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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Hold that trash:** The 18th District Court will be closed Monday for Labor Day, as will City Hall. The court will have no work program Sunday or Monday and no evening probation on Monday. The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will be closed Monday for Labor Day. The Bailey Center pool will be open noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday, with admission of \$5 a day. Emergency police and fire service will be provided throughout the holiday.

### TUESDAY

**Council:** The Westland City Council will meet 7 p.m. at council chambers in City Hall, 36601 Ford at Carlson, Westland.

**Art demo:** Garden City potter Judy Buresh will demonstrate the art of wheel-thrown pottery 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Buresh is teaching workshops on wheel-thrown pottery at the arts council this fall. For information, call (734) 416-4ART.

### THURSDAY

**Mayor's meeting:** Mayor Robert Thomas will hold a town hall meeting 7 p.m. Thursday. The meeting is hosted by Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood Drive, off Newburgh between Cherry Hill and Ford. For information, call (734) 467-3200.

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## Classrooms beckon



**Crying:** Katie Miller, a first-grader at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland, holds on to her mother, Lisa Miller, with tears on her first day of school this past week. Wayne-Westland school officials reported no major problems with the start of the current school year.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

## School days draw kids back

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Second-grader Rachel Fischer held on tightly to the shoulder straps of her purple backpack as she walked hurriedly toward Schweitzer Elementary School. "I've got my markers and glue and all my school supplies," she said. Walking with her mother, Louise, and 4-year-old sister Jessica, Rachel giggled and smiled as she came closer to a school door that opened to new beginnings for this 8-year-old Westland girl. "I like school," she said. "I like doing my work and playing." Wednesday marked Day One of a new school year for Rachel and stu-

dents all across the Wayne-Westland district, and officials reported no major start-up problems. "We're real pleased with opening day," said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration. "I don't know of any mayor snags." But one parent cited what he considers a dangerous situation at Adams Middle School, where students cross Palmer without any help from crossing guards. "It is very dangerous there to be crossing the road," parent Ron Rettman said. "We need a traffic light or a crossing guard or something. It's not just for my (sixth-grade) daughter, but for all stu-

dents." Rettman notified the Westland Police Department but was told that past studies didn't indicate a need for the city to place crossing guards at Adams. "It's going to be too late if they do it after somebody gets hurt," Rettman said. Outside Schweitzer, several mothers congregated after their children had found their way to their new classrooms. Summer vacation had ended. "Let's go have a margarita," one mother said. Parents toted camcorders and cameras to capture their children's

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## Teacher accord on tap

Teachers and school district officials are pleased a tentative agreement has been reached as the new school year starts. The pact would cover a period of two years.



BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland teacher union leaders have reached a tentative agreement with district officials for a two-year contract, both sides confirmed. Negotiators refused to release details of the new pact, but union employees said teachers are expected to receive salary increases of 2.75 percent this school year and 2.5 percent next year. "We believe it is a fair contract," Steve Becher, president of the 847-member Wayne-Westland Education Association, said Friday. "We would have liked more, and I'm sure the school board would like to have given us less." The proposed pay increases would boost salaries now ranging from \$28,311 for a new teacher with a bachelor's degree to \$68,086 for a teacher with a doctorate and 11 years of experience. That salary range placed Wayne-Westland teachers fourth from the bottom in pay among 34 Wayne County public school districts, union leaders said. The new pay increases won't close the salary gap with many districts, Becher said, but it will help. Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration, reported that negotiators reached a tentative agreement on Wednesday - the first day of classes for students.

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## Expo helps area chambers put best foot forward

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

A variety of businesses are looking forward to showing their stuff to the public and networking with other businesses at the first chamber Five Star Expo scheduled for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor, on Joy between Middlebelt and Inkster Road in Westland.

"We're in really good shape. Tables are selling extremely fast," said Linda Shapona, executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. The event has five major sponsors: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, National Wholesale Printing Corp., Sign-A-Rama, WJR radio and Joy Manor. "This seemed like a very good way to

promote my business in Garden City and the other communities involved," said Greg Solovey of Sign-A-Rama in Garden City. Although he produces a full range of signs including banners, Solovey plans to highlight his graphic work on vehicles. "I try to concentrate on vehicles. I've done signs for some of the other (Expo)

vendors," Solovey said. "I like to get business from everywhere - it keeps the ball rolling." If nothing else, Solovey said he expects to get some leads for new jobs. "We do fantastic work," he said of his company which opened in 1981. The expo is sponsored by the Canton, Westland, Garden City, Dearborn

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## Muscular dystrophy hits home

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

It's not unusual for most children to crawl, but it is for 15-month-old Erinne Rose Williams. Erinne was recently diagnosed with a form of muscular dystrophy called Spinal Muscular Atrophy-2. The condition is such that Erinne's mother, Suzanne, has been told that Erinne is fortunate to be crawling. Erinne crawls along with her own style including her holding her wrists turned out. The unusual crawling and the fact that she had the ability to stand but lost that ability are

some of the signals that gave her mother reason to think something was wrong. Williams, a Westland resident, said she also suspected something was wrong because she has lots of experience with children. She is the director of the Botsford Child Care Center on the Botsford Hospital campus in Farmington Hills. Erinne is also in child care there. "I've been doing this for 17 years," she said of her years in child care, seven of them at Botsford. "I've seen thousands of kids. I knew Erinne was not a typical child."

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Let's play: Erinne Rose Williams, who has a form of muscular dystrophy, checks out some of her toys.

## Let the campaigns begin!

While candidates are pounding the pavement, dominating the airwaves and the print media, we believe voters have a lot to say. We'd like to hear from you - the average voter - on what you believe are important issues in the November election for governor. The Observer will host a Citizens' Election Roundtable later this month and we're looking for a few residents to join others throughout your hometown circulation area for a lively discussion of what's important to you - the average voter. The roundtables will include discussions on the gubernatorial race and statewide ballot issues (physician-assisted suicide and Clean Michigan).

Roundtables will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 23-24, in our corporate headquarters at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. We're looking for a good cross-section of voters. So if you've got an opinion and are available both evenings, please fill out the guest form which accompanies this article. We'll notify you if you are selected. The sessions will be photographed and serve as the basis for stories to appear on the Westland Observer opened pages before the Nov. 3 election. Our readers are well-informed and have lots to say - we know because you write us, e-mail us and fax us on a daily basis. We're counting on a robust discussion of the issues. You provide the opinions, we'll provide the snacks and the moderator.

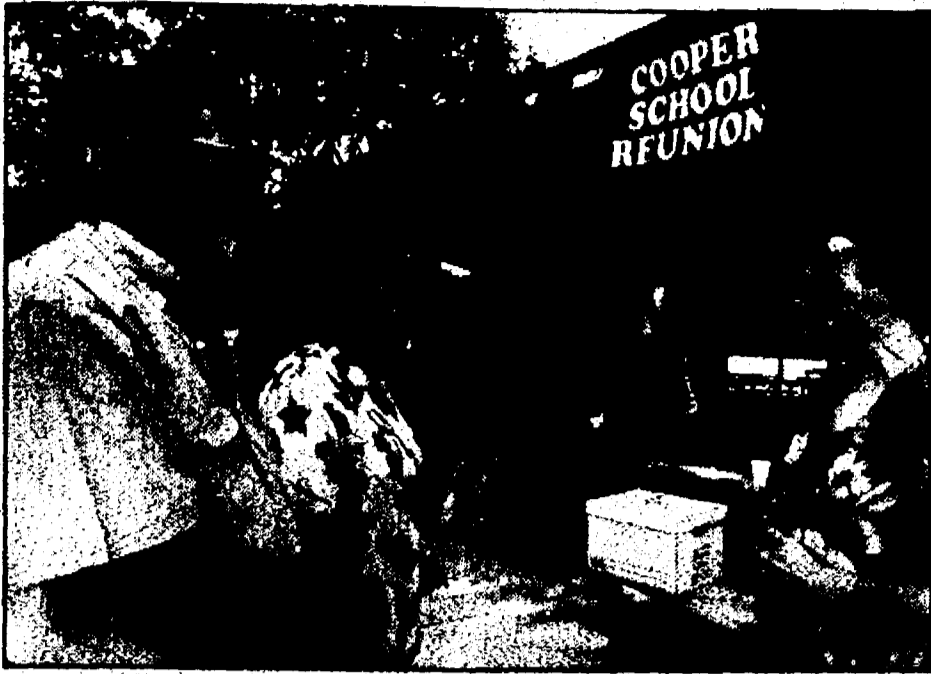
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**Good time for all**



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**Do you remember?** The Cooper School reunion of Westland took place last Sunday at Hines Park. At right, Barb Cummings (1950-57) of Northville and Carolyn (Heider) Fugate (1948-57) of Livonia talk about the past. A booklet was made up "Tracing Our Roots," about the past and present. Jimmy Taylor (1942-51, left) and his wife, Helen, of Tennessee joined in the fun talking to Gayle Crawford (1945-52) of Livonia (right) at the reunion in Westland at Hines Park.



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"We're very pleased," she said. "Both sides feel that it's a fair contract."

Neither bargaining side would release details of the proposed pact, but union employees divulged the 2.75 percent and 2.5 percent raises.

Other contract details weren't immediately available.

Teachers were expected to begin receiving copies of the tentative agreement as early as Friday, and union leaders have called a membership meeting Wednesday to discuss it.

Teachers are scheduled to vote on the pact on Sept. 14 and 15 at their respective schools, Becher said.

"We're hoping the teachers will ratify it," he said.

Sherman said she hopes the agreement will be approved by the end of September by not only the teachers, but also the seven-member school board.

A special board meeting is expected to be called to take the action.

Months of negotiations took a quiet tone, and there was no public discord or threats of a strike.

"I think those days (of strikes) are over," Becher said.

Teacher strikes in Michigan can now bring financial penalties to districts and teacher unions.

Becher described the tone of negotiations as productive.

"There was a lot of give and take," he said. "There was no hostile atmosphere."

The latest proposed salary increases follow what teachers considered minimal gains over the last four years. Consider:

■ Teachers accepted two years of pay freezes in 1994-95 and 1995-96.

■ Only teachers who had already reached the top of their salary schedule received raises of 3 percent in 1996-97. Others had to settle for annual "step" increases - given to teachers still climbing the salary ladder.

■ Teachers received an across-the-board 2.5 percent pay increase for 1997-98.

Given the two-year pay freeze and modest increases for the following two years, teachers slipped below some of their counterparts in other districts in earnings.

Moreover, Becher said the newly proposed contract won't close that gap.

"We're not going to make it all up in one or two years, or in one or two contracts," he said.

But negotiators on both sides said they are relieved that teacher contract talks can be put to rest so that educators can focus solely on a successful school year.

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Heights and Wayne chambers of commerce.

For over a decade, these communities have worked jointly as the Five Star Chamber of Commerce. This is the first time the chambers have joined forces on expo - one that highlights business south of I-96.

**Internet opportunities**

Another expo participant, VR Metro Malls of Westland - the VR stands for Virtual Retailing - is hoping to let more local businesses know about Internet opportunities.

"We focus locally on southeast Michigan. Most local businesses don't care about the world. They care about around the corner in the local area," said Randy Johnston, who handles marketing for VR Metro Malls, which opened last October.

VR Metro Malls offers a range of services from providing Internet access to business telephone numbers and addresses to Web sites and sites allowing customers to purchase with secured personal information.

"We have a bargain center where you can get coupons or look at full-sized ads," said Johnston. "Businesses that are not online we are definitely targeting. We can show them where the Internet is going."

The types of businesses served by VR Metro Malls include a video store, a Laundromat and Metro Power Sports, a Honda motorcycle dealer which has a larger site that sells accessories online.

"We also have entrepreneurs with single products to introduce," Johnston said. "This is another method of shopping. The more information you get to the

customers the better."

Participating in the expo will provide an opportunity to sow some seeds about Internet opportunities among businesses in the five communities, Johnston commented.

Waltonwood Senior Community of Canton is hoping to promote its services, in particular the new assisted living facilities that opened in February. Waltonwood's independent living facilities have been operating for more than seven years.

"Our target market is the five communities that are in the expo," said Michelle Connell, Waltonwood administrative assistant/community relations director. "We are participating because there is going to be a variety of different businesses."

While members of the public won't necessarily be looking for senior housing, many visitors will have older adults in their families, Connell said.

**Lots to see, do**

More than 50 businesses are expected to participate in the Five Star Expo, which will feature raffles and food samples from local restaurants. For information about business registrations, call 422-4448. Admission tickets, which double as raffle tickets, are available for \$2 at each chamber office.

"We're not really having a competition, but it's exciting to see so many people signing up," Shapona said.

"There's a tremendous opportunity for giveaways and five major door prizes," she said.

For more information, Web sites are at [www.westland.org](http://www.westland.org) and [www.gardencity.org](http://www.gardencity.org)

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returning to school. It was an event.

"I wanted to get pictures of my kids on the first day of school," Sue Erdmann of Wayne said, holding a camera in a Schweitzer hallway.

She had just dropped off her two sons, third-grader Kevin, 8, and fifth-grader Kyle, 10.

"They were very excited, but to me it's a little sad," Erdmann said. "They're growing up."

Most students appeared eager to start school, although some kindergartners clung to their parents in fear of letting go and making this big transition.

Educators did what they could to make schools an inviting place for students. At Patchin Elementary in Westland, colorful balloons were tied to a school fence and a welcome sign hung above the outside entrance.

Other than a few typical bus-route problems that will prompt some adjustments, officials didn't report any serious transportation flaps.

"We didn't lose any students," Sherman said.

Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business, had expected some minor problems.

"We went through a major rerouting this summer," she said, but cited "no major problems."

Meanwhile, work crews continued to put the finishing touches on some construction projects that officials had hoped would be finished before school started.

At Wildwood Elementary, a new bus loop wasn't used last week because adjacent sidewalks hadn't been finished, Sherman



**Big event: Delores Harris of Wayne (left to right) walks her children Donnique, 2, and Donniece, a first-grader, to Schweitzer Elementary school in Westland for Donniece's first day of school this past Wednesday. Donnique was hoping to attend school with her sister.**

she said. At Wayne Memorial High School, work crews last week were continuing to install new spectator bleachers, while a similar project at John Glenn High had been completed, Sherman said.

The new school year also meant a new football season. Wayne Memorial High's first home game was Friday and Glenn's looms this Friday.

said. "We didn't want any safety problems," she said. The new bus loop, aimed at easing traffic congestion, is expected to be ready this week.



**Thinker: Second-grader Blaine Rogers at Schweitzer Elementary looks for words in a puzzle worksheet on the first day.**

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Williams and her husband also have children from previous marriages, a daughter, Claire, 13, and a son, Kevin, 7.

At her 12-month doctor's exam, Erinne began undergoing tests including MRIs and nerve studies, EMGs and blood tests. Finally, a DNA blood test confirmed the diagnosis. Spinal Muscular Atrophy is a disease of the cells in the spinal cord. It affects muscles for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control and swallowing.

Suzanne and her husband, Jim, found that they are both carriers of the genetic recessive trait that causes the disease.

"The whole experience has been an education," she said.

In fact, to say that the whole past year has been a trying one for Williams is an understatement.

The day before Thanksgiving last year, her husband suffered a closed head injury and severe injuries to his hands during an accident at work at a General Motors plant in Romulus.

He has nearly recovered from the head injury. But he has undergone five surgeries on his severely fractured hands, only to face even more surgery in the future.

He has not recovered enough to return to his former job as an electrician at GM where he often worked 60-hour weeks. He now works two hours a day three days a week as a sort of troubleshooter. He hopes to increase his hours soon.

Suzanne Williams, meanwhile, has somehow maintained an upbeat attitude.

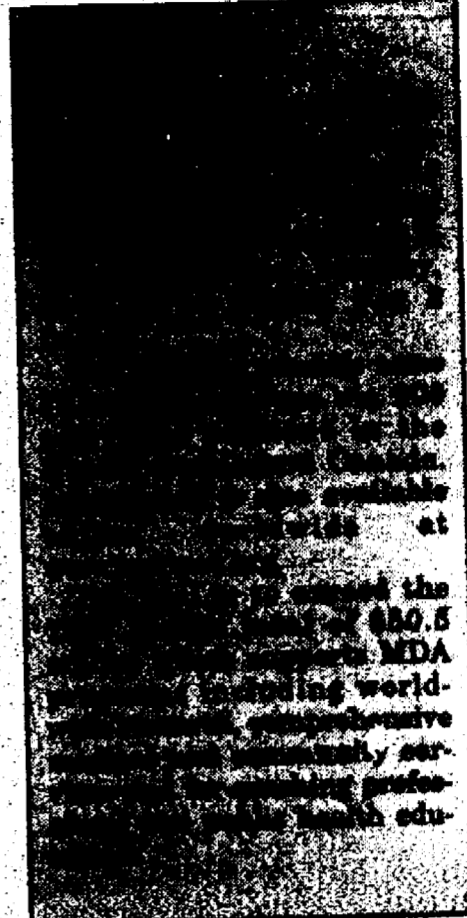
"This has definitely been a test. It's been a very humbling experience," she said.

She credits the Muscular Dystrophy Association, her church and the family-like atmosphere at Botsford for helping her cope.

MDA's help has been emotional and financial. As she has found that her insurance won't cover the cost of many items Erinne needs, MDA has picked up the tab.

Erinne is being fitted with leg braces and wrist splints. She has also been fitted with a type of wheelchair that takes the place of a stroller and car seat.

Later on, she will be fitted for a parapodium or stander, which



will help her stand in her leg braces and strengthen her back and leg muscles.

The need to stay upright in her car seat and later while standing is an effort to help her breathing. Children with SMA-2 usually die of respiratory infections in early childhood. Erinne has already had pneumonia twice. Her susceptibility to upper respiratory illnesses makes her vulnerable when parents bring sick kids to child care. So Suzanne is always on guard.

She plans to take a leave later this fall to undergo a hysterectomy, but also to stay with Erinne who will have to stay out of day care during the prime season for upper respiratory ailments.

"They have to treat any illnesses with these kids very aggressively," she said. Some kids end up with special breathing devices and some kids need suctioning.

Meanwhile, the Williamses don't know what Erinne's longterm prognosis is, but Erinne seems to cope. She has excelled in other areas such as with small motor skills, according to Michele Reilly, a co-worker of Suzanne's at the child-care center. "The thing that threw us is that she's so ahead in other areas," Reilly said.

She will also begin to attend physical and occupational thera-

py. Erinne's doctor visits have begun to add up, as Williams has taken to charting them out to keep them straight.

And her supervisors at Botsford have been supportive of the need for time off. "Botsford truly is a family organization," she said.

In August, Williams sent out a letter to parents of children at the Botsford Child Care Center explaining her situation.

In it she asks for prayers and has managed to keep her faith despite the problems her family faces. The support of people at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School in Northville have been "phenomenal," she said.

Parents and co-workers are also rallying behind the cause with plans to support the MDA telethon on Labor Day weekend.

Williams has nothing but praise for MDA, which has made all the calls to get help for Erinne, who Suzanne describes as the light of the whole family.

Erinne has also had the effect of raising awareness of muscular dystrophy among the kids at the Botsford Child Care Center. Recently, one little boy who would normally slap other kids on the head, came up and kissed Erinne on the head. The kids there are sensitive to her, Williams said.



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Cutie: Erinne is scheduled to appear on the telethon 4:10 p.m. Monday.

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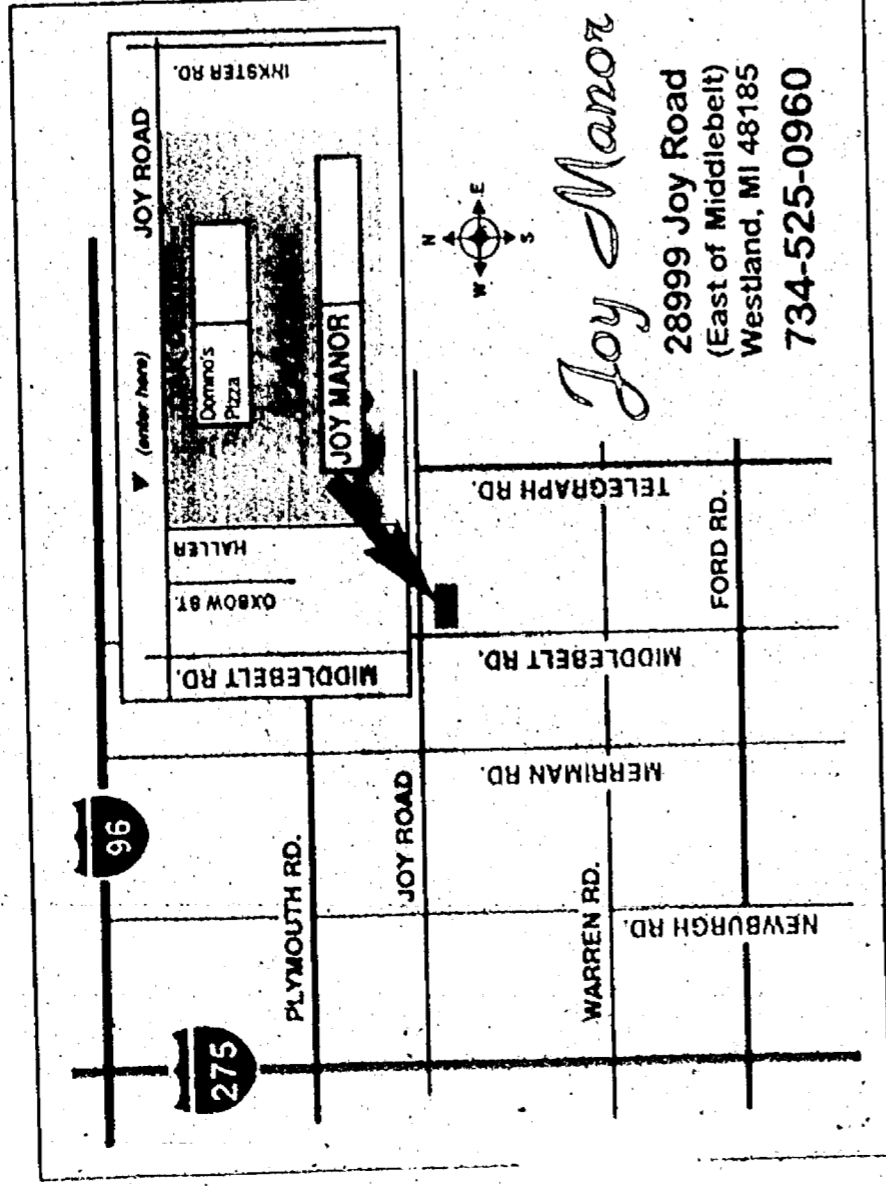
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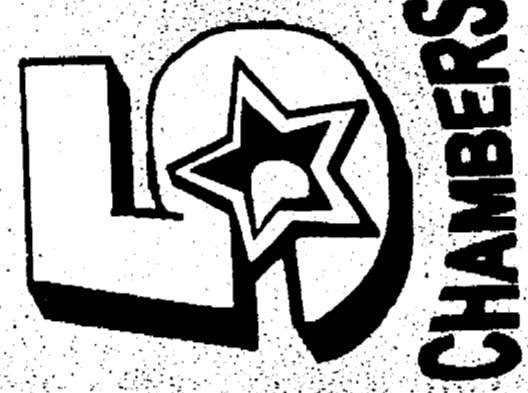
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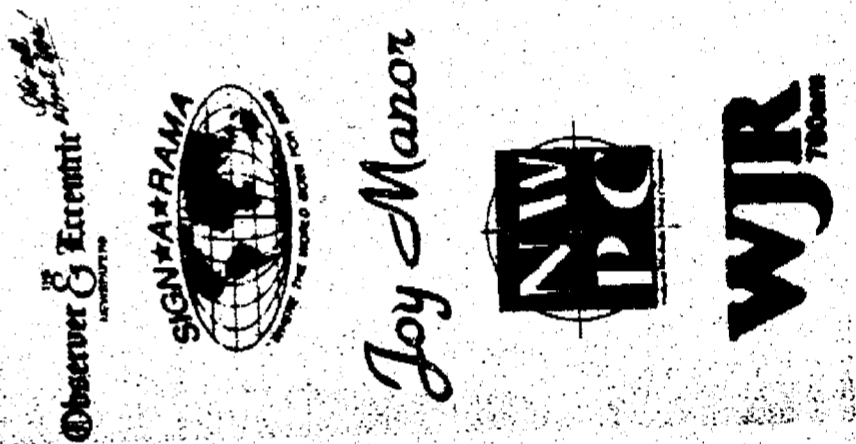
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# Experts mull solutions to labor shortage

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Bias alive

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## SC faculty on the job, negotiations to continue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

Neither side would discuss specific issues now being negotiated.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Leadership development is WICI topic

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

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

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

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

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan: #1452C, Special Land Use Approval for Sale and Display of Recreational Vehicles on Lots #17 and #18 of Ford Hix Westland Industrial Subdivision No. 2, East Side of Executive Drive, North of Ford Road and East of Hix Road, SE-7, Mike Stanson/Jeff Van Buren (David Wells).

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 21, 1998 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing of September 21, 1998, at 7:28 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on the following proposed ordinance:

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# Labor from page A7

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

### Employers looking

There was wide agreement that employers don't know how to tap public resources.

Panel moderator was Paul Hillegonds, the last (1993-96) Republican speaker of the state House and now president of Detroit Renaissance. Hillegonds said the Legislature developed MEAP statewide testing and endorsed diploma laws in response to top corporate executives.

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

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

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

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

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

### Issue: promotion

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

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

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

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

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

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

# SMART chief wants to expand service

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

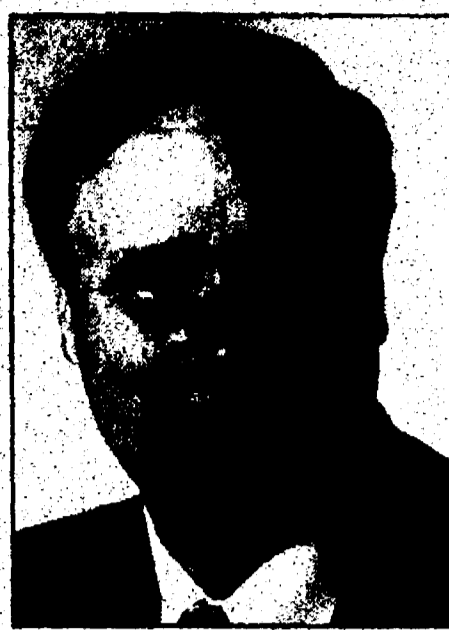
Dan Dirks believes you can't have job growth unless workers can get to those jobs.

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

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

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

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



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

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

and Macomb counties.

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

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

### His background

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

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

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

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

### Studying surveys

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

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

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## Slam 'slamming'

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

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

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

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

## 2-party toughness

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

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

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

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

## Ameritech wins

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

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

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

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

## Possible merger?

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

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

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

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

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

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

ing to expand, Dirks added.

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

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

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

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

## Madonna breakfast to feature sports celebrities, local leaders

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

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

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

As a special thank you for

financial support, participants who contribute to the fund at the breakfast will be able to get autographs, qualify to win special signed sports memorabilia and have their picture taken with the Stanley Cup. For more information, call (734) 432-5431.

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# Spicy black bean and lentil salad great for potlucks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Information and recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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

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

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

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

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

**PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY PUZZLE SANDWICH**

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter  
1/4 cup dried fruit bits  
1/4 cup apricot preserves or strawberry jam  
2 slices white bread

Combine peanut butter, fruit bits and preserves. Spread one-fourth of the filling between 2 slices of bread. Reserve remaining filling for later use. Makes 1 cup filling.

**BOLOGNA CHEESE DOG**

1 hot dog bun  
Mayonnaise  
Mustard  
1 slice bologna  
1 Cheddar cheese or string cheese stick

Spread inside of hot dog bun with mayonnaise and/or mustard, if desired. Roll bologna around cheese stick. Place inside hot dog bun. Makes 1 serving.

**CAESAR PITA SALAD**

3 ounces roasted chicken, cut in strips  
1 cup torn Romaine lettuce  
2 tablespoons Caesar salad dressing  
6-inch pita bread  
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Combine chicken, lettuce and salad dressing. Slice 1 inch off the top of one pita bread. Fill with

salad mixture. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Makes 1 serving.

**CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH**

1 cup chopped cooked chicken  
1/4 cup chopped celery  
1/4 cup sliced green grapes  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon honey  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
2 tablespoons chopped pecans  
1 Kaiser roll  
1 lettuce leaf

Combine chicken, celery, grapes, mayonnaise, honey, lemon juice and pecans; toss until well blended. Fill roll with chicken salad mixture. Top with lettuce leaf. Makes 1 serving.

**TURKEY CLUB SANDWICH**

1 ounce sliced smoked turkey  
1 ounce sliced ham  
1 slice Swiss cheese  
1 slice Cheddar cheese  
8-inch flour tortilla  
Mayonnaise  
Bacon bits  
Lettuce  
Tomato slices

Layer turkey, ham and both cheeses on top of flour tortilla. Spread with mayonnaise. Sprinkle with bacon bits. Top with lettuce and tomato. Roll up tortilla. Makes 1 serving.

**ROAST BEEF AND SALSA SANDWICH**

2 ounces sliced roast beef  
2 slices Cheddar cheese  
8-inch flour tortilla  
2 tablespoons salsa  
1 tablespoon sour cream

Layer roast beef and cheese on top of flour tortilla. Spoon salsa and sour cream down center. Roll up tortilla. Makes 1 serving. Recipes from: The Reynolds Wrap Kitchens.

pasta dish made by combining cooked spaghetti with shelled minced garlic and fish stock. Cook until most of the liquid is absorbed, then toss with sun-dried tomatoes, parsley, lemon

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### Health seminar

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

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

### Gilda's walk

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

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

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

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

### Psychology workshops

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Kids and cholesterol

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Diet

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Exercise

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

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

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

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

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

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

## St. Joe's earns trauma center status

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Only four other hospitals in Michigan have pursued and achieved Level

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

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

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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. 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.

##### IMPOTENCY

Help for Impotent Men (HIM) support group discusses "Women's Issues with Viagra" at 7 p.m. Botsford General Hospital's East Pavilion, 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) 712-5367.

#### THURS, SEPT. 10

##### HEALTHY COOKING

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

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

##### "SAFE WHEELS" FAIR

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

##### STRESS WORKSHOP

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

#### TUES, SEPT. 15

##### LYME DISEASE

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

##### DIABETES

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

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

##### MEDICAID SEMINAR

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

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# Narcolepsy affects some teens

There's a difference between being tired and feeling sleepy all the time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Hand washing prevents many problems

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Rinse well.
- Dry hands with a paper towel.
- Turn off the water using a paper towel instead of bare hands.
- Repeat the above several times a day.

Source: Wayne and Oakland County Departments of Health

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

## MON, SEPT. 21

### BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

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

## SAT, OCT. 3

### HEART WALK

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

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

## MON, OCT. 12

### ESTEEM WORKSHOP

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

## SAT, OCT. 17

### BABY CARE CLASS

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

## MON, NOV. 9

### FEELINGS AND FOOD WORKSHOP

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

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

**Video conferencing**  
 Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center in Livonia recently installed an additional communications system to accommodate the anticipated growth of video conferencing. The family-owned center, in operation for 10 years, changed its name to match its new capabilities. It is now called the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center.

The DelSignore family installed an integrated system digital network of phone lines, which is required for full-motion video conferencing communications. The network extends throughout the 13-room, 86,000-square-foot banquet facility.

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

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

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

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

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

**Service Advantages**  
 Advantages: American Business Plan Award (2000); Small Business Person of the Year award; Small Business Person of the Year award; Small Business Person of the Year award; Small Business Person of the Year award.

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

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

**Women's Foundation**  
 The Michigan Women's Foundation, the state's only foundation devoted to providing assistance and funding to non-profit organizations that serve women and girls, is now seeking concept papers for its 1998 grant-making cycle.

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

The deadline for postmark of concept papers is Monday, Sept. 14. To request proposal guidelines, call (734) 542-3946.

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# Porno Web sites trick folks into logging on



It happened the other night. A suburban Detroit man, Steve, was about to log off the family computer when he clicked on the "History" button on Microsoft's Internet Explorer web browser. The function keeps track of Web sites that have recently been visited when the user was last hooked up to the

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

of being blamed for something he did not do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

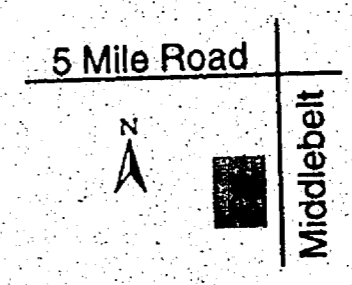
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Singer inspires personal growth

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

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

### Minstrel-style motivation:

Scott Kalechstein delivers the message "attitude is everything" in a concert and lecture Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12 in Livonia.

Kalechstein says the words stay with us because music touches emotions.

### Music to grow by.

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

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

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

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

### Beginnings

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

In 1990 he moved to California

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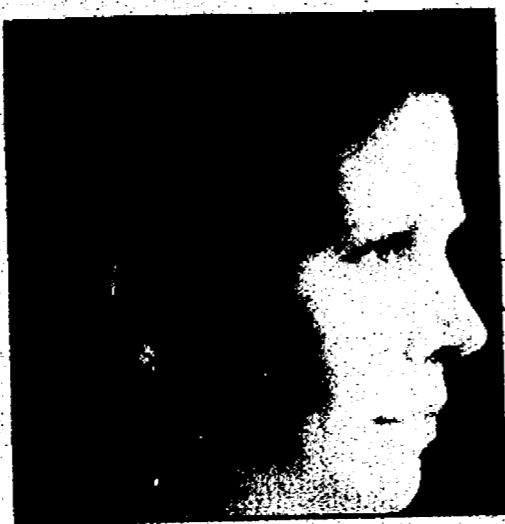
### Scott Kalechstein

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

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

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

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



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

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



## FALL FESTIVALS

### BROWSE AMONG THE ART

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Fall Art Festivals

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

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

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

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



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

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

### Painters show potpourri of wares

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### A Painter's Potpourri

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

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

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

**ADMISSION:** \$1.

## FESTIVALS

# Fall art festivals signal seasonal rite of passage

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

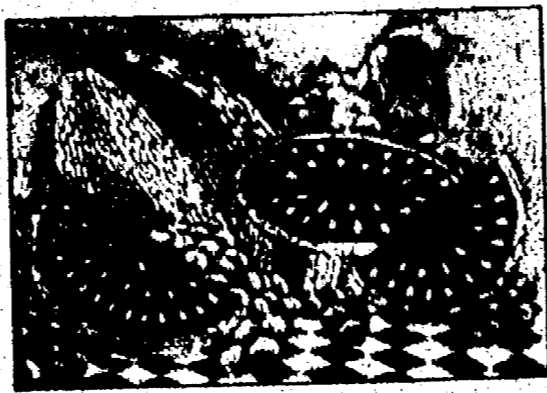
If you're thinking about calling two of this season's early fall art fairs " quaint," just a few words of homespun advice: *Forget about it.*

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

Both art festivals will be held Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Arguably, "Art in the Park" and "Art & Apples" offer insight into how art festivals can bring together a community and raise funds for local nonprofit organizations.

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

Meanwhile, this year, money raised



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

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

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

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

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

### Rite of passage

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

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

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

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

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

But that may change to include residents of Wayne County.

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

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

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

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# Siskel's speech to examine Jewish stereotypes in films

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sponsor:** Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah

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

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

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

ating simplistic or stereotypical characters.

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

an ominous conclusion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"It comes down to this: If I

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

than recognizing quality films.

"(Box office) lists are too easy of a way to categorize movies,"

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

## Singer shifts into high gear

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Practical realities dictated that she pursue jobs outside of singing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lyric Chamber Ensemble's 1998-99 Season

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

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

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

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

■ Piano Festival, Orchestra Hall, Sunday, March 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Changes are coming readily.

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

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# The PHANTOM of the OPERA

Directed by HAROLD PRINCE

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

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To play "Who's Behind The Mask?" Simply guess who the local celebrity 'Phantom's' are and submit your answers on the ballot below for a chance to win a weekend for two in Toronto & tickets to see "The Phantom of the Opera" at the AT&T Centre for the Performing Arts, Pantages Theatre in Toronto.

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### Grand Prize

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

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

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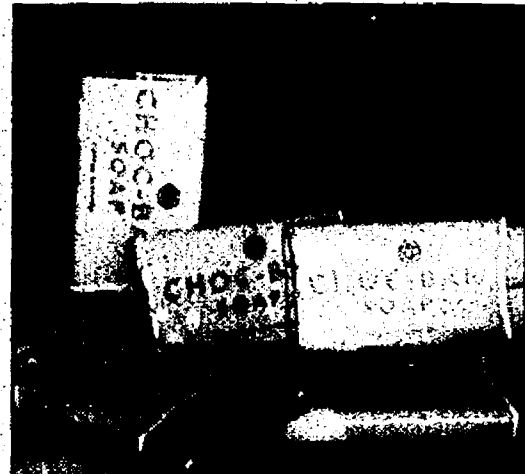
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**Cocoa suds:** Chocolate bar soaps from Lori Karbal et al in Birmingham.

## We've got the dish on soap

Most people don't use soap when they shower or wash their hands. So says Sandy Comeau of Berkeley. Known as the "Soap Lady" and "the Soap Guru," Comeau owns a home-based soap-making company called Earthly Delights (her products are available at several Oakland County stores and in eight bed and breakfasts in southern Michigan -- a real feat considering she just started her business in February). She also teaches soap making classes at the Birmingham Community House and in her home.

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

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

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

To keep her soaps all-natural, she colors and scents them with herbs, spices, flowers and essential oils. And to be different, she wraps them in pretty fabric instead of paper. Her soap "flavors" include: almond crumb cake, lemon creme, rosemary and dill, chamomile lavender, lavender blossom, peppermint, rain forest, oatmeal, rose petal, chocolate mousse, jasmine nights, ginger and coffee (which is supposed to be great for removing odors like garlic). Prices are \$3.50 for a 3.5-ounce bar and \$2 for a 1.75-ounce bar. Earthly Delights soap is available at Betty's Grocery Store in Birmingham, Jasmine Bath and Gift Shop in Ferndale, Healthstyles in Royal Oak, Southfield Family Sauna & Tub in Southfield, the Royal Oak Farmers Market, and by mail order. For more information, call Comeau at (248) 398-4773.

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

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



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



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



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

## New shops offer inside advantage

BY LINDA BACHRACK  
EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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



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



**Italian textiles:** Elegant Anichini linens dress a bed at Cristions in Birmingham.



**Eclectic interiors:** Mesa Arts has a mix of original furniture and accessories.

The shop also carries an array of gift items, including hand tooled leather address books, mugs, bookmarks, letter openers and pens.

"There's something for everyone," say the duo who, like sisters, finish each other's thoughts and share each other's appreciation for fine arts and crafts.

Mesa Arts, 135 E. Maple, Birmingham.  
When you're in search of the perfect down pillow and you come up empty-handed, what's there to do but open your own bedding accessories boutique? Such was the inspiration behind Cristions, the newly opened fine linens shop in downtown Birmingham.

Manager Kathy Thornton relays the "pillow talk" while showing off the sumptuous European linens that spill from cupboards and swaddle beds inside the restful dove gray-painted shop. The cottons here are no less than 300 thread-count, a fact easily established by careful caress. You'll find Anichini Italian sheets and coverlets in their original matelasse pattern as well as tapestry prints and other custom-order designs.

Delicate hemstitching distinguishes Bellino linens, and Swiss lace is the hallmark of Bischoff, whose boudoir pillows carry a \$300 price tag. Exclusive to the store is the Ludovica line of embroidered linens with which you can customize your entire bedroom, from upholstered headboard to bedskirt. If Irish linen is your preference, choose Greenhorn sheets and cases.

The shop also carries linen and cotton hand towels, Aromatherapy of Rome candles, reasonably priced down products, Christy Egyptian cotton towels and chenille and cashmere throws.

Don't miss the exquisite baby bedding and christening gowns. Liz Wain creates whimsical hand-painted children's linens and Nay-Et-AI designs more formal washable silk crib dressings. Anichini bibs and cashmere baby blankets round out the layette lair.

Cristions, 215 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

Picture a seaside cottage, an Up North retreat or a casually sophisticated downtown bungalow. These abodes conjure images of well-worn antiques mixed with white linens, colorful ceramics, painted furniture and buckets of fresh flowers. That's just the sort of eclectic and charming decor you'll find inside Home, the new furnishing and gift emporium in downtown Royal Oak.

Home is the brainchild of family members Joanne Pintar, Julie Ann Brewster and Ronda Jemison of Royal Oak. "We always wanted our own store and we decided to open a shop filled with the stuff we love," says Joanne. The Royal Oak location was a given, as the clan has lived in town for the past 75 years.

The trio's tag sale savvy is evident in the shop's cozy collection of farm tables, painted benches, Windsor chairs, vintage mantels and pie safes. Obviously they know their way around a flea market. "When we see it, we know," says Joanne. "We like to mix styles, generations and eras."

All of their scavenged finds plus an array of reproduction and slip-covered furniture and some whimsical accessories, are combined in room vignettes within the store.

The French entrance parlor, for example, enchants with black and white striped wallpaper, framed tulip photographs and a black painted settle. In the garden room, find French country sap buckets painted in the colors of Provence. An armoire, vintage green chest and Victorian patchwork pillows add charm to the den, while a huge crackle-finish farm table takes center stage in the dining room. Kitchen cupboards hold vintage restaurant ware and an iron cottage bed defines the boudoir. Just like home, the space is in constant flux.

"That's what makes it fun," smiles Julie Ann. "It's an ever-changing environment. We get to redecorate every day."

Home, 414 S. Washington, Royal Oak.

News of special events for shoppers is included in this calendar. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; or fax (248) 644-1314. Deadline: Wednesday 5 p.m. for publication on Sunday.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 10**  
**REV 'N READ**  
The General Motors Women's Club of Detroit presents a "Book Fair" at Livonia Mall to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The books are from "Books Are Fun," and the prices are discounted from 40-70 percent below retail. The sale continues through Sept. 12 during mall hours. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

**OUTTA SIGHT**  
Selima, Soho's hip now spectacle designer, exhibits her optical fashions at Shades in Birmingham, from 6-9 p.m. See the hottest French frames to hit the eye scene in 20 years. Shades, 205 E. Maple, Birmingham.

### ADDED ATTRACTIONS

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 12**  
**TROPICAL TREAT**  
The Living Science Foundation presents "Rainforest" at Livonia Mall. Shows are every hour from 12-3 p.m. at the stage near Crowley's. Meet and touch Monty, the Burmese python; Dali, the Salvador monitor lizard; Grayatoke, the African gray parrot and many other rainforest creatures. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13**  
**COOL CLOTHES**  
Teen Explosion presents a "Back to Skool Dayz" Fashion Show Extravaganza at Livonia Mall, 2 p.m. on the stage near Crowley's. The show features teen

clothing as seen in Delia's, Girlfriends, Just Nikki and Moxiegirl catalogs. The first 25 people to purchase back-to-school wear at Teen Explosion will receive a gift certificate. Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.

**WELL ENGINEERED**  
The Plymouth "Model Railroad & Toy Train Show" returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center during "Fall Festival." Show hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is \$4; ages 4-12 \$1. Dealers and collectors will sell new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy train supplies. The Plymouth Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. 525 Farmer St., Plymouth.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 17**  
**A LA MODE**  
Saks Fifth Avenue and Mode magazine present the fall 1998 collection for sizes 14-24, featuring Michele Weston, fashion and style director for Mode. 6:30 p.m. Call (248) 614-3323 for more information. Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy.

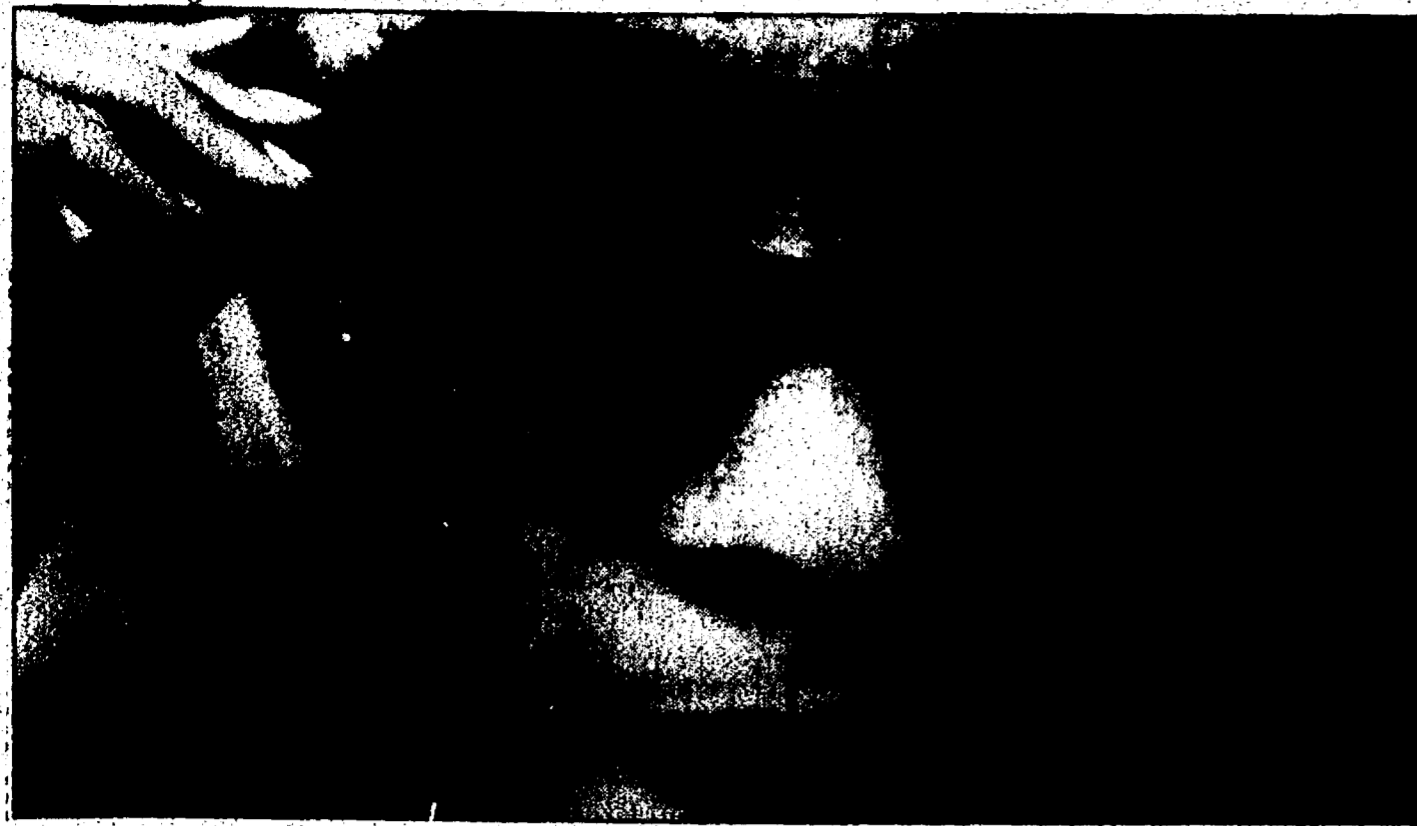


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Vision quest: Julia Gogosha in eyewear sculptures by Selima at Shades Optical.

## Eyewear design more than a look; some claim it's an emerging art

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Art and fashion have always been dysfunctional cousins.

The apparent difference is that art can make you feel and think, while fashion, well, it can make you look good.

Substance versus style. Depth versus superficiality. Is there a difference?

Welcome to the brink of the 21st century where you, too, can look how you feel and feel how you look.

And with the latest stylistic inventions in eyewear, there seems to be common ground between visceral aesthetics and breezy utility.

On Thursday, one of the world's leading eyewear designers, Selima, will bring her funky and colorful optical sculptures to Shades in downtown Birmingham.

"It's been big in Europe for years," said Julia Gogosha, who organized the Selima exhibit. "People wear eyeglasses as if to wear a mood."

Typically, prices for a "mood" begin at a couple hundred dol-

lars. To feel like a jet-setter, a hand-made "mood" will cost plenty.

Since the mid 1980s, eyewear has emerged as a fashionable accessory. Perhaps it took a while to recover from the bloated styles of the disco decade. But more likely, said Gogosha, it's been the heightened awareness about fashionable clothing, from formal attire to casual clothing to sneakers.

In many ways, the popularity and talk of eyewear as an "art" parallels the recent emergence of jewelry as an accepted artform, said Dr. William Koppin, an optometrist and owner of Shades.

Several highly acclaimed jewelry exhibits have toured the country, including a show two years ago at the Cranbrook Art Museum.

Next year, Koppin plans to sponsor an exhibit of eyewear created by European artists commissioned by Anne et Valentin, a leading international retailer of eyewear. The exhibit, said Koppin, likely will be held at a local gallery or art center, he said.

Opening Shades in 1989, Koppin set out to "change the optical industry." In appearances and laid-back atmosphere, Shades defies the traditional doctor's decorum. The design of the store combines an urban grittiness with a cosmopolitan hipness.

In the small quarters at the back of Shades, Koppin performs eye examinations with the familiar, time-tested optical equipment.

But dressed in a stylish jacket and shirt, and wearing tinted wire-frame glasses, Koppin appears more like a fashion consultant. His framed degree from Indiana University, which hangs on the wall in his office, however, attests to his optometric proficiency.

"This has to be fun for me and the client," said Koppin. "We set out to create an experience of fashion, art and medical."

In business terms, that approach is called by an optical name - "vision."

**Shades Optical, Selima and You!**  
Thursday, Sept. 10  
6-9 p.m.  
205 E. Maple, Birmingham

## Where can I find?

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

### What We Found:

- Linda is a distributor for Finelle eye shadow and Joyce has a box of Crown Pilot crackers she will sell for \$5. Kristen has old Civil Defense items (tin cans of unopened food).
- Adele has some old magazines with Princess Diana.
- Arlene has a bottle of INFINY perfume for Tisha.
- Sally has Ickel, Spickle Robin for Francis.
- Magnetic playing cards can be found at General Trailer in Waterford and Palm Beach Patio in Waterford and at Brookstone's in Lakeside Mall.
- Kirks Castille hard water soap can be found at Meijer in Westland and at Danny's Supermarkets and L & L Grocery on Adams and University in Rochester.
- For John, attachments for vacuums can be found at A-1 Sew and Vacuum (313) 422-6226.
- Johnny on the Spot Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning on Nine Mile in Novi will pick up and clean large area rugs, as will Hagopian Carpet Cleaners.
- Frames Base Gallery has a 1982 Montreux Jazz Festival poster (248) 549-1640.
- Lower case stencils can be found at the Teacher's Store on Middlebelt in Livonia.
- Sue has a "Henry" dog, will sell for \$5.
- Madge has a stem for a Pyrex coffee pot.
- Sue has a Broiler/Rotisserie that sits on the counter.
- Found a number of people

who have the 1987 Santa Bear.

- A sterling silver dog tag can be found in the Fall/Winter JCPenney catalog on pg. 376.
- Short hair wigs can be found in the Paula Young Wigs catalog (800) 343-9695, also at Crowleys and at Jean's Boutique at 20733 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe (313) 882-4559.
- An electric curling brush can be found at Kohl's and Target.
- Slow Poke candy on a stick at Arbor Drugs.
- Hudson's carries stainless steel electric fry pans by Farberware.

### We're still looking for:

- Theresa is looking for Laura Ashley #1 fragrance.
- Dale is looking for a Dog Groomer who works out of the house.
- Stephanie wants Clairol Kindness Electric Hair rollers (19) for short hair.
- Judy is looking for Maple Buns and Bottle Cap candy.
- Dee wants a Potter's Wheel.
- Linda wants a "Kenner's Cricket" Doll.
- Doreen is looking for a 1970 "Chadsey" High school yearbook.
- The Hallmark Rocking Horse series ornament (not mini size) for Rita.
- Doyle Pineapple Juice frozen concentrate in a can.
- Ruth from Bloomfield township is looking for BLEYLE slacks made in Germany.
- Sharon is looking for Heatherwood Floor stain by Glidden in a 2 gallon can.
- Joyce is looking for an antique ear horn from the last century.
- Mary from Beverly Hills wants a copy of the 1978 "Seaholm" yearbook.
- Pat from Redford is looking

for Pivot Men and Women's Golf Wear, used to be able to buy at Hudson's or Sak's.

- Linda is looking for a 1969 Lincoln Park High yearbook.
- Simplicity Moisturizer eye cream/eye gel for Margaret. Hudson's used to carry it.
- Thomas is looking for a Weather Eye by MacDonald Industries and distributed by R.J. MacDonald Int'l. Corp.
- Tisha is looking for METAL perfume by Paco Rabon.
- Sue is looking for a "Bubble" Comb from the '60s/'70s. It has 2/3 rows of teeth with a handle.
- Nancy wants a game from the '60s, "Pig in the Garden".
- Sally has five Frank Sinatra 12" LPs from the 1950s in excellent condition she wants to sell.
- Kathy wants Britannia baggy blue jeans in women's petite sizes, use to be able to buy at Target or Kmart.
- Bob from Farmington wants a copy of the movie "Robinson Crusoe on Mars". It is a Sci-Fi movie from the 1960s.
- Virginia is looking for paint for her Sacred Heart garden statue (a dull wash with gold paint and she also wants a 33x70 lattice or resin free-standing privacy screen to be used outdoors).
- Cammie and Janet are looking for the 1967 "Oak Park" High School yearbook.
- Joyce is looking for a 1996 Beatrix Potter (Easter) ornament made by Hallmark.
- Lena wants the game Generation Gap.
- Corelle "Country Violets" is wanted by Loretta.
- Ann is looking for a telescoping mirror on a stand, made by TOTAL-VUE.
- Jackie is looking for a 1966 "Catholic Central" (Girls) yearbook. It was located at Parsons and Woodward in Detroit.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

### RETAIL DETAILS

#### ALL THAT JAZZ

Tel-Twelve Mall presents Fashion Jazz Fridays this month in the Center Court from 12-1:30 p.m. Elite Fashions celebrates its new store opening with a series of fashion shows featuring women's designer clothing. Jazz saxophonist Herbie Russ performs live for lunchtime swingers. Tel-Twelve Mall, 28690 Telegraph Road, Southfield.

#### BUG-EYED

Oakland Mall is going "buggy" Sept. 7-Oct. 31 when its "Bugs" exhibit invades the aisles with giant robotic insects. Visitors get a bug's-eye-view of life from interactive learning displays sponsored by Cranbrook Institute of Science, Q-95 and the mall. The huge moving creatures include a praying mantis, scorpion, two carpenter ants and a unicorn beetle. Also included are two static dragonflies with 10-foot gossamer wingspans. Oakland Mall, 14 Mile Road and I-75, Troy.

#### BASH CASH

Hudson's and Founders Junior Council of the Detroit Institute of Arts raised more than \$325,000 at the 29th annual Fash Bash on Aug. 5. Fash Bash is the single largest auxiliary fund-raiser for the DIA and has raised more than \$2 million over the last three decades for acquisitions and programs at the museum.

#### COSMETIC CHANGES

Mary Anne Toccalino, of Toccalino Cosmetic Studio in Birmingham, announces the arrival of a new product line from CARA Cosmetics International. Toccalino will be the exclusive representative of the line in the Detroit area. Best known for their foundations that are specifically formulated for postoperative laser surgery patients, people with melasma, acne and ethnic skin, CARA has introduced a complete product line of fine cosmetics. Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham.

#### FASHION PLATE

European designer Keita Maruyama has transformed his beloved Wedgewood china pattern into an intricate sweater design. The Wedgewood blue cardigan with hand-stitched birds and flowers can be found exclusively at Tender in Birmingham. One of the hottest names on the Tokyo fashion scene, Maruyama's beaded and embroidered sweaters are making news across the country. See his creations at Tender, 271 W. Maple, Birmingham.

### GREAT VACATION GETAWAYS

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| <b>Valentine's Day Cruise Carnival</b><br>February 12, 1999<br>\$830<br>Price includes: 3 night cruise, round trip air, round trip transfer, all meals, all port charges, all entertainment and cancellation insurance. | <b>London, Ontario Shopping Spree</b><br>Saturday, October 10th, 1998<br>\$35 per person<br>Roundtrip by deluxe motorcoach courtesy of Wmsac Tours Continental breakfast, shopping at the Galleria Mall.<br><b>Majestic Star Casino</b><br>Gary Indiana, Sept. 12th<br>\$50 per person<br>Roundtrip transportation, \$10 cash back in tickets, all-southern, etc. ticket. | <b>Carnival Non-Smoking Cruise</b><br>June 6th, 1999<br>Round trip air, round trip bus transfers, all meals, taxes and port charges. |
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# Michigan's UP offers a Superior vacation

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

My wife, Debbie, and I had never been deeper into the Upper Peninsula than the Soo and decided this was the year to see what the rest of our Great Lakes State was like.

What we found was miles of clean, uncluttered sand beaches, picturesque rocky shores, endless miles of forest lands, lakes, rivers, dramatic cliffs, waterfalls, pleasant towns, friendly people but no bears.

The UP has yet to be tainted by developers. There are few big motel operations north of St. Ignace. There are few kitschy shops and the forests haven't all been turned into golf courses.

For years we had vacationed in the Sleeping Bear-Leelanau Peninsula. But recently the developers have been encroaching so relentlessly that much of the area's beauty has been compromised and the people crunch around Traverse City makes it seem like you haven't left metro Detroit.

The UP has its tourist attractions (Pictured Rocks and Tahquamenon Falls) and a growing number of Indian casinos scattered about in small towns and large. It also has a history of poverty that is evident in some of the older towns and shabby crossroads. But even some of these places have a relaxed, almost 1950s summer vacation style that is preferable to the prefab vacation towns along Lake Michigan.

Once we crossed the Mighty Mac, we began to notice that the traffic became lighter as we drove along U.S. 2, a beautiful stretch of Lake Michigan beach with scenic stops. The population of the UP is only about 300,000 in an area the size of several New England states combined. Though it gets its share of summer vacationers from lower Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota, the cold Lake Superior waters (a constant 46-48 degrees), the lack of glitz and the vast expanses keep crowds at a minimum even on this ideal August week.

Our first lodging place was the Pinewood Lodge, a bed and breakfast in Au Train operated by Jerry and Jenny Krieg. We selected this place blindly from the Michigan Lake to Lake guide of the Bed & Breakfast Association.

What we found on arrival was stunning. The Pinewood is a large log home overlooking Lake Superior with a long, clean and empty expanse of beachfront inviting long walks to listen to Superior's waves splash along the shore.

The Krieges operate a low-key establishment, allowing their visitors the freedom to explore the walkways and gardens, watch ruby-throated humming birds feed, sit on a swing or in a



**Rocky shores:** The red rocks and green trees make a dramatic contrast on the Keweenaw shores of Lake Superior.

gazebo to watch the sunsets or take a video from a bookcase back to their room. (We watched Jimmy Stewart walk around this area in "Anatomy of a Murder.") But they are also knowledgeable guides to Superior country, quick to offer a little history and geography about the place they love. Jenny Krieg also serves a fine breakfast.

Au Train is convenient for biking, hiking, canoeing, fishing and sightseeing. From here we drove to Munising for the Pictured Rock boat cruise. This is a must. The 2-1/2 hour tour is the easy way to see this beautiful work of nature, soaring cliffs of multi-colors (caused by the seepage of water through the rocks). Our captain was a humorist as well as a guide.

Pictured Rocks can also be hiked and kayaked.

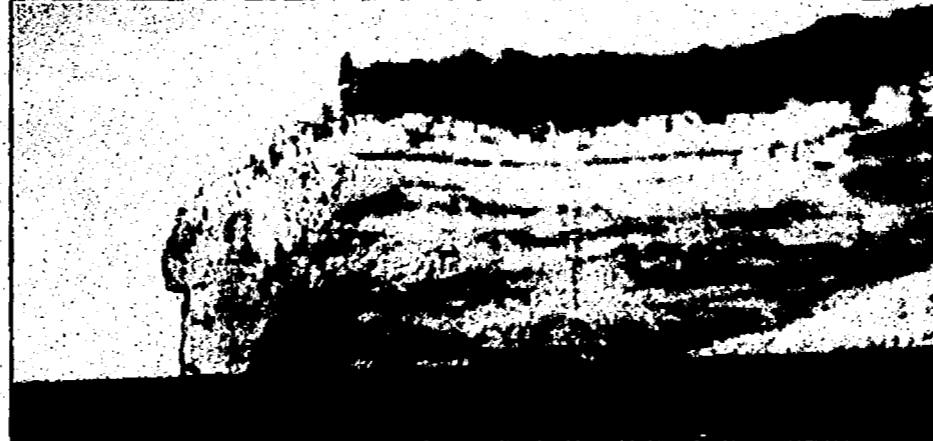
Grand Island National Recreation Area is also near Munising. This is a great place to hike, bicycle and fish. We spent a morning walking in a gentle rain and enjoyed the views and the quiet.

To the west of Au Train is Marquette, the UP's largest city (Pop. 27,000) and home to Northern Michigan University. This is a town that seems to respect its heritage. Many fine 19th century buildings downtown have been restored, including the courthouse featured in "Anatomy of a Murder."

We stopped for a pasty at Jean Kay's, in the shadow of the university's Superior Dome, the world's largest wooden dome. Pasties are a UP culinary specialty invented by Cornish miners to carry a lunch of beef, potatoes, onions and rutabagas in a light pastry crust. Jean Kay serves the best.

Marquette has also preserved its natural heritage on the impressive Presque Isle, a city park that invites hikers and bikers with impressive Lake Superior views.

Moving west, we continued our exploration of the UP by heading for the Keweenaw Peninsula,



**Pictured Rocks:** Indian Head is one of many startling rock formations on the cliffs at Pictured Rocks, best viewed from the water in excursion boats or kayaks.

offering a contrast to the sand beaches of the Munising-to-Marquette area.

On our way to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, we veered off U.S. 41 to drive along the Lake Superior shore on S.R. 26. We came back later to bicycle on this same road because of its dramatic rocky shore and red rock beaches. It was here that we stopped at the Jampot, a bakery and jam store operated by monks. We bought wonderful sweet fruit cake pieces and thimbleberry jam.

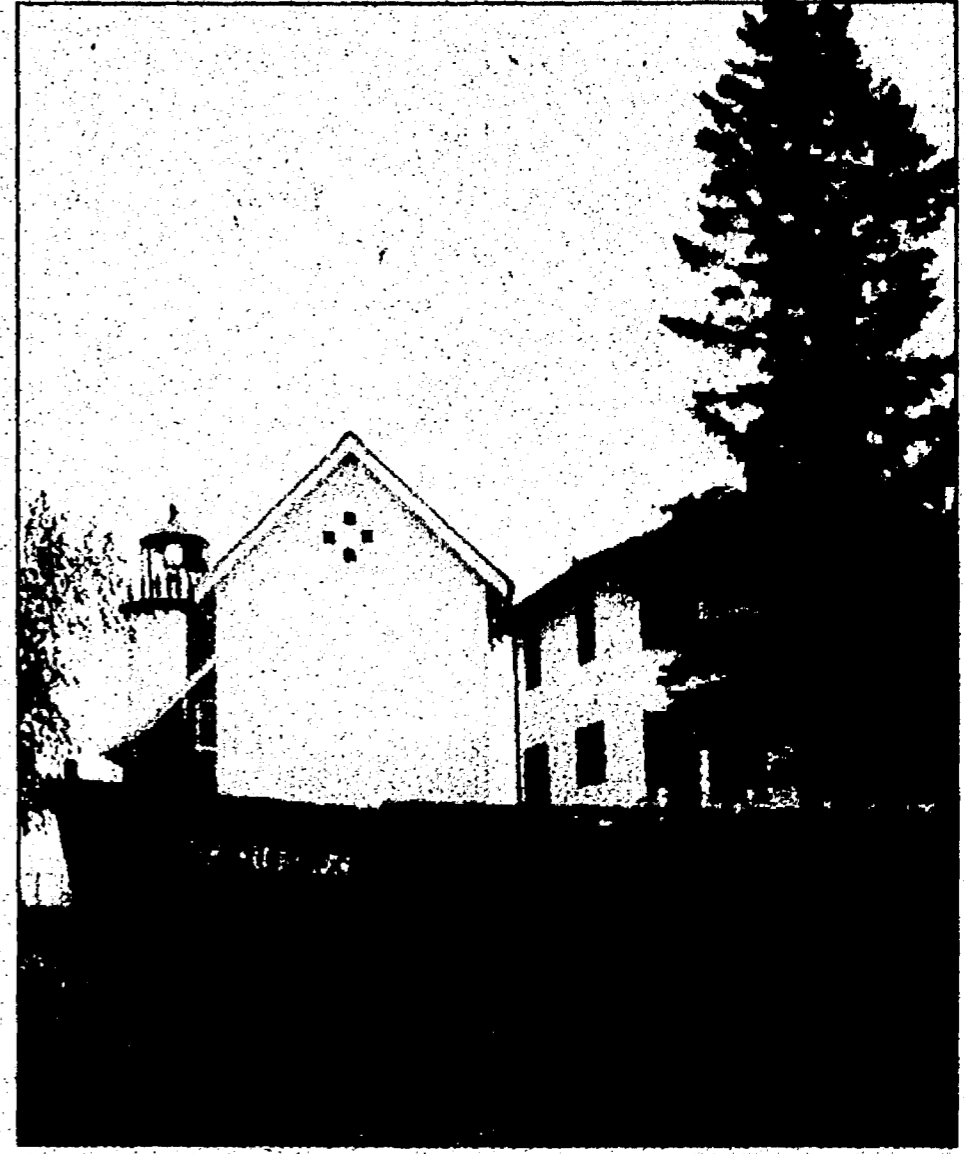
The Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor was built in the 1930s by the CCC to provide work in the depressed copper mining country. We stayed in one of the original log cabins, notable for their cleanliness, large stone fireplaces and beautiful views.

The best restaurant we found in Copper Harbor was the wonderful Harbor Haus. Despite a kitschy German restaurant motif, the Harbor Haus serves excellent food with dramatic views of Lake Superior. Everything from the appetizer (light potato pancakes with goat cheese and apples) to the dinner (an amazing grilled trout) to dessert (a raspberry cobbler for two) was excellent and the service from our waitress, Juanita, was warm, considerate and fast, though she was at the end of a

12-hour day.

After our meal we watched the sun set across the bay from the restaurant's long dock.

There were many other great finds on this vacation — two excellent bookstores (84 Charing Cross in Munising and North Wind Books in Eagle Harbor); the Eagle Harbor Inn, which serves good sandwiches and pizza in an attractive wood-paneled nautical setting; numerous waterfalls; scenic turnouts maintained by the state and providing not just rest stops but walking opportunities in beautiful



**Fair warning:** The Eagle Harbor Lighthouse is one of many around the potentially treacherous Keweenaw Peninsula. The lighthouse is now automated and operated as a museum.

settings; a slow drive through the Seney Wildlife Refuge to watch herons and terns; biking opportunities on road and off; lighthouses, especially the Eagle Harbor lighthouse and its friendly guides; the view from Brockway Mountain; the protected beach at Bete Gris where Superior is warm enough to swim (for some); and Fort Wilkins State Park with its excellently recreated fort.

The fall season here, mid-September to early October, should offer unforgettable color views.

The UP is also a winter wonderland of ski resorts and snowmobile trails.

Anyone planning a trip to the UP should consult the excellent Hunt's Guide to Michigan's Upper Peninsula (Midwestern Guides, \$15.95), a great resource for discovering both the major attractions and off-the-beaten track treasures.

(Next week, closer to home in a foreign country.)

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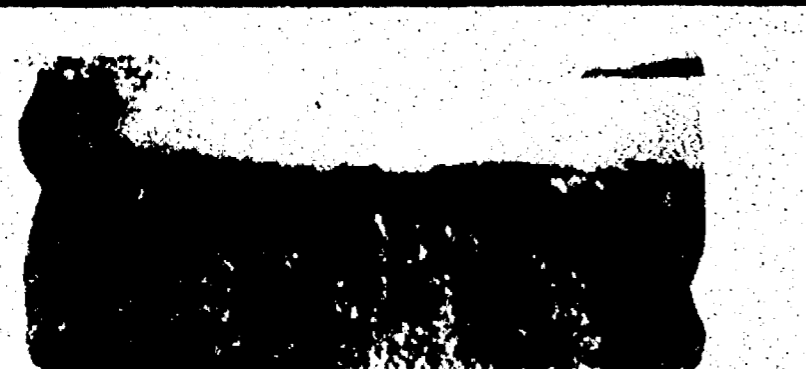
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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET

Stevenson girls, boys repeat as champs

BY BRAD EMONS SPORTS EDITOR

Stevenson still reigns as king and queen of Livonia Public Schools cross country.

But the landscape is changing ever so slightly after Thursday's tri-meet even though the Spartan girls and boys repeated as champions.

The Stevenson girls, who have not lost a city meet since 1983, got a mild scare from Churchill, winning 27-33. Franklin was a distant third.

Meanwhile, Stevenson's boys, scoring 32, opened impressively against Churchill (46) and Franklin (50). See complete results attached.

After four years of dominance by the graduated Kelly Travis, Stevenson junior Andrea Parker assumes the role as the Spartans' top runner.

Sixth in the state Class A meet last year, Parker ran the hilly 5,000-meter course in 19:56.

"Parker continues to look strong and I'm kind of surprised she ran that time because we've been working pretty hard all week," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said.

Sisters Ashley and Alison Filion of Churchill finished second and third, respectively, in 20:51 and 20:58.

"For our first meet things went pretty well," Holmberg said. "And it showed we have quite a bit of depth."

"Churchill also has made good improvement. It looks like they stepped up and ran well. And I

knew the Fillions would run well."

Stevenson then took the next three spots, five through seven — Leslie Knapp, Katie Sherron and freshman Sarah Kearfott.

"Our freshmen have improved and Knapp showed today she's ready to run," Holmberg said. "She's a key to our season. And Sherron was solid."

Churchill's Stephanie Skwiers and Liliana Cippolone finished seventh and eighth, respectively. Jenny Furlong of Franklin and Christy Tzilos of Stevenson rounded out the top 10.

"I'm very, very pleased," Churchill coach Sue Gembis said. "Our third and fourth runners (Skwiers and Cippolone) surprised some people and stepped up. I knew they would perform and I expected them to be in the top eight."

Stevenson also took places 11 through 14, while Churchill runners finished 14 through 17.

"Christy Smith (15th) and Colleen Hayden (16th) showed potential for the future," Gembis said. "They could be part of the missing link."

On the boys side, Franklin senior Josh Burt, a two-time state qualifier, held off a strong challenge from Stevenson senior Joe Verellen to win the individual title.

Burt had been playing second fiddle the past three years to Stevenson's Rob Block (now at Lansing Community College), but now it's his turn to shine.

Burt, runner-up to Block a

year ago, clocked a 16:45, while Verellen was second in 17:00.

"It was a good start," Burt said. "I felt good, but that Joe (Verellen) from Stevenson pushed me, and that's good. It took awhile to shake him."

Burt spent the summer with a group of eight runners logging six to eight miles daily. The group also spent one or two days per week training at Cass Benton.

He also benefitted from an August running camp in northern Michigan.

"We went to camp with the guys from (Plymouth) Salem and Farmington teams," Burt said. "It's up near Vanderbilt, lots of hills and dirt roads. It got us in pretty good shape."

Burt, who gave up hockey and swimming to concentrate on running, plans to continue his racing career in college.

"We'll see what's available as far as scholarships," he said. "I'd like to make All-State, that's the top 30. Actually, I'd like to make the top 20."

Stevenson placed three others in the top 10 including Redford Thurston transfer Eric Bohn, who finished third; Brad Carroll, sixth; and Eric Mink, 10th. Matt Isner added an 11th.

Churchill's top finisher was senior John McCallum, who was fourth. Teammates Jason Richmond and Joe Robinson were seventh and eighth.

Franklin sophomores Brian Klotz and Steve Stewart took fifth and ninth, respectively.

Table with Livonia Public Schools Cross Country Meet results for Boys and Girls teams, including individual and team standings.

Table with Livonia Public Schools Cross Country Meet results for various schools and events, including individual and team standings.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LOYOLA GOLF NAMES COACH Livonia native Jonathan David was recently appointed head men's golf coach at Loyola University (Ill.).

David played golf at Dearborn Divine Child and Wayne State University. YOUTH SOCCER RUNNER-UP The Livonia Meteors, an under-12 boys soccer team,

recently finished second in the Waterford Cup '98 Tournament. They defeated the Brighton Express, Huron Valley Storm and Waterford Warriors en route to the final.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Larry Silvestri and Paul Klebba, include: Kevin Barton, Andy Carpenter, Jason Gil-

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AREA GOLF DIVOTS Three area golfers had high honors in the second flight of the Women's Suburban Golf Association tournament Friday at Indian Springs Golf Club.

Penny Irwin of Westland fired a 99 to capture low gross in the second flight, Wayne's Pat Henke shot a 69 to win low net and Lori Wilson of Livonia was second low net with a 74.

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