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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY

**Republican club:** "My Favorite President: Confessions of a Present Day Mugwump" is the topic of a talk by Lawrence Reed, president of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, at the Westland Republican Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. The club meets at Amantea's Restaurant, 32777 West Warren Road at Venoy.

**Writing workshop:** Kathleen Ripley Leo will present a free creative writing workshop for adults 7-10 p.m. Monday at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway.

**School board:** The Wayne-Westland school board meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the administration building, 36745 Marquette.

**Council meets:** The Westland City Council will hold a study session beginning at 6 p.m. in the study chambers, second floor, Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road.

### TUESDAY

**Health and wellness:** A health and wellness preview featuring magnetics and infrared technology is set for 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the Westland Friendship Center.

### WEDNESDAY

**Library board:** The board of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland meets at 7 p.m. at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

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## Toddler tales



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**Storytime:** At top, Lisa Gruebnau and her daughter, Meghan, 2, of Westland get involved in a finger play song at the beginning of Toddler Tales at the Westland Library this past week. Below, Children's Librarian Jolee Kempf reads a story about places to live to toddlers, preschoolers and parents.

## Wayne Road sees spark of new businesses

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

### BUSINESS

Several new businesses will soon sprout up along Wayne Road, but city officials predict it will be a few years before the commercial corridor sees a real upswing.

Just last week, Westland City Council members approved three measures that could help boost Wayne Road's image. Consider:

■ A new full-service restaurant looms on the northwest corner of Oakwood and Wayne. It will lead to renovation of the once-popular Lerights, a dining place that closed more than a year ago.

■ Dillon's Jewelers will build a new store near the northeast corner of Avondale and Wayne, more than tripling the space it now occupies in a nearby strip mall.

■ An older party store on the southeast corner of Joy and Wayne will be converted into a new 7-Eleven.

The latest three projects follow other Wayne Road improvements that are nearing completion or in the works.

A Rite Aid drug store, next to a new, adjacent Thrifty Florist, is nearing completion on the southeast corner of Wayne and Ford.

"They're finishing up the Rite Aid now," Westland Planning Director Tod

Kilroy said.

And a new Auto Zone business has been approved near the southeast corner of Bock and Wayne, although many neighbors don't want it built.

"Certainly there's reinvestment in the community," Kilroy said of the latest projects.

Developers are taking a second look at redevelopment as Westland continues to grow and as vacant land

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## Places of beauty

The city of Westland has announced the winners of the 1998 Summer Beautification Contest.

The residential winners include: first place, the Diachers of Fairlane Street; second place, the Gillissies of Hazelwood; third place, the Dregowskys of Bock.

Non-residential winners include: first place, Westland Estates, 6843 N. Wayne Road; second place, Taylor Towers, 36500 Marquette; third place, St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road.

The awards will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the William P. Faust Public Library.

## PLACES & FACES

### Assistant principal leaves

Donald Learmont was named assistant principal at Walled Lake Western High School. Learmont holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Central Michigan University.

He has been assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School in the Wayne-Westland Schools since July of 1995, after serving four years as assistant principal/athletic director at East Jackson High

School, and two years as athletic director at Baldwin High School.

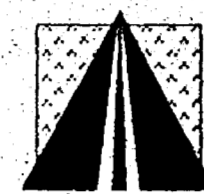
Learmont also served for six years as a high school math teacher.

### Infantry school

Army Pvt. Raymond L. Utter Jr. has arrived at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to receive One Station Unit Training. The training combines basic military training and advanced individual training.

Utter is the son of Darlene A. Utter of Wixom and Raymond L. Utter of Westland. He is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland.

## Changes set for corner near Glenn



In the wake of safety concerns, major changes are on tap for the Marquette-Carlson intersection just west of John Glenn High School.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

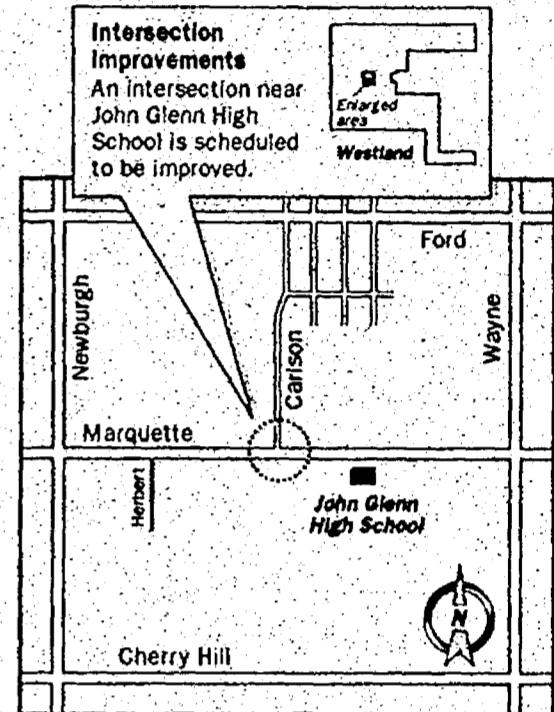
Parents have won a long battle to convince Westland officials to improve an intersection considered dangerous near John Glenn High School.

Mayor Robert Thomas confirmed that major changes loom for the Marquette-Carlson intersection just west of the school.

Specifically, a traffic light will be installed and Glenn's westernmost driveway will be moved to align with Carlson.

Work could begin as early as February or March, although it possibly could be delayed until the school year ends, Thomas said.

Parents such as Linda Long and Tina Schweim have long sought intersection changes to increase safety for students



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

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## City puts land on selling block

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Scores of vacant land parcels and nine houses will be placed on the bidding block following the city of Westland's decision to get rid of land it acquired from non-payment of taxes.

City officials hope to spur some new development and boost tax revenues by selling properties to high bidders.

"The main thing we're trying to do is get these properties back on the tax rolls," Assessor James Elrod said.

Potential bidders face a 10 a.m. Sept. 28 deadline if they want to try to buy some of the 151 parcels and nine houses that the city wants to sell, Elrod said. Bids will be opened the same day.

Bid packets, including maps that show available property, can be picked up at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road.

One nonprofit group, Peoples Community Hope for Homes, plans to submit bids on vacant land on the city's far southeast side amid hopes of boosting a revitalization effort in Carver subdivision.

The group builds new homes, sells them and uses the money to pay for other new housing. The project also is fueling the renovation of older, dilapidated homes that get placed on the market.

"We'll be putting in bids," Hope for Homes executive director Sam Brown said. "Exactly which lots hasn't been decided yet."

Several lots in Carver subdivision are large enough to

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## Buddy Walk goal to raise awareness

Westland will be host to the Buddy Walk as part of National Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October.

The Buddy Walk will be 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Westland's Central City Park.

This is the first walk for Down syndrome in western Wayne County, according to Angela Maiorana, a coordinator of the walk. Walks are also planned in Howell and Pontiac.

A goal of the walk is to raise awareness and advocacy for people with Down syndrome, Maiorana said.

"It should be a pretty good turnout," she said.

Down Syndrome is a genetic disorder that typically leads to physical and mental impairments.

Upside of Downs, a Plymouth-based, nonprofit organization, is sponsoring the Buddy Walk to raise funds for various Down syndrome support programs including parent groups, advocacy, and scientific research.

Participant will take part in a one-mile walk at their own pace and are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$15 for the Upside of Downs.

Walkers who raise \$15 or more will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event. The event will also include clowns, a Beanie Baby raffle and family activities. Apple cider and doughnuts will

be served at the finish.

Registration is at 1 p.m. at the Lions Pavilion in Central City Park. The rain date is Oct. 10.

The deadline to mail donations and registration forms and receive a T-shirt is Sept. 21. Make checks payable to Upside of Downs and mail to Angela Maiorana, 12114 Hines Court, Plymouth MI, 48170. For more information, call (734) 480-8353.

Walks sponsored by the National Down Syndrome Society are held nationwide. Last year, more than 20,000 people participated.

The National Down Syndrome Society was established in 1979 to ensure that all people with Down syndrome are provided the opportunity to achieve their full potential in the community.

The society supports researchers seeking the causes of the medical, genetic, behavioral and learning problems associated with Down syndrome; supports scientific symposiums and conferences for parents and professionals; advocates on behalf of families and individuals affected by the condition; provides information and referral services through its toll-free number and develops and disseminates educational materials for individuals with Down syndrome, parents, teachers, researchers and health professionals.

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walking to and from school.

Schweim's daughter, Christina Raymond, suffered leg injuries including a chipped bone and torn ligaments when she was hit by a car near Marquette and Carlson in 1997.

Schweim described the intersection as "terrible" and said students "have to dodge cars all the time."

The city and the Wayne-Westland school district have reached an agreement to pay for intersection improvements that officials say could range from \$120,000 to \$155,000.

"It should be ready to go next spring," Thomas said of the project.

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He also said a street light is expected to be erected to better illuminate the intersection.

Glenn Principal Neil Thomas welcomed news of Marquette-Carlson changes.

"I think it would greatly improve the intersection with the increased traffic that we

have on Marquette," he said. "We have 2,000 people coming out of the school every day."

"I think the improvements would certainly help the intersection and help us remove students from the building," he said.

Westland city officials have been considering a traffic light to accommodate sometimes-heavy traffic stemming from schools and senior citizen high-rise buildings along Marquette.

Westland Police Chief Emery Price said the city and the school district will have to coordinate their efforts to make the improvements and cause as little disruption as possible.

Price said the project stems in part from Long's unremitting efforts to convince city officials to improve the intersection.

While most Marquette-Carlson accidents have been fender-benders, Long and a few other parents have said that a disaster is waiting to happen in the intersection.

Officials can't say with certainty when the project will be done. "Unless we can do it in February or March," Mayor Thomas said, "we may as well wait until school is out."

Said Price: "A lot of it depends on the weather."

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becomes more scarce, officials said.

"It's better for everyone," Kilroy said. "There's more business to be transacted within the community."

During a Tuesday council meeting, Councilwoman Sharon Scott voiced optimism about Wayne Road's potential after she and her colleagues approved the three new businesses.

In particular, Scott singled out the old Lerights building as one site that needed a boost.

"I'm happy to see something going into that restaurant," she said. "Believe me, I think that was an eyesore on Wayne Road."

Despite encouraging signs, officials say Wayne Road isn't likely to witness a true revitalization until the city's emerging Downtown Development Authority district becomes firmly rooted in coming years.

New DDA director Steve Guile is expected to start his job in early October. He will help

lead a Westland revitalization effort after playing a major role in Plymouth's downtown streetscape project.

The DDA's role is to capture tax revenues from new growth within district boundaries and to use the money to fuel even more improvements.

The district includes the city's southern stretch of Wayne Road, from Ford to Glenwood, and the entire length of Ford Road through the city.

"Within five years I think we'll see some real changes," Mayor Robert Thomas said, although he said substantial progress could be made within the next decade.

"It's just in the infancy stages now," Thomas said.

City officials view revitalization efforts as crucial to keeping Westland a viable community where people will want to live, work and shop. Officials see the changes as necessary

## 'We're just about developed in the city. We don't have that many spots left. People are starting to look at other areas where they can redevelop. I think it's just a natural progression.'

Robert Thomas  
-Westland mayor

to ensure that Westland will remain competitive with other communities.


Thomas offered his theory on why business owners are looking to build along Wayne Road.

"We're just about developed in the city. We don't have that many spots left," he said. "People are starting to look at other areas where they can redevelop. I think it's just a natural progression."

**SPOTLIGHT ON**

# Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.



### THE INSIDE STORY

As much as today's fixed appliances ("braces") work with a minimum amount of visible metalwork, there are some patients who wish to show even less. For these patients, lingual braces may be appropriate. They have earned the popular name "invisible braces" because they are placed on the tongue side of the teeth (rather than the fronts) as far back as the bicusps. The archwire is then attached to the brackets. This bracket placement on the backs of the teeth causes them to be pulled, rather than pushed, into their desired positions. As an aesthetically pleasing as lingual braces are, they are not suitable for correcting some types of malocclusion. A consultation with the orthodontist can help to clarify their appropriateness.

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accommodate new housing, Elrod said.

"I'd like nothing more than to see them build eight or 10 new houses there," he said of the group.

Hope for Homes is an offshoot of Peoples Community Baptist Church, which is trying to spark a renaissance in the Carver area.

Properties across the city will be sold as government leaders try to get rid of tax-reverted land parcels - many of which Elrod said aren't large enough to accommodate new housing.

However, even small parcels could prove useful to adjacent land owners who might want to build garages, make other improvements or simply acquire some extra land, Elrod said.

"Hopefully these people will buy the lots," he said.

City officials placed properties on the bidding block after a committee studied the issue and recommended moving ahead. Some city residents, such as Carver property owner Arthur Warren, have been pressuring officials to

get the process rolling.

The city tried to notify all previous owners of the tax-reverted properties to warn them that the land and houses were being readied for the bidding block.

"We had very little response," Elrod said.

The city has found a company to insure the property so that previous owners can't belatedly try to seize it, he said.

Mayor Robert Thomas said the city hasn't sold tax-reverted properties in several years, but officials now hope to have an annual bidding program.

"We don't really like to hold real estate that much," Thomas said.

Anything not sold following the Sept. 28 opening of bids will remain on an active sale list, Elrod said.

He estimated that the city could receive as much as \$200,000 from the latest property sales, although he said he couldn't say for certain until bids are opened and awarded.

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**Town Hall**



**Light moment:** Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, director of the Westland Friendship Center (left to right), Steve Skowronski, volunteer at the center, and Mayor Robert Thomas respond to a joke made at the city's Town Hall meeting Thursday night at Willow Creek Apartments. Skowronski was receiving an award for volunteering his time and efforts for computer training at the center.

**Family support:** Above left, Gus Moreno and his family, Caitlin, Erin, and wife, Sharon, attended the Town Hall meeting. Erin, a fourth-grader at Hamilton Elementary, was honored as the student of the month. Above, Matthew Bobby was honored as Police Officer of the Year. At left, Capt. Avis Dorsey was honored as Fire Officer of the Year for 1997.

## Eatery owner's a jewel after returning ring

Diane Costantino of Canton Township thought she had lost her \$2,000 diamond ring for good.

Then she learned that not all finders consider themselves keepers, particularly the owner of Mike McGowan's Restaurant in Westland.

Costantino lost her ring in late August, and she retraced her steps without finding it.

"It must have just fallen off of my finger," she said. "I had been everywhere that night."

Employees of McGowan's restaurant told her they hadn't seen the ring. What they didn't know was that the owner had found it.

She returned for dinner a cou-

ple of weeks later and asked McGowan if, by chance, the ring had turned up.

"I have a girlfriend who has a ring just like mine, so she showed it to him," Costantino said.

McGowan got the ring and gave it back to her.

"I thought that was so nice," she said. "I go there for dinner pretty often because they have the best fish and chips, but he didn't know the ring was mine. He had found it on the floor."

"He could have kept it or sold it," Costantino said.

Instead, she got her ring back last week and said she thought that McGowan deserved some recognition for his good deed.

## Business owner's hearing postponed

A Westland boat-repair business owner's hearing on felony criminal charges has been postponed until Oct. 1.

Edward Connolly, 74, had been scheduled for a preliminary hearing Thursday, but an attorney asked that the case be adjourned for three weeks.

Connolly was charged Sept. 1 after customer complaints that their property came up missing from Westland Marine, 8630 Middlebelt near Joy, police Sgt. James Ridener said.

Connolly is charged with conducting a continuing criminal enterprise, perjury, attempting

to obtain money under false pretenses, and malicious destruction of property.

The most serious offense carries a maximum prison term of 20 years upon conviction.

Police found some of the property that customers reported missing.

Police haven't confirmed whether the case involves insurance fraud.

Connolly was charged after police raided his business, his Howell home and a warehouse he used in St. Joseph in southwestern Michigan.

## Senior of month stays active

Felix Trzcienski has been named Senior of the Month for September at the Westland Friendship Center. Born in 1924 in Pennsylvania, he moved to Michigan 56 years ago. He worked for General Motors Corp. for 37½ years.

Trzcienski and his wife, Bernice, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 21. They have four children, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Trzcienski has been active for 40 years in Knights of Columbus. He has been with Goodfel-

lows for 25 years and is president of St. Theodore's Over 50 Club.

He is president of the senior bowling league in Westland, and he also enjoys woodworking and making exotic birdhouses to give away. He also enjoys traveling and visiting casinos to play slot machines.

In the mid-40s he signed with the Detroit Opera Guild and performed in many Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. He has sung the national anthem at Tiger Stadium three times.

## Surplus food distribution set

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times:

Residents located in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. All other residents north of Michi-

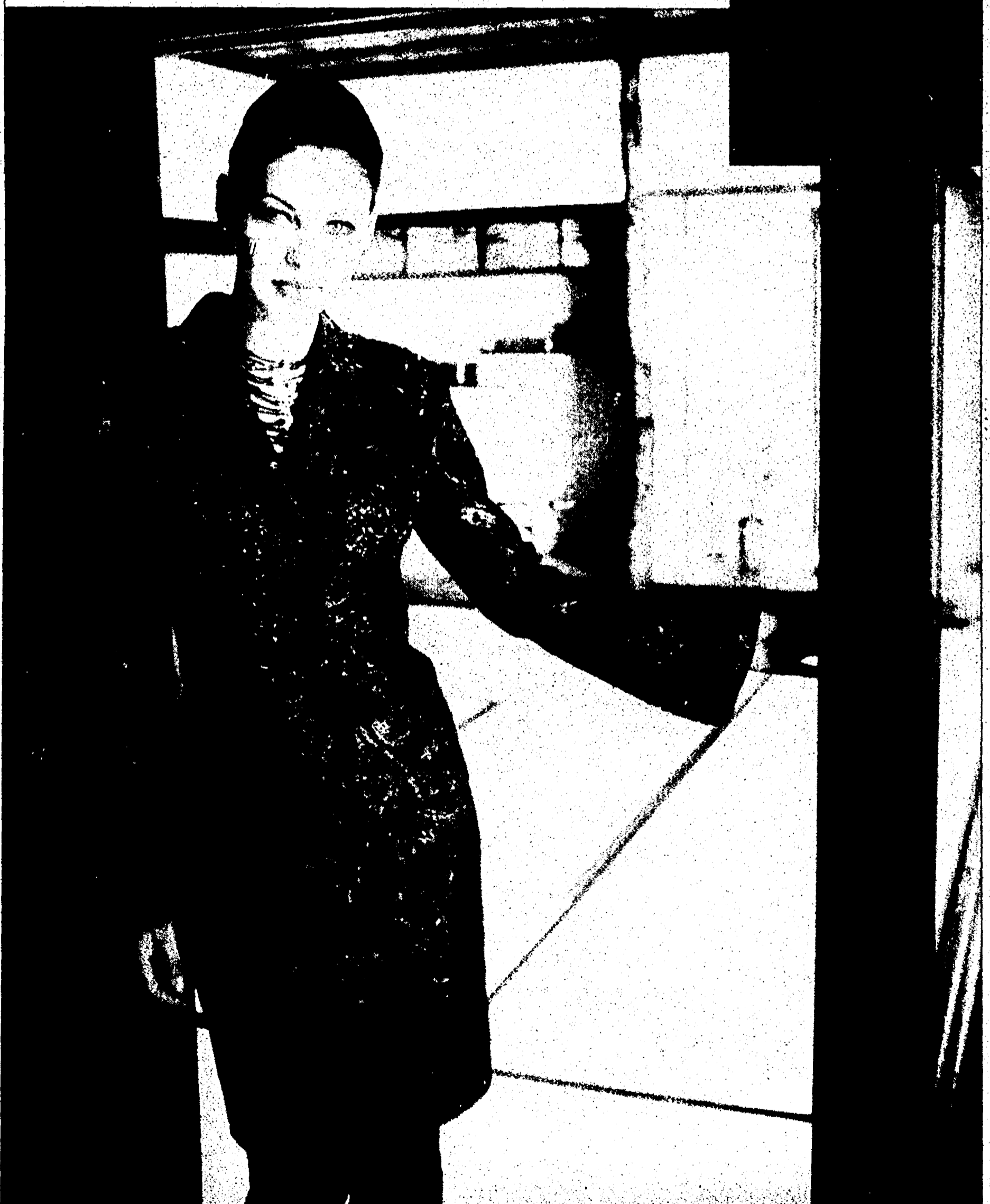
gan Avenue will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

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**WESTLAND ACHIEVERS**

Tiffany Clemons of Westland, a student at Madonna University, has been selected by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan to receive a \$1,000 college scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. Awarded through the Michigan Colleges Foundation, the scholarships encourage students with financial need to pursue college degrees and careers in science and health-related fields. To qualify, students had to be enrolled full time, demonstrate financial need, carry a minimum 2.6

grade-point average and major in a science or health-related curriculum.

John V. Ericson, David R. Prebola and Robert P. Wilcox of Westland were among the May graduates at Central Michigan University. Ericson and Prebola earned bachelor's degrees and Wilcox earned a master's degree.

Westland residents Colleen L.

Coppens, John V. Ericson, Eric D. Kelliher, Jennifer L. Medvecky and Jessica L. Zaleski were named to Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list, which includes students who earned 3.5 and higher grade-point averages.

Gregory R. Migliore of Westland, Angelina M. Grubb of Westland and Adam Chiasson of Wayne recently graduated



Gregory R. Migliore



Angelina M. Grubb



Adam Chiasson

from the weeklong Michigan Freedom Academy held at Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base near Alpena. Migliore, 17, is the son of Greg and May Migliore and attends Livonia Franklin High School, where he is a senior this fall. Grubb, 16, is the daughter of Larry and Susan Grubb and attends Wayne Memorial High School, where she is a senior this fall. Chiasson, 16, is the son of Victor and Nancy Chiasson and attends Wayne Memorial High School, where he is a senior this fall.

The Michigan Freedom Academy is an annual gathering of nearly 100 of Michigan's future leaders discussing and learning more about freedom. It is sponsored by the Michigan Freedom Foundation, a group of business and military leaders interested in exposing high school-age students to a greater awareness of the obligation and responsibilities inherent to a free and democratic society.

Westland resident Michael Briscoe has earned a certificate of achievement from the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program. A collaboration of Madonna University and Schoolcraft College in Livonia, the program allows students to earn an associate's, bachelor's and master's degree in business in four years.

Mark E. Stenstrom, a graduate of Livonia Franklin High

School, recently finished his graduate work and internship to become a doctor of psychology. He graduated from the Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif. He interned with the Welborn Baptist Hospital and other medical and educational facilities in Evansville, Ind. He lives in Evansville with his wife, Karen, and their two children, Nathan and Erica. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon E. Stenstrom, formerly of Westland.

The following Westland residents were among the more than 700 graduates of Madonna University in Livonia: Yu-Wen Chen, master's degree in health services administration; Cha-An Lin, master's degree in administration-education leadership; Frederick R. Cislo, bachelor's degree in hospice education; Darin K. Keir, bachelor's degree in criminal justice; Terena J. Lawson, bachelor's degree in business administration with high honors; Priscilla R. Murdock, bachelor's degree in hospice education; Maureen R. Rize, bachelor's degree in sociology; Randa J. Safadi, bachelor's degree in dietetics with high honors; Mary Jane Wilhelm, bachelor's degree in legal assistant.

The following Westland residents were named to the dean's list for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University,

Livonia: Kathleen J. Adams, Audrey K. Allen, Asha M. Bell, Frederick R. Cislo, Maria L. Claxon, Tiffany M. Clemons, Dike Enyia, Kevin D. Ewald, Cheryl A. Faucher, Tammie J. Fitch, Anthony W. Gaedcke, Mary L. Gaedcke, Crystal L. Hendershot, Chun-man Hu, Bonnie R. Johnson, Angela Jones, Joseph W. Jones, Shu-Hui Ko, Kathi L. Kobylarz, Maria G. Larkin, Terena J. Lawson, James A. Le Heup, Linda A. McIntyre, Angela J. Morgan, Susan A. Perron, Martha V. Potter, David J. Radich, Laura M. Rauls, Timothy E. Sloan, Robert M. Tedders, Gerri L. Vaughn, Rayna M. Vert.

Westland natives Kevin J. Curtis and Denny C. Montgomery are receiving training as Michigan State Police trooper recruits. Members of the 117th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School, they are expected to complete basic training on Jan. 8, 1999. Both recruits will receive 20 weeks of training in criminal law, criminal investigation, crime scene processing, patrol tactics, physical fitness, first aid, firearms and defensive tactics. They will also be trained in precision driving techniques and special police enforcement functions. Upon graduation, the recruits will become Michigan State Police troopers assigned to one of the 64 state police posts in Michigan.

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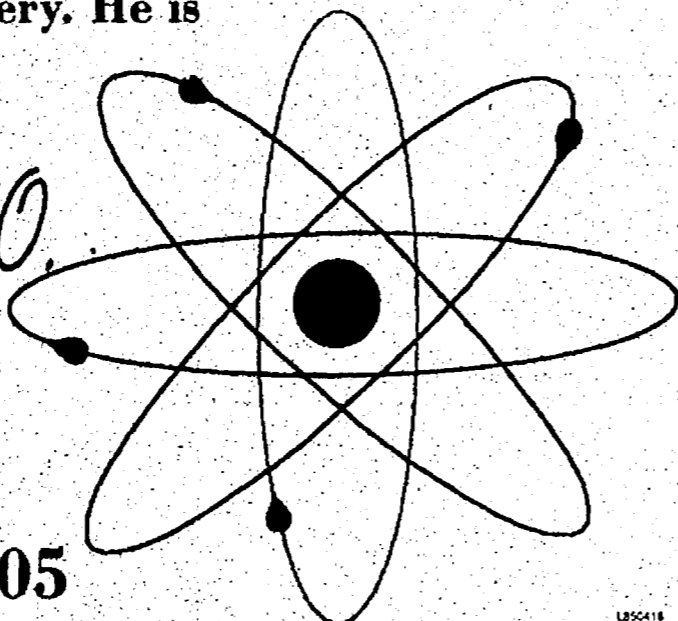
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# Population shift

## Most inner suburbs decline, Canton, Plymouth Twp. post gains

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Outer suburbs are leading the sprawl parade in the seven-county region, as population falls in Detroit and the closer-in suburbs.

That's the story leaping out from the latest study by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership serving Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Monroe counties.

During the 1990s, population crept up just 3.1 percent to 4.73 million. But households grew by 7.1 percent to 1.8 million as family sizes declined.

Biggest growth area was Livingston County, which had a population growth of 27.4 percent since 1990. Wayne County, however, was the only one to lose population - down 3.9 percent to barely two million as Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Redford Township joined the ranks of those losing residents.

"Population and Households in Southeast Michigan, 1995-1998," based on last July's data, showed Detroit had fallen below the one million mark to fewer than 970,000, a loss of 5.7 percent during the decade. Its housing stock fell 8 percent to 344,000. That loss will cut Detroit's federal aid and make it subject to more state laws that apply to cities of less than one million.

Here, alphabetically, is how other Wayne County communities fared during the 1990s:

Canton Township - up 23.4 percent to 70,409 in population. Housing rose 30.8 percent to 25,563. Canton, however, fell from the list of top 10 growth areas in the region.

Garden City - down 6.6 percent to 29,729 in population; up 1.7 percent to 11,404 in housing units.

Livonia - down 3.4 percent to 97,460 in population; up 5 percent to 37,728 in housing units.

City of Northville (including Oakland County portion) - down 5 percent in population to 6,309; up 7 percent in housing units to

2,661.

Northville Township - up 18 percent to 20,436 in population; up 28.7 percent to 7,903 in housing units.

City of Plymouth - down 6.8 percent in population to 8,913; up 2.1 percent in housing units to 4,357.

Plymouth Township - up 10.6 percent in population to 26,163; up 18 percent in housing units to 7,903.

Redford Township - down 7.5 percent in population to 50,310; up 1.2 percent in housing units to 20,362.

Westland - up 0.4 percent in population to 85,096; up 9.1 percent in housing units to 36,111.

Percentage-wise, the 10 biggest population gainers in the region were the Macomb County townships of Macomb, Lenox, Bruce and Washington; the Livingston County townships of Iosco, Ocoola and Hartland; the city of South Lyon in Oakland County; Pittsfield Township in Washtenaw County; and Emmett Township in St. Clair Township.

## AAUW local forum to feature candidates for education posts

The American Association of University Women, Livonia branch, is sponsoring a public forum Thursday, Sept. 24 in Livonia City Hall for the educational candidates in the general election Nov. 3.

Candidates for the State Board of Education, University of Michigan Board of Regents, Michigan State University Board of Trustees and the Wayne State University Board of Governors

will be interviewed on public television with statewide viewing.

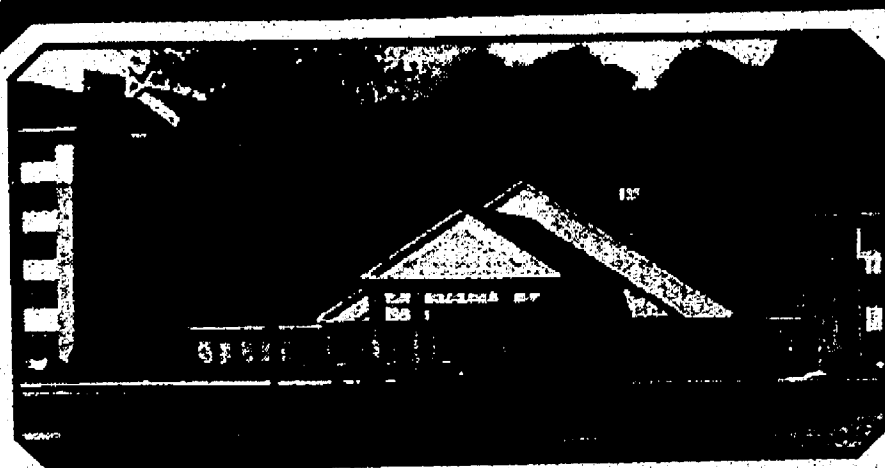
The candidates have been scheduled as follows: University of Michigan candidates, 6 p.m.; State Board of Education, 7 p.m.; Michigan State University, 8 p.m., and Wayne State University, 9 p.m.

Livonia City Hall is located at 32000 Civic Center Drive (Five Mile Road east of Farmington

Road).

Time Warner Cable of Livonia will be videotaping to distribute tapes with plans for program tape distribution throughout the state. People are encouraged to contact their cable companies for each 30-minute program.

For more information on the AAUW-Livonia branch or the public forum, contact Mary Bond at (734) 427-8897.




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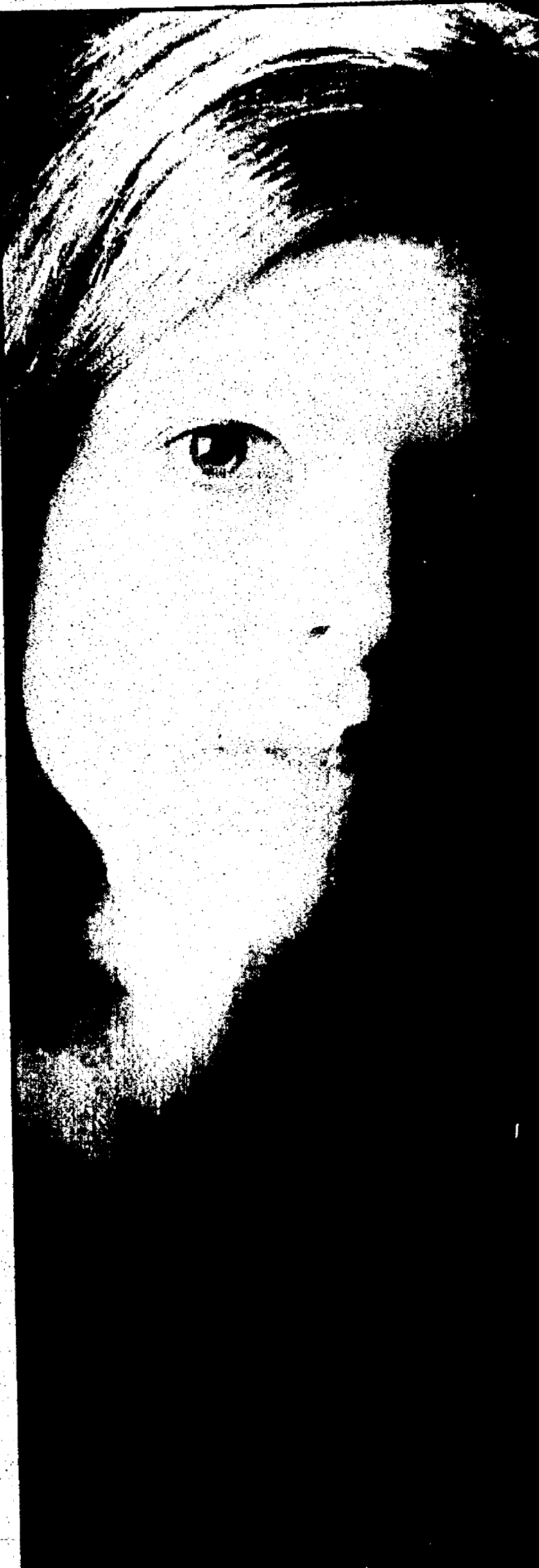
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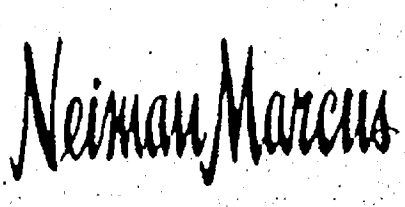
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## Livonia board to face music

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
 STAFF WRITER

Two looming decisions complicate Livonia Public Schools' goal to reinstate instrumental music for elementary students.

One is the possibility that sixth grade may soon become part of middle school. If that happens, then the goal of instrumental music for sixth graders becomes moot, as instrumental already is part of the middle school program.

The second question involves an increase in school hours mandated by the state. How will this extra time be filled? With foreign language classes? More music classes? More physical education?

Superintendent Ken Watson aired both concerns Tuesday as the Livonia Board of Education, responding to a grassroots push by parents, who once again took up the possibility of bringing back instrumental music for fifth and sixth graders.

"Our decisions will have a major impact on instrumental music," Watson said. "We hope the decision on the middle school will be resolved before the budget is set next March."

Two other pivotal issues for the return of instrumental music for fifth and sixth graders already have been settled.

With a rainy day fund around \$15 million, the money is there to pay start-up costs estimated at \$640,000 for the first year.

"Funding is not a problem,"



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAVLEY

**Right notes:** Instrumental music is offered at Livonia's middle schools. Above, Riley students seventh-grader David Foukes (left) and eighth-grader Shaun Odell learn to work the saxophone.

said trustee Frank Kokenakes.

One lingering financial question is how the program will be financed in subsequent years.

"We can use our savings as seed money, but what about later on?" Watson asked. "We must build the program as a line item in the budget and make that a priority."

The district already has ruled on the second pivotal question — any reinstated program will not involve "pullouts" from the regular classroom. Before the program was dropped in the early 1990s during a series of budget cuts, 60 percent of fifth graders left the classroom to practice,

leaving 40 percent of the students who didn't take an instrument behind to do "busy work" or other classroom assignments.

"The challenge is not to take students from class; we need to be more creative," Watson said. "We're not looking at a model that pulls kids out and leaves other kids behind."

On the other hand, the district doesn't want to force students to play an instrument if they don't want to.

"Instrumental music has to be a cooperative effort or it's a waste of time," said trustee Dan Lessard. "I can't see everybody going."

### OBITUARIES

#### ROBERT C. DEANE

A memorial service for Robert Deane, 72, of Westland will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Road, Westland. Officiating will be the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mr. Deane, who died Sept. 9 in Garden City, was born in Chandler, Ind. He was a consultant for Ford Motor Company.

Surviving are: wife, Caroline; sons, Christopher, Jonathan, Nicholas (Timari), Joseph (Cheryl) and Sam Cobb; daughters, Lynda (Daniel) Moore and Cynthia (Bill) Umberhocker; brother, Edwin (Cece) Deane; and 14 grandchildren.

#### LLOYD Q. COLLINS

Funeral services for Lloyd Collins, 57, of Westland were Sept. 9 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Emery F. Gravelle from Church of the Holy Spirit.

Mr. Collins, who died Sept. 7 in Westland, was born in Highland Park. He was an electrician.

Surviving are: wife, Ruth; sons, John and Chris; daughter, Kathy Collins; brothers, Leon, Thomas, John, Charles, Ken-

neth, Edward, Robert and Glen; sisters, Dorothy, Mary, Nancy and Cheryl; and granddaughter, Kelcie.

#### CHARLES T. FIELHAUER

Funeral services for Charles Fielhauer, 78, of Wayne were Sept. 11 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

Mr. Fielhauer, who died Sept. 8 in Wayne, was born in Ecorse. He was a carpenter. He was a member of the 32nd Unit, Company D, 126th INF of World War II, the Red Arrow Division.

Surviving are: sons, Roger (Patricia) and Tim (Renee); 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Fielhauer has family living in the Westland and Livonia areas.

Mr. Fielhauer is preceded in death by his wife, Grace, and son, Dale.

#### DONNA J. HALL

Private funeral services for Donna Hall, 66, of Westland were held recently.

Mrs. Hall, who died Sept. 6 in Westland, was born in Toronto, Ohio. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Randy of

Wisconsin, Russell of Ohio and John of Illinois; sisters, Mildred Monigold of Traverse City and Phyllis Jenkins of Hazel Park; and four grandchildren.

#### JACK CARPENTER

Funeral services for Jack Carpenter, 72, of Westland were Sept. 7 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Carpenter, who died Sept. 5 in Westland, was born in Catoosa County, Ga. He was a retired tool and die welder for General Motors. He was a member of the Wayne Lodge No. 112 F. & A.M.

Surviving are: sons, Larry (Susie) and Billy (Sandy); daughters, Paula (Bob) Roach, Donna (Dennis) Knight, and Patricia. Patterson; brother, James Carpenter; sisters, Dee Peters and Bertha Lovelady; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Carpenter is preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Washtenaw.

#### VELDA G. REED

Funeral services for Velda Reed, 63, of Westland were Sept. 9 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

Mrs. Reed, who died Sept. 5 in Wayne, was born in Mt. Pleasant. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Harris-Kehrer VFW Post No. 3323.

Surviving are: husband, Robert; son, James; daughters, Gale (Doug) Edgar and Janine (Mike) Geistler; brother, Larry Mason and Richard Mason; sister, Kathy Cook; and two grandchildren.

#### CARL ZIMMERMAN

Funeral services for Carl Zimmerman, 77, of Canton were Sept. 11 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.

Mr. Zimmerman, who died Sept. 7 in Ann Arbor, was born in Springfield, Ill. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a parts packer for General Motors Diesel, retiring in 1978. He was a member of the Senior Clubs in Canton and Westland and enjoyed playing pool.

Surviving are: wife of 50 years, Elsie; son, Glenn of Battle Creek; daughter, Norma Phillips of Canton; brother, William (Eileen) Zimmerman of Ohio; and sister, Dolores Venable of Mount Pleasant.

#### JANET M. STRATH

Funeral services for Janet Strath, 93, of Commerce Township were Sept. 12 in the Union Lake Chapel of Elton Black & Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Strath died Sept. 9. Surviving are: son, James (Carolee) Strath of Westland; daughter, Donna (Thomas) King; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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# Local man among 6 new prosecutors

Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair has appointed six new assistant prosecutors, including a Livonia resident. Wade McCann of Livonia and five other appointees bring the number of attorneys on O'Hair's staff to 160, the largest county's prosecutor's office in Michigan.

McCann earned a bachelor of arts degree from Northern Michigan University, a teaching certificate from Michigan State University in 1986 and a juris doctorate from the Detroit College of Law at MSU in 1996. A former junior high school English teacher in Jupiter, Fla., and a former captain of the 65-foot "Island Chaser" which conducted five- and seven-day cruises in waters off the Florida coast, McCann returned to Michigan to enter law school in 1992. While in law school, he clerked for the 52-1 District Court in Novi and was a special assistant in the juvenile division of the Wayne County Prose-



Wade McCann

curator's Office.

Other assistant prosecutors are Suzy Taweel; Jennifer Furtaw, Carl Jordan, Charles Rutherford Jr. and David McCreedy.

Suzy Taweel of Northville is a 1997 graduate of University of Detroit Law School. Taweel is a 1993 magna cum laude graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she majored in journalism and history.

Taweel has worked as a special assistant at the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office under the summer intern program of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and, during law school, as a law clerk at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Furtaw of Grosse Pointe Park is a 1996 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and a 1992 graduate of Michigan State University's James Madison College where she earned a bachelor's degree in international relations. Furtaw comes to her new position from the Sanilac County Prosecutor's Office, where she has served as chief assistant county prosecutor.

Jordan of Detroit holds a juris doctorate from the University of Wisconsin and a bachelor of arts degree from Hampton Uni-

versity in Virginia. Jordan is leaving his position with Lewis & Munday in Detroit to join the prosecutor's office. Jordan also worked as an assistant attorney general in Wisconsin and an assistant district attorney in Milwaukee County, Wis.

Rutherford of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and from Albion College with a bachelor of arts degree in English and communication. Rutherford is a candidate for a master's degree in labor law from Wayne State University Law School. He has written for the Detroit Legal News, preparing summaries of Court of Appeals decisions.

McCreedy of Clinton Township earned his bachelor of arts in political science at Kalamazoo College and a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School. McCreedy joins the prosecutor's office after a clerkship with U.S. Court of Appeals 6th Circuit Judge James Ryan.

McCreedy also worked summer internships with the Detroit firm of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, and the products litigation division of the Ford Motor Co. He also served on the staff of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

### High-tech report

The 1998 Michigan School Report is available on Internet in a more user-friendly format, the governor's office announced.

It contains statistical information about every public school and school district. Topics include MEAP test scores, funding information, enrollment, pupil-teacher ratios, average teacher salaries, dropout and

graduation rates.

"We administer the MEAP tests to measure student progress against high standards and provide public feedback," said Art Ellis, superintendent of public instruction.

### 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.

### Charities mixed

Two unlicensed charities were issued cease and desist orders by Attorney General Frank Kelley. They operated under the

names National Cancer Association and National Lung Foundation. Kelley said they offered to take donated vehicles only if the donor first sends a check for \$200 or gives a credit card number to pay the cost of picking up the vehicle.

Want to check on whether a charity is legitimate? Call the Attorney General's charitable trust section at (517) 373-1152 or write to it at PO Box 30214, Lansing, MI 48909.

## Edison backs statewide environmental issue

Detroit Edison is urging voters to pass the Clean Michigan Initiative, a proposal on the November ballot.

Detroit Edison Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Anthony F. Earley joined U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham and Michigan Gov. John Engler recently as Engler kicked off the Clean Michigan Campaign. The governor signed five bills, placing the environmental cleanup program on the ballot.

The Clean Michigan Initiative is a \$875 million environmental bond that will fund the cleanup of contaminated sites, improve water quality, improve state and local parks, and reduce exposure to lead hazards. The

bond will be repaid from the state's general fund over time.

"We congratulate Gov. Engler for his vision of creating a cleaner Michigan for the 21st century and beyond," Earley said. "We urge voters to approve funding for this comprehensive environmental proposal that will benefit all the people of our state."

Detroit Edison is pledging to help educate Michigan voters on the Clean Michigan Initiative providing information in its customers' electric bills and providing information on the Web site of DTE Energy. The Web site may be accessed through the World Wide Web at http://www.dteenergy.com.

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# Impeachment hearing won't be discussed ... yet

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

With the U.S. House of Representatives releasing the independent counsel's report about President Bill Clinton on Friday, Congressional members still wanted to read the 455-page document before commenting on possible impeachment proceedings.

The House voted 363-63 to release that document, an executive summary completed by Ken Starr and his staff, to the public.

It was on the Internet Friday. Starr's report accuses Clinton of witness tampering, obstructing justice, abusing his presidential power and committing perjury during his grand jury appearance last month and in a sworn deposition last January.

The document includes about 140 pages detailing grounds for impeachment, according to U.S. Reps. Joe Knollenberg, R-11th District, and Lynn Rivers, D-13th District, who both voted to release it to the public.

It doesn't include the raw evidence, such as taped evidence and 2,000 pages of appendices,



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but if Congress wants it, it will be available.

"We'll be able to access all the

information," Knollenberg said. "I'm not going to pore over 20 hours of tape. Someone on my staff will have a complete analysis of all this."

Knollenberg expected to study the report over the next several days. Those who are expecting the entire evidence will not find it in the executive summary, he said.

Knollenberg and Rivers wanted to read the report before commenting on whether Clinton should be impeached or even if impeachment hearings should be held.

"Let's get it out there, so people can look at specific evidence," Rivers said. "It doesn't matter who you're backing. I fear if just the referral is out there, we're right back into the same morass."

"Until we get a chance to look at it all, it's impossible to see what's there to sustain an impeachment inquiry," Rivers said.

Knollenberg said his constituents were vocal about the issue. "They are frustrated and unhappy with the president, making all these decisions that



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are examples of poor judgment." Rivers believes the entire

report should be made public. "Some believe there ought to be some privacy to respect the grand jury proceedings. There are others who believe it should be all out."

"This is a quasi-legal procedure. It's not a judicial process we're used to. This is not so governed. This is so hard for people to understand. It's a difficult time and it weighs on everybody's mind."

Rivers said it was "hard to know" whether the Monica Lewinsky affair will limit the president's efforts and the United States in foreign policy.

"One of the things it has completely caught is the public's attention. There are other issues, such as health care and education, that are getting no attention. That is the basis for the argument for immediate discussion."

Rivers said the report's effect on her and other Democrats' reelection bid this fall was an "unknown."

"The initial polling from both parties show that Michigan tends to vote for individual can-

didates. There isn't 'guilt by association.'"

Even with the report and the Congress' attention focusing on the report, Knollenberg expected to wrap up his work on an appropriations bill.

Knollenberg said Clinton's leadership capabilities were questioned here by citizens and around the world.

"His ability to lead is getting compromised, which is not good for the president, not good for the presidency, and not good for the American people. It's not good for any of us," he said.

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, prepared a statement that said the solemn issue before the House is whether Clinton committed an impeachable offense.

"It is important for our country that the Congress proceed in a bipartisan, thoughtful and fair way, without prejudgment. The Starr report's allegations and evidence and the White House response to them must be considered together."

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Michigan, couldn't be reached Friday for comment.

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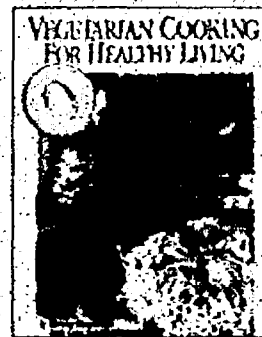
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## She put her heart into healthy changes

Mary Ter Meer, and her husband Dave, a retired banker, were careful about what they ate, but it wasn't good enough. Her life changed forever in 1992 when Dave suffered two heart attacks a month apart.

Determined to help him get well, Meer began researching the role diet plays in reversing heart disease. In the process, she was inspired to write a book, "Vegetarian Cooking For Healthy Living: An Ultra Low-Fat Nutrition Guide for Living Well," with registered dietitian Jamie Gates Galeana, (Appletree Press, Inc., \$17.95).

The book, which helps readers make healthy changes in their life, is the 1998 Benjamin Franklin Award recipient for "Best New Voice," an award for excellence presented by the Publishers Marketing Association during the BookExpo American Convention in Chicago. Meer will be at Borders in Birmingham Wednesday, Sept. 16, and Dearborn Thursday, Sept. 17, signing books, and offering free recipe tastings.



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BOOK SIGNINGS

Mary Ter Meer, author of "Vegetarian Cooking For Healthy Living," will be signing copies of her book, and offering free recipe tastings at the following Borders bookstores.

**Borders Books** - 34300 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 203-0005  
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7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17

After her husband's second heart attack, Meer was anxious to make some changes in their lifestyle. "My daughter Anne sent us Dr. Dean Ornish's book. We had nothing to lose so we tried his 'Program for Reversing Heart Disease,'" she said. "You limit calories from fat to 10 percent of your diet."

The Meers ate their last chicken breast on March 5, 1992, and embraced Dr. Ornish's ultra low-fat vegetarian diet. They began exercising regularly and started learning and using stress reduction techniques.

Dave's cholesterol dropped from 240 to 170 in six months. Mary lost 35 pounds. "I wasn't even thinking about losing weight, it just came off," she said. "I've been a yo-yo dieter all my life."

Since beginning this journey to wellness, Meers said she's learned so much. "I learned that fat occurs naturally in food and that I could not add a lot of fat when I was cooking."

She was discouraged by what she read in vegetarian cookbooks. Many of recipes used a lot of oil, cheese and nuts, or ingredients she said that were so strange she didn't know where to get them.

Making changes

"I went first to my old recipes, and adapted them," she said. "In the past our meals were built around meat - meatloaf, pot roast, chicken breast."

Since then she's learned that if you use a broad range of plant food your

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Celebrate Jewish New Year

# Here's the skinny ON worldly chicken

BY PEGGY MARTINELLI-EVERTS • SPECIAL WRITER



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

Pollo, poulet, csirke, kuku, hähnchen, pui, pilic, galinha. Chicken - in any language - is truly a universal food. Because of its mild flavor, chicken easily adapts to recipes of all ethnic cuisines, and we find it in dishes on all continents.

Today's chickens are descendants of wild fowl that roamed the dense jungles of primeval Asia. They were domesticated in India about 2,000 B.C. Thousands of years later, France's King Henry IV stated in his coronation speech that he hoped each peasant under his rule would have "a chicken in his pot every Sunday." This quote was later paraphrased by President Herbert Hoover.

Chicken was not always the reasonably priced meat it is today. Until as late as World War II, only the affluent were lucky enough to have their proverbial Sunday chicken. Today, thanks to modern production methods, almost anyone in our country can afford this versatile fowl. In fact, most of us think of chicken as one of the most economical meat choices.

For the health conscious of all ages, chicken can be the center of a nutritious, satisfying meal. It pairs well with pasta, rice, couscous,

dumplings or potatoes, and is complemented by nearly every vegetable, many fruits and virtually all herbs and spices. With all these combinations, chicken never has to be boring.

To skin or not to skin

Hot and spicy or mild and soothing, a chicken dish can be just about anything your heart desires. However, if you've ever eaten a dry, tasteless piece of boneless, skinless chicken breast because you're watching calories or cholesterol, take heart. Researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture conducted a small study on chicken, and the results suggest that the reduction in fat from cooking chicken without the skin are small and unlikely to be of nutritional importance in a varied and balanced diet.

Cooking chicken with the skin on reduces cooking time and increases moisture retention in the meat; but the spices and seasoning you add to the skin are lost when you remove it before eating (as you should). The most important thing to remember is that nutritious food, like chicken, must taste good and be moist and tender to be acceptable. It makes little sense to eat foods that are not pleasurable and satisfying. If taste is sacrificed, a low fat diet becomes a burden.

Chicken and poultry must always be cooked until well done because of the high incidence of salmonella contamination. To test for doneness

on a whole bird, move the leg. The joint should move freely. When you cut cooked chicken, the juice should run clear, not pink. Use a meat thermometer to check for an internal temperature of 180°F. Done does not mean dry and tasteless.

Getting the "bird" done just right is not a new problem for cooks. A 17th century treatise by England's Sir Kenhelm Digby on how to capture the juices, directed the cook to set the chicken on a spit, heat through, baste with butter and sprinkle with flour. "This by continuing turning before the fire will make a thin crust, which will keep in all the juice of the meat."

Those new indoor electric grills (such as the George Foreman Lean, Mean, Fat Reducing Grilling Machine) do a great job of cooking a skinless chicken breast while retaining the moisture and flavors. With a little trial and error, you can accomplish the same thing on your barbecue grill, or in a skillet with a small amount of olive oil.

White meat vs. dark meat

The reason leg meat is dark is because of the oxygen that was supplied to the active muscles. Chick-

Please see **CHICKEN**, B2

BUYING POULTRY

Chicken comes in a multitude of forms; as whole birds, parts, boneless pieces, ground or canned. Buying a whole bird is usually the most economical way to purchase chicken. If you're confident, and quick with a sharp knife, you can easily cut and bone a whole chicken into halves or quarters. Some markets will cut the chicken up for you. Purchase about 1/2 pound of raw broiler, fryer, or steaming chicken for each 3 ounce serving needed.

**Roasting chicken** - These are usually young, tender birds with soft, pliable, smooth textured skin. They have enough fat to brown well at a moderate temperature. They usually range from 2 1/2 to 5 pounds and can be up to 8 months old.

**Broiling, frying, rotisserie chicken** - These birds usually weight up to 3 1/2 pounds, and are about 2 1/2 months old. They can be left whole or cut into parts for pan broiling or frying, oven baking or barbecuing.

**Baking, steaming chicken, or hens** - These are older birds, ranging in age from 10 to 18 months, and weighing in at 3 to 6 pounds. Their age makes them more flavorful, but less tender. They require slow cooking in a covered pan with water, steam or pressure. They are good in soups, stews and casseroles.

**Rock Cornish Hen** - Is a miniature chicken weighing up to 2 1/2 pounds. Each hen is usually considered a serving. They are best broiled or roasted.

**Squab chicken** - Different from the true squab, this is a very small, 4- to 6-week-old chicken that weighs no more than 1 1/2 pounds. They are best broiled, grilled or roasted.

**Range chicken** - The elite of the poultry world, instead of the mass-produced birds' allotment of 1 square foot of space, each range chicken has double that area indoors plus the occasional freedom to roam outdoors. Typically they are fed a special vegetarian diet, free of antibiotics, animal byproducts, hormones and growth enhancers. This diet, and their freedom of movement, give them a fuller flavor. However, the added amenities make them more expensive. Range chickens average about 4 1/2 pounds and are usually 10 to 12 weeks old.

## Lean pork tenderloin, apples, cider a tasty trio

MAIN DISH MIRACLE



MURIEL WAGNER

Most of us have preformed notions about food. We base these ideas on past food experiences and food folklore. Often, these stereotypes don't match current nutrition information or food availability. Thus, we self-impose dietary restrictions that are not related to fact, and may be unnecessary.

Pork is a case in point. Most of my patients raise a skeptical eyebrow when I suggest that lean pork cuts can be part of a low-fat diet. Of course, this depends on the portion size and preparation. Pork is not the same meat that it once was. Pork producers have turned many pork cuts from fatty into lean by making changes in the diets of the animals.

Pork tenderloin is an example of a very lean cut. Surprisingly, it's nearly as lean as skinned chicken breast. It has less than half the fat of beef tenderloin which is the leanest of the tender steak cuts.

Pork tenderloin was traditionally attached to a loin roast. In recent years it has become available as a separate meat. It is very tender and cooks quickly. It should be roasted at high heat. Because it has so little fat, a lower temperature would dry out the meat before it's browned and cooked through.

This recipe enhances the flavor of the tenderloin with a natural ally and a queen of the harvest fruits - apples and apple cider. What is fall without a trip

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to the cider mill? However, be sure to buy pasteurized cider, or boil the cider for two minutes to destroy any disease producing bacteria. This is the recommendation of the Federal Food and Drug Administration in response to disease problems which emerged from the use of unpasteurized apple juice last year.

The choice of apples can be yours - but make mine Golden Delicious. This variety holds up well when baked. It has that tart-sweet taste that goes well with pork. Because pork tenderloin is so lean, the cider keeps the meat moist. When you serve the sliced pork tenderloin with apples, and the cider pan juices, you won't miss the fat.

I like to serve this dish with baked acorn squash halves and tiny brussels sprouts that you can find only in the fall. One of my patients makes an extra tenderloin to reheat the next day with barbecue sauce. She says it's the perfect sweet-sour combination of flavors.

HARVEST PORK TENDERLOINS

- 2 (8 to 10 ounce) pork tenderloins
- 6 apples (your choice, I like Golden Delicious)
- 3 cups apple cider

Spray a shallow roasting pan with nonstick spray. If the cider is unpasteurized, bring to a boil and boil 2 minutes. Wash apples and core. Cut into medium slices. Place on bottom of roasting pan.

Prick tenderloins with a fork. Place on apples. Pour cider over meat. Insert meat thermometer in thickest part of meat. Roast until thermometer reads 155°F (about 30 minutes). Do not overcook.

Let stand for 10 minutes. Cut into slices and serve on apples with pan juices spooned over the meat. Serves 4 to 6 people.

Food information (per 3 ounce portion)  
Calories 150; Fat 3g, Saturated Fat 1.1g, Cholesterol 78mg, Sodium 60mg

Food Exchanges = 1 fruit, 3 very lean meat

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

# Try 'Vegetarian Cooking' Chicken from page B1

Recipes from "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living: An Ultra Low-Fat Nutrition Guide for Living Well" by Mary Ter Meer, and Jamie Gates Galeana, (Appletree Press, Inc., \$17.95). Look for "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living," at your local bookstore, or call the publisher, (800) 322-6679. See story on Taste front.

To shorten preparation time, cook large separate batches of brown and white rice. Package them for freezing in 2-cup packages; 1 cup brown and 1 cup white. When you're ready to prepare a recipe just defrost and it's ready to use. If you don't have the prepared rice packets in your freezer, cook rice to equal 2 cups when cooked.

### BEANS AND VEGETABLES WITH RICE

- 2 cups rice (half brown and half white rice, thawed)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium tomatoes, diced
- 2 small zucchini or summer squash, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (16-ounce can - 2 cups) chili hot beans
- Pepper and Tabasco sauce to taste
- Nonfat cooking spray

Thaw rice and heat in microwave or oven until ready to use. Sauté onions and garlic in pan sprayed with nonfat cooking spray. Add tomatoes, zucchini and seasonings. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add the beans and heat thoroughly. Season

to taste and spoon onto the hot rice. Serves 4.  
**Nutrition information per serving:** Calories 245, Protein 10g, Carbohydrate 53g, Fat 2 g, Cholesterol 0mg, Sodium 518mg, Fiber 8g.

### CORN AND POTATO CHOWDER

- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 2 stalks celery with tender leaves, thinly sliced
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups cubed red-skin potatoes
- 2 cups nonfat chicken broth
- 1 cup skim milk
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Cayenne pepper to taste
- Herb and spice blend seasoning to taste
- Nonfat cooking spray
- Garnish: fresh parsley

In large saucepan sprayed lightly with a nonfat cooking spray, sauté the onions until tender. Add carrots, celery, bay leaf, potatoes and broth. Cover, bring to a boil and cook for 10 to 15 minutes or until potatoes are done. Add milk and corn and simmer another 3 or 4 minutes. Remove bay leaf. In a blender, puree 1 cup of the soup then return it to the pot. Add salt and other seasonings to taste. Garnish with snipped fresh parsley if desired. Serves 6.

**Nutrition information per serving:** Serving size 1 1/2 cups - 96 Calories, Protein 5g, Carbohydrate 19.5 g, Fat 0.5 g, Cholesterol less than 1 mg, Sodium 251mg, Fiber less than 1g.

ens and turkeys walk around, but do little, if any, flying so their breast muscle is white and their legs dark.

Game birds fly more, and the breast meat is almost as dark as the drumstick. White meat is lower in fat than dark meat, but dark meat supplies a bit more iron than white meat. Eat the meat you like.

### Purchasing

When purchasing chicken, the color of the skin has nothing to do with the fat content of the bird: Chickens with yellow skins had different feed than those with pinkish skin. Skin color does not affect nutritional value, flavor, tenderness or fat content. Avoid chicken with an off odor, or with skin that's bruised or torn.

When cooked, the darkening of the meat around the bones is not spoilage but is caused by natural pigment that seeps through and colors the bone during cooking. It contains iron and is safe to eat.

### The skinny on chicken

We tend to think of chicken as a low-fat meat. However,

depending on its preparation method, this may not be true. Batter-dipped fried chicken, mayonnaise-based chicken salads and fast food chicken sandwiches are often higher in fat than a hamburger.

To keep your chicken skinny, flavor it with vinegar, wine, soy sauce and citrus juice, instead of heavy sauces and gravy, to bring out the natural flavor of the bird. Try using ground chicken instead of beef in your favorite chili, meatloaf, spaghetti sauce, or hamburger recipe.

From Tetraxini, fajitas, chicken curry and shawarma to pot pies and good old Kentucky fried, on dinner tables around the corner, and around the world, you'll always find chicken.

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## Share your favorite recipes

Everyone knows the best recipes are ones you share. Send your "Favorite Recipe to Share," to Keely Wygonik, Taste Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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## Festive dish celebrates fall

See related story by Peggy Martinelli-Everts on Taste front. Recipes compliments of HDS Services.

### FLAVORFUL CHICKEN STOCK

Put bones and scraps of raw poultry, along with some onion, carrots, celery, and few snips of parsley, in a large stock pot of water. Add pinch of thyme, salt and pepper for good flavor.

Simmer the mixture for at least 3 hours. After cooking, remove the bones and scraps and refrigerate. Once cooled, a layer of fat will rise to the top. This can be easily skimmed off, and the broth used in your favorite soup or stew recipes.

This dish makes chicken a special occasion!

### APPLE/CRANBERRY STUFFED CHICKEN DINNER

- 3 Macintosh or Granny Smith apples (about 3 cups)
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1 tablespoon rubbed sage
- 1 tablespoon sweet marjoram
- 2 cups (plus a little more) apple juice or apple cider
- 3 slices day-old white bread, cubed
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 chicken (3 to 3 1/2 pounds)
- 12 baby new potatoes, washed
- 3 medium sweet onions, quartered
- Cornstarch to thicken (about 1/2 tablespoon)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Core and dice apples into 1/4-inch pieces. No need to peel apples. In a sauté pan, simmer apples, cranberries, sage and marjoram in 1/2 cup apple juice until apples are tender. Drain and reserve liquid. Add bread cubes

and walnuts to apple mixture. Preheat oven to 350°F. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Gently separate the skin from the breast, leg and thigh of chicken with your fingers, being very careful not to tear the skin. Carefully take about half the apple/cranberry stuffing and put it underneath the skin. Spoon the remaining stuffing into the body cavity. Then truss the bird.

On the bottom of a roasting pan, pour 1 cup apple juice. Place chicken on a rack and put this in the roasting pan. Put potatoes and onions on the bottom of the pan, in the apple juice. Roast for about 1 1/2 hours, or until 180°F internal temperature. If the skin of the chicken is getting too brown, cover with a lid or foil.

Carefully remove chicken and vegetables from roasting pan. Skim fat from roasting pan being careful to save the roasting juices. Add the reserved juice from the stuffing and 1/2 cup apple juice to the roasting pan juices. Place pan on top of burner and simmer mixture, reducing by one half. Check seasoning for salt and pepper and thicken by combining a little (about 1/2 tablespoon) cornstarch with a small amount of cold apple juice and adding a little at a time until sauce coats a spoon.

Remove legs and thighs from chicken and place on a serving plate. Remove stuffing from cavity. Carefully remove the chicken breasts from the bone. Slice and arrange on a plate. Surround with potatoes and onion quarters. Serve sauce and dressing on the side. Serves 6 people.

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# Choose the right apple for cooking, dicing, eating

BY DANA JACOBI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Apples are always around, but they are especially appealing when there's a snap in the air and the new fall crop brings bushels of bright, seasonal varieties to market. With stores and local farm stands loaded with a wide assortment now, you may feel challenged in choosing what kind of apples to buy. How you will use them is as important in making this decision as personal taste.

For eating straight from the bushel basket, crisp, juicy, tangy varieties are best. But apples that are perfect eaten-out-of-hand don't necessarily make good sauce or pies, or even work well in a salad.

For sauce, pick varieties that break down easily. Avoid these same varieties for pies and baking, instead taking apples that hold their shape when cooked. If a salad is the goal, select for crunch plus resistance to discoloring.

## Eating

Red Delicious is the most popular eating apple, though you may prefer a denser Granny Smith, a softer-fleshed Macintosh, or the distinctive taste of local farm varieties like Newton, Pippin, Macoun or Sweet Sixteen. And no matter how much you like them, avoid using Red

Delicious in cooking, which turns them into bland mush. For sauce, Macintosh is most and has good flavor. Personally, I like to use Cortlands because their sweetness means I add less

sugar, but Braeburns are good, too. Rome is the baking apple I grew up on. These large guys hold their shape and have room for lots of filling. Or try baking Fujis, which are sweeter and wotter, with a slightly spicy flavor.

tart apple like the greening Granny Smith, and some flavorful varieties like the Pippin, Winesap, Crispin and Jonagold.

When deciding how many apples to buy, figure 2 large, 3 medium or 4 small apples to the pound.

apples, but I like to use 8 large or 10 smaller ones.

Remember to always store apples in the fridge, where they keep 10 times as long as they do at room temperature.

Information and recipe written for the American Cancer Research Institute by Dana Jacobi, author of "The Claypot Cooking," and the "Natural Kitchen: Soy!"

### GINGER-STUFFED BAKED APPLES

- 4 Rome Beauty apples
- 1/4 cup crumbled ginger snaps, 2-4 cookies
- 2 tablespoons golden raisins
- 1 tablespoon dried currants
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon minced crystallized ginger, or 1/4 teaspoon ground dried ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 4 tablespoons wildflower or clover honey
- 1 cup apple cider

Preheat the oven to 375°F

Peel the apples, removing the skin from only the top half. With a medium-size melon baller, scoop enough flesh from the center of each apple to make an inch-wide cavity reaching almost to the bottom of the fruit. This includes removing the core. Place the hollowed-out apples in an ovenproof dish just large enough to hold them without touching.

In a small bowl, combine the crumbled gingersnaps, raisins, currants, sugar, ginger, cinnamon, and cardamom. Spoon this filling into the apples, filling them all.

Drizzle a tablespoon of the honey over each apple so it coats the exposed flesh as it drips down. Pour the cider into the pan around the apples.

Bake the apples, uncovered, until they are soft when pierced with a knife but not collapsing, 50-60 minutes. After 30 minutes, add more cider if the pan looks dry. Cool the apples to lukewarm. Spoon some of the liquid from the pan over the apples before serving. Or cool, cover and refrigerate the apples, then bring them to room temperature and serve. These apples keep, covered in the refrigerator, 3-4 days.

Each of the four servings contains 264 calories and 1 gram of fat.

## Pies

For pies, a mix of apples is best. Include Golden Delicious for sweetness and good shape, a

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The screening is for people who experience leg pain during exercising or walking that does not go away after a few minutes of rest or for those who get numbness, tingling or coldness in the lower legs or feet.

Doctors involved in the Legs for Life program said leg pain could result from peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a circulatory condition caused by a blockage of the blood vessels in the legs. People at highest risk for PAD are older adults, diabetics or smokers. PAD can be a precursor to serious heart and circulatory diseases.

On Monday, screenings will be held at the UMHS East Ann Arbor Health Center, 4260 Plymouth Road at Earhart, and on Tuesday at the Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5301 E. Huron Drive. Appointments are required. Call Legs for Life Scheduling Center toll-free at (877) 583-2556.

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Kids will meet members of the Canton Fire and Police Departments and their K-9 dog. They'll receive information on D.A.R.E. and the University of Michigan Burn Center. Kids also will see what a survival flight helicopter looks like.

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### Flexing checks dizziness

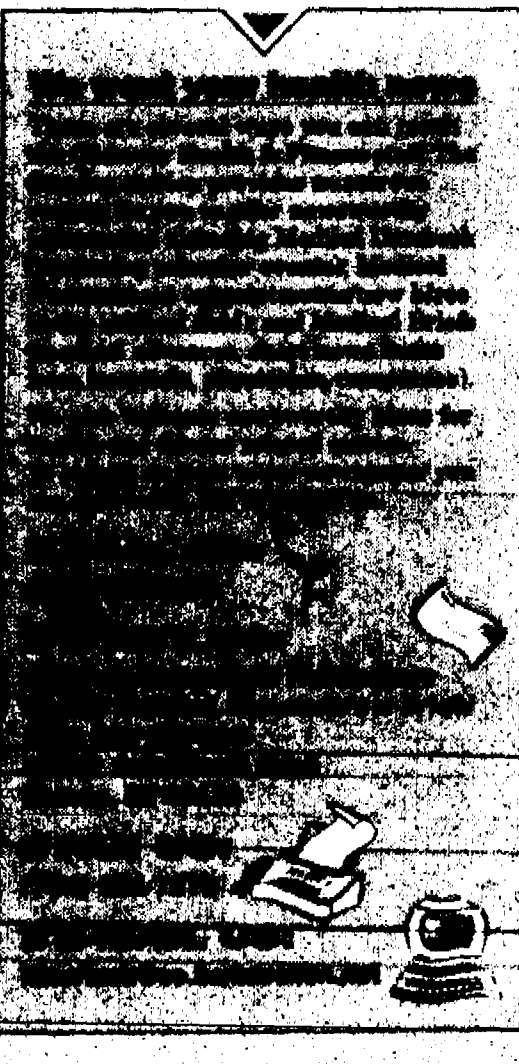
Because blood pressure falls dramatically when we stand up, the nervous system ordinarily responds instantaneously to rev it back up to normal, preventing us from fainting. However, after age 60 or so, the body's "vertical hold" mechanism can slack a bit, leading to spells of dizziness or fainting upon standing. This condition is called orthostatic hypotension.

It may be reversible.

Experts have known that certain movements, like leg crossing, neck flexing, or squatting can act as countermeasures to this kind of hypotension. In a study involving several training sessions, participants chose three maneuvers that cut their symptoms best. The most successful exercises for blood pressure regulation involved thigh and buttock muscles. By practicing these exercises, blood pressures upon rising were improved by 30 percent.

While exercises involving these muscles proved harder for participants to do, it might be because those muscles aren't being used often.

Source: *Prevention Magazine*, February 1997.



## Depression

### Teenagers who feel 'different' are at risk for suicide

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

For many teens, what is supposed to be the best time of their lives is the worst because of depression. Days are no longer sunny and bright, activities and friendships require too much energy, and negative thoughts run rampant through their minds.

Left untreated, depression could lead to suicide.

In a 1997 fact sheet on teen suicide, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) reports that suicide is the third-leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds and the sixth-leading cause of death for 5- to 14-year-olds.

Parents are faced with the daunting task of determining what is normal teenage anger — a reaction to a family move, a new school, divorce, the loss of a friendship — and what are the indicators of a true depression.

"Normal sadness, except for bereavement, to life's events don't seem to go on for months and months," said Howard K. Weiner, a psychiatrist with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor who treats children and adolescents.

"A passing thought about suicide — an isolated, reactive thing — is different than a persistent feeling or thought or wish to be dead with an actual plan or gesture," said Bob Fox, a therapist and site director at Eastwood at Botsford Family Services in Redford Township.

However, all statements about suicide must be taken seriously.

"A lot of adolescents and adults kill themselves unintentionally," said Fox.

#### Symptoms

"A lot of times parents come in and say 'Is this normal stuff? I'm confused,'" said Fox. "There may be depressive symptoms rather than a full-blown depression."

The question is how to discern problematic behavior from unreasonable behavior. For example, a drop in grades alone is not always an indicator of depression. It may be due to age-related transition, or perhaps the teen is too consumed with a new interest. However, if the teen begins isolating himself from not just family but friends and withdraws from previous interests, it's unreasonable behavior.

Lethargy, decline in hygiene, radical change in style of dress, or signs of self-mutilation (such as self-inflicted tattoos) are indicators of depression, as is drug and alcohol abuse.

### Warning signs of depression

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, many of the symptoms of suicidal feelings are similar to those of depression. Parents need to seek professional help when one or more of the following signs persist:

- Change in eating and sleeping habits.
- Withdrawal from friends, family and regular activities.
- Violent outbursts, rebellious behavior or running away.
- Drug and alcohol use.
- Unusual neglect of personal appearance.
- Abrupt personality change.
- Persistent pessimism, difficulty concentrating or a decline in the quality of schoolwork.
- Frequent complaints about physi-

"Kids who are feeling kind of different gravitate to drugs and alcohol. It's a way to isolate yourself, to feel differently, a self-medication," said Fox.

Weiner defines the symptoms of depression in collective terms: "The hallmark is a functional decline."

Weiner also said most teens seriously contemplating suicide have thought about it for a long time. However, there is an "impulsive" subgroup. Parents need to clarify thoughts of suicide with their children by asking, "Did you say that in anger or do you mean it? Have you thought how you would do it?"

Parents should not think they'll be "putting thoughts in the child's head" if they talk about suicide, said the AACAP. Rather, such a question provides assurance that somebody cares and gives the young person a chance to talk about problems.

However, if parents have any doubt about their teen's intentions, they need to go to the emergency room immediately, Weiner said.

He adds a final warning: Get firearms out of the home. "Locking them up is no defense against a determined teenager. There is no second chance with firearms."

#### Causes of depression

While there are multiple theories of causation, no single factor is responsible for depression. In every case, there is a mixture of factors, said Weiner.

There is the biological factor. Depression runs in families. Studies of twins raised apart indicate a shared incidence of depression. Medical factors include problems with hormones, thyroid, adrenal gland, vitamin deficiencies and infections like syphilis and HIV.

Depression also is associated with general medical conditions like asthma, arthritis, and diabetes. It can result from the use of steroids or with drug and alcohol abuse and withdrawal.

However, genetics and biological factors explain just 50 percent of serious depressions. Environmental factors account for the other half.

Psychological or cognitive factors include self-esteem and anger, which is often repressed and turned against the self. Also, a conscience may be overly punitive and severe. "It's a matter of degree and adaptability. It's never one defense operating at one time," said Weiner.

Prior to puberty, males and females suffer equal rates of depression; after puberty, female depression reaches a

2 to 1 ratio. For both sexes, the rates of depression increase significantly after puberty. And sadly, Weiner said childhood and adolescent depression usually forecasts adult depression.

#### Chemical imbalance

Dr. Joseph M. Carver, a consultant psychologist with the Adena Regional Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio, says long-term high stress results in a depletion of serotonin, a slow-acting brain neurotransmitter associated with sleep, appetite, energy, alertness and mood.

In a community handout he wrote about depression, Carver equates serotonin with a car's oil. During long-term high stress, the brain burns its oil, serotonin, faster than it can be replaced.

Besides loss of physical energy, social withdrawal and the ability to concentrate, a low serotonin level results in early morning awakening (usually around 4 a.m.) and a "racing" mind. The brain becomes an enemy, reaching into the memory to pull out and exaggerate every bad experience.

A brain low on serotonin also will invent new thoughts of torture. Carver refers to this process as the "garbage truck." In reference to teens, he writes:

"Due to their youth, most of their life experience is associated with the family, remembering that family experiences makes up 70 percent of their mental video tape. For this reason, the 'garbage truck' will be reviewing every mistake or issue in their upbringing. In such cases, the parents are 'dumped on' with what they did wrong, bad decisions they've made in raising the son/daughter, or feeling that were never discussed related to their brother or sisters.

"With the low self-esteem created by the depression and the stress, the son/daughter may be intensely rejecting, as though feeling they must reject the parents before the parents



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have a chance to reject them." Carver cautions parents to get past the hostility and see the depressed mood.

There are medications — Prozac, Zoloft and Paxil, for example — that refuel the levels of serotonin. They are an important component in treating severe depression.

Dr. Jay D. Kuris, chief of psychiatry at The Medical Center at Princeton, wrote in a recent article on curing depression that new drugs "not only cure depression but also reverse some subordinate conditions including panic, anxiety and eating disorders, body image problems and phobias."

Weiner sees medication as part of successful treatment, not as a replacement for therapy.

"You can take Tylenol to treat the flu, but it doesn't cure flu. You're just waiting for it to come back," said Weiner. "Chemical imbalance is part of the picture, but only part. Working with a trained mental health clinician to get a comprehensive evaluation is important."

The good news is depression can be cured. Experts agree that the combination of medication and therapy is extremely effective. "Treating the person as a comprehensive person alters outcomes," said Weiner. "That's been my clinical experience."

### Missing school may be depression clue

"It's all in your head," you say to your teenager who misses a lot of school because of dizziness or stomach aches.

You may be right.

According to a study reported in the May 1997 issue of the *Journal of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, a teenager who misses a lot of school because of lightheadedness or stomach pains may suffer from depression or anxiety.

The study, conducted by child and adolescent psychiatrist Gail A. Bernstein, M.D. of the University of Minnesota, involved 17 males and 27 females ages 12 to 19. The subjects were chosen because they were depressed, anxious and missing a lot of school, up to 72 percent of the school year.

The most frequent symptoms were lightheadedness or dizziness, sick stomach, and back pain. Other common symptoms included stomach pains, vomiting, and menstrual problems. The more severe the anxiety and depression, the more severe the symptoms.

School attendance, however, was

not strongly related to the severity of the symptoms and was unrelated to the level of anxiety or depression.

Some symptoms were related to specific forms of anxiety. For example, teens with separation anxiety were highly likely to have gastrointestinal symptoms but unlikely to have cardiovascular symptoms.

The study's researchers emphasize that parents, school administrators, and physicians should recognize that adolescents who frequently exhibit symptoms and miss a lot of school may need to be evaluated for possible anxiety or depression.

Recognizing the "psychosomatic" nature of these symptoms may help identify the real problem and eliminate unnecessary diagnostic and drawn-out tests and other problems related to absence from school.

The study's authors plan additional reports to see how the teens in the study respond to treatment for their anxiety and depression.

Source: *Journal of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

## Second Annual Batten disease walk will take place Sept. 19

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Second Annual Batten Disease March, slated for Saturday, Sept. 19, is drawing close as founder Linda and David Houghtby prepare to publicly raise awareness about the fatal disease that cost their son his life.

Houghtby, a Livonia resident, lost son Dan to Batten disease in 1990. The family has since initiated the first Michigan Chapter of Batten Disease (Batten Disease Support and Research Association) and the Annual Batten Disease Walk.

Dan Houghtby was diagnosed at age

seven with juvenile Batten, one of four forms of the neurological disease that primarily strikes infants, toddlers and school-age children. To date there is no treatment and the disease is always fatal. Characteristics of Batten disease can involve vision loss, decreased mobility, seizures, and limited cognitive ability.

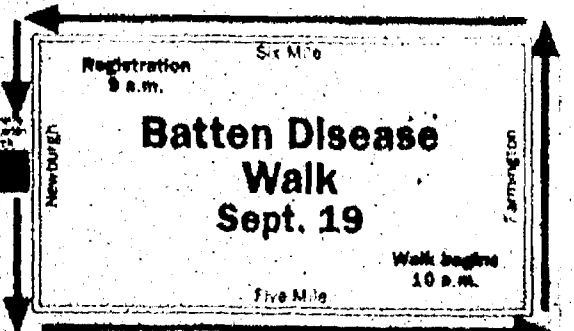
Participants in the 1997 walk numbered over 100 and the Houghtbys are hoping to surpass last year's count at Saturday's event.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church (16700 Newburgh Road,

Livonia). The 6-mile walk is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., rain or shine. Participants will receive a T-shirt for their efforts and Absopure of Plymouth is donating bottles of water for the walkers.

"Such a mysterious disease requires the proper funding in order for the mystery to be solved," said Houghtby. "With everyone's help it's not impossible that a cure could be found so that no other child has to suffer like my son Dan."

Those who wish to make a tax deductible donation should make checks payable to: BDSRA, 2600 Parsons Ave.,



Columbus, OH 43207. For more information about the Michigan Chapter of BDSRA, call (800) 448-4570.

# Newspapers' job fair on Sept. 23 will offer winning situation for all

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Cross those t's and dot those i's on your best resume. It's job-hunting time.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers will host their first job fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

It's free to job seekers. Rick Ficorelli, director of marketing, expects a crowd at this first-time event. It's a sell-out, with 65 companies signed up and several on the waiting list. "This is just an extension of the newspaper and cements our relationship with these companies."

## The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers are subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia.

It's also a winning situation for the newspaper's readers since a variety of industries will be represented, including retail, personnel staffing, banking, hotel management, health care and restaurant.

"We decided to maximize our potential success by being general and going after everybody," said Ficorelli.

Companies waiting to shake your hand and take your resume include: Pepsi Cola, The Kroger Co., Home Depot, Sears, Unique Restaurant Corp.,

McDonald's, Prudential Preferred, Skyway Precision, Snelling-Livonia Staffing Services, Tempform Corp., New Horizons and Ford Motor Co.

Ficorelli said he expects the companies' employment needs to range from "the general to the specific." Job seekers are encouraged to come with up to 70 resumes and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. Appropriate attire is recommended.

Based on the enthusiastic response to this year's job fair (the Observer & Eccentric was

"bumped out into the hall" because of lack of space), Ficorelli said the newspapers plan to do another fair next March.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and HomeTown Newspapers are subsidiaries of HomeTown Communications Network of Livonia.

The Observer & Eccentric publishes 15 twice-weekly community papers in Oakland and western Wayne counties. HomeTown publishes papers in Northville, South Lyon, Brighton, Novi, Milford and Livingston County.

For more information, contact Char Wilson, supervisor of classified sales, at (734) 953-2070.

## BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS

### American Community promotions

The board of directors of American Community Mutual Insurance Company of Livonia named Paul Varney of Canton as vice president of investments and assistant secretary.

Varney will manage the company's investment portfolio and real estate holdings.

Varney holds a MBA in finance, investments and banking from the University of Wisconsin. He is a past president of both the FLMI Society of Michigan and the Michigan chapter of the Insurance Accounting and Systems Association.

The board of directors also approved the appointment of Jim Pranschke to vice president and group actuary. Pranschke joined American Community in 1985. He is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and is a fellow in the Society of Actuaries.

### Human resource certifications

Shelly Pfister, a consultant with The Arbor Consulting Group, Inc. in Plymouth and Lynnette Vollink, office manager and human resources administrator with T & N Technical Center Inc. in Plymouth received their Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification from the Human Resource Certification Institute.

The announcement was made by the Human Resources Association of Greater Detroit, which is made up of 800 human resource professionals in the metro Detroit area.

## BUSINESS DATEBOOK

Send items to Business Datebook, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Our fax is (734) 591-7279.

### TUES, SEPT. 15

#### CAREER WOMAN

The National Association of Career Woman, West Suburban Chapter will meet at 11:45 a.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Featured speaker is Marge Larsen, vice president of career management programs for Hugh Anderson Associates Inc. in Troy. For information and reservations, call Tracey at (734) 420-3508.

### WED, SEPT. 16

#### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh, Call (734) 397-9939.

### THURS, SEPT. 17

#### CANDIDATES DINNER MEETING

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and Detroit Edison are hosting an informal networking opportunity to meet the candidates for the Michigan Legislature, U.S. House of Representatives and the judiciary from 5-8:30 p.m. at The Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive in Dearborn. Keynote speaker is Gov. John Engler. Cost is \$40. Call (313) 961-4748.

### FRI, SEPT. 18

#### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Livonia Chapter, regular meeting, 7-8:30 a.m. at the Senate Koney Island on Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

### WED, SEPT. 23

#### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter, regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant, Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734)

397-9939.

### WED, SEPT. 23

#### WOMEN ENGINEERS NETWORKING MEETING

The Society of Women Engineers Detroit Section will host a dinner workshop, "Expanding your Personal Network," from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road in Westland. Bring business cards. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Childcare available for \$4. Call Marie Kardasis at (810) 234-5233 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

#### MANUFACTURING SEMINAR

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center is offering a free seminar on how company's can implement a lean manufacturing system that could improve their bottom line. From 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Schoolcraft Community College in Livonia. Call (800)-292-4484, Ext. 4561.

### THURS, SEPT. 24

#### WINDOWS 95 CLASS

Walsh College is offering "Introduction to Windows 95" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the college's Novi campus, 41700 Gardenbrook. Cost is \$195. Additional computer and business classes offered at the Troy campus. Contact the Business and Professional Development Office at (248) 689-8282, Ext. 260 or fax (248) 689-7816 for a complete class schedule for the week of Sept. 21-25.

### FRI, SEPT. 25

#### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Livonia Chapter, regular meeting from 7-8 a.m. at Senate Coney Island, Plymouth Road near Stark. Call (734) 397-9939.

### TUES, SEPT. 29

#### WOMEN'S ECONOMIC CLUB

The Women's Economic Club will host a noon luncheon at the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center. Guest speaker Bernadette Grey, editor-in-chief

of "Working Woman," will discuss "Finding a job where you can thrive: What smart companies are doing to attract and retain executive women." Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. For reservations, call (313) 963-5088.

### WED, SEPT. 30

#### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

Laurel Park Chapter regular meeting from 7-8:30 a.m. at Richards Restaurant on Plymouth Road and Newburgh. Call (734) 397-9939.

### WED, OCT. 2

#### BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

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

### WED, OCT. 7

#### LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

Financial consultant Paul Leduc will discuss how to make your living trust work for you, including tax planning and trust asset management. Seminar takes place from 1-3 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Open to the public at no cost. For more information, call (248) 594-1020.

### THURS-FRI, OCT. 22-23

#### ENGINEERING WORKSHOP

The Society of Automotive Engineers Inc. is sponsoring a two-day workshop, "The Application of Noise and Vibration Technology in Manufacturing to Achieve Product Quality," at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. Call (724) 772-8569; fax (724) 776-4955 or e-mail: profdev@sae.org

## BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

### Businesses participate in Livonia senior event

Booths at a popular western Wayne County senior citizens event are available to area businesses.

The Livonia-Plymouth-Northville Senior Celebration Day from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the Burton Manor in Livonia includes a health fair, games, raffles and entertainment. Tickets, available by pre-registering, are limited to the first 1,000 sold.

The event is sponsored by state Reps. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, and cosponsored by the Livonia Community Foundation.

"Area businesses with a stake in the growing senior market should participate in this prominent event," said Bankes.

"One of the reasons that seniors attend is for valuable consumer information," said Law. "A booth gives businesses tremendous visibility to a large portion of the area's senior population."

William C. Fried, Livonia Community Foundation treasurer, said attorneys, accountants and health-care providers should participate. "This is a special service we are providing the community as a kind of marketplace for senior-related products and services."

Businesses are encouraged to donate raffle prizes.

Interested businesses must request a booth by Sept. 16. Various sponsorships are available.

For more information, call Sandy Nash at (517) 373-3998.

### Valassis expands board of directors

Valassis Communications, Inc. of Livonia has elected three outside members to its board of directors effective Aug. 24, increasing the board's size

from eight to 11.

New directors are: Patrick F. Brennan, Dean Marcella A. Sampson, and Brian J. Husselbee.

The Valassis board also elected Richard N. Anderson, executive vice president for manufacturing and media, to the board effective Dec. 31, upon the planned departure of David A. Brandon.

Alan F. Schultz, president and CEO, said Anderson will be "an excellent management addition to the board. The majority of our employees are in the manufacturing area of our company, and his election is recognition of their importance to our organization."

Brennan retired in 1996 as president and CEO of Consolidated Papers, Inc. of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, a manufacturer of coated printing paper.

Sampson is the dean of students for Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Central State is a leading predominantly African-American university. Sampson is a recognized expert in the field of college student placement.

Husselbee is president and CEO of NuWorld Marketing, Inc., the largest coupon clearing organization in the world. A British subject, he has a wide range of experience in the promotion marketing industry.

Valassis is the leading company in the sales promotion industry, including free-standing newspaper inserts. It had revenues of \$675.6 million in 1997.

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# Clinton scandal fodder for those browsing the Web

As the world watches the latest developments in the strangling scandal involving President Clinton, the Word Wide Web is awash in chat rooms, Web site and online petitions devoted to all aspects of the controversy.



MIKE WENDLAND

The traffic has been so heavy as people dialed in and logged on that the entire Internet has sometimes slowed to a crawl, especially after Congress announced that large chunks of the damning impeachment report issued by Special Prosecutor Ken Starr would be released online.

At the Café Domain, the Internet coffee house and business center in Royal Oak where I spend a lot of my time these days as vice president of Internet Development, a steady stream of customers were renting time on the fast T1line-connected computers to exercise their curiosity in cyberspace. At times, it resembled a party atmosphere as people scrolled through the online sites that chronicle every aspect of the case.

On WWJ Radio during morning rush hour Friday, I was even doing regular "Internet updates" on the latest opinions being voiced across the Net. That's how ubiquitous the Internet and the Web have become.

"The Internet," as I said in an interview about this on Fox2-TV, "is the world's new back yard fence."

My quick search of the Net revealed more than 50 Web sites devoted to exposing and publicizing impeachment efforts and Clinton troubles, compared to only a handful of pro-President sites.

And interest in the Starr Report was astounding. On Thursday, MSNBC (<http://www.msnbc.com>) put up an online questions asking its read-

ers how much information they wanted on to be made available on the Internet. Within hours, tens of thousands had voted. In the eight hours, the tally was over 50,000 responses, 80 percent of whom wanted all the details.

Here are some of the more interesting sites related to impeachment and the Starr report:

- Starr's letter to Congress (<http://www.abcnews.com/sections/us/underinvestigation/index.html>) ABCNews.com has put together an extensive background on the report, including the text of Ken Starr's letter to Congress turning over his massive report.
- House Rules Committee (<http://www.house.gov/rules/>) This is the Congressional panel that hammered out the parliamentary details of receiving and processing Starr's report. Their resolutions on the issue are available here.
- One to watch is Drudge Report (<http://www.drudgereport.com/>) Everybody's heard of so-called Internet columnist Matt Drudge by now. Everybody says he's too fast with half facts. Everybody pretends like he's the scourge of cyberspace. But his site remains probably the most checked Net resource for the latest news of the scandal.
- Impeach Clinton Now (<http://impeachment.org/>) This site has been shrill and loud on the issue for months. And no wonder, it's a site affiliated with the John Birch Society.
- The Committee to Impeach President Clinton (<http://www.impeachclinton.org>) This site is a project of the Clinton Investigative Commission, which pur-

ports to be a grassroots organization that claims to have delivered over one million petitions to Congress asking for impeachment.

■ The White House (<http://www.whitehouse.gov>) Don't forget this site, the President's own home page, so to speak. What will this site say? What won't it say? How will the White House cover its own story. This should be an interesting spot to watch.

■ Another choice is Zippergate (<http://www.shastalake.com/gate/index.html#menu>) It's not very tasteful, but this collection of sites that dissect, lampoon and discuss the crisis show how insatiable the Internet appetite for scandal has become.

Coming events: I'll be broadcasting the PC Talk radio show on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT live next Saturday, Sept. 19, from the Inca Computer Builder's store on Woodward Avenue, just south of Maple. I'd love to meet as many readers of the column as possible. Stop by and say hello.

And be sure to register for the PC Mike Internet/Computer seminar to be held from 10 a.m. to Noon on Sept. 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>

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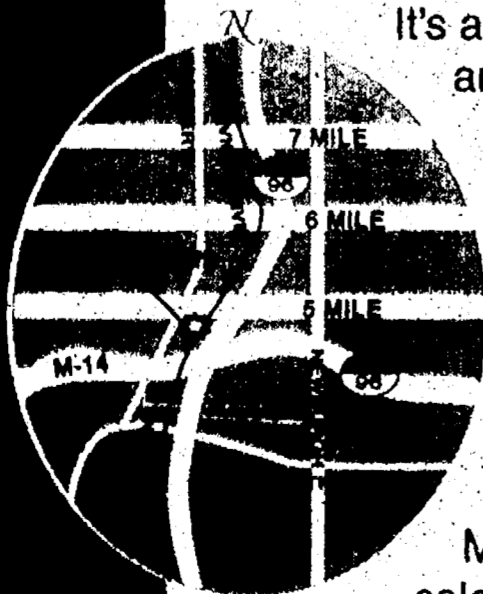
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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

## Marketing is orchestra's key to future success

Julia Kurtyka is calling on past winning ideas to market the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra in the future. Kurtyka, in her position as the orchestra's new executive director, has managed several orchestras on the West Coast and in Michigan.

A musician, with bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan School of Music, Kurtyka is considering a method she used to increase season subscriptions for the Inland Empire Orchestra in San Bernardino, Calif. How does awarding two airline tickets to Paris to a lucky season subscriber sound? Well, not this season, but maybe next, the Plymouth Symphony could give away the trip of your dreams.

"I'm excited because the board is extremely enthusiastic, and appears to be a working board," said Kurtyka. "While there won't be a lot of change right away, I have some ideas on how I'd like to see things change a little. Visibility is extremely important, newspaper coverage, but also one-on-one. We want to increase visibility by

**What:** The Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan celebrates its 10th anniversary in a concert with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

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

**Where:** Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

**Tickets:** \$15, includes an afterglow and opportunity to meet the artists. Call (734) 591-0346 or (734) 451-2112.

Kurtyka visited business owners in the community, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and Plymouth Community Arts Council her first week on the job.

"Not a lot of revenue comes from ticket sales so I'd like to take a look at fund-raising events," said Kurtyka. "One idea, which was successful last year, was a season subscription party."

### Children are the future

If the Plymouth Symphony, or any other symphony for that matter, hopes to exist 10 or even 20 years from now, they must court children. Kurtyka would like to see a multitude

involving as much of the community, and as much of the corporate and business community, as possible.

### Goals

Kurtyka's primary goals are to increase season subscriptions, and market the orchestra. With a budget of \$220,000 this season, she'll have to find creative ways to solicit donations from corporations, businesses and individuals. Eager to get started, Kurtyka

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**What:** A celebration of the arts featuring more than 500 visual and performing artists, including stage and street performers, international foods, a children's fair, literary arts festival, arts procession, and youth artists market. Free.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20. Children's fair hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** University Cultural Center, bounded by Warren and Ferry, Brush and Anthony Wayne Drive, Detroit. For information, call (313) 577-5088.

**Highlights:** Seven stages at the African American Museum of History, Center for Creative Studies, Wayne State University Campus (Cass north of Kirby), a dance stage on Kirby (east of Woodward), a Children's Fair Stage (Gullen Mall) on the WSU campus, the American Music Cafe (Cass at Putnam), and De Roy Auditorium (literary arts festival on Saturday) on the WSU campus.

**DSO Opening Week Celebration concerts are 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 17-18, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 in Orchestra Hall.**

**Tickets range from \$17 to \$48 with a limited number of box seats available from \$55 to \$63. Call (313) 576-5111. Dinner at Duet and an afterglow with the musicians are available through the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council, call (313) 576-5154.**

Local participating artists are David Trevillian (mixed media) and Mary Tomas (drawing), Troy; William Thayer (photography), Redford; Carole Berhorst (clay), Bloomfield Hills; Kathy Phillips (watercolor) and Barbara Abel (photography), West Bloomfield; Michael McCullough (printmaking), Farmington Hills; Alice Ham (clay), Berkley; Penny Mason (fiber), Clarkston; and Martha Miller (watercolor), Commerce.

**Colorful creatures: Members of Neighbourhood Watch Stilts International from the United Kingdom preen and prance their way through the festival site as nine-foot ostriches. Toronto artist Susan Todd designed this year's Detroit Festival of the Arts poster, upper left.**

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Pedestrian sign symbols come to life, a flock of stilted performers dressed as ostriches and a recreation of the blues music heard on Hastings Street in the 1940s — the 12th annual Detroit Festival of the Arts outshines itself this year with a spectacular celebration of visual art, music, dance and culture Friday-Sunday, Sept. 18-20.

Co-produced by the University Cultural Center Association and Wayne State University, the festival features more than 500 visual and performing artists, including photographers William Thayer of Redford and Barbara Abel, West Bloomfield (see chart for list of local participating artists), a children's fair, literary arts festival, international foods, arts processions and a 50-ton sand sculpture of stampeding safari animals. And it's all free thanks to the Chrysler Corp. Fund and other sponsors. The University Cultural Center Association worked all year to raise the \$700,000 necessary to bring in interactive art activities such as Truck Art where visitors can help paint a mural on three 48-foot semi trucks located at Woodward and Farnsworth.

Peter Cummings, a Bloomfield Hills resident and vice chairman of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, co-chairs the festival with John E. Lobb, chairman and chief executive director of Detroit Edison.

"What sets the Detroit Festival apart is the diversity," said Cummings. "It's an absolute kaleidoscopic mix of events — performing artists from Cuba, Africa, Asia and the Americas, visual arts and offbeat kinds of

things I've never seen before like The Klezmates and a Czechoslovakian blues band. But what makes it special is it's surrounded by the great cultural institutions of the state. You can have an arts fair in a field or a parking lot, but to have it against the DIA and to have ongoing exhibitions like 'Angels from the Vatican' at the DIA and 'Black Bottom and Paradise Valley' at the Museum of African

American History, if you put it all together, it's going to evolve into one of the great festivals in the country."

Arthur L. Johnson founded the festival with the concept it would be "second to none." The retired vice president of Wayne State University Relations remembers the first festival 12 years ago, and the emotional experience of looking at the 15 blocks of festivities he'd created in the University Cultural Center. Early on, Johnson made three elements priorities — a children's fair on the WSU campus, a literary arts festival and an Artists Marketplace. As adviser to this year's event, Johnson's elated that the festival is growing.

### Children's fair

Nearly 60 arts and science organizations, including Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Pewabic Pottery and Very Special Arts Michigan, provide a variety of safari-style activities for children from hands-on projects to puppet shows at WSU's Gullen Mall. Children can paint the Serengeti Plain, make animals masks and insect puppets. A Grand Arts Procession begins at 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with young and old alike invited to don masks and costumes and take part in the festivities. New this year is the Fabric Action Artscape — a 4,000-square-foot performance playscape from New York City. There is also a youth artists market featuring students from Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, Pontiac and Clarkston. Garden City dance teacher Michelle Orow, and the rest of the Wayne State Dance Lab, will host workshops 12:30 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday in the Detroit Medical Center performance area.

Johnson originally founded the festival to draw the university, Detroit Institute of Arts and other cultural and educational institutions into a campus community. He approached then WSU president David Adamany who enthusiastically applauded the idea. They set out to "develop a festival that's second to none."

Today, the festival spotlights not only Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Arts, but Center for Creative Studies, the Detroit Historical Museum, Detroit Science Center, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Public Library, The Heritage Museum, International Institute, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Scarab Club which hosts its first juried sculpture exhibition, "Off the Wall." Internationally known artist and sculptor Jean Jacques Porret juried the show and will talk about the award-winning pieces during an artists reception 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the historic club behind the Detroit Institute of Arts.

By no means a Detroit-only audience, the festival attracts visitors from the surrounding suburbs. Last year's event drew a crowd of more than 250,000. Event coordinators expect that number to rise as the 1998 festival has been expanded to cover more than 20 blocks. Seven performance stages, five of them outdoors, host a variety of international performers.

Beginning 3 p.m. Sunday on the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History stage, the Hastings Street Revue recreates the spirit of Detroit's legendary Hastings Street with a 1940s blues revue.

## Violinist seeks balance in life, music

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Violin virtuoso Joshua Bell began playing violin when he was 5 years old and was playing concert halls by the time he was 14, but he has been widely recognized as one "child prodigy" who has been able to maintain a balanced life.

"It's very important to me," he said. "I can't imagine life being just music; I have lots of other interests."

He even takes days off when he doesn't practice.

Bell plays his music with a passion and precision that he also brings to tennis and golf.

"I played (golf) twice this weekend. It's getting better. In another lifetime I could see myself playing a lot of golf." In this lifetime, Bell will open the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's 1998-99 season with a performance of Mendelssohn's Concerto for Violin. The orchestra, under music director Neeme Jarvi, will also perform Buck's "Festival Overture" and Mahler's dramatic Symphony No. 5.

Bell's boyish good-looks do not mask the musical artistry he's been honing since childhood. Bell was born and reared in Bloomington, Ind., home of Indiana University, noted as one of the country's best music schools.



Joshua Bell

When he was 12 he began to study with Josef Gingold, a former concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra and noted teacher.

"I was lucky to be born in Bloomington, my mother was born in Detroit and went to Wayne State, actually. But they moved to Bloomington because my father taught in the psychology department," he said.

At 14 Bell won the Seventeen Magazine/General Motors Competition and made his orchestral debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has since performed with many of the world's leading orchestras and has recorded widely, first for London/Decca and recently for Sony.

Bell was reached in Toronto where he is attending the premiere of "The Red Violin" at the Toronto Film Festival.

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**STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSDMANN**  
**New direction: Executive director Julia Kurtyka stands by a Michael Mullen print which is available for a \$500 or more donation to the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's endowment fund.**

## Potters share techniques and sweet corn

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Kris Darby has served sweet corn every night since her house guests arrived from Nicaragua. Clay artists Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez fell in love with the seasonal treat while giving a series of ceramics workshops sponsored by Potters for Peace in Illinois and Pewabic Pottery in Detroit. They were in Plymouth to demonstrate their traditional craft at the Village Potters Guild founded by Darby.

The dark brown clay they brought to shape the birds, animals and market women sculptures they dug from an area at the foot of a Nicaraguan volcano known to locals as Hebericles San Jacinto. After sculpting the ceramics at the potters guild, Guzman and Rodriguez applied a dark terra cotta red slip before burnishing the exteriors



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSDMANN

**Traditional clay: Nicaraguan artists Amanda Guzman (left) and Paula Rodriguez demonstrated their craft at the Village Potters Guild in Plymouth.**

with polished stones, a rare commodity in their homeland. Assisting the pot-

ters, Darby proudly lifted a plastic bag of stones she'd purchased as a gift for them the day before.

"These are very rare," said Darby displaying a polished stone in her hand. "Because they only have river rocks, they're passed from generation to generation."

Rodriguez first learned to shape clay at her mother's side at age 11. By 19, she began working by herself to create her own designs instead of her mother's. Her studio is in the barrio in which she lives, a community of attached huts made from stucco. Her daughters, ages 16 and 10, now learn ceramics from Rodriguez. Rodriguez's husband is also a ceramic artist and she's very proud of that.

"I like animals and different things to do with nature," said Rodriguez. "I



**Nature lovers: Amanda Guzman and Paula Rodriguez created these bird, animal, and market women sculptures during a workshop sponsored by Potters for Peace.**

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of programs to interest young people in symphonic music. When she was with the Toledo Symphony, Kurtyka started a youth orchestra. Although that's an idea the orchestra might foster later on, right now they're interested in attracting the audience of the future. To do so, they're encouraging attendance by giving free admission to children through high school age starting with the season opener 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium.

School is another good way to reach children so orchestra members are setting aside the week of Monday-Friday, Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, to introduce orchestral music to third graders in Plymouth Canton Community Schools. The demonstrations will acquaint youngsters with flute, oboe, clarinet, violin, and cello.

"Education has always been important to me," said Kurtyka. "Everyone says the children are our future audience, but aside from that, it helps all of us. It's good for the kids. It exposes them whether they go into a musical career or not. Music is

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*Julia Kurtyka*  
PSO Executive Director

limitless. I enjoy rock as well and have played with Smokey Robinson and with Rod Stewart at Tiger Stadium."

### Regrets

Kurtyka has taught music since the mid-1960s so it is with sadness that she is giving up teaching the Suzuki method of violin. She thinks it's important to devote all of her attention to the orchestra. She also plans to continue performing as a violinist. Kurtyka spends a lot of time on the road traveling between orchestra rehearsals and concerts. She is concertmaster with the Grosse Pointe Symphony, International Symphony (Port Huron/Sarnia), co-concert master with the Southern Great Lakes Symphony (formerly the

Allen Park Symphony) and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra. She also performs with the Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

"We're trying to get youth involvement by having school band members and youth clubs volunteer to meet and greet concert goers," said Kurtyka. "We're trying to increase the size of the audience. We're reaching out to senior citizens by offering them a ride to the concert. We're also going out to the senior citizens center to give programs."

### Help wanted

Now that the orchestra has filled the position of executive director, it is searching for a new concertmaster. Auditions for concertmaster, string and horn positions for the orchestra's 53rd season take place Monday, Sept. 14. The 60 to 70 member orchestra is also searching for a conductor to replace Russell Reed when he retires at the end of the 1998-99 season.

"This season we'll continue to have a few guest conductors, other prospective conductors will come for rehearsals and some conducted last season," said Kurtyka.

In all, eight conductors are being considered. A decision will be made at the end of the season.

Kurtyka is also looking for volunteers like Janice Hallsworth who works in the office two days a week. No experience necessary, said Kurtyka, to help with mailings, filing, etc. To volunteer, call (734) 451-2112.

"I enjoy it," said Hallsworth. "I enjoy the people I work with."

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

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like to do things that give people a good feeling and utensils you can make with a natural form."

Forty years of experience and knowledge go into making Guzman's ceramics. Guzman learned to craft pottery from her grandmother "in the old tradition." All four of her children earned college degrees. Son Ramiro, 26, however, could not find a job as a chemical engineer in Nicaragua so he now throws pottery on a wheel.

"My grandmother made cooking and eating utensils, water jugs, soup pots," said Guzman, "but I like to make things of nature too and people of my village, gorditas and campacinos."

Guzman's sculptures of market women (gorditas) and the "common man" (campacinos) honor her people. In a country where teachers and police officers earn \$140 a month, Guzman makes heroes of everyday people like cannery workers who survive on \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

In January, Darby visited Nicaragua for a month as part of the Potters for Peace program. Potters for Peace is trying to help Nicaraguan artists market their ceramics. Currently, Guzman and Rodriguez sell their work at markets and alongside

roadways.

"They put water jugs by the side of the road and hope someone who needs a jug passes by," said Darby. "We not only want to help them market their work, but to bring them here for workshops. It's so important for us to be exposed to their culture, their techniques, their views and ways with clay and for them to learn about our pottery, glazes and our culture."

Eileen Hewett, a guild member from Irish Hills, appreciated the educational workshop with Guzman and Rodriguez. After removing the wares from the kiln, Guzman and Rodriguez sprinkled wood chips on top of the ceramics to create the black surfaces.

"It's such a privilege to take part in this, to have the experience of working with someone who does something as fast as on a wheel but with their hands," said Hewett. "This is the first time watching somebody sculpt something by hand. They seem to do it with so much ease and they make their own tools. A piece of coconut shell is used to shape the clay."

In Nicaragua, Guzman and Rodriguez fire clay in a hand-built brick kiln. At the Village

Potters Guild, they used a gas flame kiln. That's part of the concept behind Potters for Peace -- to expose artists from developing countries to American ways. Guzman, like Rodriguez, enjoyed meeting all the people she encountered along the way but more importantly she expanded her knowledge by watching American potters at work.

"I like seeing a lot of the things like the kilns, tools and clay," said Guzman. "In Nicaragua there's just one or two kinds of kilns but there are a lot of artists there."

Overall, their opinions of America were favorable. While Guzman and Rodriguez didn't like the elevators and escalators, Rodriguez thought Americans were no different from her people.

"The cities are very different," said Rodriguez. "You have a lot of things we don't have in our country, but I don't want to live here. In my country, life is tranquil and calm. Everything is too busy and fast here. In my country we have time during the day to just sit and visit. There's a very close fraternity with our friends and neighbors. Here, there's such a distance. It's just on the telephones."

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Bell was musical consultant and performs the music of John Corigliano on the soundtrack to the Francois Gerard film. Gerard directed the acclaimed "Thirty-two Short Films About Glenn Gould."

Corigliano is one of many contemporary composers whose works Bell has championed, while also recording the standard repertoire.

"I know there are many that don't get recognition, it's hard to get played and I'm as guilty as anyone," Bell said. "I have a stack of manuscripts from composers that they sent me. It takes so much time to weed through because a lot is not good."

Bell composes his own cadenzas and enjoys composing.

"I don't fancy myself as a composer, yet. Every time I've done it, I've loved it."

Bell's most recent recording is a selection of music by George Gershwin with John Williams and the London Symphony. The music was transcribed especially for the violin. Bell's approach to Gershwin is typical of his general view of music.

"Gershwin obviously is appreciated by so many people," he said. "There's not any category you can put him in. It's a shame we have to label everything so exactly. The term crossover is so distasteful to me, such as the idea that my playing Gershwin is crossing over. Gershwin is its own thing, part pop, jazz, classical. 'Porgy and Bess' is a great classical opera and then it isn't. He's one of the greatest composers of all time."

Bell's two current recording projects show his musical eclecticism. He will record major concertos by Sibelius and Goldmark with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and he recently completed a project with bass player/composer Edgar Meyer, whom Bell has known since college.

"He wrote all the music and there's a lot of bluegrass and we play with bluegrass performers like Sam Bush and Mike Marshall. I learned a lot," he said.

In Detroit, Bell will demonstrate his ability to make the familiar new.

"Mendelssohn, I consider to be one of the greatest violin concertos, maybe in some ways the greatest... It's often referred to as 'the perfect concerto,'" he said.

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GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

'If I Don't Six' uncovers ugliness of college football

Elwood Riley, a big, no-neck line-man from working-class Cleveland who defies all the stupid cliches about big "dumb" jocks. Riley (Reid) would rather read books than hit people, though football gives him a rush. He is especially taken with the Stoics and the emperor/philosopher Marcus Aurelius, whom he quotes to anyone who'll listen. He resents being pushed into "easy" classes by Coach Roe (read Bo Schembechler) and makes out his own schedule.

By Elwood Reid (Doubleday, \$22.95)

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

This roman a clef set in the football world of the University of Michigan will be an eye opener for any of those still naive enough to believe that college football builds character, makes boys into men, is played for the love of the game or any of those other obnoxious cliches.

Elwood Reid, who played for the Wolverines as Brian Reid before being sidelined by injuries, uses his own sad experience as an offensive lineman to testify otherwise. College football is a raw world where the players are separated from other college students, brutalized by their coaches and each other and reduced to being fodder for the sake of college revenues and NFL recruiters.

Even those who most love the game soon find themselves physically and mentally traumatized, looking for ways to get out of playing and still retain their scholarships. "Six" is short for "deep six," the practice of taking a career ending but endurable injury in order to retain a scholarship.

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Reid describes the brutal training programs, the injections of cortisone that keep players active, the numerous attacks

by players to incur injuries that will get them out of the action and the cynicism most players have about the whole boohah-boohah routine. He also describes the animalistic extracurricular activities of the players that comes of presuming themselves privileged, especially the drinking and sexual nightmares they create for themselves and unwary young women. Riley finds solace in a young woman in rebellion against her coach/father (one of the fathead assistant coaches).

What Reid doesn't do is give a true picture of the complexity that is Ann Arbor. In fact, little of the atmosphere of the school or city are presented. That's a shame, because U-M is a peculiar place. Yes, it is a leading football-basketball factory, which draws the devoted, maniacal following of fans (Reid's portrait of fans is devastating), but it is also one of the top academic universities. There has always been a tension between the two that is reflected in Riley's desire for an education but never portrayed in the story.

This is a good first novel, now Reid needs to learn a little compassion and insight into what drives others. Reid will sign his book at Borders Birmingham, 31150 Southfield Road, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 and will return to Ann Arbor for book signings at Shaman Drum, 313 State St., 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, and at Borders, 612 E. Liberty, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Hugh Gallagher can be reached at (734)953-2118 or by e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net.

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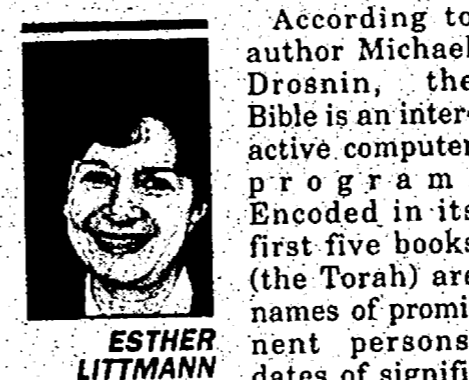
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'Bible Code' reveals messages

The Bible Code By Michael Drosnin Simon & Schuster, 1997, \$13



According to author Michael Drosnin, the Bible is an interactive computer program. Encoded in its first five books (the Torah) are names of prominent persons, dates of significant events and warnings of future catastrophes. Yitzhak Rabin's murder, for example, is encoded in Deuteronomy and was uncovered by the author a year before it occurred. References to Hitler and the Nazis, the moon landing, Nixon and Watergate and the Gulf War are found in the Bible.

"There is a Bible beneath the Bible," writes Drosnin in the New York Times bestseller "The Bible Code." For 3,000 years, it was time-locked, awaiting detection with the invention of the computer. The code, found only in the original Hebrew, operates by a process called "equidistant letter sequences." If one prints the Torah as a continuous strand of 304,805 letters - with spaces

between words eliminated - one can find words, phrases, even short sentences by applying various consistent skip sequences: 1 letter skipped, 2 letters, 3 letters, up to several thousand.

That finding alone would be unremarkable, writes Drosnin, were it not for related information encoded in close proximity. Yitzhak Rabin's name, for instance, is crossed by "assassin" that will assassinate, and located nearby is the name of his murderer: Amir.

Formerly an investigative reporter for The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal, Drosnin was highly skeptical when he first heard of the Bible code. Mildly curious, however, he flew to Jerusalem in 1992 to meet the decoder, Soviet-born mathematician Eliyahu Rips, who teaches at Hebrew University. Rips, along with two other mathematicians, had made a startling discovery. Using the technique of equidistant skip sequencing, they found the names of 32 Jewish sages, from Biblical to modern times, encoded in Genesis, along with the corresponding dates of their birth and death.

In an attempt to uncover a hoax, Pentagon code breaker Harold Gans wrote his own computer program, using a different set of names. He came up with

the same results. All the names were encoded in the Bible, matched with their dates and even the cities in which they were born.

Drosnin maintains that the statistical methods used by Rips and his two colleagues have been confirmed by Harvard professor David Kazhdan and Yale mathematician Piateski-Shapiro. Rips' article, published in August of 1994 in Statistical Review (and reproduced in Drosnin's book), passed three peer reviews.

One might ask how a text written 3,000 years ago could foretell the future. "It is God," say some. It is a relic from a close encounter with alien intelligence, explain others, including the author.

Then does the Bible code imply that human life is predetermined, that the prediction of an atomic holocaust in 2000 or 2006 will come true? Drawing on quantum physics and the Uncertainty Principle that states "there is not one future but many possible futures," Drosnin believes that the Bible may actually record multiple outcomes. Truly, "The Bible Code" is a revelation. It is well documented and written persuasively. But whether the miracle in Drosnin's book is divine or mathematical remains to be seen.

BOOK HAPPENINGS

BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, WOODWARD) Hairy Cook discusses Elizabeth Firenza's "Sharing Her Word: Feminist Biblical Interpretations in Context," 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Keyword Hebrew 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17; Gay and Lesbian Book Discussion group discusses E. Lynn Harris' "If This World Were Mine," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14; Alicia Nelson discusses "Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holidays," 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14; Geoffrey Stebbins discusses "Self-Employment," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15; Mary Ter Meer discusses "Vegetarian Cooking for Healthy Living," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16; Paul Parente Jazz Connection 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; The Farm Lady 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; pianist Jeffrey Michael, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; a mass book signing involving 150 bookstores for "Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul" featuring 13-year-old Birmingham writer Diana Parker, 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the store, 34300 Woodward Ave.,

Birmingham (248)203-0005. BORDERS (BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHFIELD ROAD) Two of A Kind present "The Books I Read," 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Rick Blalock signs "Remembering Diana: the People's Tribute to Their Princess," 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Mother-Daughter Book Club discusses Katherine Patterson's "Jacob Have I Loved," 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4; romance writer Raynetta Manees read from "Follow Your Heart," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16; Science Discovery features "The Rain Forest," 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; Elwood Reid discusses and signs "If I Don't Six," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham (248)644-1515.

BORDERS (ROCHESTER HILLS) The 20th anniversary of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be celebrated at midnight Monday, Sept. 14, with numerous contests and prizes at the store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, (248)652-0558.

BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS) Geoffrey Stebbins discusses fran-

chising 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16; Gardeners Support Group meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248)737-0110.

BARNES & NOBLE (BLOOMFIELD HILLS) Reader's Book Club discusses Helen Dunmore's "Talking to the Dead," 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Franziska Schoenfeld, Ann Kelly and Margot Snyder discuss "The Impatient Otter," 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13; Laurice Covensky performs music from "Titanic," 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 at the store 6575 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248)540-4209.

BARNES & NOBLE (WEST BLOOMFIELD) Books on Film discusses "L.A. Confidential," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15; local attorney Steve Weiss signs his new book "The Farewell Principle," 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; David H. Lynn discusses his collection of short fiction, "Fortune Telling," 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the store, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248)626 6804.

Grid of movie listings for various theaters including National Amusements, Showcase Cinemas, Main Art Theatre, Birmingham Theatre, Star Winchester, Star John, Star Southfield, and others. Lists movie titles, times, and prices.

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

**LIMITED SPACE**

Canton Project Arts is taking reservations for a trip to see "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. The bus leaves the Canton Township Hall at 4:30 p.m. for a 6 p.m. performance.

Tickets are \$22.50 per person (includes transportation) and available at Resource Development in Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Deadline for reservations is Sept. 21, call (734) 397-6450.

**FINAL DAYS**

Gallery owners Scott Smith (Penniman Gallery) and Annette Horn (Native West) are among the "Familiar Faces" portrayed in an exhibit of photography by Jill Andra Young through Sept. 18 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction.

The series of black and white photographs feature local Plymouth personalities depicted in such a way as to say something about their profession—chiropractor Sidney Disbrow with a stethoscope around his neck and a human skeleton in his hands, Downtown Development Authority director Steve Guile wearing his many hats, and Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum director.

"Familiar Faces" represents a departure for Young, whose studio is located on Penniman in Plymouth. Although she trained as a commercial photographer and worked at a professional portrait studio, Young is best known for her pet portraits. In

keeping with the concept of the exhibit, Young's self portrait in the show depicts her with dog Annie in "Bark Softly and Carry a Big Bone."

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

**OPENING RECEPTION**

Zoom Gallery hosts an exhibition by Randall Veilleux Sept. 19 to Oct. 18 at Zoom Gallery, 212 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor. A reception takes place 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at the gallery.

Veilleux new anthropocentric drawings offer a rare glimpse into the empirical, whimsical and holistic vision characterizing the Ann Arbor artist.

For more information, call (734) 747-9944.

**NANKIN MILLS BENEFIT**

A painting of Nankin Mills by Westland resident Paul Maceri will be on exhibit during the 10th annual wine and cheese fundraiser 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Farmington in Westland.

Presented by the Friends of Nankin Mills, the evening includes the opportunity to sample a variety of Michigan wines while learning about the future plans for Nankin Mills as an interpretive center. Come and hear what the naturalist has been doing with school groups and summer camp during the past year or tour the historic mill.

Tickets are \$20 and available 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the mill, or at the door. Call (734) 261-1990.

**CHORALE AUDITIONS**

Madonna University's Chorale is holding open auditions for the 1998-99 season. Auditions consist of an individual meeting

with David Wagner, chorale director.

The chorale rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for its Christmas and spring concerts. There is no charge to sing in the chorale but academic credit is given to Madonna University students. The chorale consists of students and community members.

For more information, call (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu.

**ARTREACH FALL LUNCHEON**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting a luncheon featuring Lois Bro and her "Doll Art" 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon, Plymouth.

Cost is \$15. Proceeds will go for an annual field trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts for all Plymouth-Canton Community Schools fifth graders.

In conjunction with the luncheon the arts council is hosting

a workshop with Bro 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Learn to make beautiful faces for cloth dolls. A basic doll body, 12-14 inches, will be furnished for you to complete and take home. Bring needles, thread and scissors. Cost is \$53 and includes all materials. To register for the luncheon or workshop, call (734) 416-4ART.

Bro earned a bachelor's of fine art degree in sculpture from Center for Creative Studies. She works in clay, porcelain and soft sculpture. Founder of Stuffits, a soft sculpture group in South Carolina, Bro shares her doll making skills in seminars and workshops throughout the country.

**MONOTYPE WORKSHOPS**

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia presents two workshops in watercolor monotypes with Lily Dudgeon 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays Sept. 19 and 26 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, south of Plymouth Road,

Livonia.

Learn to print by hand or with a press. Bring watercolor supplies and sketches or photos for subjects to print.

The cost is \$45 for VAAL members, \$50 non-members. Instructor will sell print paper for cost. Call (313) 561-4457 for instruction sheet.

To register or for more information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

**FLOWERS AND ART**

Noted for its formal gardens, wetlands and winding trails, the grounds of the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens are being enhanced with sculpture crafted by contemporary artists from Michigan and the Great Lakes region. Each piece of work will be displayed for 12-18 months in one of 20 locations.

Among the items in place at the gardens is the "Arc," created by Tom Phardel. Located in the wetland area, Phardel's scul-

ture combines natural and man-made steel. Further down the path near the bend of Fleming Creek, Jim Melberg's "Forest Murmurs" and "Two Figures" provide a fascinating play of light and reflection off the six-foot tall highly polished cast aluminum forms. Located near the main entrance to the Gardens at Willow Pond is Jon Rush's "Jane LaRue Sun Dial." Part of Matthaei's permanent collection, this piece is rooted in earth seeming almost totemic. The Rose Garden plays host to Lou Marinari's "Dawn" and "Dusk."

The 350-acre Matthaei oasis is open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset. Hours for the conservatory housing more than 1,200 plants from around the world are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Christmas, New Year's Day and Thanksgiving. To arrange a tour or learn about upcoming events and programs, call (734) 998-7061.

## Cranbrook exhibit explores disturbing view of gender

By FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Just when the dilemmas of politically correct language seemed to be resolved comes the ultimate post-modern gender twister in Cranbrook Art Museum's season-opening exhibit, "It's all about ME, Not You," an installation by the late Greer Lankton.

Within one of Cranbrook's interior galleries is a rectangular, white-sided house. Inside is a cathartic look at the artist's life, including photographs, pen and ink drawings, images of heroes and heroines, and psychologically tortured dolls, some of which resemble the artist.

But in reality, there are only approximations of the artist.

In mind, body and art, Lankton is the personification of a pushing-it-to-the-edge artist—morally ambivalent, outrageously androgynous and excessively individualistic.

Through Lankton's imagery of gender exploration, viewers will inevitably become curious about what was the day-to-day life of the artist, a transsexual, who, at age 38, died in late 1996 from the apparent effects of drugs and anorexia.

Indeed, there's no separating Lankton's art from her tortured life as a "woman in a man's body," then a transsexual and an artist seeking a 3D world to recreate the haunting images ruminating in her mind, and sculpted into the deep pores of her dolls.

A reading room adjacent to the exhibit provides biographical information on Lankton as well as a range of books on gender studies.

"This exhibit isn't really about 'me,'" said Irene Hofmann, associate curator at Cranbrook Museum of Art. "You feel the soul of the artist. Perhaps people will feel more compassion and understanding."

The small installation house of Lankton's art is placed on an ersatz set: tacky patio furniture rests on an astroturf lawn. A pair of legs wearing red ruby shoes are stuffed under the house.

Apparently, the house landed in a bizarre world not far from Oz, but there's none of the joy of watching Dorothy finding her way home.

"It's all about ME, Not You" is utterly gut-wrenching. Not because of its stark confrontation of transsexuality, but because of its relentless psychological and physical exposures of the artist.

**New Exhibits at Cranbrook Art Museum, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300**

■ "It's all about ME, Not You," an installation by Greer Lankton, through Nov. 1. Opening reception 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

■ "The Squeeze Chair Project" by Wendy Jacob, through Sunday, Nov. 1

■ "Somewhere," an installation by Carla Preiss, through Sunday, Jan. 3

■ "Motel Movies 24 Hours," a project by Robert Andersen, through Sunday, Nov. 1

While some may find Lankton's work painfully beautiful, it is quite difficult to look beyond the pain and vulnerability.

**Exposing the private life**

Upon reading and seeing the graphic details of Lankton's sexual transformation in art, and accompanying photo album, there's an uneasy, but all-too-familiar exposure to the private side of life.

In the name of art and with the hopo-to-shock sensibility of a raucy tabloid, Lankton's 15-minute of fame has the effect of a cattle prod forcing viewers to face their own issues of gender and sexual identity.

"We're not doing our job if we're not making people think," said Hofmann. "The exhibit suggests that gender ought not to be so clear cut."

To conservatives or those supporters of the Christian Coalition, Hofmann's mere choice of the exhibit might appear as an endorsement of the transsexual lifestyle.

To those possible critics, Hofmann pleads for tolerance and compassion.

"Greer didn't have control of anything in her life, except for her art, especially her dolls."

The dolls had been a life-long infatuation for Lankton. At an early age as a boy, she chose to play with dolls. Soon thereafter, she made her own dolls that apparently symbolized her emotional turmoil.

Her life is filled with stories of ridicule and rejection. But surprisingly, also of acceptance.

Lankton's father is a Presbyterian minister, whose church raised money to pay for the artist's sex-change operation. Several years later, Lankton's father also officiated at the marriage ceremony of his son.



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Directed by HAROLD PRINCE






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

### How to Enter

### Contest Rules

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



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# Malls & Mainstreets

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**Best of the West:** Southwest and Native American art at Native West in Plymouth.

## Browse two of 'the best'

Native West in Plymouth and Knightsbridge Antiques in Northville are among the "Best of Malls and Mainstreets," according to readers. In case you

### SHOPPING CENTERED



**DONNA MULCAHY**

don't know what I'm talking about, several weeks ago an announcement ran on these Malls and Mainstreets pages, inviting readers to write in, listing their favorite places to shop. The resulting list would be called "Best of Malls and Mainstreets." My job this week was to check out two of the stores that readers nominated and see what I thought about them.

One of the stores was Native West, which received this glowing nomination from a reader: "By far the very best, and I mean the very best in authentic Native American art and furnishings from the Great American Southwest, is Native West. The quality of merchandise is terrific! And talk about service... I love going in that store. No pressure but an excellent staff knowledgeable about so much." I had a great time visiting Native West. Every item there has a story or legend behind it, and learning about them was a lot of fun.

Take the store's fetishes, for example. Fetishes are small animal sculptures carved of rock or stone. Each animal is associated with different traits and if you have a fetish and respect it, then it is believed that those traits will rub off on you, shop owner Annette Horn said. Bear fetishes make great gifts for people who are ill, because they are supposed to give a person a stout heart, a strong will, inner knowledge, strength and good health, Horn said.

Other things you'll find at Native West include: hand carved drums (the largest ones can be used as coffee tables), beautiful rugs and blankets, Navajo sand paintings, Southwest-style tables, Native American jewelry, pottery, copper wall art, hot sauces, dips and more.

"We will not sell an item without disclosing information about its origin," Horn said, adding that the store is a member of the Indian Arts and Crafts Association, which works to protect the interests of Native American craftspeople. Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 455-8838.

A reader who nominated Knightsbridge Antiques wrote that, "(I) could spend hours, no days, just looking (there). By far the best antique mall we have ever been in." I haven't been to a lot of antique malls, but I enjoyed visiting Knightsbridge Antiques. It's sort of a museum of pop culture and every piece I saw raised questions like: who did that belong to, why did they give that up, why on earth did someone save that, or, I have something like that, I wonder how much it's worth?

Some of the strangest things I saw there were Pepsi straws from the 1930s and 1950s. The ones from the 1950s came two in a wrapper for \$2. The ones from the 1930s were unwrapped and were \$8 each. The most intriguing thing I saw was a wooden box that a soldier inscribed with a love poem and sent to his wife during World War II. Did he come back from the war and why would anyone part with such a romantic heirloom? Knightsbridge Antiques has more than 300 dealers and does not carry things made after 1960. It is located at 42305 Seven Mile Road. Call (248) 344-7200.

Next week in Malls & Mainstreets, look for more readers' choice "Best Of" places and products.



**Fashion preview:** Above, Drita Palushaj models an original hair design by Rino, Kristina Gjelaj and Sylvia Bitonti at Figaro and makeup by Valerie Lewis at Figaro. Christi Forgas wears Body Action Design stretch velvet separates from It's The Ritz. Right, Jeanette Kelly is in a gray silk satin dress by Joseph at Tender. Her silk beaded scarf is by Romeo Gigli, also at Tender. Sylvia Stephanovich wears a Bill Hallman slip dress and Betsey Johnson beaded cardigan from It's The Ritz.

## Savor the flavor of Birmingham at this year's Fall Spectacular



PHOTOS BY JERRY ZOLINSKY



**Luxe:** Jeanette in John Bartlett's skirt and leather vest from Tender.

Birmingham has become a destination city. Folks flock to its bustling downtown to shop for cutting-edge fashions, peruse art galleries and antique stores, relax in coffeehouses and indulge in salon services. Come sunset, the sidewalks teem with restaurant- and movie-goers, scene-stealers and people-watchers.

With this "see and be seen" attitude in mind, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and more than 100 Birmingham merchants, restaurants and galleries loosely dubbed their ninth annual Fall Spectacular, "A Day in the Life... Birmingham," with a fashion show that will take viewers on a stylish spree through town, with appropriate attire for day-to-evening Birmingham pursuits.

Fashion coordinator Heather Luplow Hartle hopes to convey the "vibe that is Birmingham." The production will offer a slice of life, highlighting what makes the city special. "You'll recognize Birmingham on stage," she says. An eclectic mix of live and recorded music will add to the show. In keeping with the clean, polished look of this fall's key fashion trends, the runway will be filled with sophisticated grays and cosmopolitan collections. The Spectacular, a fashion and dining extravaganza complete with live and silent auctions, is slated for Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. under the tents between the Townsend Hotel and The Community House. The event benefits the Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund of William Beaumont Hospital.

"This year our goal is to provide 20 children with college scholarships," says Richard Astrein, event co-chair.

"What's so unique is that so many Birmingham people participate. It's the only event that pulls all types of businesses together to raise funds for such a special cause," says Astrein.

Florists donate flowers, art and antique dealers decorate the tents, local salons provide hair and makeup services for the models and 25 Birmingham merchants provide the clothes for the fashion show.

"It's fashion and entertainment that will emphasize Birmingham's community spirit," says Hartle.

General admission tickets are \$45 (\$55 at the door). Patron tickets are \$125. Tickets are available at all participating Birmingham merchants, salons and the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce at (248) 644-1700.

-- Linda Bachrack



**Babes:** Avery Halminiak and Vanessa King in tights from Purple Bear.



**Dapper:** Bob Benkert wears gray flannel chalk stripes from The Claymore Shop.

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

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

#### ROYAL REFLECTION

Author Rick Blalock signs his new book about the late Princess Diana, *Remembering Diana: The People's Tribute to Their Princess*. The book is a collection of more than 400 notes of sympathy and original poetry dedicated to Diana. It includes the touching eulogy by her brother Earl Spencer, and a special tribute from author and poet Maya Angelou. 4 p.m. Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

#### WORDS OF LOVE

Romance author Raynetta Mancees reads from and

## ADDED ATTRACTIONS

signs her new novel, *Follow Your Heart*. Born and raised in Detroit, Mancees is the author of two other romance novels. 7 p.m. Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

#### CRYSTAL CREATIONS

Neiman Marcus hosts a personal appearance by Daum Creative Director Christian Poincignon. M. Poincignon will sign select Daum crystal sculptures. With any \$750 Daum purchase, receive a Daum Delighted Nature Frog (\$70 value). 12-4 p.m. The Galleries, Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

#### SOUL FOOD

Be a part of the Guinness Book of World Records'

Biggest Booksigning Event in History. Over 150 bookstores nationwide will raise money for eight children's charities, while hosting contributors to *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul* (Health Communications, \$12.95). Borders Birmingham welcomes 13-year-old Birmingham contributor Diana Parker who wrote the story, "Close Call." The book offers a non-judgmental read for kids ages 9-13 who feel alone, are facing a tough choice or are simply looking for a good laugh. 3 p.m. Borders Books & Music, 34300 Woodward, Birmingham.

#### Homecoming Highlights

Jacobson's Livonia store hosts a Homecoming fashion show with the season's hottest evening wear inspired by the movie, *Titanic*. 12-1 p.m. Ms. J Department. Also, from 12-4 p.m. Jacobson's hosts a Ms. J model search in all of its Midwest stores. The "open call" session is for aspiring models, ages 16-30. The winners will be featured in visual displays and signage and will receive gift certificates. Contact your local Jacobson's store for information.

# Fall finery adds polish to Gem Theatre reopening

When the curtain rises on Act Two in the Gem Theatre's housewarming production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," Kate Wilinger appears on stage in a comical Kelly greensatin bridesmaid's ensemble complete with giant bows and dyed-to-match shoes. Fortunately, though good for laughs in the Gem's musical comedy, the garish gown and its like was not visible at the theater's Wednesday night celebration of Chuck Forbes and his relocated cabaret showplace. Instead, Forbes' friends and family, neighbors, arts patrons and downtown movers-and-shakers gathered in the Gem's garden-gated courtyard wearing tasteful, understated summer-into-fall formal wear. Some 450 guests cozied up to the ever-gracious Forbes and admired the polished-to-perfection "gem" of a theater. "What a welcome addition to the neighborhood," said

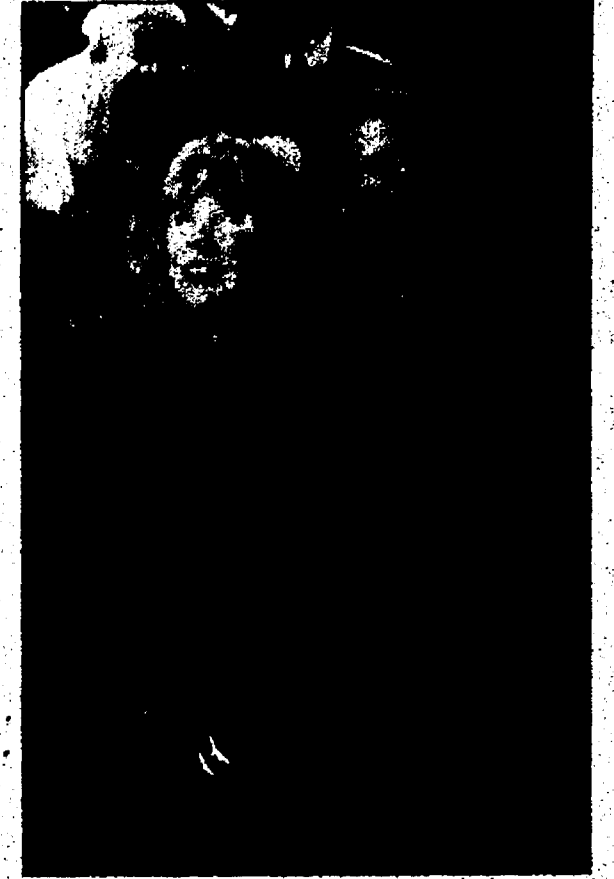
communications guru Leland K. Bassett of Farmington Hills, whose office is just across the street. The pony-tailed Bassett mingled in an elegant tux with casual-chic black sneakers. The first cultural event of the season found women searching their closets for appropriate attire. "It's hard to know what to wear this time of year," said Susie Hunt of West Bloomfield. "I spent a long time deciding." She made her entrance in a black satin gown with a tiger-striped bodice. And when the evening turned cool, around dusk, she and other stylish theater-goers donned lightweight jackets, shawls and sweaters.

A sea of black dresses and suits circulated among the chrysanthemums on the gray tiled terrace. But an occasional royal blue or fuchsia gown punctuated the landscape, and

songstress Amy Jackson, who opened the show with a lovely performance of "Bless This House," was stunning in red pleated silk.

John Heide, longtime usher at the Gem and Fox theaters, has seen his share of openings, but this one was special. He conducted his own personalized private tours, bragging about the interior refurbishing, the miracle move from East Columbia Street and the amazing tenacity of Chuck Forbes and the building. "Everyone's saying it looks just the same. It's like an old friend. And it looks like it belongs right here. And they're right. Nothing's changed, except it's even better than ever." As for the fashion, this was a tame, elegant crowd in Heide's estimation. "I've seen some outrageous costumes in my time," he said. "And they weren't always on the actors."

-Linda Bachrack



PHOTOS BY JIM JADGFELD

Crowd pleasers: Admirers of the theater include Joanne Forbes, Susan Ritchie and Kay Cox.

Gem lovers: Susie and Brad Hunt of West Bloomfield dress up for opening night.

## 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.

### What We Found:

- Maple bun candy was seen at the Meijer service station on Ford road.
  - Karen does dog grooming from her home, (734) 261-8762.
  - For Dee we found the Kenner's Cricket doll and accessories.
  - A reader suggests that anyone looking for old high school yearbooks call the school and see if they have extra copies in the library.
  - We found Rita the Hall-mark Rocking Horse ornament.
  - We found a stem for the Pyrex coffee pot, a Tupperware pill box for Grace, an electric fry pan for Joyce.
  - A Chatty Cathy doll for Debbie.
  - Bleyle jackets and slacks can be found in the Tog Shop catalog (800) 342-6789, and the Apple Seeds catalog at (800) 767-6666.
- We're still looking for:
- Lisa is looking for Shrinky Dinks.
  - Joanne is looking for parts for her meat grinder (one you turn by hand).
  - Baretta is looking for the

small disposable bags for the G.E. powered vacuum sweeper #P3SVI.

- Pat is looking for replacement pieces for Mikasa china pattern Sketchbook sold at JCPenney about 12 years ago. It was a special design by Bob Van Allen.
- Bob is looking for the movie (tape/film) Golden Fish from the early '50s (it is a short film).
- Stephanie wants Clairol Kindness electric hair rollers (19) for short hair.
- Kelly wants the board game Pollyanna.
- Sara is looking for an old record player.
- Mary is looking for kittens that look real, they have the same fur as a kitten. She found them at the Country-side Craft Mall about a year ago.
- Patricia wants a rotatiller.
- Virginia is looking for someone to purchase her old 78 RPMs and vintage clothing.
- Pat wants Angel Face makeup foundation in a compact by Pond's.
- Ed is looking for a grass catcher for a Black & Decker #U-274. It has a 22-inch blade.
- Melissa is looking for a milk door (can be found on houses).
- Dee wants a Potter's Wheel.
- Sheila's looking for white chocolate ready-to-spread cake frosting.

Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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TRAVEL

# Fall is fine for family camping in Ontario

BY THERESE L. MCFARLAND  
SPECIAL WRITER

Visions of lazy Labor Day potluck picnics have faded fast. Summer's casual pace has been replaced.

School project deadlines, cupcakes for the Brownies, soccer and more soccer, are sandwiched between late night business meetings, dentist appointments and PTA activities. You anticipate each precious weekend, only to spend them grocery shopping, cleaning the house, hauling the kids to soccer games and dance classes, catching up on the laundry, cleaning the yard, repairing that leaky whatever, visiting with the in-laws, 45 minutes for church and spending an entire 20 minutes of quality time with the family. WAIT!

The fall season offers a scrumptious milieu for family outdoor adventure. Plan a quick fall fix right next door, camping at Canada's Pinery Provincial

Park, only about a two-hour drive northeast.

"Ugh!" You say. If sleeping in the dirt without TV isn't exactly your idea of a family quality experience, look at it this way: You will be traveling to foreign soil, no passports necessary. When crossing from Port Huron to Sarnia, Ontario, I advise a detour to the duty free. Opt for the giant bottle of Bailey's (it's a great value), just to take the chill out of the evening air.

Bring your camper, your trailer or your tent; lots of easy-fixin' comfort food; your camera; and a comfortable pair of walking shoes. Oh yeah, and do bring the kids. If you don't own a camper or a tent ... consider borrowing one. Camping devotees - and we all know them - have every conceivable outdoor gadget and gizmo that would make feasible even a trip to Antarctica. Just ask to borrow their gear. One caveat though, be prepared for a

lengthy oration as they perform like Felix the Cat and his magic bag "... And this turns into a table for day, a bed for evening and a kayak for fishing. See!"

The amber, sanguine and saffron foliage, and the crisp weather is perfect for Patagonia-clad lads and lasses to roam the 10 hiking trails that showcase distinctive conifers and mammals. Trails vary in difficulty as well as scenery, ranging from .8 km to 3 km in distance. (That's about .5 to 1.86 miles for those of us who never grasped the metric system.)

The crowds are minimal this time of year. Take time and stroll the well-kept trails; complete with wooden stairways that make it easy to climb hills and cross swampy areas. Trails ramble along the river, around ponds, through forests and some even to Lake Huron's shoreline.

We found the campsites to be private, quiet and relaxing. So relaxing, that we forgot the cardinal rule of camping: secure all food. A nocturnal visitor absconded with half a dozen apples (those large delicious ones) and several navel oranges. This was no squirrel. Although temperatures may dip considerably, we were snug in our zero-degree rated sleeping bags. Actually, we cheated and hooked up to electricity, since it was only 60 feet away. Serenaded by a pair of hooting owls, we all slept like babies.

Need more reasons? Did I mention that the Provincial Parks are clean, clean, clean! Maybe it's as much an honor to be one of the Provincial Park's Toilet Police as it is to be a member of their Mounted Police. They have full-service comfort stations with steaming hot showers, in addition to out houses. A little advice: hit the showers before 8 a.m.

One gem you will want to include is Rock Glen, located just outside the tiny town of Arkona, about 16 miles south of the Pinery. Established along the Au



Rock Glen: Alex, left, and AJ with their father Mike Stankovich on the Au Sable River, which offers great fossil hunting opportunities.



Magnificent falls: The Au Sable River boasts terraced waterfalls and great fall foliage.

sable River, Rock Glen is a delightful 64-acre conservation area teeming with fossils. Fossil specimens like brachiopods, horn coral, crinoid stem sections and trilobite geological formations, as well as Indian artifacts are on display in Rock Glen's quaint museum. Playing Indiana Jones, you can meander the nature trails, past scenic waterfalls, along the Au sable River bed and into the dam ruins, on a treasure hunt for traces of marine life from the Devonian Era. We successfully unearthed all but the elusive trilobite. If you've never fossil hunted, let me tell you, it rates right up there with scavenging the Great Lakes shoreline for that perfect skipping stone, or traipsing white ocean beaches in search of the supreme shell. Some of the horn coral

even have an uncanny resemblance to dinosaur teeth. These fossils are actually older than many dinosaurs (that's pre-Jurassic Park), some 345 to 395 million years old! Is this not sounding more like a Disney vacation?

For conifer-lovers, the area offers southern climate trees of sycamores, sassafras, black walnut and tulip-trees, standing side by side with sugar maples, beeches, white elm and basswood that generally grow in the North. It's yet another great reason to make a quick weekend trip to visit our Canadian neighbors.

The Pinery boasts nearly 1,000 campsites available in three areas: Burley, Dunes and Riverside campgrounds. They also offer 400 year-round sites at

Riverside Campgrounds. But if you plan to include a trip to Rock Glen, make sure you get there by late October, when it closes for the winter.

It's still a bargain, remember that the fees are all in Canadian currency. The camping fees are \$17.75 a night non-electrical; \$20.75 a night electrical, plus a \$6 reservation fee. Admission to Rock Glen is \$2 per person or \$5 per car. And duty free is a bargain. For information and reservations (recommended) for the Pinery, on Hwy. 21, 8 km southwest of Grand Bend, Ontario, call (519)243-3099. For information about Rock Glen, call (519)828-3071.

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Michigan's fall color season is beginning moving from the Upper Peninsula down to the state line from mid-September to late October.

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The Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club is sponsoring a mushroom hunt at Cedar Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea, Mushroom experts such as Walt Sturgeon and Alan and Arleen Bessette from the North America Mycological Association will be on hand to help identify edible and poisonous fungi. Daily seminars, guided field tours and cook books will be available. A Michigan State Parks Pass is required at the entrance. For additional information, call Jim at (810)463-6213 or Peter at (734)483-0290.

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The Creative Harvest Fine Arts Festival will be held in Gaylord, Oct. 2-3. Gerhardt Knodel of the Cranbrook Academy of Art will be the special guest luncheon speaker Friday. For information and reservations, call (517)732-5181, ext. 360.



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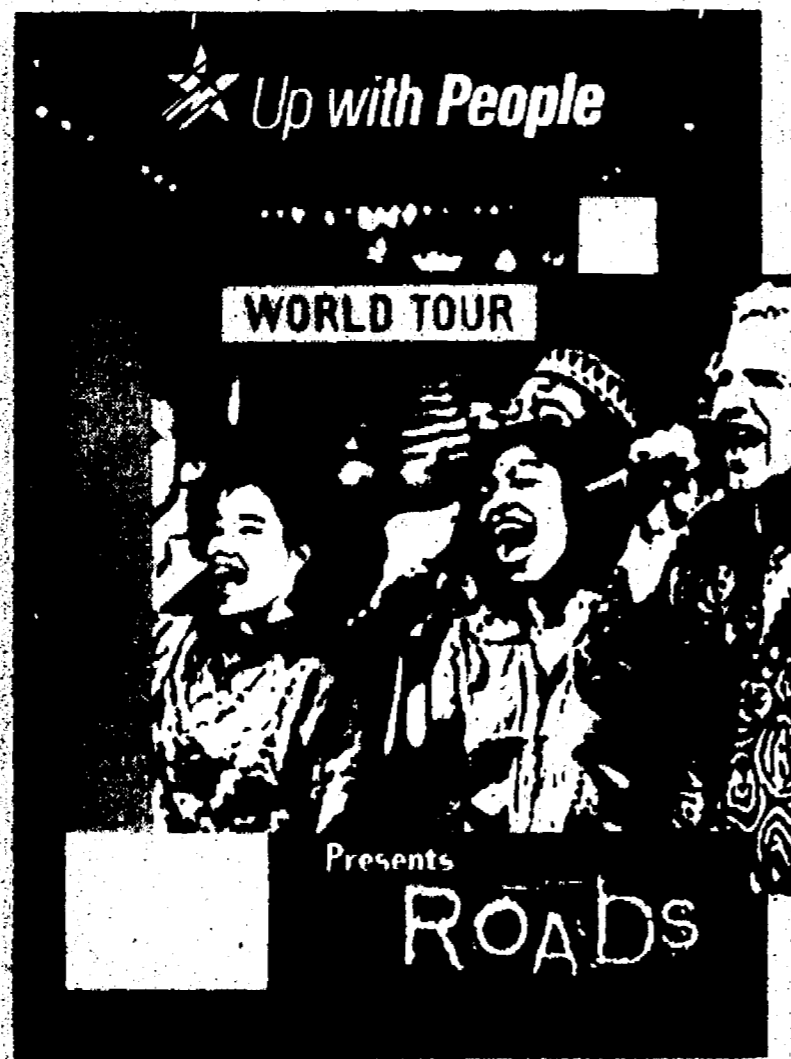


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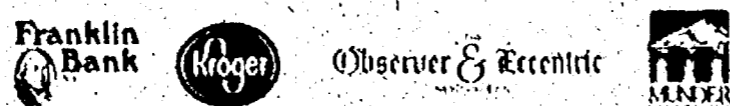


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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Area golf divots

•Mike Stewart of Livonia won the men's division title at the Detroit News Hole-in-One contest Sept. 2 at Rogell Golf Course.

Stewart, using a cut 5-iron shot, finished 3 feet, 8 inches away from the cup on the 149-yard hole. He won \$150 gift certificate and a trophy.

Al Hernandez, Sr. of Livonia won a \$100 gift certificate for finishing runner-up in the Senior Men's. He was 4 feet, 6 inches away.

The overall champion was Joe Katz (3 feet, 3 inches away) from Southfield.

•Six spots were determined Tuesday for the 18th U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship qualifier at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

Earning spots were Mitch Wilson (Portage), 70; John Barbour (East Grand Rapids), 71; Del de Windt, III (Troy), Randy Lewis (Alma), 72 each; John Gaffney (Williamsville, N.Y.) and Dale Black (Flushing), 73 each.

Local players missing the cut included Robert Cenker (Livonia), 77; Claud Johnston (Westland), 78; Glen-McLraith (Livonia), 79; Kevin Janasik (Livonia), 81; and Alex McLuckie (Livonia), 83.

### Collegiate notes

•Northern Michigan University freshman Melissa Backus (Livonia Stevenson) has been named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Week.

Backus, a member of the two-time defending state champion and undefeated Stevenson teams, scored three goals and added four assists as NMU captured three straight games, including the Wisconsin-Oshkosh Invitational Tournament.

In the previous two seasons, NMU was 2-22 overall.

•Sophomore forward Nicole Tobin (Stevenson) had a goal as the Siena Heights University women's soccer team opened its season with a 3-1 win (Sept. 5) over St. Xavier (Ind.) in the first round of the Tri-State (Ind.) University Classic.

Tobin set single-season record for the Saints as a freshman with 25 goals and 19 assists.

•Adrian College sophomore defensive back Kevin Biga (Livonia Franklin) had a 20-yard interception return in the Bulldogs' season opening (Sept. 5) Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference football win over Defiance (Ohio).

Biga's interception set up a 25-yard field goal with two seconds remaining in the first half.

The Bulldogs won the 1997 MIAA title and posted an 8-1 record. Biga lettered as a freshman, intercepting two passes and making five tackles.

### Rutherford update

Rather than risk injury, the Clearwater Phillies of the Class A Florida State Baseball League has sideline pitcher Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) for the final weeks of the season.

Rutherford posted an 8-5 record with 71 strikeouts in 119 innings. He allowed only 20 walks with an earned run average of 2.65, third best in the league.

Rutherford is a former All-MAC performer at Eastern Michigan University.

### Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Hawks, an under-13 girls soccer team, captured first place Labor Day weekend in the Dayco Invitational in Dayton, Ohio.

The Hawks, coached by John Buchanan, outscored their opponents 26-2 in five games, including a 4-0 win in the final.

Members of the Hawks, managed by Linda Cauzillo, include: Kyle LaPorte, Livonia; Jordan Falcusan, Plymouth; Marissa Sarkesian, Canton; Kathryn Cummings, Jenny Szymanski, Troy; Sabrina Must, Bloomfield Hills; Nicole Cauzillo, Whitney Guenther, Deanne Kubas, Northville; Erin Doan, Dearborn; Nikki Herman, Novi; Jill Kehler, Flint.

### Wayne-Westland Y sports

Beginning Monday, the Wayne-Westland YMCA, located at 827 S. Wayne Road, is offering soccer, inline hockey, karate and gymnastics for all ages for only \$17, along with free swim lessons (fees apply to family members).

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

## Spartans' late TDs stop Franklin

BY BRAD EMONS  
SPORTS EDITOR

### PREP FOOTBALL

After losing momentum at halftime and well into the third quarter, Livonia Stevenson seemed to be going in reverse.

But the host Spartan rallied for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to subdue pesky Livonia Franklin, 21-7.

Stevenson evened its football record to 1-1, while the young Patriots dropped to 0-2.

Ryan Van Belle's 31-yard sideline strike to Phil Szumlanski with 7:03 remaining proved to be the difference.

Stevenson added an insurance TD on Waleed Haddad's 1-yard run with 1:04 to play.

"We were kind shell-shocked after the third quarter," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "But the kids on the sideline made sure everybody stepped it up and we were able to bounce back quickly after they scored."

Van Belle, a senior, connected on 10 of 21 passes for 133 yards.

He also bounced back from last week's 19-7 loss to Dearborn when he was two for 11 with one interception.

"Ryan threw the ball well, and he's capable of throwing well," Gabel said. "The situation in the Dearborn game, where we ran only eight plays in the third quarter, dictated some of that. And in the red zone we missed some assignments."

The Spartans had 336 total yards to Franklin's 181.

Stevenson ran 37 first-half plays and enjoyed a 7-0 lead when Eric Puninske scored on a 4-yard run with 8:44 left in the second period.

And the Spartans were poised to take increase their advantage when Steve Bartlett recovered a fumble at the Franklin 28 with 1:47 to go.

Franklin's defense, however, stiffened inside the 10, forcing Stevenson's Eric West to line up for a field goal attempt just before the half.

His 21-yard attempt was blocked by Bryan Moore.

Sophomore linebacker Jesse Edmunds plucked the ball out of mid-air and the foot race was on to the end zone.

With the goal line in sight, Edmunds roared 80 yards, only to be tripped up at the Stevenson 12 by Mike Mocerri and Mike McClain.

"We didn't make mistakes, we made blunders," said Gabel, referring to the first-half turn of events. "That had a noticeable effect on the game."

With only three seconds left, the Patriots failed to capitalize as Dave Scicluna's 31-yard field goal attempt sailed wide.

"Running 37 plays at the half made me feel good, but after that huge breakdown and only leading 7-0 at the half, I didn't feel good," Gabel said. "But the Franklin coaching staff and kids deserve credit as well."

"It was like many Franklin-Stevenson games. They played really hard."

Franklin, given new life, controlled play in the third quarter, marching 76 yards on 12 plays, capped by sophomore quarterback Joe Ruggiero's 1-yard speak. Scicluna's extra point tied it at 7-7 with 6:30 left in the third quarter.

The score was set up by junior Jeff Job's 26-yard run. Job led all carriers with 91 yards in 22 attempts.

Meanwhile, Haddad and Jason Allen ran for 69 and 67 yards, respectively, to pace Stevenson.

Poor field position and a pair of costly penalties hurt Franklin on the next two series of downs.

Ruggiero, however, showed poise and a strong arm in his second varsity start.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Collision shop: Livonia Franklin tackler John Nagle (right) tries to haul down Livonia Stevenson tight end Ryan Tobin.

## Tractors plow past Wayne Memorial

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

It was a gift that was earned. Wayne Memorial practically handed Dearborn Fordson its two touchdowns Friday night but the Tractors definitely worked for their 14-0 victory.

It was the Michigan Mega Conference Red Division opener for both schools following season-starting non-conference wins by each.

"What hurt us the most was giving the ball up," coach Floyd Carter of the Zebras said. "But give Fordson credit."

"It's a typical Fordson team. They possessed the ball. And when they do that, we can't score."

"They came off the ball well and ran

the ball hard."

Wayne had ground out a pair of first downs on its first possession of the first home night game in Fordson history when it coughed up the football and defensive end Belal Majed pounced on it as the Zebra 33.

Nine straight running plays by Munier Ali and Rendall Winston marched the ball to the six. On third down, quarterback Ali Dabaja rolled right and hit Mohamed Salamey with a touchdown pass.

Kassem Anani kicked the extra point and Fordson had a 7-0 lead with 13 seconds left in the first quarter. Wayne ran just nine offensive plays in the first period.

Late in the second quarter Ahmed Harajli recovered another Wayne fumble, this one on the Zebras' 19.

Six runs, including a fourth-down gain of three yards by Dabaja for a first down on the seven, put the ball on the one and Ali ran it over from there with a good second-effort lunge. Anani's kick made it 14-0 with 2:35 left in the half.

"When you give them the ball that deep, they're in four-down territory," Carter said. "Against a team like Fordson, you can't do that."

Wayne played without its best back, Cameron Mingo, whom Carter hopes to have back for Belleville this Friday. Giant lineman Steve Barber played only the second half "and both those

things played a factor," the coach said. "We did not execute well offensively," Carter said. "And we made blocking mistakes up front. We would stutter and not get any momentum. That hurt."

Winston ran the ball up the gut 31 times for the Tractors and gained 92 yards. Ali was 11-for-20 rushing while Majed not only contributed defensively, he also ran four times for 13 yards including a big 10-yard gain near the end of the third quarter which got Fordson beyond its own 20.

The two first downs Wayne got on its first possession were the most it got any time it had the ball.

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### Springboard diver



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURNDYMAN

Boardwalk: Franklin diver Shiloh Wint takes off during Thursday's Western Lakes Relays. See roundup of the meet on page D4.

## Chargers left smarting in 0-0 divisional tie versus Patriots

### PREP BOYS SOCCER

It was a 0-0 deadlock, but from Livonia Franklin's standpoint it was an upset win.

On Wednesday, the Patriots stunned visiting Livonia Churchill in a Western Division boys soccer match in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Churchill is 5-0-1 overall and 0-0-1 in the division, while Franklin is 2-5-2 and 0-0-1.

"It was an emotional game for us, the guys were pumped up," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Our guys stepped up and played better than they have all year."

"And they followed the game plan to a 'T.' Franklin came out in a 4-5-1 attack with Ken Douglass and Ryan Kracht marking Churchill's top two scoring threats Mark Sicilia and George Kithas.

"Franklin took us out of our game," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We played kickball and didn't possess it at all."

Franklin took 13 shots with six on goal. The Patriots had three corner kicks and five fouls.

"Playing a 4-5-1 we didn't expect a lot of offensive pressure, but we got it," Hebestreit said. "It was end-to-end action."

Churchill had 10 shots, five on goal, with 17 fouls, two corner kicks and three yellow cards.

"Our guys lost their composure, it was inexcusable," Campau said. "Give Franklin credit. They worked us hard."

"This was a real eye opener. It was a real wakeup call."

Steve Kleczynski was in goal for the Chargers, while Jeremy Bruckner was Franklin's keeper.

Hebestreit was impressed with his defense, particularly sweeper Bill Fischer.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

One-on-one: Churchill's Tim Kaminski tries to elude Franklin's Ken Tamonis.

"He just played all out and was making all the tackles," Hebestreit said. "And John Nettles did a good job on Shaun Murray."

"We also got good play of Fernando Cazares, Mike Vega and Ross Bohler."

It was only the night before that Churchill travelled to Rochester Adams and handed the state-ranked Highlanders their first loss of the

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Stevenson rules WLAA girls swimming

The high school girls swim season officially opened Thursday for everyone in the Western Lakes Activities Association with the annual WLAA Conference Relays meet, and guess what? Livonia Stevenson finished first.

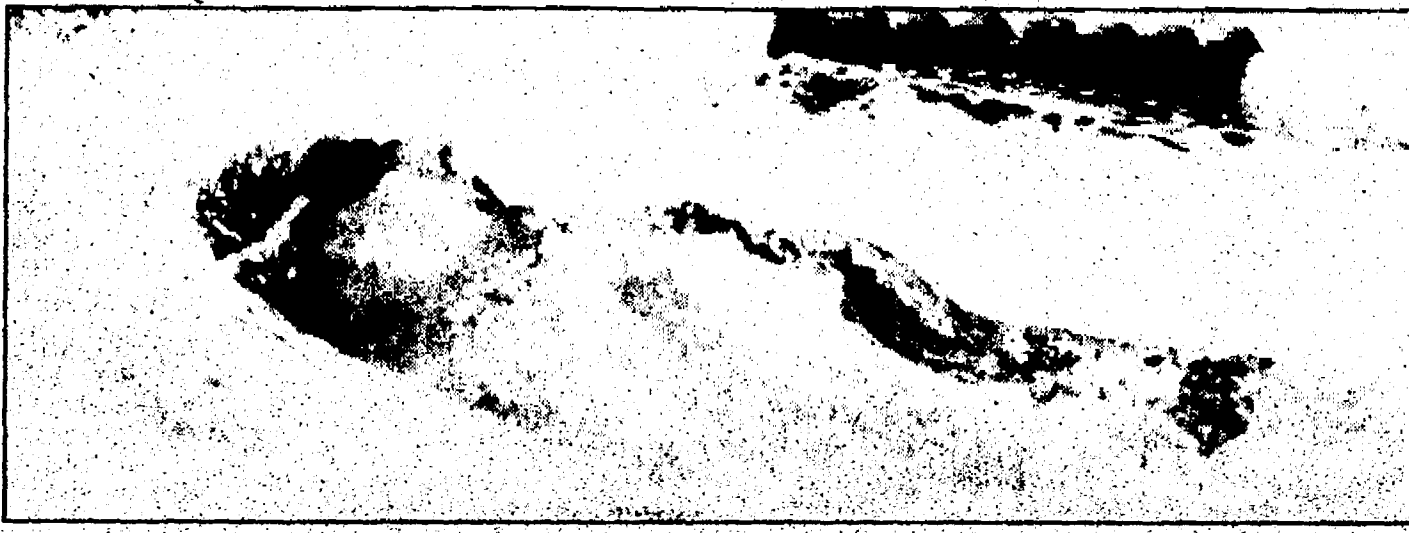
Big deal. Trying to figure the last time the Spartans didn't win either the season-opening relays meet or the season-ending (for most WLAA teams, anyway) WLAA championship meet might be more difficult. That's how dominant they've been.

On Thursday, their margin of victory was somewhat slimmer than last year's. But if the final standings in the relays meet are any indication, there's not going to be too much shuffling among the league's top teams.

Stevenson totaled 249 points, with North Farmington moving past host Plymouth Salem to finish second with 219 points. Salem was third (212) and Plymouth Canton was fourth (206).

In 1997, the top four spots went to Stevenson (275), Salem (227), Canton (199) and North (195).

The Spartans claimed five first-place finishes this time



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Backstroke leg: Livonia Stevenson's Emily Irvine was the leadoff of the first-place 200-yard medley relay squad in Thursday's WLAA meet at Plymouth Salem.

(they had six in '97). They also finished second three times and third once; they were disqualified in the 200 backstroke relay. North won twice, Walled Lake won twice and Salem won once.

Lindsay Dolin, Colleen Bosman, Katie Clark and Meghan Lesnau combined to get Stevenson started well, winning the meet-opening 400-yard medley relay (4:17.04). Julie Kern, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski and Meghan Mocerri teamed for a first for Stevenson

in the meet's second event, the 400 freestyle relay (3:49.85).

The Spartans also finished first in the 200 butterfly relay, with Clark, Paula Smith, Emily Yambasky and Emily Sondergaard (1:57.73); the 500 freestyle crescendo relay, with Abbey Larson, Meghan Lesnau, Meghan Mocerri and Kern (4:50.76); and the 200 medley relay, with Emily Irvine, Marti McKenzie, Makowski and Polkowski (1:59.63).

North got wins in the 200

breaststroke relay, with Lindsay McErlean, Randi Taur, Jennifer Bendick and Nevra Alver (2:14.87), and in the 400 individual medley relay, with Lauren Turner, Melissa Navas, McErlean and Alver (4:25.74). Walled Lake's firsts came in the one-meter diving (390.15 points), and in the 200 free relay, (1:42.86).

Salem's only triumph came in the 200 backstroke relay, from Stephanie Tyler, Rachel Maurer, Jenny Foess and Karl Foust (2:04.31).

WESTERN LAKES GIRLS SWIM RELAYS RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES CONFERENCE RELAYS Thursday at Plymouth Salem

Team standings: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 249 points; 2. North Farmington, 219; 3. Plymouth Salem, 212; 4. Plymouth Canton, 206; 5. Northville, 189; 6. Walled Lake, 170; 7. Livonia Churchill, 146; 8. Farmington Harrison, 100; 9. Westland John Glenn, 89; 10. Livonia Franklin, 79; 11. Farmington, 68.

Event results

400-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Colleen Bosman, Katie Clark, Meghan Lesnau), 4:17.04; 2. Harrison, 4:28.30; 3. Salem, 4:28.51; 4. North Farmington, 4:29.18; 5. Canton, 4:40.33; 6. Northville, 4:45.36; 7. Walled Lake, 4:53.23; 8. Franklin, 4:58.22; 9. Farmington, 4:58.83; 10. Churchill, 5:18.21; 11. John Glenn (DQ).

ton, 4:24.72; 7. Harrison, 4:35.46; 8. Churchill, 4:46.13; 9. Farmington, 4:54.04; 10. John Glenn, 4:54.36; 11. Franklin, 4:57.67.

200-yard breaststroke relay: 1. North Farmington (Lindsay McErlean, Randi Taub, Jennifer Bendick, Nevra Alver), 2:14.87; 2. Stevenson, 2:17.51; 3. Northville, 2:24.92; 4. Canton, 2:28.00; 5. Farmington, 2:31.09; 6. Churchill, 2:32.37; 7. Salem, 2:33.72; 8. Walled Lake, 2:40.29; 9. John Glenn, 2:42.78; 10. Franklin, 2:54.77; 11. Harrison, 3:00.35.

200-yard backstroke relay: 1. Salem (Stephanie Tyler, Rachel Maurer, Jenny Foess, Karl Foust), 2:04.31; 2. Northville, 2:05.70; 3. North Farmington, 2:08.01; 4. Canton, 2:08.06; 5. Churchill, 2:09.81; 6. John Glenn, 2:22.33; 7. Walled Lake, 2:22.95; 8. Franklin, 2:26.49; 9. Farmington, 2:58.43; 10. Harrison, 3:07.97; 11. Stevenson (DQ).

200-yard butterfly relay: 1. Stevenson (Katie Clark, Paula Smith, Emily Yambasky, Emily Sondergaard), 1:57.73; 2. North Farmington, 1:59.87; 3. Salem,

2:00.32; 4. Canton, 2:07.52; 5. Franklin, 2:11.06; 6. Walled Lake, 2:15.59; 7. Northville, 2:16.93; 8. Churchill, 2:25.70; 9. John Glenn, 2:34.14; 10. Harrison, 2:46.99; 11. Farmington (DQ).

One-meter diving: 1. Walled Lake (Tonya McCarty, Marissa Malloy), 390.15 points; 2. Stevenson, 359.90; 3. Churchill, 290.95; 4. John Glenn, 277.10; 5. Canton, 245.45; 6. North Farmington, 244.85; 7. Northville, 244.70; 8. Franklin, 238.40; 9. Salem, 234.95.

400-yard individual medley relay: 1. North Farmington (Lauren Turner, Melissa Navas, Lindsay McErlean, Nevra Alver), 4:25.74; 2. Salem, 4:31.38; 3. Stevenson, 4:33.83; 4. Northville, 4:39.91; 5. Canton, 4:44.98; 6. Churchill, 4:57.87; 7. Walled Lake, 5:11.74; 8. Franklin, 5:20.71; 9. Harrison, 5:24.66; 10. John Glenn, 5:40.40; 11. Farmington (DQ).

500-yard freestyle crescendo relay: 1. Stevenson (Abbey Larson, Meghan Lesnau, Meghan Mocerri, Julie Kern), 4:50.76; 2. Harrison, 5:00.77; 3. Churchill, 5:02.08; 4. North Farmington,

5:15.88; 5. Salem, 5:19.82; 6. Canton, 5:20.03; 7. Northville, 5:21.70; 8. John Glenn, 5:27.69; 9. Walled Lake, 5:42.84; 10. Farmington, 5:46.38; 11. Franklin, 6:39.37.

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Emily Irvine, Marti McKenzie, Jessica Makowski, Amanda Polkowski), 1:59.33; 2. Canton, 2:08.63; 3. Northville, 2:09.23; 4. Salem, 2:12.99; 5. North Farmington, 2:14.56; 6. Walled Lake, 2:15.68; 7. John Glenn, 2:26.82; 8. Churchill, 2:31.21; 9. Farmington, 2:36.70; 10. Franklin, 2:42.65; 11. Harrison, 2:45.37.

200-yard freestyle relay: 1. Walled Lake (Laura Kaznecki, Jessica Martin, Sheryl Robel, Megan Sparling), 1:42.86; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.04; 3. Canton, 1:54.45; 4. Salem, 1:54.50; 5. Northville, 1:55.24; 6. Churchill, 1:57.19; 7. North Farmington, 1:57.46; 8. Farmington, 2:12.81; 9. John Glenn, 2:15.58; 10. Harrison, 2:31.73; 11. Franklin, 2:40.41.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 18
Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19
Thurston at Woodhaven, noon.
Farmington at N. Farmington, 1 p.m.
Northville at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. W'sid, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Birmingham Groves, 3 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. R.O. Shrine at Garden City Jr. High, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Taylor Light & Life at RU's Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Canton at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Salem at Dexter, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel, 7 p.m.
Borgess at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Fairlane at Ply. Christian, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 17
Clarenceville at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m.
Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Canton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Northville at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Romulus at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Monroe S.M., 7 p.m.
Mercy at Riv. Gab. Richard, 7 p.m.
St. Florian at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. S'gate Aquinas at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18
Alcona at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Monday, Sept. 14
Wayne at Robichaud, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Fordson, 4 p.m.
RU at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
Salem at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Harrison at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 22

Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 4:30 p.m.
Inter-City at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 23
Wayne at River Rouge, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Canton at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
Alien Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 24
Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Divine Child, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 25

Grosse Ile at Garden City, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Dearborn, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Roeper, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26
Ply. Christian at Clinton, 11 a.m.
Andover at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
Salem at Troy High, 1 p.m.
N. Farmington at Northville, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27
Brother Rice at Redford CC, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

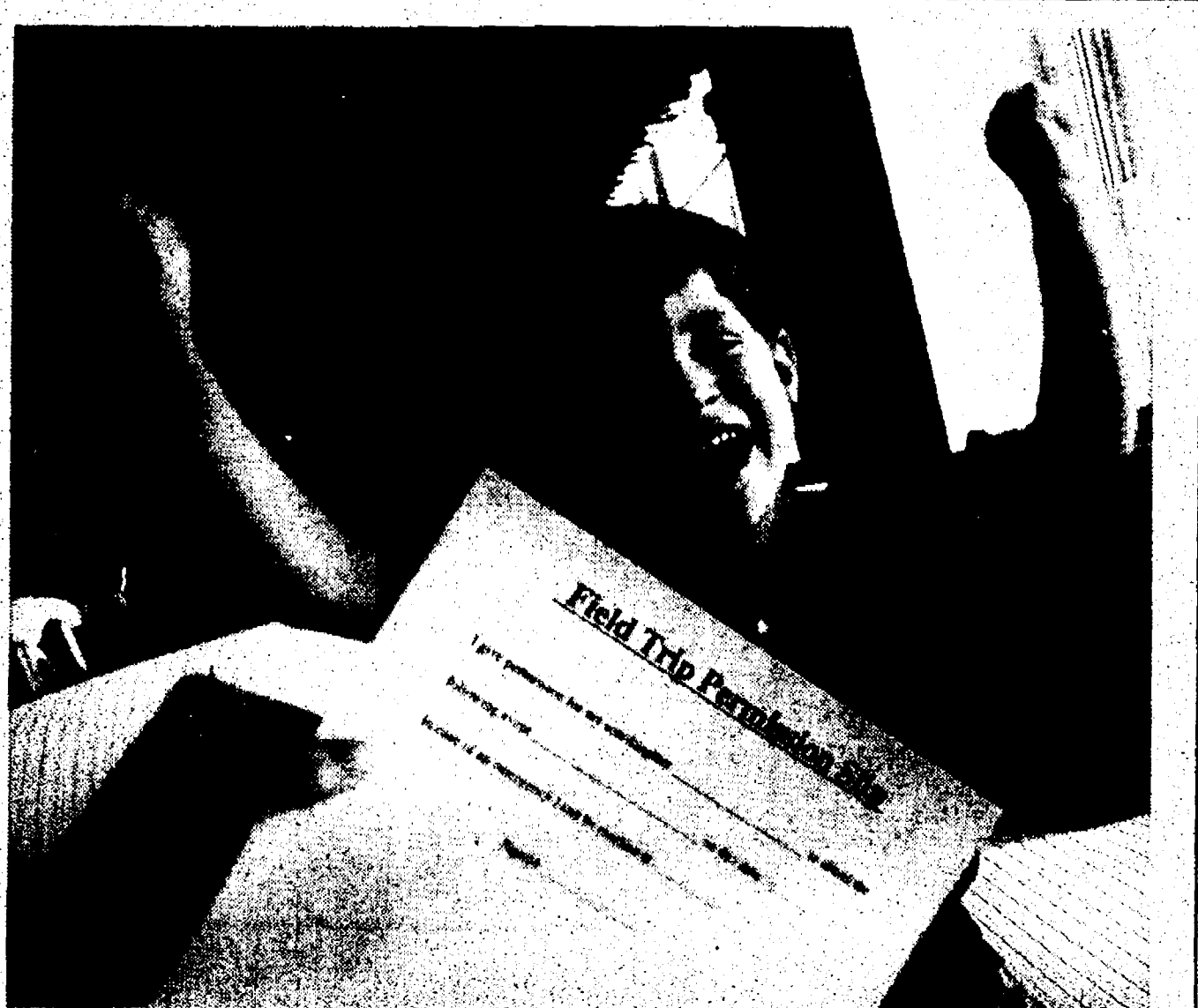
Monday, Sept. 14
Madonna at Cornerstone, 3:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Kellogg, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16
Madonna at Aquinas, 4 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Delta, 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Whitman Center, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 23
St. Clair (Ont.) at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 26
Madonna at Aquinas, 1 p.m.
O.L. St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
(College of DuPage, Ill. Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Lake County, 11 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 20
(College of DuPage, Ill. Tourney)
Schoolcraft at DuPage, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 24
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27
Saginaw Valley at Madonna, 3 p.m.



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### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

#### QUADRANGLE MEET

Sept. 10 at Richardson Center  
**DUAL MEET RESULTS:** 1. Walled Lake Central, 30; 2. Livonia Churchill, 27; 3. North Farmington, 63; 4. Plymouth-Canton, 102.

**Individual results:** 1. Todd Mooney (WLC), 16:44 (course record); 2. John Callum (LC), 18:13; 3. Jason Babcock (WLC), 18:36; 4. Jason Richwood (LC), 18:36; 5. Charlie Stamboulis (NF), 18:56; 6. Matt Wiegand (NF), 17:09; 7. Jeremy Auer (WLC), 17:12; 8. Joe Robinson (PC), 17:19; 9. Gordon McKenzie (WLC), 17:29; 10. Chris Curran (WLC), 17:29; 11. Brandon LaPointe (LC), 17:31; 12. Dan Valentino (LC), 17:38; 13. Phil Johnson (LC), 17:40; 14. Marty Kane (PC), 17:43; 15. Mike Milist (NF), 17:44; 16. Bryan Kuczycki (PC), 17:45; 17. Ethan Goodman (NF), 17:51; 18. Jeff Eddington (WLC), 17:56; 19. Ryan Gall (LC), 18:10; 20. Isaac Kaufman (NF), 18:18; 21. Andrew Karl (NF), 18:32; 22. David Hyko (PC), 18:34; 23. Jim Lala (NF), 18:36; 24. Joe Niemiec (PC), 18:41; 25. Ryan White (WLC), 18:42; 26. Jon Mikosz (PC), 18:52; 27. Steve Debien (PC), 19:21; 28. Robert Basler (PC), 20:53.

#### QUADRANGLE MEET

Sept. 10 at Wills Park  
**Dual meet scores:** Westland John Glenn 24, Farmington 31; Western 27, John Glenn 28; John Glenn 17, Farmington Hills Harrison 44.

**Individual results:** 1. Josh Keyes

(JG), 18:30; 2. Eric Zingaro (WLC), 18:32; 3. P.J. Wolocke (JG), 18:39; 4. Alex Elster (WLC), 18:56; 5. Pat Lockhart (F), 18:57; 6. Brian McNeiff (WLC), 19:07; 7. Justin Keyes (JG), 19:12; 8. Chris Negrant (F), 19:40; 9. Jason Scarbrough (FH), 19:48; 10. Aaron Scheides (F), 19:48; 11. Mike McKirvey (F), 19:59; 12. Nick Jasko (WLC), 20:03; 13. Nick Tomoff (WLC), 20:04; 14. Aspinall (WLC), 20:13; 15. Kevin Durigon (JG), 10:20; 16. David Teets (JG), 20:22; 17. Brian Giglio (F), 20:30; 18. Eric Sleep (JG), 20:33; 19. Czaplicki (F), 20:34; 20. Caleb Smith (FH), 20:34.

#### QUADRANGLE MEET

Sept. 10 at Nankin Mills  
**Dual meet results:** Livonia Franklin 22, Northville 37; Plymouth Salem 22, Franklin 38; Livonia Stevenson 26, Franklin 32; Salem 15; Northville 49; Salem 21, Stevenson 39.

**Franklin finishers:** 1. Josh Burt, 16:19 (school record); 2. Nick Allen (PS), 16:22; 3. Jon Little (PS), 16:33; 4. Joe Vereilen (LS), 16:35; 5. Eric Bohn (LS), 16:55; 6. Bobby Cushman (PS), 16:56; 7. Eric Klotz, 17:31; 8. Matt Anderson (PS), 17:37; 9. Al Gill (PS), 17:47; 10. Craig Little (PS), 17:50; 11. Brian Blyk (N), 18:03; 12. Steve Stewart, 18:05; 13. Brad Carroll (LS), 18:11; 14. Donnie Warner (PS), 18:12; 15. Matt Isner (LS), 18:14.

**Other Franklin finishers:** 25. Rick Burnett, 19:05; 26. Chris Jaskot, 19:06.

**Franklin's dual meet record:** 1-5.

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

#### QUADRANGLE MEET

Sept. 9 at Nankin Mills  
**DUAL MEET RESULTS:** Livonia Stevenson 24, Plymouth Salem 31; Stevenson 16, Livonia Franklin 47; Stevenson 24, Northville 35; Salem 26, Northville 31; Salem 16, Franklin 47; Northville 17, Franklin 46.

**Individual finishers:** 1. Andrea Parker (LS), 20:22; 2. Alyson Flohr (N), 20:39; 3. Christin Kolarcak (N), 21:05; 4. Leslie Knapp (LS), 21:07; 5. Katie Sherron (LS), 21:18; 6. Rachel Moraitis (PS), 21:22; 7. Brynn DeNeen (PS), 21:24; 8. Erin Kelly (PS), 21:24; 9. Lisa Lesnowski (PS), 21:40; 10. Christy Tallos (LS), 21:42; 11. Lori Delano (N), 21:47; 12. Jenny Furlong (LF), 21:48; 13. Kelly Solano (PS), 21:51; 14. Melissa Montgomery (LS), 21:52; 15. Kim McNeilance (LS), 21:52; 16. Jenna Felczak (LS), 21:54; 17. Rachel Jones (PS), 22:02; 18.

Karen Loeffler (N), 22:03; 19. Amanda Sprady (N), 22:04; 20. Julie Sachau (LS), 22:05.

#### QUADRANGLE MEET

Sept. 10 at Richardson Center  
**DUAL MEET RESULTS:** Plymouth Canton 15, Livonia Churchill 50; Canton 15, North Farmington 46; Canton 21, Walled Lake Central 34.

**Individual finishers:** 1. Sara Rucinski (PC), 20:41; 2. Lark Hounert (PC), 20:50; 3. Amy DuPuis (PC), 21:07; 5. Betsy Radke (PC), 21:13; 8. Terra Kubert (PC), 21:31; 10. Christie Smith (LC), 21:35; 11. Rochelle Ziegel (LC), 21:36; 12. Colleen Hayden (LC), 21:37; 15. Kori Rothman (NF), 21:51; 16. Sarah Debien (PC), 22:04; 17. Christina Bozintan (NF), 22:26; 18. Karen Bockli (NF), 22:36; 19. Erin O'Rourke (PC), 22:47; 20. Holly Stockton (NF), 22:51; 22. Amy Newman (NF), 23:22; 24. Mory Grewal (NF), 25:16.

## Farmington woman best in U.S. class

BY DAN O'MEARA  
 STAFF WRITER

It didn't take long for Caroline Gregory to achieve major success after taking up the sport of rowing just a year ago.

The 19-year-old Farmington Hills woman earned a gold medal this summer while competing for the Wyandotte Boat Club in the U.S. Rowing Club National Championships.

Gregory, a University of Michigan sophomore, was a member of the first-place lightweight intermediate eight crew July 30-Aug. 2 in Syracuse, N.Y.

"It was exciting because it was the first real medal I won in the sport," Gregory said, adding her crew won by 10 seconds or 1 1/2 boat lengths in open water.

In the lightweight class, the average weight of the rowers must be 125 pounds or lower, and no individual can weigh more than 130.

"I think I make a strong lightweight because most lightweights are shorter," she said. "I'm 5-10 1/2 and that's above average, it seems. I was the tallest girl in my boat at Wyan-

### ROWING

dotte." Gregory, who manned the No. 2 position in her boat or second from the bow, teammates ranged in age from 16 to 32 and included a University of Virginia student, two women from England and four Wyandotte residents.

She joined the Wyandotte Boat Club to improve as a rower after making the U-M last year when the sport was raised to varsity status; Gregory was among 200 women who tried out for the team and one of 40 to survive the cuts.

"Rowing has, within one year, become a huge part of my life," Gregory said. "I've fallen in love with the sport, which is still very new to me."

"There's still plenty of room for improvement, she added.

"I think I've adapted to it, but I haven't conquered it," Gregory said. "I'm no where even close, technically and strength wise."

"At Michigan they don't have a lightweight team, so I'm competing open weight. I'd compare it

to a 130-pound wrestler going against a 180-pounder; so that makes it a lot harder.

"At the collegiate level, it's much more competitive than rowing at Wyandotte. To win a national championship would be a lot more prestigious than rowing at the club level."

To keep pace with her competition at U-M and to get better, Gregory followed a rigorous training schedule this summer at Wyandotte.

She was on the road early every morning, Monday through Saturday, driving to Wyandotte for practice on the Detroit River from 5 to 8 a.m.

Then it was off to her summer job with Kelly Services. She worked out again later in the day, weight training and running.

"All I did all summer was row and work," Gregory said.

The summer season ended with the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta in St. Catharines, Ontario. Gregory's eight-women crew finished fourth in its heat and didn't make it to the finals, but the four-person boat was third overall.

Gregory, who is majoring in organizational studies with a concentration in marketing, will begin preparing for the collegiate fall season, which starts in three weeks. The team trains with weights and rowing machines in the winter, and the spring season with its 2,000-meter races begins in March. U-M's home course for practices and races is Belleville Lake.

Gregory, who was a competitive swimmer for 14 years for North Farmington High School, Kendallwood Swim Club and Michigan Stingrays, is continuing a family tradition of competing with boats.

Her brother, Matt, is a U-M senior and member of its sailing team, and her father, Charles, has competed in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac yacht race.

"People wonder why I'm not a sailor," she said. "(Matt) actually is the one who introduced me to rowing and some of the girls on the team. It was a new varsity sport, so they were really recruiting around campus."

"We've always had a boat and my brother kinda went with sailing but I never caught on to it."

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### WOMEN'S SUBURBAN GOLF

Northville's Carolyn Benninger shot an 81 to win first flight low gross honors in the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop Friday at Pierce Lake Golf Course.

Joey Kruthoff (Novi) and Pat Meyers (Birmingham) tied for second with 85 each.

Mary Allen (Wayne) and Diane Wazney (Dearborn) tied at 67 each for low net honors. Dolly Vettese (Northville) was runner-up with a 71.

Jan Nelson (Canton) won low gross second flight with a 91, five shots ahead of Penny Irwin (Westland).

Dorothy Cody (Farmington Hills) captured low net with a 68, while Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) finished second with a 72.

#### SPORTS POWER BREAKFAST

Business leaders and sports figures will join forces in support

of education in Madonna University's Sports Celebrity Power Breakfast for Annual Fund will be 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, in the residence hall dining room.

As an added attraction, 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.

Former Detroit Tigers Bill Freehan, Jim Northrup and Jason Thompson, along with former Red Wing hockey great and hall of famer Ted Lindsay, assistant Eastern Michigan basketball coach Todd Lickliter, former Pistons coach and hall of famer Ray Scott and Detroit Tigers mascot "Paws" will be among the celebrity guests.

For more information call (734) 432-5421.

#### RUN WILD AT THE ZOO

The Second Annual Run Wild will take place Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Detroit Zoo for the benefit

of the zoo's veterinary hospital.

Proceeds from the event, which features a 5K run and a one-mile, non-competitive walk, will fund the purchase of veterinary equipment and maintenance for the hospital and training for the hospital staff.

The hospital's veterinary staff provides services for the zoo's 1,250 animals. Run Wild is hosted by the Detroit Zoological Society and the Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

The K run takes place on a flat course (wheelchair accessible) circling the outside of the zoo and through the surrounding Huntington Woods neighborhood. The one-mile walk is through the zoo.

The run begins at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:10 a.m. Aerobics instructors will lead participants in a pre-race warmup beginning at 8:20 a.m. in the zoo's south parking lot.

Individual registration fees for the run are \$15 before Sept. 12,

\$17 through Sept. 18 and \$20 on race day; family/group (three or more) rates are \$12, \$14 and \$20, respectively.

Individual fees for the walk are \$10, \$12 and \$15; family/group fees are \$8, \$10 and \$15.

Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. Only applicants whose entry forms are received on or before Sept. 12 will receive their race packets by mail. To obtain registration forms and information call (248) 541-5717.

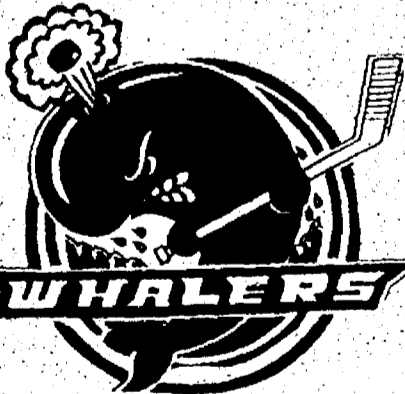
The entrance gates to the Detroit Zoo will close at 8:55 a.m. the morning of the race. No vehicles will be allowed to enter or leave until the last runner has crossed the finish line.

#### CLARIFICATION

The Sunday, Sept. 6 Livonia Observer should have listed Stevenson's Leslie Knapp, Katie Sherron and freshman Sarah Kearfott as the fourth, fifth and sixth-place finishers, respectively, in the Livonia Public Schools girls cross country meet held at Cass Benton Park.



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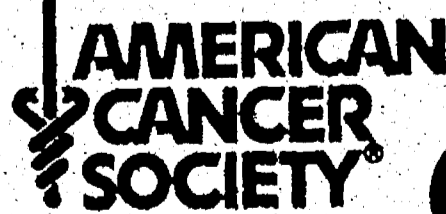
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## Laich gives back to community

If only everyone cared about the welfare of our youth as much as Bob Laich cares. If only everyone cared about the welfare of our outdoor heritage as much as Bob Laich cares. The Westland resident and father of two grown children has combined his love for the outdoors with his concern for children and the negative influences they face in today's society to come up with a marvelous program aimed at introducing children to the sport of deer hunting and wild game management.

"I had this idea about two years ago to let kids, who otherwise might not have the opportunity, get a chance to go deer hunting," said Laich, a past president of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. "So many kids today come from split families, for whatever reason. Many times these children started out learning about the outdoors, but then the opportunity left them. This program will give that opportunity back."

Youth Hunting Day is a combined effort of MUCC and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Although some of the details are still being hammered



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out, the plan is to have this special program ready to roll for the 1999 deer hunting season. The program will be open to a limited number of youths between the ages of 12-14 who come from single-parent homes. Each child will have his/her own special mentor and will be required to complete a DNR Hunter Safety Certification Program and the International Bowhunter Education Program. Kids will be taught safety, map and compass reading, wilderness survival skills, simple first aid, game management, hunting ethics, conservation, shooting skills, hunting skills and much more before ever stepping foot in the field. At the end of the program the kids will be able to participate in two separate weekend deer hunts at Maybury State Park. The park is traditionally closed to hunting, but the plan is to open the park for these special hunts only to help thin an abundant deer population in the park. "So far everyone has been great and very supportive," Laich said. "There's a group called 'Friends of Maybury,' and I wasn't sure how well they'd like the idea of opening the park to hunting, but when they heard about the kids (program) they said 'OK' and wished them good luck."

"There are so many deer out there and they're eating everything. This will benefit the park,

too." Laich said the first year will be sort of a pilot program and if everything goes well he already has the blessing of the DNR to possibly expand the program. "(DNR) Director Kool told me that if everything comes off well we could do this across the state," Laich said. Mentors are needed and will begin training after Jan. 1 so the program can be initiated in time for next fall. "If you're interested in assisting with this invaluable program and becoming a mentor contact Dennis Knapp at MUCC by calling (800) 777-6720. "I grew up in the country (near Ford and Wayne roads) and maybe that's why this is so important to me," Laich added. "There is so much a kid can learn out in nature. "There's so much out there to enjoy and it's a shame to not even have an opportunity. I just hope they get as much enjoyment out of the outdoors as I have."

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314, send e-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

## Nature's discoveries, identifications of deformed frogs denote changes

Working at a nature center often results in some interesting discoveries and observations. People often bring in their specimens for identification, or ask why something is doing what it's doing. It's a challenge that keeps a naturalist on their toes. Snake identification is very popular. In most cases they want to know if the snake is poisonous. Most of the time it's not poisonous. In fall leaves are frequently brought in for identification as students work to complete their leaf collection. But sometimes the unusual comes in. Recently someone brought in a six-legged green frog to the Erie Marsh Metro Park near Rockwood. It was collected on Grosse Ile. I've read about deformed frogs, but this was the first time I had ever seen one. Except for four back legs it looked normal. This is not the first deformed frog for southeastern Michigan.

In April of this year four leopard frogs were found deformed and in June a green frog was found with one extra hind limb. One of the first things that came to mind is, what causes such malformations? A definitive answer is yet to come, but scientists have some ideas they are working on. First, it should be noted that deformed frogs are not new to science. Collectors from the early 1900's reported the occasional unusual frog or salamander. But what is happening in some areas of the country is increased remarkably. In Minnesota, David M. Hoppe at the University of Minnesota said he handled thousands of frogs between 1975 and 1995 and saw only two with minor limb defects. But in 1996 he saw over 200 deformities in six different species of frogs. Fifty percent of the mink frog population in one area had abnormalities such as extra limbs, fusion of upper and lower legs and missing eyes. Scientists have postulated three reasons for these deformities. One is the increased incidence of ultraviolet light reaching the earth due to the thinning of the ozone layer. Another idea is the presence

of chemicals like pesticides and herbicides. The last hypothesis is the presence of trematodes, a parasitic worm that invades the body of a developing tadpole and causes damage to the differentiating area or limb. Scientists have tried to duplicate this condition in the laboratory but have been unsuccessful in producing deformed adults. Some scientists are not alarmed by these unusual frogs, while others feel it is a symptom of the well documented decline in amphibian populations around the world. Web sites on the internet have been established to allow people from around the U.S. to report normal and abnormal amphibians they find. These findings will be used by scientists to determine patterns in the incidence of deformed animals. Thanks to the internet this kind of reporting is possible. This unusual six legged frog is on display at the nature center in Erie Marsh Metro Park. A good time to view this unusual specimen would be Sept. 19-20 at the Hawk Fest. Lots of activities focused around the migration of hawks, mostly broad-winged hawks, moving south along the shoreline. There will be fun for the whole family.



TIM NOWICKI

## Baseball, bowling rooted in St. Louis; Local TV shows return

When Mark McGwire broke the home run record Tuesday night he did a big favor for bowling. If you look for similarities between baseball and bowling, there are a few, the distance from the pitching rubber to home plate is the same distance between bowling's foul line and the headpin. The Bowling Hall of Fame, which is located in St. Louis shares the same building with the Cardinals for their Hall of Fame and museum. Now that visitors will be more attracted to the Cardinals site, they will also be right there to go

and see bowling's national Hall of Fame on display as well. Bowling and baseball have also shared in the same sort of debate, now that there are so many more home runs being hit, does it cheapen the home run or enhance the game? At least five players will top 50 this season. The same question comes up in bowling with so many more 300 games and 800 series than ever before. Here is no question that the baseballs have been made more lively, and the same could be said for all the new high performance bowling balls that are now so popular. Has the value of a 300 game become diluted? Bowling shows are coming back to local TV. It has all come about as a

result of the newly formed CNTV, a marketing merger between Comcast, Media One, T.C.I. and Time Warner. Combined, they cover 500,000 homes in the Detroit market. If you remember the highly popular Bowling for Dollars with Bob Allison on Channel 4 many years ago or perhaps Beat the Champ with Chuck Walby in the '70s, these new shows will fill that void we have had for many years. CNTV has agreed to a 6-7 p.m. daily time slot five days per week for bowling. According to Gary Aldinger of Thunderbowl Lanes, the new show is Bowling for Bucks and anyone can enter simply by purchasing an entry at his or her local participating bowling establishment. The bowling center will turn in

all entries and a random drawing will be held to determine the contestants. Those selected will then have a round of (handicapped) qualifying which will also be taped for daily viewing on CNTV. The 20 or 25 top qualifiers will then get to bowl for the bucks in a strike or bust format (so many bucks per pin). And if the result is a strike, the contestant gets another shot if a second ball is a strike, they then get the third and bigger chance at \$250 cash, along with a Bowling For Bucks jacket and a dinner for two at a popular restaurant. There will be a local sports celebrity (TBA) to host each show. It should be interesting for it will be a chance for bowlers at all skill levels to compete and win some bucks on TV. For more information, call

Gary Aldinger at (313) 381-2266. The one hour time slot will be shared with another local show, more on that in the next edition of Ten Pin Alley. Hollywood Hogan has gone bowling. Not only the Hulkster, but Macho Man, Diamond Dallas Page, Sting, Bret Hart and Kevin Nash are promoting the new Bowling WCW Leagues. Check with your local bowling center to see if they are participating in this program sponsored by VVV and NOW wrestling. Those who enter will receive numerous merchandise packages including a collectors series bowling ball in 6-8-10-12-14-15 or 16 pounds, along with a Henley style shirt with your favorite wrestler's name and logo embroidered and a matching cap. These leagues are starting now, so it's time to sign up.

If your preference in NASCAR racing to wrestling, this league's for you. Join one of the many NASCAR leagues and receive your choice in merchandise including driver uniform jackets, bowling shirt, cap, towel and watch. Another choice is the collectors edition NASCAR bowling ball, which is for display purposes only. The ball has a replica racing car encased in clear plastic. You can choose merchandise of your favorite driver including Jeff Gordon, Dale Jarrett, Mark Martin, Dale Earnhardt Rusty Wallace and more. This promotional league also coincides with the 50th year of NASCAR. See your local participating bowling center for more details and entry forms.

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 The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 989-0202 for more information.  
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 Clark County Bass Anglers are seeking new members. Members and non-members are welcome. The club meets monthly at Oaquer Mountain in Westland. Call Mike Daly at (313) 381-5910 for more information.  
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 Wheeler West Steelheaders meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (313) 476-0527 for more information.  
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 The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 473-1494 for more information.  
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 The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Livonia Civic Center. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0848 for more information.

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**BENEFIT 3D**  
 Wayne Firefighters Local No. 1620 and the Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a benefit 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the WWCCA grounds in Plymouth. Proceeds from the shoot will benefit the Great Lakes Burn Camp. Activities include a 30-target 3D shoot (\$8), MUCC's wetland animal exhibit, a birds of prey exhibit, trophies, a supervised child archery shoot, raffles, novelty shoots, a dunk tank, a 50/30 long distance shoot, fire safety house, Sparky the Fire Dog, and much more. There will also be a buffet dinner/banquet 6 p.m.-midnight featuring music, dancing and a cash bar. Dinner tickets are \$18 per person and \$25 for a couple. Call (313) 732-1112 for tickets and more information.  
**JANDBONE**  
 Detroit Archers will hold a Bowhunter Jamboree on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Registration will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. Call (248) 651-9610 for more information.  
**WWCCA 3D**  
 The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Sept. 20, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. WWCCA is located at 8700 Napier Rd. Call (734) 453-9943 for more information.

**CLASSES/CLINICS**  
**PACKAGING GLACIER**  
 REI staff member Dave Tate will give a slide presentation on the importance of proper gear selection. The presentation includes trail suggestions, photography tips and information on low impact backpacking.  
**WILSON VALLEY GOLF**  
 Wilson Valley Golf Club is seeking new members. Members and non-members are welcome. The club meets monthly at Oaquer Mountain in Westland. Call Mike Daly at (313) 381-5910 for more information.  
**WILSON VALLEY BASS**  
 Wilson Valley Bass Anglers are seeking new members. Members and non-members are welcome. The club meets monthly at Oaquer Mountain in Westland. Call Mike Daly at (313) 381-5910 for more information.  
**WAYNE COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**  
 Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will hold hunter education classes in the upcoming months at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. These classes will be taught by certified instructors. Students must be present for both days of their respective class. All equipment will be provided. Classes will be offered Oct. 17-18 and Nov. 7-8. Cost is \$10.50 and includes lunch both days. Call (313) 532-0285 to pre-register.

**FISHING TOURNAMENTS**  
**OAKLAND BASS MASTERS**  
 Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on Sunday, Oct. 11, on Lake Orion. Registration is \$75, \$80 after Oct. 7. Call (248) 542-5254 for more information.  
**MEETINGS**  
**MRC**  
 The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7-8, at the Holiday Inn-Fairlane, 5801 Southfield Service Drive in Detroit. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

**SEASON/DATES**  
**DEER**  
 Archery deer season opens statewide on Oct. 1. The firearms season opens statewide on Nov. 15. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.  
**DUCK**  
 The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules will be Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.  
**ELK**  
 The early elk hunt will run through Sept. 20, by special permit in designated elk management units only. The late hunt will be held Dec. 8-14.

**STATE PARKS**  
**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
 Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6787. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.  
**HAY RIDES**  
 Maybury Farm will offer horse-drawn hay rides, 1-4 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through September and October.  
**METROPARKS**  
**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
 Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.  
**1998 PERMITS**  
 The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.



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