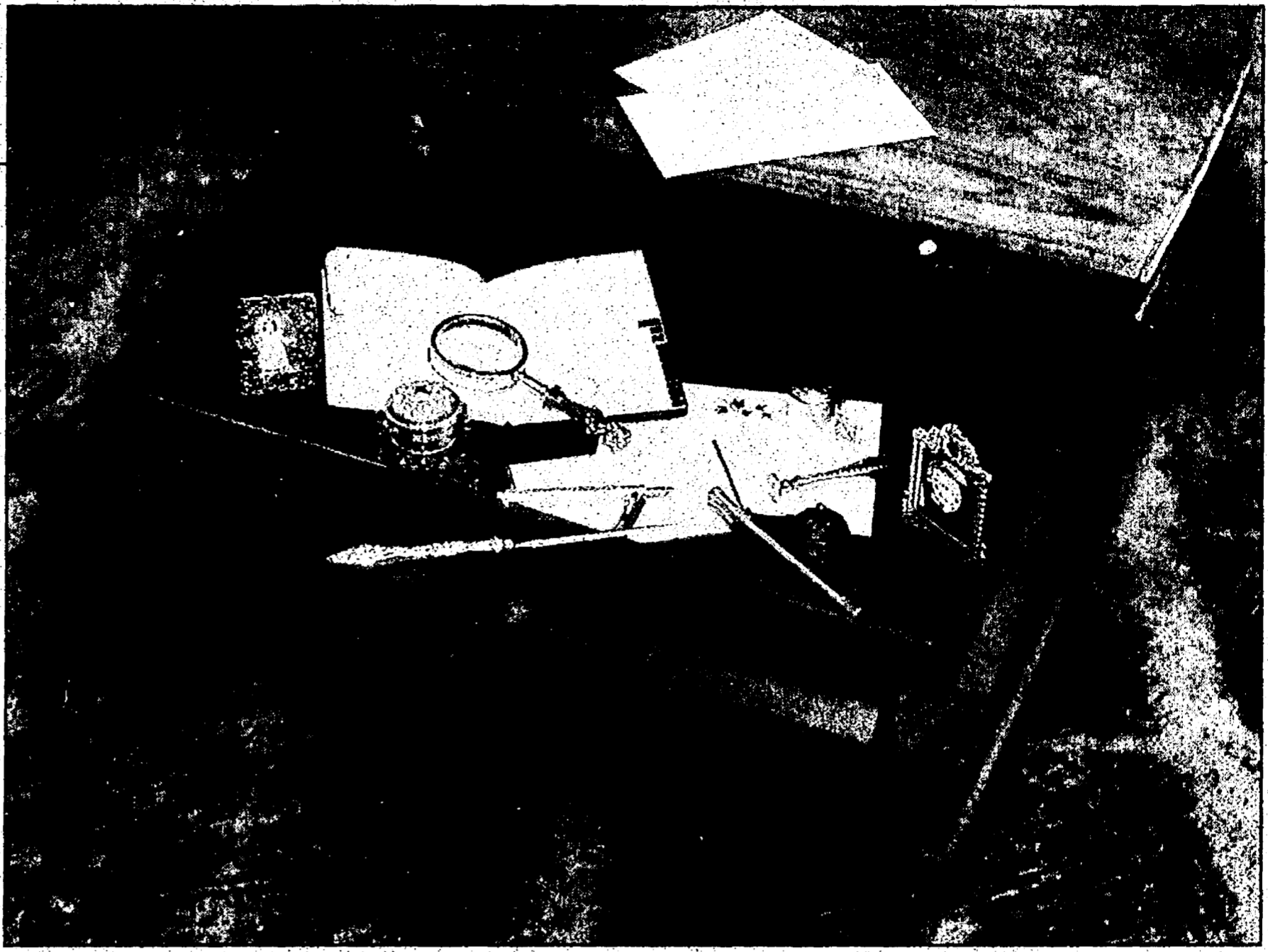
"No, I wouldn't say that," said Darin Asselin, owner of Penn & Paige social stationers in Rochester. "Basically, it's writers. People who just really enjoy writing."

Has the development of faxes, e-mail and other forms of communication hurt the market for fine pens? Not at all; in fact, it may have boosted it, Smith said.

"People may not be writing as much as they used to," he said, "but when they do sit down to write, they want to use the best paper and pen possible."

Montblanc, Waterman, Parker and Cross are the four big names in fine pens, Gajda-Tweed said. The Colorado Pen Co. (which has a store in the Somerset Collection, too), also sells Aurora, Waterford Crystal, Cartier, S.T. DuPont, and Rotring and Lamy pens, plus Fisher Space pens, which can write upside down and in extreme cold and heat (NASA uses them) and an episode of "Seinfeld" was written about one such "astronaut pen". Two of the many brands that Crane & Co. carries include: Sensa pens and Omas, known for its handmade pens fashioned from celluloid and vegetal celluloid (which give the pen casings a vibrant, iridescent look).

Penn and Paige carries pens by Recife, one of the oldest pen houses in France. I don't know if I'm ready for anything that fancy. But maybe I'll start using my Cross pens, after all.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLINSKY

Write in style: Get inspired with an antique writing slope (\$188) filled with elegant accoutrements. Magnifying glass (\$75), sterling silver fountain pen (\$720), inkwell (\$360), letter opener (\$50), sterling pen (\$150), pewter frame (\$30), stamp box (\$40), antique wax sealer (\$80), clock (\$140), pen rest (\$30), address book (\$50), all from Presence II, Birmingham. Stationery from Crane & Co., Somerset Collection.

Duly noted: Writing is an art worth reviving

BY LINDA BACHRACK
EDITOR

Before we e-mail a farewell to the handwritten word, consider its power. Beyond ceremony and respect for tradition, writing by hand makes you think differently from when your fingers are flying across a keyboard. The pace is slowed, the sentiment given renewed consideration.

"There's a tactile element to writing your thoughts on 100 percent cotton papers," says Carlyle Smith, manager of Crane & Co. in the Somerset Collection. "The paper is smooth; it feels good beneath your hands. And it's relaxing to step back from technology for a moment and embrace the art of writing."

Sometimes it's nice to rebel a little against the modern world, continues Smith. "You don't keep a fax for 50 years. But you might cherish a note in your grandmother's hand."

Stop and think for a minute about the mail you receive every day. Most of us rifle through the bills, fliers and advertising promotions, stopping only to read the occasional hand-written note. It's nice to receive a personal letter. And it feels just as good to take the time for yourself to sit down and write to someone. It might be slower than e-mail and more painstaking because there's no delete key. But when you're done, you know you've conveyed your true feelings.

"In every man's writings, the character of the writer must be recorded," wrote Thomas Carlyle. While the casual convenience of a phone call or the impersonal efficiency of electronic dialogue have their place in modern society, the art of letter writing remains a precious skill. It is more than mere communication; it is an asset that should be taught to our computer-savvy children.

In Crane's "The Romance of Paper," it is said that the written word on paper remains our most fundamental means of permanent communication. Our knowledge of the past exists on paper. And the legacy of what we do, think and feel today will live for future generations ... on paper.

Cotton to your paper

For almost 200 years, Crane's has been making social stationery from cotton. In 1801, Crane papers were made from cotton rags, collected from the neighbors along the Housatonic River in Dal-

ton, Mass. In this wooded valley, inside an old stone mill, Zenas Crane produced the handcrafted sheets that set the standard for fine quality paper in America. Today, in its seventh generation as a family-owned business, Crane & Co. supplies the paper for such venerable stationers as Cartier and Tiffany & Co.

Beyond etiquette

The etiquette of note writing is no longer of supreme importance, as it was when Charles Louis Tiffany and John P. Young opened their small "Stationery and Dry Goods" store in 1837. Though Tiffany & Co. emerged as an arbiter of style and good taste, and still adheres to a conviction that correspondence on fine paper be restrained and appropriate, the overriding concern in the '90s is one of revival of the art. Though customers are counseled on proper phrasing at both Tiffany and Crane, the purveyors are flexible and bow to contemporary thought.

"Etiquette should make things comfortable and convenient," says Smith. "Everyone doesn't want what grandma had."

Wedding invitations today often are printed in two languages and embellished with personal symbols and motifs. Invitations can be self-designed on Crane's interactive CD ROM. But the quality of the paper is unchanged - all cotton and all hand-bordered.

Social graces

There are, however, a few traditions that endure. Like escort cards - those tiny gold-bordered cards with hand-folded envelopes. The dinner party host writes the guest's name on the envelope and his dinner partner's name (not the person he comes with) on the card. They can then make their acquaintances before they sit down to dinner. Place cards and calling cards also remain popular.

As Benjamin Franklin said, "Make recollection as durable as possible, by putting it down on paper." When you really want to say something, forgo the convenience of faxes and cell phones. Write your bon mots on elegant deckle-edged sheets.

Build a stationery wardrobe

Excerpts from "The Romance of Paper," by Crane & Co.

There is no "wrong" stationery on which to write your letter. Your words convey the message and your paper is the emissary.

However, in the same way that many wardrobes are built around a "basic black dress" or a dark suit ... for business and professional correspondence your basic stationery is your business letterhead.

Most executives also use the "executive letterhead," with only the name of the individual engraved at the top, for more personal, yet business-related, correspondence. These are always the smaller monarch size (folds three times), and are used for letters of recommendation, notes of thanks or congratulations, charitable work, or combined business-social-personal correspondence.

The complete executive stationery wardrobe will properly include as well:

- Correspondence cards, engraved with a name or monogram, and used for brief notes.
- Business cards.
- A social calling card, since it's not considered in good form to present a business card on a social occasion. It may have a business phone number in the lower right corner.

The personal stationery wardrobe may include side-folded notes and correspondence cards, as well as top-folded notes, either bordered or plain and engraved with your name or monogram for notes of thanks, appreciation, etc.

Every home should have a house stationery - a larger flat sheet engraved with the household address only. It can be used by all members of the family.

Says Carlyle Smith, "The professionals at Crane will ask you lots of questions regarding your correspondence preferences and habits. Your paper should reflect your personality."

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

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

ELEGANT ACCESSORIES

Fiber artist Debra Olbrantz Meinke, owner and designer at MeinkeToy, will appear at Bellissima, 301 Main St. in Rochester, from 7-9 p.m. The trunk show features her latest collection of contemporary tassels and pillows that include French techniques in passementerie and velvet gaufrage. Preview her Holiday '98 collection. Event continues on Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

ART IN THE PARK

The 24th annual Common Ground Sanctuary Art in the Park returns to Birmingham's Shain Park today

and tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 13. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

GARDEN GANDER

Browse the storefronts and the rose gardens at the Detroit Rose Society's annual show at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. View hundreds of prize roses vying for "best of show."

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

MIRACLE MODE

The Children's Miracle Network Fashion Show takes place at 1 p.m. at the Livonia Marriott Hotel. See the fall fashions from laurel Park Place shops and enjoy great food from the Marriott. A fashion auction raises funds for children's hospitals. For tickets, call (248) 526-3414.

HELP WANTED

Kensington Valley Factory Shops host a Job Fair in the Food Pavilion from 12-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Approximately 150 positions need to be filled. Bring your resume.

MONDAY, AUG. 31

COZY WRAPS

Hersh's on The Boardwalk, 6901 Orchard Lake Rd. in West Bloomfield, presents a trunk showing of DUNA sweaters in chenilles, crepes and blends. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Continues Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

Visit Drummond Island for a no-fuss outdoor getaway

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Don't go to Drummond Island off the eastern end of the Upper Peninsula if:

- You need to vacation in the lap of luxury.
- You need to shop 'til you drop.
- You need to be constantly entertained.

Do consider a visit to the 22-by-12-mile gem of the Huron if you like to be outdoors hiking, boating, bicycling, swimming, fishing or hunting.

It's also a good place to recharge the batteries by slowing down, reading, playing cards and board games, taking naps, watching sunrises and sunsets, charting passing ships and pondering the inponderables of life.

"Go down to the ferry dock, sit a half hour and you're bound to see a freighter," said Kirk Astle, a clerk at Drummond Island Outfitters. "Wildlife is anywhere."

Outfitters, open mid-May

through September is a good source of maps and rentals of canoes, kayaks and bicycles. The helpful staff can direct where exactly to search for flora, fauna and rocks.

You can drive to many parts of the island on paved roads. But the best way to actually see things is to walk, especially along off road vehicle trails.

During a visit the first week in August, wildflowers including Queen Anne's lace, clover, daisies, a variety of asters and phlox abounded. Raspberries, in season late July and early August, are delicious right off the bramble.

Smelt and perch run in spring, perch in summer, salmon and perch again in fall.

Birders go nuts on Drummond. Hawks, woodpeckers, blue jays, cardinals, ducks, geese and owls take flight, some easier to spot than others. Loons greet the dawn with their mournful calls. Butterflies flutter about.

Deer, difficult to encounter on

trails (they aren't tame here like at Kensington Metropark), occasionally meander to open fields or paved roads at the edge of woods.

The island is home to bear, too, but I've never seen one. My son says he and some of his buddies have glimpsed and heard coyote late at night while bonding around the campfire.

Earl Slusser, a retiree, has spent a lot of time on Drummond since 1975. He suggests that kids would enjoy swimming at Big Shoal Beach (free) and hunting gemstones at Marble Head on the eastern end of the island.

"For adults, rest," he added. "No phones. Get away from the TV."

The Drummond Island Historical Museum, open Memorial Day through September, is a worthy destination at any time, but especially on a rainy day. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

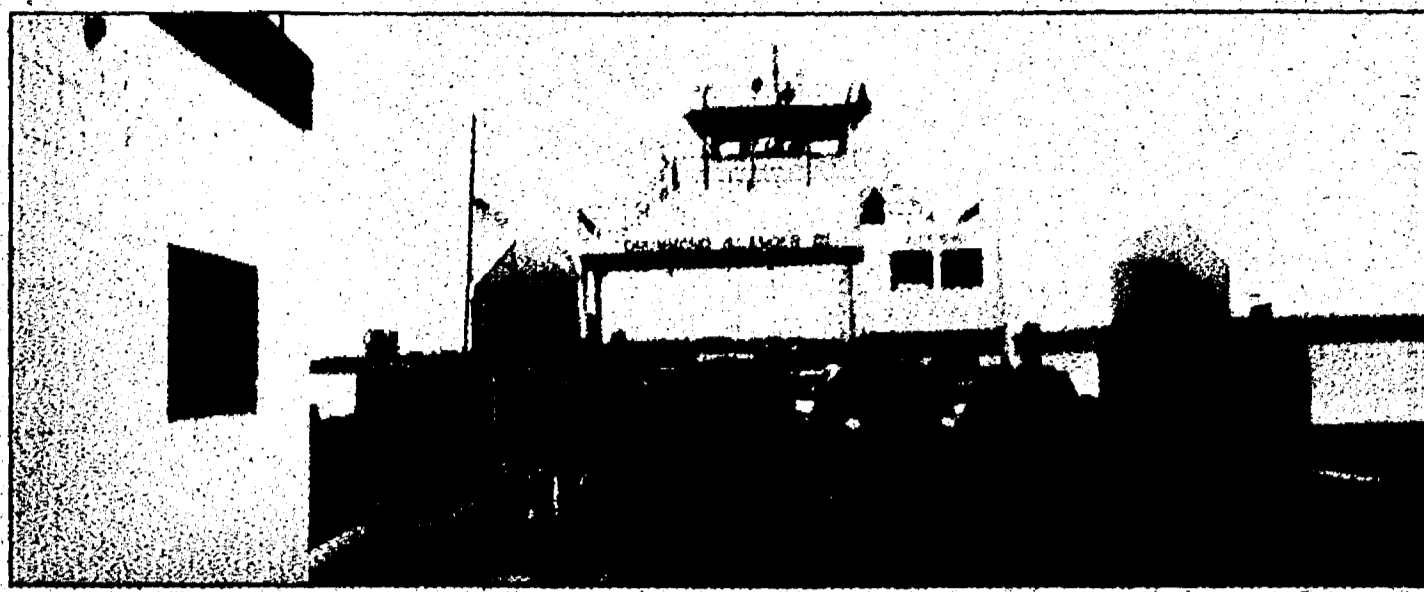
All kinds of artifacts - pictures, books, medical equipment, farming and lumbering tools - actually can be handled there.

Audrey Seaman Moser, 68, museum curator, is descended from the first permanent non-native American settlers on the island.

"It seems like there's no in-between about Drummond. Either people love it or they don't like it," she said. "It's quiet here. Most summer people don't even have a telephone installed."

"You know what I like here - watching sunsets over the water," Moser said. "It's so gorgeous. It goes down so fast, too."

"We have a lot of snow," she conceded, "but we're prepared for it. There's places to push it."



Getting there: The vast majority of vacationers who visit Drummond Island arrive by car ferry and a neat little ride across the St. Mary's River.

The car ferry, a one-mile, 10-minute ride across the St. Mary's River from DeTour, runs year-around. Round trip fare is \$8 for car and driver, \$2 for each additional adult passenger. Visitors also can arrive by private boat and small, private airplane.

The fall color change peaking in late September/early October is spectacular. The scent of the pine trees complements the pastels.

Snowmobiling is popular in winter.

Some summer visitors book cottages the same time every year, cultivating friendships for themselves and their children. About half of the cottages close for the winter months.

Phil Stites has owned Wa-Wen Resort for nearly 20 years. Over time, he's built an outdoor swimming pool, basketball court and shuffleboard court for his chil-

dren, now grown, and guests.

"Sixty-seven percent of the land is still state-owned," Stites said. "It's peaceful, quiet, safe, low-key, less stressful. That would sum it up. If you feel trapped, you probably don't belong here."

Teens are especially drawn to the Teepee ice cream stand at the Four Corners in town and the bowling lanes at Woodmoor. Both are fairly inexpensive diversions.

Two golf courses, a few tennis courts, several restaurants, a couple of gas stations and grocery stores, a hardware store, medical clinic, credit union and Lutheran, Catholic and Congregational churches serve the needs of nearly 1,000 permanent

residents and visitors.

Drummond is an hour away from the Soo Locks and casinos of Sault Ste. Marie and the sites and sounds of the Straits of Mackinac.

The island never feels crowded, even at the peak of summer vacation. The folks really seem friendly. Be prepared to wave back at the driver of virtually every vehicle you encounter while walking. And don't forget to smile.

You can contact the Drummond Island Tourism Association by phone at (800) 737-8666 or on the Internet at www.drummond-island.com

(Next week, more UP adventures.)



Surprise encounters: Domesticated horses and cows live here, as well as wildlife such as deer, coyote and bears.

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.

WAY UP NORTH

"Brethren Days" are held in the small northwest Michigan town of Brethren (Manistee

County), Sept. 5 and 6. Events include fishing contest, polka party, country and western music and fireworks (Sunday night); (616) 477-5636.

WALK THE BIG MAC

You can join the thousands who make the annual trek across the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. The walk begins in St. Ignace and ends in Mackinaw City. Walkers

may start any time between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

No one can start after 11 a.m. Roller skates, bikes, wagons, skateboards and animals are all prohibited. Seeing eye dog are allowed, however.

Vehicular traffic flows even during the walk as southbound lanes are kept open. Walkers park free at the Bridge View area adjacent to the start point;

buses are available in Mackinaw City for \$1.50 to transport walkers back to their car. Some walkers choose the ferries to St. Ignace where free shuttles provided by the ferry lines get you back to Bridge View. Information can be obtained at (906) 643-6950.

European Tour Night

Join **UP**'s 38th Annual, 15-day, fully-escorted tour featuring Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, & France

For more information, please join us...

Tuesday, September 15
at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided
Township Travel & Cruises
26054 Five Mile, Redford, MI
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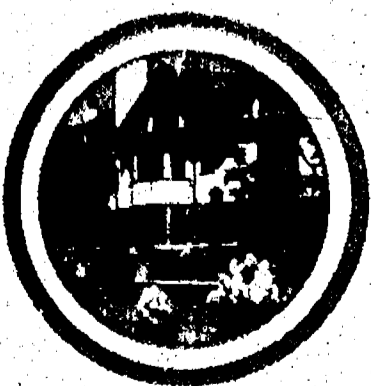
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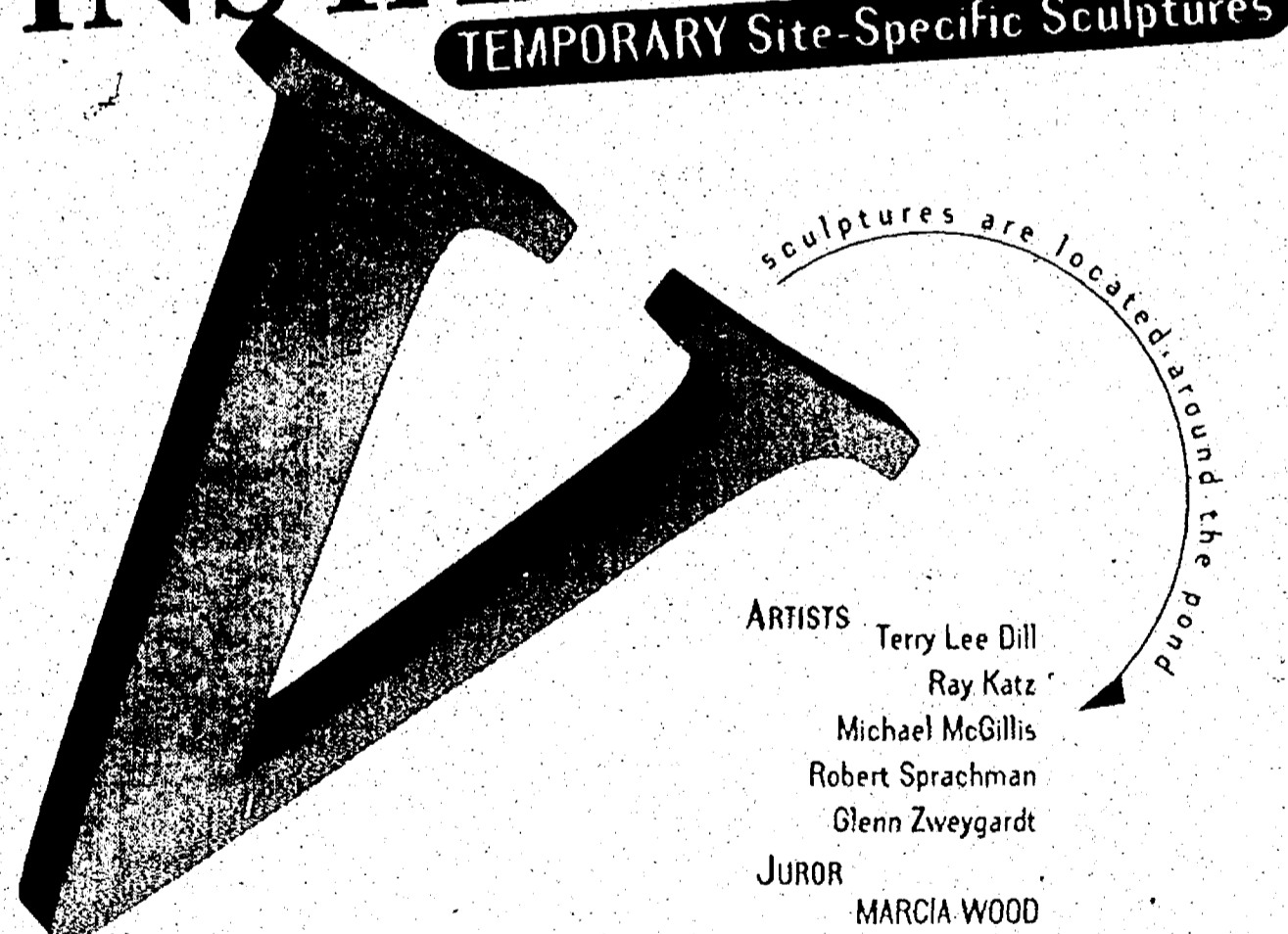


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Area golf divot

On Aug. 17, Denise Canham of Livonia used a 5-iron to ace the 120-yard, No. 2 hole at St. John's Golf Course.

It was the first ace for Canham, who was playing in the Ford Motor Golf League.

Football Meteors needed

Openings remain for the Westland Youth Athletic Association Meteors junior varsity (ages 9-12) football team.

Sign up will be from 6-7 p.m. weekdays at Voss Field in Westland (ask for Mr. Foy).

For more information, call (734) 721-7044.

Youth baseball tryouts

•Tryouts for the 14-year-old Michigan Bulls Federation baseball team (1999 season) will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Farmington High School, located 3200 Shiawassee Road, between 10 Mile and Grand River.

To be eligible players must be born Aug. 1, 1984 through Feb. 15, 1986.

For more information, call coach Eric Sams at (248) 647-5301.

•Tryouts for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras, a travel team in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball League, will hold tryouts Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12-13 at Founders fields (Nos. 5, 6, 7), located off Eight Mile Road two miles east of I-275.

Tryout times will be: 16-year-olds, 8-10 a.m.; 11-year-olds, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 12-year-olds, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 13-year-olds, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; 15-year-olds, 1-3 p.m.; 14-year-olds, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; 10-and-under, 3-5 p.m.

Players need to arrive one-half hour early to sign in, and also provide their own bats, gloves, helmets and cleats.

For more information, call Mel Borock (after 5 p.m.) at (248) 788-0691.

Open girls hoop dates

Livonia Franklin has two open dates on its girls basketball schedule.

To arrange a game or scrimmage, call Franklin varsity coach Gary Warner at (734) 522-4476.

Sunday Health Club

Schoolcraft College will stage its 26-week, 1-5 p.m. Sunday Health Club, featuring a fall session (Sept. 20 through Dec. 20) and winter session (Jan. 3 through March 28).

Club members have access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six handball, paddleball and racquetball courts; wallyball courts; weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes, cardio-theater equipment; swimming pool (with three diving boards); men's and women's saunas.

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S'craft offers classes

•Schoolcraft is also offering a beginning kayaking class, 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

The course fee is \$85 per person.

•Schoolcraft will be offering a sailing class, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9 and 16, at the college; and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 5, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 and 19 at Kent Lake.

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Kithas lifts Chargers by CC, 4-2



His night: It was raining Friday evening, but that couldn't dampen Livonia Churchill senior striker George Kithas from scoring a hat trick as the host Chargers downed Redford Catholic Central, 4-2.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Churchill off to impressive season start

BOYS SOCCER

BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

Two warning shots have been fired by the Livonia Churchill boys soccer team.

And the Chargers have made it loud and clear, they could be a team to be reckoned with this fall.

After knocking off highly-regarded Novi 2-1 in its season opener Thursday, Churchill came back home Friday night and put a 4-2 hurting on Redford Catholic Central.

"Those are two tough warmups against two tough teams, I'm very happy," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We're already two wins ahead of last year. We had three ties to start last season."

And already ahead of last year is 6-foot-3 striker George Kithas, who nearly single-handedly destroyed CC.

He notched a hat trick in the win over the Shamrocks. The athletic Kithas, who is strong and quick when going to the net, also tallied a goal in the win over Novi.

"Last year my job was to take the pressure off (Rob) Bartoletti, so I had to be patient," Kithas said. "But it's my senior year now and it's time to step it

Please see **HOT CHARGERS, D3**

Playoff proposal adds 6-win teams, week

PREP FOOTBALL

A plan for expanding the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Football Playoffs has been developed over the summer, and will be presented in detail to the member schools this fall for their approval.

A final vote will be taken by the group's Representative Council at its fall meeting Dec. 2 in Traverse City.

"This plan incorporates a number of changes from how the MHSAA Football Playoffs have been conducted in the past, including classification of schools for the tournament and how playoff points are used in the process," said Jack Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "Many people who opposed previous playoff expansion plans see this as a way of getting quality teams into the tournament, and at the same time, relieving some of the pressure on leagues and conferences, and on schools which historically have trouble scheduling opponents."

Ideas for playoff expansion were initially reviewed in June by a focus group of coaches and administrators.

A plan was further refined from that meeting, and then reviewed at the summer workshop of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators

on July 22; the board of director of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association; and the summer meeting of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals on Aug. 4.

Using input from those meetings, the MHSAA staff will present at its annual Update Meeting series through October a plan which will include these features:

•A five-week, 256-team playoff of eight divisions, each with an equal number of schools, still ending Thanksgiving weekend;

•No teams with losing records would qualify;

•All teams with six or more wins would qualify. Some teams with five wins may qualify on the basis of their playoff point average, with a nearly equal number of additional qualifiers being selected from Classes A, B, C and D;

•A nearly equal percentage of schools sponsoring football, approximately 40 percent, would qualify from each of the four classes, up from 18

percent in Class A, 17 percent in Class B, 19 percent in Class C, and 38 percent in Class D, when compared to 1997 qualifiers;

•The selection of 256 teams, their classification into eight divisions of 32 schools each, and their assignment into regions and districts would all occur on "Selection Sunday" at the conclusion of the regular season. Playoff point averages, with no changes to the current system, would be used to seed teams within their geographic district and to determine district pairings and hosts.

"I think it's the best plan we've seen," said Plymouth Salem football coach Tom Moshimer, who is entering his 40th season of coaching. "I'm in favor of it."

"Now I've always felt in the past that at 6-3 sometimes you don't want to make the playoffs because that would mean you'd play a 9-0 team first. But the benefits are for a team that might have started slow and would be eliminated from the playoffs even if they finished well. A team would lose its first two games and be out of it even if it won its next seven."

Moshimer added that a shift in scheduling could be anticipated.

"Before, you'd set up your schedule for playoff points. Now it will be to get wins."

Following the presentation of the plan to school administrators at the Update meetings, a mail survey will be sent to football sponsoring schools so that that Representative Council meeting in December, the final plan, its rationale and its membership's reaction can be used to make a final decision.

The plan would allow, but not require, schools to begin practices and regular season play a week earlier.

The classification process for teams in the tournament would not occur until Selection Sunday, when all of the six-win teams have been identified and additional teams have been added to fill the bracket. (In the past 10 years, no more than 241 schools had six or more wins during the regular season.)

Schools would become aware of the of the pairings Sunday night or Monday of the first week of the playoffs, the first three weeks which would be conducted at host schools based on district and regional alignments and playoff

Please see **GRID PLAYOFFS, D2**

Lutheran Westland misfires against Shrine in tournament championship

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS HOOPS

Trouble is not being able to make your layups.

Big trouble is not being able to make your layups while your opponent is making theirs.

"When they score and you don't, that doesn't add up good," Coach Ron Gentz of Lutheran High School Westland said Thursday after his Warriors were defeated, 44-24, by host Royal Oak Shrine in the championship game of the Knights' tournament.

"We've got a pretty good group of kids and they played with intensity," Gentz said. "They pressed early and we broke it — we just couldn't make layups."

"We missed six uncontested layups. That's 12 points."

"Put those 12 points up and it's a different game. That tends to take the wind out of your sails."

Shrine took a 9-2 lead after the first period and upped it to 25-9 at the half.

Gentz made some halftime

adjustments and his team executed them nicely.

They switched from a man-to-man to a zone, spreading it out to force the Lady Knights to attempt longer shots than they were used to trying.

The Warriors quit trying to pound the ball in and began having their young guards either shoot the ball or drive to see what happened.

They didn't make many of those shots, either, but the availability of inside and outside offensive possibilities can only pay off down the road.

Junior Cari Charles led Lutheran Westland with six points while junior Anna Rolf and junior Carly Higgins each had four.

Ryan Vanderhagon, wearing a brace on each knee, led Shrine with 14 points. Ebony Vincent had nine and Kristen Wojcik seven.

"Our key players, our guards,

are young," Gentz said. "Karen Abramczyk and Chris Hilden are going to play a lot of minutes for us down the road. And Anna Schwewe is going to be consistent for us."

"We have a lot of girls play a lot of minutes for us. And this is the second-most balance we've had since I've been here at Lutheran Westland."

"The 1994-95 team was a team of winners. This team hasn't won yet, they haven't proven themselves. And we may be a year or so away."

Hustle, coachability and versatility can go a long way in a long season. The Warriors (1-1) showed something against a team which plays in the strong Detroit Catholic League.

"If we had made our layups, it would have been more fun," Gentz said. "Considering we don't go to summer camp, we didn't do badly."

"We're a half-step ahead of where I thought we would be. It's only one step, but it's important."

Clarenceville names Clark

BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

Livonia Clarenceville's search for a new girls basketball coach ended last week when 21-year-old Jamie Clark took the job vacated by Rosie Marano.

Clark is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School where she played basketball and volleyball. She also played volleyball at Wayne State University.

The naming of Clark ended a three-week search for new Clarenceville athletic director Chuck Sorentino.

"I've watched her run practice and she's doing a fantastic job," Sorentino said. "She's very patient and she runs excellent drills. She uses an instructional-type method and we're pleased to have her."

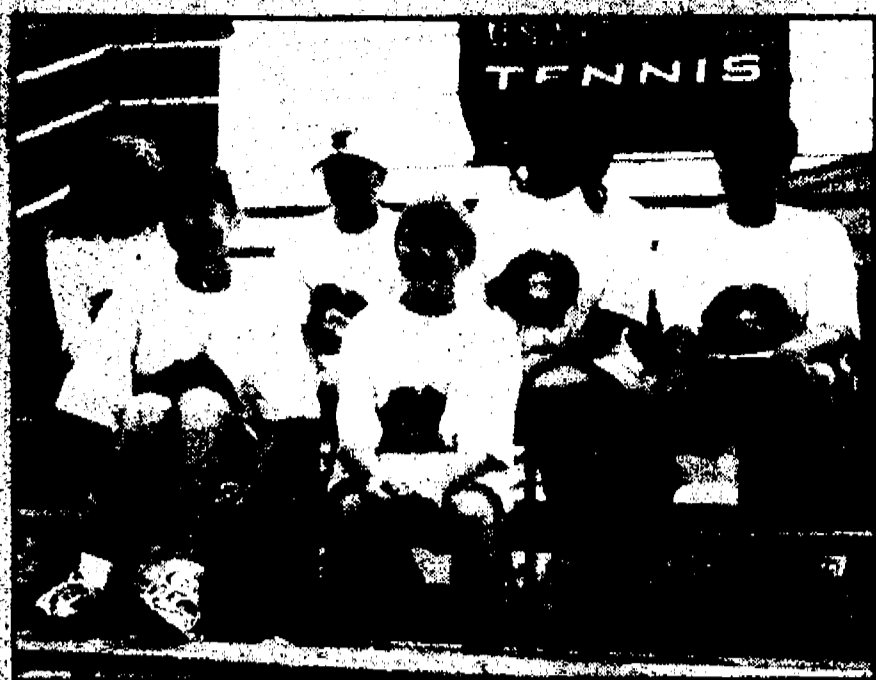
Clark, who is taking a semester off from WSU, most likely can lay claim of being youngest varsity girls basketball coach in the state.

"Right now we're doing a lot of conditioning," said Clark, whose only previous coaching experience was assisting in cago clinics. "We're making sure they know the plays and how to execute them."

"And we're trying to be positive. The girls have been very receptive so far. I think we'll be OK."

Clark said she expects Clarenceville to suit up 14 players for Tuesday's opener at 0-2 Redford St. Agatha. The Trojans were 4-17 a year ago.

Tennis squads compete in Indianapolis



Tennis Challengers: The Livonia YMCA recently sent a pair of teams, coached by Jack Kingsbury, to compete the U.S. Tennis Association Junior Midwest Challenger, Aug. 14-16 in Indianapolis, Ind. The White II team (ages 10-14) consisted of (top, right photo) Jason Beydoun, Sara Gonzalez, Ryan Kingsbury, Jerry Murray, Daniel Petty, Danielle Russo, Tom Wallis and Kristan Weiser. The Blue I team, ages 13-18, (top, left photo) was made up of Jeff Beydoun, Susan Franck, Adam Koppin, Colleen Mazurie, Robert Simkow and Julie Yambasky.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Glenn freshman Crews sinks 3-pointer for win

Freshman Stephanie Crews nailed a dramatic three-point shot from the left side of the arc Thursday, lifting Westland John Glenn to a 35-32 girls basketball win over New Boston Huron in the consolation final of the South Lyon Tournament.

The Rockets' defense forced a 10-second call with just 12 seconds remaining and coach Joel Lloyd set up a final play.

Crews, who led Glenn with 12 points, then delivered for the game-winner.

"We hung tough the whole game," said Lloyd, whose Rockets outscored Huron 15-7 in the decisive final quarter.

Glenn roared back with a full-court press, converting on New Boston turnovers.

LaToya Chandler contributed seven points for the Rockets (1-1). Guard Amber Clelland led Huron (0-2) and all scorers with 22.

FRANKLIN 89, ST. AGATHA 30: Junior forward Tera Morrill scored a team-high 19 points Wednesday, leading Livonia Franklin (1-1 overall) to the consolation final win over host Redford St. Agatha (0-2) in the Redford Union Tournament.

Morrill also had 12 rebounds, eight assists and three blocked shots.

Sophomore center Kerstin Marshall contributed 16 points, eight rebounds and four blocks. Lisa Balke and Liz Cochran each contributed 10 points.

Sonia Lousia scored 11 points for the Aggies, who trailed 34-11 at halftime and 50-21 after three quarters.

LATHRUP 39, STEVENSON 36: Southfield-Lathrup ran its record to 2-0 with another fourth-quarter comeback Thursday, this time against Livonia Stevenson.

The Chargers, who rallied from an 11-point deficit Tuesday to beat host Livonia Churchill (51-41 in overtime), did it again with a 14-9 fourth-quarter run against the Spartans.

Guard Nicole Randolph scored eight of her team-high 17 points for the victorious Chargers. Michelle Maxwell chipped in with eight points.

Senior forward Stephanie Dulz had 15 of her 17 points in the second half for Stevenson (1-1 overall). She also had seven rebounds.

Sophomore guard Lindsay Gusick had four steals, five assists and four points. She helped lead a 16-8 run in the third quarter along with Cheryl Fox.

But the Spartans, who took only 13 first-half shots, made a slew of turnovers.

"We were too impatient against the zone in the first half," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "Then we turned it over four or five times in a row after we made a nice run in the third quarter."

Stevenson was five of 13 from the free throw line, while Lathrup was five of nine.

Compuware to host Hurricane ice rookies

Hockey season opens early at Compuware Ice Arena in Plymouth.

Starting Sunday, the National Hockey League's Carolina Hurricanes will have their first-ever rookie camp, and it will be at Compuware. The reason: Peter Karmanos Jr. owns the Hurricanes and the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, who play at his Compuware Arena.

The 33 rookies invited to participate includes some familiar names: Six of them played for the Whalers last season, including defenseman Kevin Holdridge, who attended Redford Catholic Central. Other Whaler invitees are goalie Robert Holsinger, defensemen Sergei Fedotov, Nikos Tselios and Troy Smith, and left wing Randy Fitzgerald. One other local name — Matt Brush of Birmingham, a

5-foot-10 center — will also participate.

The camp opens Sunday with player physicals, followed by a scrimmage at 8 p.m. that night. After that comes two more days of scrimmaging (all are open to the public); on Monday (Sept. 7), the scrimmages will be from 10 a.m.-noon and 3-5 p.m., and on Tuesday (Sept. 8), they'll run from 9-11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m.

On Wednesday (Sept. 9), a select group of players will travel to Kitchener to compete in a three-game tournament against rookie teams from the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Buffalo Sabres and the Montreal Canadiens.

At the conclusion of the tournament, several players will be invited to the Hurricanes professional training camp in Greensboro, N.C., which will run from Sept. 14-18.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF

Joey Kruthoff of Novi, shooting an 81, won first flight low gross honors for the fifth straight week Friday at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop at Hickory Creek Golf Course.

Kruthoff won by seven shots over Diane Wazney of Dearborn.

Bernie Evans (Franklin) and Sandy Rivers (Rochester Hills) tied for low net with 70 each.

Dolley Vettese (Northville) was second with a 71.

Jan Nelson (Canton) took low gross honors in the second flight with a 93, nine shots ahead of Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights).

Helen Demshuk (Dearborn Heights) captured low net with a 71, while Dorothy Cortes was runner-up with a 74.

VOLLEYBALL CLINICS

The Motor City Volleyball

Club will run a series of boys and girls fall clinics (grades 9-12) at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Session I will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 22 (cost is \$125 by Sept. 12 and \$150 after).

Session II, 6-8:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 22 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 29 through Nov. 17 (cost \$200 by Sept. 12 and \$225 after);

Session III, 6-8 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 22, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 29 through Nov. 17 with preseason weights and jump training 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30-10:30 p.m. Saturdays (cost \$300 by Sept. 12 and \$325 after).

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