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## THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

**Study sessions:** Westland City Council will hold study sessions at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday at Westland City Hall, Ford Road west of Wayne Road. Topics include the 248 ordinance and Mill-pointe Subdivision emergency access.

**Teen net:** The Westland library's teen advisory group meets at 4 p.m. Monday in Meeting Room A to discuss the types of books, music and programs that teens would like to see at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

**In Celebration of the Doll:** A joint exhibition of art dolls by nationally known artists and fiber art by Sandra Weed of Westland continues through Friday, Oct. 2, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road.

WEDNESDAY

**Winter care:** Gardening expert Chip Hickey from English Gardens will discuss techniques and materials to provide winter protection and a successful spring 7-8 p.m. Wednesday in Meeting Room B at the Westland library, 6123 Central City Parkway.

SATURDAY

**Walk Home:** Ron Pritchard's Walk Home for Hospice begins at 9 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Hines Park, Westland.

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# Police: Embezzlement, fraud up

Violent crimes such as rape and felonious assault are down considerably. However, fraud and embezzlement are up. The upswing in fraud crimes could be the result of a booming economy.

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

The news is both good and bad when it comes to crime in Westland. Lt. Marc Stobbe of the Westland Police Department said violent crimes such as rape and felonious assault are down considerably. However, fraud and embezzlement are up.

Stobbe associates the upswing in fraud crimes to a booming economy. Everybody needs workers, from party stores and gas stations to large retail stores and the industrial parks. But all too often these businesses fail to do adequate, if any, background checks, he said.

"Now they're hiring just about any-

body who comes in." Stobbe cited some of the creative fraudulent methods used by employees:

- Reporting back to temporary agencies that they've completed an assignment when they never showed up for work.
- Making sales without putting money in the register.
- Ringing up \$5 when the purchase, usually made by a friend, was \$150.
- Using false identification to get employment.
- Staging a fake armed robbery with a friend.

it (investigating the robbery), then we find out it's fake," said Stobbe.

Manpower of Detroit, whose Dearborn office supplies workers for many companies in Westland, spends two to three hours interviewing and testing their job applicants.

Manpower's system of checks and balances prevents a lot of "fudging" of time cards, according to Jeanne Heller Bourget, Manpower's executive vice president. But it does happen. "Sometimes it's embezzlement of a few hours or a few days. Very seldom can we

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# DIG IT

## Excavation unearths slice of Westland history



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Sifting soil:** Above, Joe Jeffries (left) of Redford and Daryl Bailey (right) of Westland sift through dirt looking for artifacts at the archaeological dig site at the Westland Historical Museum last Sunday. At right, Douglas Putt, 9, of Romeo and his father, Dave, use a screen to sift dirt and look for artifacts.



BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Students and volunteers are digging in for a little slice of Westland's history. An archaeological dig is taking place weekend's on the site of the Westland Historical Museum, Wayne Road south of Marquette.

"Finding the site was total serendipity," said Jane Baxter, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan and organizer of the dig. She had begun her search for a site by using an 1860 plat map. In looking at 45 sites in the metro area she found only three that were left unpaved. As she drove down Wayne Road to look at another site, she found the museum site, which is a 19th century farmhouse site. It hadn't made the map because it is dated after 1860.

She stopped that day to ask for permission to dig there. Westland City Council approved the plan in July.

The digs, which began last weekend, are Saturdays and Sundays weather permitting until about Nov. 15.

On Saturdays, Baxter leads students from Wayne State as part of an archaeological field study class in digging on the site. On Sundays, she instructs volunteers in digging.

"I really love working with volunteers and students," she said.

Last Sunday Joseph Jeffries of Redford and his son and grandson were volunteer excavators along with Daryl Bailey of the Westland Historical Commission.

Jeffries used to live in an old farmhouse near Venoy and Ford in Garden City, so the Westland dig sparked his interest, he said.

He also knew his grandson would be interested.

His grandson, Douglas Putt, 9, of Romeo, said he first got interested in archaeology in a sandbox in kindergarten.

"My teacher would bury stuff, and we would look for it," he said.

On Sunday he was starting the process by checking for surface artifacts, then digging a circular hole about half a meter deep and

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# Teens charged in carjacking waive hearing

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Two Detroit teens charged with a Sept. 13 carjacking that left a 24-year-old Westland woman beaten and bloodied waived their preliminary hearing in Westland 18th District Court.

Alexander Amill, 19, and James Guth, 17, will be arraigned at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in Wayne County Circuit Court on felony charges of carjacking.

District Court Judge Gail McKnight refused requests by Amill's and Guth's attorneys to lower their \$100,000 cash bonds based on the violence of the

crime, the strength of the charge, and the fact that "the incentive to return is very low."

The carjacking occurred at about 3:48 a.m. as the victim was unloading groceries in the parking lot outside of her apartment in The Landings.

Outside of court after the hearings, Sgt. Michael Gould of Westland Police Department, the investigating officer, said a teen approached the woman from the front and asked her for directions while another teen came up behind her and initiated the physical contact.

He said two teens "beat her to the

ground with their fists, and when she cried out for help they kicked her in the head to silence her." The teens then took her keys and fled in her 1996 Grand Am.

According to police reports, Westland police were already in the area and heard the woman screaming. They found her minutes after the attack. Westland paramedics treated the woman on the scene. She later went to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia for additional treatment for contusions on her face, elbow and both knees.

The woman is a cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy, Gould said.

After Westland police put out an inter-city bulletin, Livonia police arrested Amill and Guth on Merriman and Schoolcraft.

Several members of Amill's family were in court as Amill's attorney, Barry Resnick, told McKnight that his client was an excellent student who has never been in trouble, goes to church and was to start working with his father. Resnick also said the family has lived in Michigan for 25 years.

McKnight said reports indicated Amill was not employed before Sept. 13 and that it was Amill's family, not he,

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## Lucky in Lotto

A 65-year-old Westland man won \$100,000 when he matched all five numbers - 6, 19, 30, 31 and 39 - in the Michigan Lotto Cash 5 drawing on Sept. 21. The winner, who chose to remain anonymous, said he has been a regular Michigan Lottery player since 1972. The largest prize he had ever collected prior to this Cash 5 prize was \$2,604 in the Daily 4 Game.

"I was watching TV with my wife when we saw the numbers flash across the bottom of the screen," he said. "When I saw the numbers I said 'Oh my God, I won!' Once I verified the numbers with the store, I called several family members to tell them I had won. My daughter-in-law called us back seven times in one hour because she didn't believe I had

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really won."

Prior to visiting Michigan Lottery headquarters in Lansing to collect his prize, the winner said he hid the winning ticket under his mattress. "That way," he joked, "if someone wanted to get it, they would have to go through me first."

The Westland man, a retired junior high school teacher, said he plans to share his winnings with his children, make some home repairs and buy a new pair of tennis shoes.

He purchased the winning Cash 5 "easy pick" tick-

et at Wayne Medicine Mart, 417 S. Wayne Road, in Westland.

## Ribbon winner

Westland gardener Walter Warren won 43 ribbons at the Michigan State Fair recently. He won three best of show awards for best non-commercial vegetable display, best canned fruits and best of show for jelly and jam in the fair's gold ribbon program for winners at the county fair level. Warren's blackberry jam took the blue ribbon. He received 19 first or second place awards in vegetable, squash, gourd and canning competitions.

'If they (companies) just took a little more time and were a little more picky, they'd save themselves a lot of anguish.'

Jeanne Heller Bourget
Manpower executive vice president

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recover the money." As a general rule, Manpower doesn't place its workers in places where they handle cash.

Some of Manpower's clients, like banks, require background checking. However, the job-seeker must sign a consent form for both credit and criminal background checks.

Linda Brenner and Kevin Dwyer own Starr Systems Services Inc., an employment screening service located in Plymouth Township.

Brenner said most large companies have drug testing policies and some, like banks, do thorough background checks.

ough background checks. She said this is not always the case with small companies.

On-site, drug-testing kits are available with five-minute results. Background checks take three to five days, Brenner said.

Linda Shapona, executive director of the Westland Chamber of Commerce, hasn't heard talk of fraud or embezzlement among chamber membership, but she has heard other complaints.

"They say they just can't find anyone. Most people are employed who want to be employed." She also said businesses operate in a litigious society.

Shapona said it's a job-seekers market today. It's no longer true that a good resume lists employments of a year or more.

School board OKs teacher contract

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board members unanimously approved a new contract this week for members of the district's teachers union.

The two-year pact includes raises of 2.75 percent for this school year and 2.5 percent for next school year for members of the Wayne-Westland Education Association, according to Dan Slee, assistant superintendent for employee services for Wayne-Westland schools.

The salary increases will cost the district an extra \$1.6 million a year, according to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business.

The new salary ranges are: \$29,090 for a bachelor's degree and no experience to \$52,095 for a bachelor's degree and 11 years experience; \$32,158 for a master's degree at the bottom of the scale to \$61,008 for a master's and 12 years; \$34,245 for a double master's or specialist at bottom of the scale to \$65,008 for a double master's and 12 years; \$37,304 for a doctorate at the bottom of the scale to \$75,064 for a doctorate and 12 years of experience.

The district has nearly 850 teachers and more than half of them are at the top of the scale, Slee said.

In Wayne-Westland, 263 teachers have bachelor's degrees, 474 have master's degrees, 89 have double master's or specialist degrees and 17 have doctorates, Slee said.

The beginning salaries are still last when compared to area dis-

tricts of similar size, he said. Under the new contract, teachers will also pay more for their health care, with an increase from \$2 to \$5 for prescription copays and an increase in annual deductibles from \$50 for single and \$100 for families to \$100 for single and \$200 for families, Slee said.

Teachers have also agreed to two extra half-days of instruction for the next two school years, he said.

Also, all elementary schools also have half-hour lunch periods as opposed to an hour, allowing all elementary schools to complete their day by 3:30 p.m.

Other changes in the contract include new teacher evaluation procedures. Slee said this will allow for teaching improvements.

School board trustees approved the contract, 7-0.

"I think it's a fair contract," school board trustee Mathew McCusker said. He also thanked Slee and the bargaining team for negotiating the contract.

School board vice president Robin Moore and trustee Ed Turner both congratulated the bargaining teams.

"I think it was a win-win situation," school board trustee Teresa Robbins said.

"I really am glad we did reach an agreement," school board secretary Martha Pittsberger said.

"We appreciate everything that's been done on both sides," school board President David Cox said.

"This is a team effort all the way," Slee said. "A lot of work is done behind the scenes," he said of the bargaining which officially began in May.

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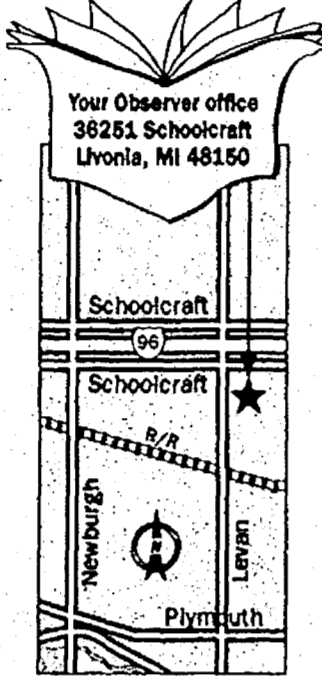
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who had ties to the community. She refused bond reduction "because of the nature of the offense."

Several members of Guth's family were present, along with their parish priest from Holy Redeemer. Guth's attorney, Jerrold Sherman, also failed in his efforts to reduce his client's bond.

He told McKnight that Guth, a senior at Holy Redeemer, had never been in trouble before and had played the minor role in the carjacking. He said the carjack-

ing "was totally out of character for this young man," and asked if Guth might be put on a tether so he could continue school.

Sherman also said the two teens had been "abandoned in the neighborhood without a ride."

McKnight replied: "The court would not expect this kind of charge with someone from Holy Redeemer." She also commented on the violence of the incident, saying that the use of fists and feet "is very vicious."

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ELEANOR ROBERTSON
Funeral services for Eleanor Robertson, 85, of Westland were Sept. 23 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham. Officiating was the Rev. Neil D. Cowling of The Kirk of Our Savior Church, Westland. Mrs. Robertson, who died

Sept. 19 in Livonia, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her daughter, Janice (Bruce) Snyder of Caseville; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Robertson is preceded in death by her son, Robert Robertson.

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## Wall of fame

**Honors:** Above, Christine, Teresa and Marvin Soleau of Westland look up at the Rocket Academic Wall of Fame at John Glenn High School for Teresa's name. Teresa earned a 4.0 grade point for the 1997-98 school year. At right, Laura Cox (right) of Canton, a 10th-grader at John Glenn High School smiles when her name is read at the John Glenn High School Rocket Academic Wall of Fame Ceremony this week. Her mother Cheryl (left) and father Kent where proud of her.



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## Students count as Livonia schools complete 'D-Day'

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

With "D-Day" over, Livonia Public Schools is now more than halfway toward knowing how much it will get in financial aid next year from the state for each of its estimated 17,890 students enrolled.

"D-Day" was Wednesday in Livonia when the head of every student in the district was counted.

School administrators aren't quite sure why the state calls it "D-Day" ("There's no rhyme or reason," said Paul Derwick, the district's director of human resources, and the man in charge of crunching the student-count numbers).

It used to be called the "fourth-Friday count" when the count was taken on the last Friday in September.

"They changed it to a Wednesday because they think absenteeism is less on a Wednesday than a Friday," Derwick said.

For the no-shows on "D-Day," the state allows extra time to log them in. So the actual figure doesn't have to be in the state's hands until Oct. 23.

From now until Oct. 23, Derwick and secretary Sue Higgins will spend their days turning the head count numbers into what the state calls "full-time equivalents." An FTE is 1,047 hours spent by a student in school.

Next year, Livonia schools will get the bulk of its income from the state for each FTE student enrolled.

This year, the amount of money the district gets from the state for each FTE student enrolled is \$7,067.

"When they say, 'kids count,' they mean that in more than one way," Derwick said.

The district's unofficial student count tally shows 17,894 students enrolled districtwide. That's 9,386 elementary students; 2,937 middle school students; and 5,571 high school students.

By Oct. 23, Derwick and Higgins will break those numbers down into FTEs for those students who don't spend their entire school day in one school building or in one school program.

"Not every student is an FTE," Derwick said. "Some come part-time, and you have to compute this and factor it in. Some kids are home schooled, some on a reduced schedule, some go through special education. We have to fractionalize the time a child spends in general education versus special education, or at the career center, or on a co-op job. Our final count will always be less because we have to break them down. We have to document all this. It's a horrendous job. Every minute of our time will be spent on this."

Counting heads and turning the numbers into FTEs is serious business for every school district.

"This is how we receive our money from the state," Derwick said. "That's why it is important to make sure everyone is counted. If they're not counted, we don't get the money."

The worse-case scenario for the district in this area is to have a student move into the district a day after the FTE count is sent to the state. The district would not get reimbursed for that student, until the next FTE count is done.

## Livonia schools look at shuffle to solve overcrowding woes

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

By January, Livonia Public Schools' officials should have a plan to deal with bulging school enrollment in southwest Livonia.

In two of the three recommendations now being considered by an 11-member committee, the district would reopen Lowell in Westland, a former school building owned by Livonia schools but leased to Plymouth-Canton schools. The lease expires in July 2000.

The Livonia school district also serves students in northern Westland.

One option would affect every elementary school in the Livonia district, since it could mean moving sixth graders into the middle schools.

The committee's three main options all involve extra costs to the district, and those costs would be a part of the 1999-2000 school budget.

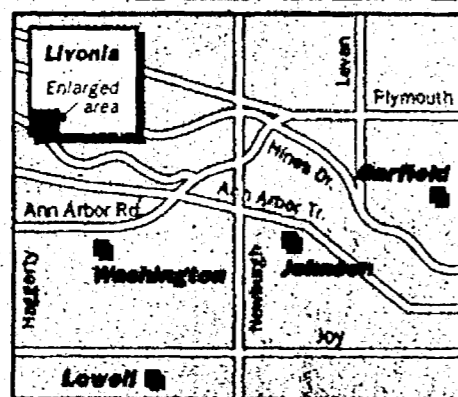
Each option also would come with side effects, including child care and transportation changes, and even changes to the DARE program.

Therefore, the Livonia Board of Education should decide the best way to ease overcrowding by February, prior to the start of budget deliberations, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

"The driving force here is the enrollment in the southwest part of the city," Watson said. "Two elementary are at capacity and

### School shuffle coming to southwest Livonia

Livonia Public Schools' struggle to ease overcrowding will include three current elementary schools - Johnson, Garfield and Washington - and one former school site, Lowell, now leased to Plymouth-Canton Schools.



will continue to grow. South of Joy (in Westland), there's still room for other subdivisions."

The two elementaries crammed to capacity are Johnson, 36651 Ann Arbor Trail, and Garfield, 10218 Arthur.

A third elementary in the area, Washington, 9449 Hix, is not overcrowded, but could end up closed if Lowell is reopened, Watson said.

In coming up with its recommendation, the committee will use long-range enrollment projections compiled by Terry Davidson, a former district employee, consultant and expert in statistical analysis.

From now until January, the committee will review the follow-

ing three main options to ease overcrowding:

- Move the sixth graders from all the district's elementaries to the middle schools.

To ease the impact this option would have on the four middle schools, Lowell would reopen as the district's fifth middle school in the fall of 2000.

The move would open up more space in all 22 elementaries, and lead to further cuts in class size, Watson said.

It also would affect current middle school boundaries, Watson said. Most students in the southwest part of the district now are bused to Frost Middle School.

- Convert Lowell into an elementary school handling more than 500 students.

If that happens in the fall of 2000, grade six would stay in all the elementaries.

It also means Washington, with its smaller number of students, would be closed, Watson said.

- Add rooms onto Johnson and Garfield. If that happens, additions would be complete by fall 2000.

Additionally, Lowell would not reopen in the foreseeable future. The committee, chaired by Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, is composed of school administrators, principals and PTA representatives.

## Summer work helps smooth start

A few weeks into the new school year, Livonia Public Schools recently took a look back over the summer to see what employees did to make the start of school smooth.

The results of nearly three months of work is contained in the district's six-page, 1998-99 School Opening Report compiled by administrator Paul Derwick.

To get the district's 34 buildings fully staffed, the district hired 139 employees, including 107 teachers.

Other work over the summer included:

- Close to 40 training, orienta-

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tion and professional development sessions for the district's teachers. That included Internet training for 67 teachers.

- An active community education program, including high school completion classes and numerous child care programs. More than 360 high school students completed summer classes.

- A close look at the district's instructional supplies, including the restocking of 300 science modules and the re-binding of

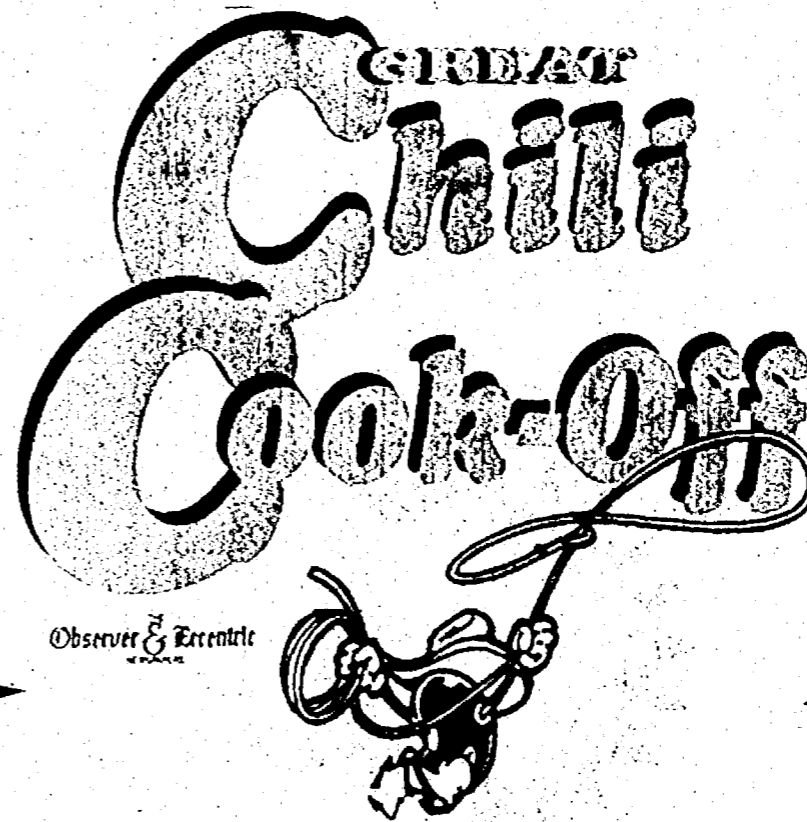
1,526 textbooks.

- The holding of 39 classes to teach administrators new software applications.

- Sprucing up the district's buildings and grounds. Major repairs included the replacement of boilers in 10 buildings and the completion of the pool construction work at Franklin and Stevenson.

- Extensive computer work included installing 16 new workstations in the business lab at Stevenson and more than 100 Macintosh computers in school media centers to access the library catalog.

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sifting the dirt through screens.

The site is being studied through systematic testing where holes are dug at various locations on the site as a statistical mathematical sample, Baxter said.

As items are unearthed they help give clues about life in the late 1800s on the site. "We get a broad-based idea of how they were using the land," she said.

On the first day of the dig,

**To volunteer for the Sunday digs, register in advance by calling Daryl Bailey (evenings) at (734) 326-7362 or leave a message at the Westland Historical Museum at (734) 326-1110.**

clinkers, or hard stone pieces formed in a coal fires, and ash were found in one area of the site. "They were dumping stove refuse out in this part of the property," Baxter said.

Also found were cherry pits left from when the land was a cherry farm.

The dig will be testing areas up to 100 meters from the farmhouse. "That's really interesting. It's rare that you get to look at that much of an area," she said.

Baxter hopes to gain information about 19th century family life. She is especially interested in the lives and activities of children in the 19th century.

It was the first time there were mass-produced goods and that helps in identifying pretty well items that belonged to a



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Doctoral work:** Jane Baxter, a doctoral student at the University of Michigan and an instructor at Wayne State University, leads the archaeological dig in Westland.

child, she said.

Baxter's study will compare where children's artifacts appear as opposed to where adult artifacts appear.

Archaeological digs give "a different source of information about the past," she said. "It doesn't lie," she said.

Baxter, a native of Massachusetts, came to U-M in 1993. She has also worked on a

dig of a saloon and lodging house in Nevada. She is also using information from a dig of a New York City tenement house and an orphanage site in upstate New York as part of her doctoral research.

After studying the Westland site, the artifacts will eventually be displayed at the Westland museum.

"We're hoping it will attract a

lot of attention to the museum," Bailey said.

To volunteer for the Sunday digs, register in advance by calling Bailey (evenings) at (734) 326-7362 or leave a voice message at the Westland Historical Museum at (734) 326-1110. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road.

# Play to benefit scholarship fund

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Ladies Literary Club of Wayne will "play" host to a performance by Parlour Theatre Productions Oct. 20 to benefit the group's scholarship fund. Monies raised will support the contribution the group makes annually to help further the education of two Wayne-Westland female high school seniors.

The theatrical company will perform "Bedroom Farce," a British comedy by Alan Ayckbourn, beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at John Glenn High School.

"Bedroom Farce" is a humorous romp through the bedrooms of three couples during events of one evening. The connection between the three is a fourth couple's neurotic and stormy relationship.

In May of each year the Literary Club presents a John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School senior with scholarship money she can use toward the college of her choice. The 1998-99 scholarship committee includes Wayne-Westland teachers Carolyn Reynolds, Cheryl Hawley, Pat Roberts and Wendy Bostwick. Members review applications and consider character, scholarship, leadership and definite educational ideals when selecting eligible candidates.

According to Ladies Literary Club Co-President Bev Woodard, the upcoming dramatic perfor-

mance supports a worthwhile cause and is an enjoyable way to spend a weeknight with a group of friends.

"We had a great time last year and were able to present \$1,000 scholarships to each of the young ladies," said Woodard.

This is the second consecutive year the literary organization sponsored a performance by Parlour Theatre Productions. In 1997 the theatrical company staged "Steel Magnolias."

Founded in 1886, the Literary Club currently maintains a membership of approximately 100 honorary, associate and active members from the communities of Westland, Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Wayne and Livonia. The women gather once a month from September to May for both social and educational meetings in hopes of "stimulating intellectual development, giving service to others and the promotion of good fellowship among its members," according to the group's handbook.

"Bedroom Farce" will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of John Glenn High School located at 36105 Marquette in Westland (between Newburgh and Wayne roads). Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the Ladies Literary Club Scholarship Fund in addition to money raised by a 50/50 raffle that evening.

## CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Steve Allred, 12, is the Westland Observer carrier of the month for September.

A seventh-grader at Adams Middle School, Allred lives in the Community Park Subdivision.

He is the son of Chuck and Debbie Allred and has a brother, Jason, 8.

His favorite subject is math and his hobbies include playing inline hockey.

He likes making money by having a route and shares his route with his brother.

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Steve Allred

## Creative writing class offered

Two creative writing classes are offered this fall by the Garden City Public Schools' adult and community education department.

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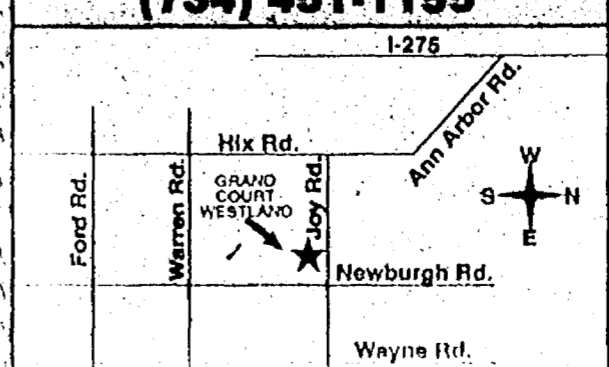
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# St. Mary, Mercy health care systems to unite

The Felician Sisters of Livonia and the Sisters of Mercy, Detroit Regional Community, have agreed to unite their health care operations.

The two organizations signed a letter of intent Friday to create a long-term sponsorship between the two Catholic health care systems.

"As we reflect on the scope of our ministries, the realities of an aging congregation and our commitment to Catholic health care ministry, we believe that a regional sponsorship arrangement with the Sisters of Mercy, combined with the regional health care delivery system of Mercy Health Services is the best way to enhance and preserve the Catholic health care ministry of St. Mary Hospital," said Sister Mary Dennis, provincial minister, Felician sisters and corporate board chair of St. Mary Hospital Board of Trustees.

Mercy Health Services, based

in Farmington Hills, is the fifth largest Catholic health care system in the United States.

"We are pleased to be working with the Felician Sisters and St. Mary Hospital," said Sister Linda Werthman, RSM, president, Sisters of Mercy, Detroit Regional Community. "We look forward to continuing our shared mission of service to the residents of Livonia and western Wayne County through this partnership."

## Beaumont tie to end

St. Mary, which has been affiliated with William Beaumont Hospital since 1992, will end its business relationship by the end of the year. However, sources say while the overall affiliation will end that doesn't mean St. Mary won't utilize specialized services available through Beaumont as it currently does with the Karmanos Cancer Center, the University of Michigan Hospital and Henry Ford Health

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Felician Sisters*

Systems.

"Our relationship with Beaumont has enabled us to continue to expand and offer improved services to the residents of western Wayne County," said Sister Mary Renetta, president and CEO, SMH.

"As St. Mary Hospital focuses on uniting with a Catholic health system and continues providing medical and health services that meet the needs of our community, mutual decision will be made as to the transition

of the affiliation with Beaumont."

According to Mike Killian, director of marketing and public relations for Beaumont Hospital, both the institutions and patients have profited from their six year partnership.

"Our affiliation has always been about the patient getting the best care possible," said Killian. "We see this move as more of a management issue and we understand and respect their decision."

Throughout the next year, the sponsoring congregations and organizational leaders will work on defining the details of the relationship.

## More planning

"This isn't something that comes about in a short amount of time," said Stephen Shivinsky spokesman for Mercy Health Systems. "It has taken some time for everyone to get comfortable with the relationship."

Shivinsky went on to say the arrangement is still in the planning stages and will take some time before all the necessary elements of the union are settled.

"We hope over time Mercy Health Services will be able to improve St. Mary Hospital's quality and level of service through our experience and insight," said Shivinsky.

SMH and MHS expect to realize value in linking a singular hospital to the support and resources of a larger Catholic

health care system, such as economies of scale and sharing of best practices across the delivery system.

St. Mary Hospital is a 304-bed Catholic acute care community hospital.

"The Felician Sisters, with a mission based on responding to the needs of the times to ensure continued access to high quality, personalized care for the communities served by St. Mary Hospital, have chosen a Catholic health partner with complementary missions and shared expectations," said Sister Renetta.

Besides St. Mary Hospital, the Felician Sister of Livonia health care ministry includes Marywood Nursing Care Center (skilled nursing) and Marybrook Manor (assisted living). The Felician Sisters of Livonia also sponsor Madonna University, Angela Hospice, Ladywood High School and the Senior Clergy Village (in association with the Archdiocese of Detroit).

# Regional, state officials blast new EPA air-quality rules

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Regional and state officials were quick to blister the federal Environmental Protection Agency for "draconian" new rules aimed at reducing Midwest smog that drifts to the East Coast.

"It will mean an 8-10 percent increase in utility bills," said Russ Harding, director of the state Department of Environmental Quality. "You'll have to put a chemical plant at the end of every power plant. We'll have rolling brownouts."

Harding spoke Sept. 25 to the Southeast Michigan Council of

Governments meeting in Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills.

"Greatly disappointed" was the reaction of SEMCOG air quality specialist Chuck Hersey, who called EPA's new rules "seriously out of balance with the actual problem."

Hersey said the region could consider "legal action to force EPA to address issues raised by SEMCOG, Michigan and other states."

Hersey added, "Our research shows that Michigan's emissions contribute no more than 1-5 percent of the east's ozone problem. Yet EPA demands a 30 percent

emission reduction from Michigan motorists, businesses and utilities - far more than our fair share."

EPA administrator Carol M. Browner on Sept. 24 issued new rules aimed at drastically reducing emission of smog-producing chemicals by 2003. Michigan must cut its nitrogen oxide (NOX) emission by 30 percent.

The impact will be felt most by electric power plants, which must reduce NOX by 85 percent. Also affected will be vehicle emissions and factories.

Harding said that last summer "six states offered a 65 percent

reduction. Our offer was rejected by Carol Browner."

Browner was quoted in Washington as saying the Michigan proposal would be ineffective.

"It will be difficult to get the Michigan Legislature to reinstate inspection and maintenance areas again," Harding predicted.

He referred to the major battle in Lansing in the early 1980s over an emissions inspection program for the tri-county area. For several years, motorists were required to have annual \$10 emissions inspections in order to obtain vehicle licenses.


Resistance in Michigan got even stiffer when EPA suggested the I&M program be extended to the Grand Rapids-Holland-Muskegon area. The Lake Michigan shoreline communities insisted their smog was generated by southwest winds out of Chicago, not their own motorists.

"Michigan has been an attainment state. We reduced emissions 75 percent in 10 years," said Harding.

The rules affect 22 states, including Ohio (36 percent overall), Indiana (36), Wisconsin (27) and Illinois (32).

EPA was praised, however, by New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. "EPA's decision will prevent a major cause of air pollution from every reaching our state. This federal action, combined with our own hard work, promises cleaner air for New Jersey residents."

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# Tax cut deadlock

## Lawmakers can't agree on plan

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Democrats and Republicans continue to be deadlocked in the state House of Representatives over how to cut the personal income tax.

Currently, the tax rate is 4.4 percent with a \$2,800 per-person exemption. Republicans want an across-the-board rate cut to 3.8 percent over five years. Democrats want selective hikes in exemptions.

"It's constitutionally flawed," objected Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, as Democrats on Sept. 23 passed, 56-45, their House Bill 5978. The Democratic bill would offer taxpayers a choice of calculations, if it ever became law. The taxpayer could choose between 1) the GOP's lower rate and 2) the Democrats' personal exemption of \$5,000 with no rate reduction.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, found another flaw in the Democrats' plan: It is tie-barred to a constitutional amendment, meaning that voters would have to approve the amendment in November of 2000 to get the tax cut. "It's a little early for Halloween. Is this (Democrats' bill) a trick or treat?" said the fresh-

man lawmaker.

Cassis said the proposed constitutional amendment, called HJR BB, amounts to a \$500 million increase in state spending because it guarantees a new level of revenue sharing and school aid. Meanwhile, the Democrats' tax cut would amount to just \$100 million. "This is a spending bill in the guise of a tax cut," she said.

Democrats, such as Tax Policy Committee chair Kirk Profit of Ypsilanti, argued that "our plan gives more relief, sooner, and with more flexibility. It's not a spending increase. All we do is constitutionally earmark money for schools."

Profit said the Legislature could put the question on the ballot in a special election anytime and need not wait for November 2000.

Added Eileen DeHart, D-Westland: "In 1993 Proposal A made a commitment that schools would be protected." She twitted Republicans with "Promises made, promises broken," a parody on Gov. John Engler's campaign slogan.

Despite getting a majority of House votes, however, the Democrats' plan can go nowhere. First, it's dead on arrival in the

Republican-controlled Senate. Second, it's dead unless the Legislature puts HJR BB on the ballot, and that takes a two-thirds vote of each chamber. Democrats are unable to get a two-thirds vote in the House, which they control, and haven't tried to bring it to a vote.

Meanwhile, the Republican tax cut bill made it to the calendar but so far isn't scheduled for a vote. Cassis on Sept. 17 won a vote to discharge her measure, House Bill 4710, from Profit's committee "after it lingered their for 507 days." The vote was 96-2.

But Democratic leaders made no effort to bring the Cassis bill to a floor vote. Her bill would cut the income tax rate from 4.4 to 3.9 percent.

Democrats say Cassis' bill "favors those who earn more money."

Here is how western Wayne lawmakers voted on the Democratic HB 5978:

YES - Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne.

NO - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

ABSENT - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

## Area motorists get some road relief, more I-275 construction planned

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Finally. Western Wayne County commuters got a much-needed reprieve late last week when northbound I-275 reopened to traffic between Telegraph in Monroe County and I-94 in Wayne County.

The northbound lanes were closed so the southbound traffic could cross over

during the resurfacing of the southbound lanes, part of a \$40 million reconstruction project. Northbound commuters had been detoured onto Telegraph to I-94 since July 6 while construction crews resurfaced the freeway.

Next year the construction returns for I-275 between Five Mile and I-696 in Oakland County and its 190,000

commuters. Commuters can expect lane and exit closures as construction is completed over the next two years.

"There's not an easy way to do it, but we will try to keep any inconvenience to a minimum," Pannecouk said. "It will be a tough thing to go through."

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# Dearborn mayor co-hosts 'Friendraiser' for Power

Dearborn Mayor Mike Guido and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village President Steve Hamp are co-hosting a "friendraiser" for Phil Power, Democratic candidate for reelection to the University of Michigan Board of Regents.

The event will take place at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the Henry Ford Centennial Library on Michigan Avenue between Greenfield and the Southfield Freeway.

Power is known for his support for U-M regional campuses such as U-M Dearborn.

"The U-M is literally owned by the people of Michigan," Power said. "This means it has an important mission in serving all the people of our state. The branch campus at Dearborn is

particularly important in this regard, because it plays such an important role for non-traditional and cooperative students in southeastern Michigan and works so closely with area businesses."

Power was elected in 1990 to the board of regents, winning more than one million votes statewide. He is now the senior regent of the board. Power is a U-M alumnus and successful businessman and newspaper publisher, whose newspapers include the Observer & Eccentric group.

"I don't think it's exaggerating to say that my reelection is important to the continued bipartisan progress of public higher education in Michigan," Power said. "That's why I'm

pleased to be earning support from Democrats, independents and Republicans — including former Republican Gov. William G. Milliken and his wife, Helen — because service to the U-M should go beyond political partisanship."

The event — specifically not a fund-raiser but a "friendraiser" — is free and will involve no solicitation for campaign contributions. Power plans on speaking briefly about the University of Michigan in general and the role of the Dearborn campus in particular. He will answer questions.

Power will ask those attending to help his campaign by addressing and signing postcards on his behalf.

## Color tour scheduled at Nankin

Put on your hiking boots, grab a pair of binoculars and join Wayne County parks for a fall color hike.

Participants join the staff to see fall colors from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township, or from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Each hike, approximately one mile in length and on level ground, will highlight how fall affects a variety of trees and changes signaling the coming of

winter. The Nankin Mills hike offers participants the chance to create a leaf-print t-shirt to preserve the memories of the season. Nankin Mills hikers must bring a light-colored cotton t-shirt, paint and leaves are provided. The Crosswinds Marsh hikers will focus on one of the nation's most diverse arrays of plant and wildlife and how its inhabitants prepare for winter. Each hike costs \$1 per participant, and is open for all ages. Advance registration is required.

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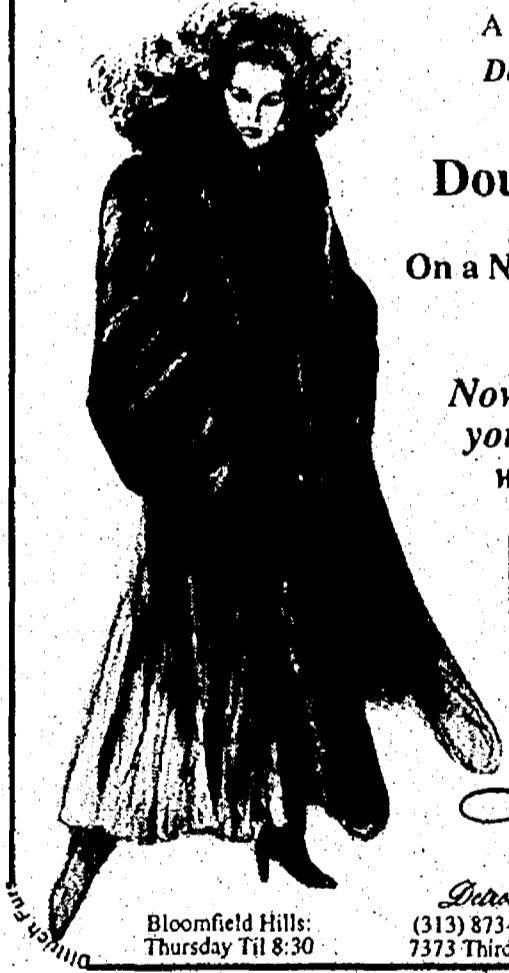
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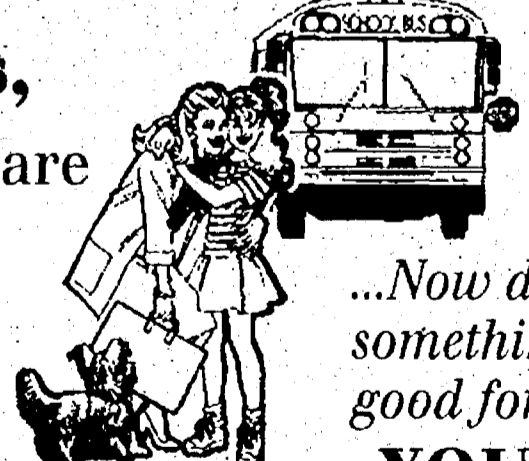


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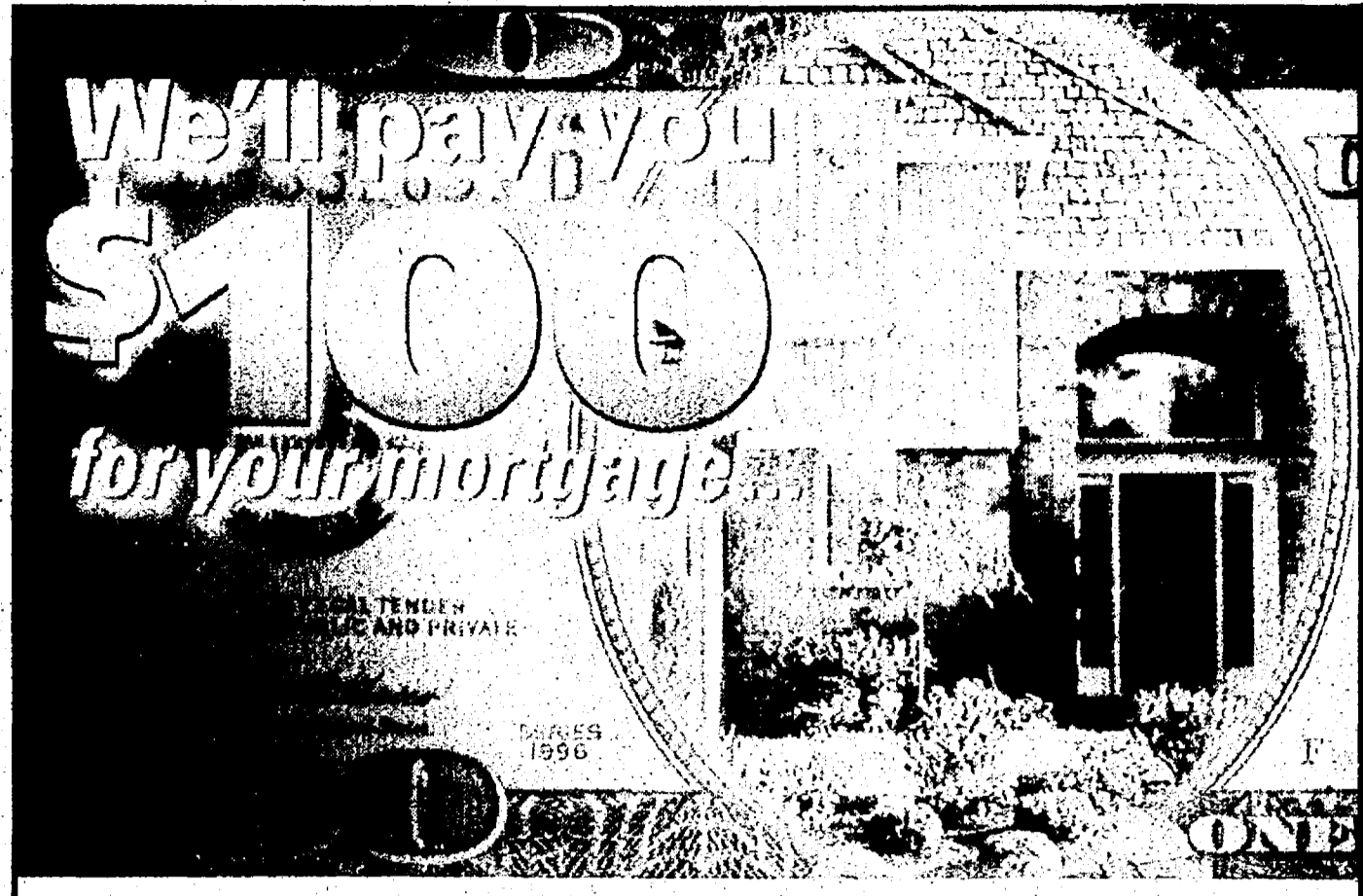
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## Be a sport, treat fans to pretzels, hot mustard

Well, here it is the end of September already. Football is in full swing, the Red Wings are winding down training camp, and it's time for that time honored weekend tradition of sports, beer and eating way too much.

There are a few things in life that go together as well as fresh soft pretzels and mustard - the Red Wings and Lord Stanley's Cub, the Detroit Lions and breaking your heart (I wrote this on Sept. 17).

About 15 years ago, a friend's grandmother, Frau Blücher, gave me her soft pretzel recipe so she would not have to make them for us all the time. Now, whenever I get a chance to go to Gustav's house to watch a game, I whip up a batch of these puppies, along with a mustard. He has to supply the beer. The best beer to match soft pretzels and mustard are the malty German lagers such as the Oktoberfest of Spaten and Paulaner, Ayingger Maibock and Fest Märzen. From the U.S. August Schells Maibock and Shmaltz Alt.

**Mustard**

The mustard is just a basic whole grain mustard that will be very hot. Feel free to add just about anything you want to flavor it - herbs, fruit, spices - go for it. If you leave it out 7 to 10 days the heat will mellow out some, but if you want the hot to stay, put the mustard right into the fridge. If you don't want it so hot from the start, use 1/4 cup light mustard seeds and 1 tablespoon of the dark mustard seeds.

I put my mustard in those little 8 ounce Ball jelly jars because the recipe makes just under 1 cup. Mustard seeds can be purchased at Rafal Spice Co. 2521 Russell St. in the Eastern Market area of Detroit. If you have never been there before, do yourself a favor and go. You start smelling spices 10 feet from the door, and they have every herb and spice you can possible think of. Where else can you go to buy frankincense and myrrh? Ya gotta love it.

**HOT WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD**

- 1/8 cup light mustard seeds
- 1/8 cup dark mustard seeds
- 2 tablespoons dry mustard powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 tablespoon, plus 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar

Grind the mustard seeds in a spice mill or a coffee grinder. If you don't have a spice mill or coffee grinder, use your blender or food processor, but add the mustard powder to increase the volume.

Pour mixture into a stainless steel or glass bowl. Add salt, water, vinegar, and mix well. Place in a jar and seal with cap. Makes about 1 cup.

**FRAU BLÜCHER'S SOFT PRETZELS**

- 1 1/2 cups warm 95°F water
- 1 package dry yeast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 4 1/2 cups flour

Egg wash - 1 egg yolk and 1 tablespoon water, mix well

Kosher salt to sprinkle on pretzels

Pan of lightly salted boiling water, with a tiny pinch of baking soda, to cook pretzels in

Preheat oven to 450°F

In a large bowl, mix water, sugar, salt and yeast and let sit for 15 minutes.

For yeast to come back to life. Add 1 1/2 cups of flour and oil to the water. Mix well.

Please see **PRETZELS, B2**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Focus on Wine
- Eating Better Sensibly



**Chef at work: Chef Sharon Juergens prepares a customer's order at Streetside Seafood in Birmingham.**

STAFF PHOTOS BY JEFF KRESSEL

# Women find their place in restaurant kitchens

BY KELLI LEWTON • SPECIAL WRITER

"A woman's place is in the kitchen." This sentence, once a blanket statement for a woman's role, has come full circle to include a professional career outside the home. As in most professions, the culinary field has come a long way in admitting women into what was once a mainly male profession. Women chefs are cooking up a storm and loving it.

In 1971, Random House Dictionary defined a chef as "esp. male head cook." National Restaurant Association statistics reveal that in 1992, 128,000 women owned food and beverage establishments with an annual combined income of over \$27 billion. The association also reported in 1994 that 65 percent of all food service workers in the U.S. were female (although less than 10 percent hold the rank of executive chef).

When I attended culinary school some 10 years ago, the presence of female students measured approximately 25 percent.

Chef Kevin Gawronski, a friend, and dean of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department in Livonia, reports the tide has turned. Today, about half of the students

enrolled in the program are women.

Our sisterhood of sorts seems to be skyrocketing. Local eateries are brimming with fabulous female talent. As we head into the new millennium, it would seem a woman's place is in our finest hotels, clubs, bistros and restaurant kitchens.

Let me introduce you to a few of our local wonderful women chefs:

■ **Chef Sharon Juergens - Sous Chef Streetside Seafood, Birmingham**

I met Sharon a few years ago when she was a culinary student at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. They say people are drawn to energy, and that is how I first took notice of Sharon. She reminds me of a simmering pot that is ready and willing to boil.

Sharon happened onto the culinary profession by way of waitressing. When she was in her late teens, her sisters told her waitressing was the fastest way to make good money. She soon noticed the people in back of the restaurant were having more fun.

Sharon picked up a pair of kitchen tongs, and a chef was born. She fell in love with cooking, and enjoys the gratification of creating something, seeing it served, and

appreciated by customers. She likes the quick pace and high energy of the kitchen, and is driven by her passion of food. Her background includes sous chef at Diamond Jim Brady's in Novi where she praises Mary Brady as her mentor, and Emily's in Northville.

■ **Lorraine Platman - Chef/owner Sweet Lorraine's, Southfield, Madison Heights and Ann Arbor**

I had the privilege to work with Lorraine about five years ago on a woman's charity cookbook and fund-raiser. She struck me then, and still does, as an exciting innovator and culinarian. You have to be doing something right to be in the restaurant business for 16 years. Lorraine's menus are always cutting edge, encompassing unique flavors, spices and combinations. After emigrating to the United States from Essex, England, she studied art in college - watercolors and drawing. She managed an art gallery, and moonlighted as a caterer and wholesale baker. Lorraine soon discovered the plate would be her palate and food the medium to express her passion. She put down her paintbrush, and picked up a knife. In 1982 she opened Sweet



**Women share favorite things, and not so favorite things, about being a chef:**

**FAVORITE**

- Customer accolades
- Providing an avenue for a feeling of comfort and warmth, with "just good food"
- Watching people eat my ideas, and visions of food and enjoying it
- The smell of fresh garlic and fresh basil, when it hits the pan
- Always being able to create
- Knowing you shared a part in someone's most special day.

**NOT SO FAVORITE**

- Uniforms have come a long way, but they still don't fit quite right
- People who won't try new foods
- No call, no show employees - always on weekends, or holidays
- When everyone else is enjoying a holiday, I seem to be working
- Kitchen equipment seems to be oversized for many women chefs
- The long hours

Lorraine's Deli. Sweet Lorraine's in Southfield, and Ann Arbor followed. She's been turning out fine art strong for 16 years, now with her partner and husband, Gary. Lorraine enjoys experimenting with vegetarian cookery as she finds it a challenge.

■ **Mary Brady - Certified Executive Chef/co-owner Diamond Jim Brady's, Novi**

Mary is chef and co-owner of Diamond Jim Brady's with her husband, Tom. This Irish family tradition has taken on many new colors with Chef Mary at the helm.

Mary is my oldest friend in the culinary profession. We met at Schoolcraft College, and have been partners in crime ever since. We have earned many accolades, as well as bruises, in our years of competing together in culinary salons. When you are the only two women on the team, you tend to count on each other for many things. Mary is the recipient of numerous medals and awards. Friendship aside, I can honestly say Mary has been a true pioneer in the culinary profession and community. She has given so

Please see **WOMEN, B2**

## Cookoffs are fun for a couple of chili heads

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Chili's hot stuff, and when it comes to cooking it, Marilyn and Ray Frederick of Farmington Hills know their stuff.

Marilyn won first place and Ray second in the 1998 Michigan State Chili Cookoff held Saturday, Sept. 12, in downtown Plymouth. Marilyn's headed to the World Championship Chili Cookoff Saturday, Oct. 10, in Las Vegas. Ray's still trying to qualify, and plans to compete in the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff Sunday, Oct. 4, in downtown Plymouth.

"I'm so excited," said Marilyn as she accepted congratulations from other chili cooks, and the \$1,000 first prize at the Michigan State Chili Cookoff. Plymouth's been lucky for Marilyn and Ray.

Three years ago, Marilyn won first place at the Plymouth Great Lakes



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

**Chillheads: Ray and Marilyn Frederick are award-winning chili cooks.**

District Cookoff. Last year, Ray took home the first place prize.

Plymouth's Great Lakes District Cookoff has been elevated to regional status this year, and the winner will qualify to cook at the World Champi-

onship Chili Cook-off.

"We're still accepting applications for cooks," said Annette Horn, cookoff chairman, and co-owner of Native West gallery in Plymouth with her husband, Ken. Registration is \$35 for International Chili Society members, and \$65 for non-members (includes I.C.S. membership). Call (734) 455-8838 for more information. "The more cooks the more fun everyone has," said Horn.

There is no admission charge, but cooks will be selling samples of their chili to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the Plymouth Salvation Army. Local restaurants will also be offering chili for sale. Chili's not the only draw, there will be a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle ride-in-bike show too.

Horn spilled the beans on Jason Frederick, Ray and Marilyn's son, who will be competing in the Plymouth Great Lakes Regional Cookoff with his "Between Heaven and Hell" chili. Ray and Marilyn suspected something was up when their son who lives in Livonia dropped by with a batch of chili for them to taste.

Please see **CHILI, B2**

**Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off**

**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 4  
**WHERE:** In the Gathering, across from Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. Admission is free, call Annette Horn, (734) 455-8838 for information. Call (734) 455-0510 for information about the fun run and 10K race

**SCHEDULE**

- Registration/booth set up - 8-9:45 a.m.
- Cook's meeting - 9:45 a.m.
- Food preparation - 10-11 a.m.
- Cooking - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Judges meeting - 1 p.m.
- Chili submitted for judging - 2 p.m.
- Chili tasting begins - 2 p.m.
- Chili judging - 2:30 p.m.
- Awards presentation - 4 p.m.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- 1 mile fun walk/run - 8:30 a.m.
- 10K race - 9 a.m.
- Harley Davidson bike show - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Live bands - noon to 5 p.m.
- Chili and food booths - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Line dancing - all day
- Children's activities - all day



# Put some spice in your life with chili *Chefs share recipes*

See related story on Taste front.  
Marilyn Frederick's award-winning chili recipe.

## TIME BOMB CHILI

- Step One:**  
3 tablespoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon dark chili powder  
1 1/2 tablespoons California chili powder  
1 teaspoon New Mexico hot chili powder  
1 tablespoon New Mexico mild chili powder  
2 tablespoons cumin  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon onion salt  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon oregano  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne

- Step Two:**  
2 teaspoons salt  
1 beef bouillon cube  
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can chicken broth  
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can beef broth  
1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce  
2 (4 ounce) cans green chilies seeded and chopped  
1 small onion, chopped fine

- Step Three:**  
3 pounds beef chuck, cut into 1/4-inch cubes  
2 tablespoons oil

- Step Four:**  
1 tablespoon cumin  
Salt to taste  
Mix spices together in step one. Remove 1/2 cup.  
Bring ingredients in step two

a boil in chili pot with the remaining spices. Stir well.  
Heat oil in fry pan and brown meat. Drain and add to chili pot. Cook 2 1/2 hours on low simmer. Add water if necessary.  
Add the 1/2 cup of spice mix and cumin in step four and cook 1/2 hour longer until the meat is tender. Adjust salt if necessary.

Here's Ray Frederick's award-winning chili recipe

## TIGER'S BITE CHILI

- 2 1/2 pounds chuck, cubed  
1/2 pound ground chuck  
4 1/2 tablespoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon paprika  
1 tablespoon New Mexico chili powder  
2 1/2 tablespoons cumin  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
1 tablespoon onion powder

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped fine  
1 (14 1/2 ounce can) beef broth  
6 ounces beer  
1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce  
2 (4 ounce) cans green chilies seeded and chopped fine  
Salt to taste

Mix all the dry ingredients together and remove 1/2 cup. Brown the meat in a non-stick pan and drain excess grease.

In a chili pot, mix the remaining spices with the jalapeno, beef broth, beer, tomato sauce and green chilies. Bring to a boil. Add browned meat and cook 2 hours until meat is tender. Add the 1/2 cup of spices and cook 30 minutes longer. Salt to taste.

See related story on Taste front.

"This is a great dish for a casual gathering with friends and family," said Sharon Juergens of Streetside Seafood in Birmingham. You will need one big pot and some crusty bread for the tasty broth.

## SEAFOOD STEW

- 12 clams  
40 clean mussels  
2 tablespoons chopped shallots  
2 tablespoons chopped garlic  
4 chopped anchovies  
4 heaping cups of peeled and seeded tomatoes  
3 cups dry white wine  
1 tablespoon chili flakes  
2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme  
1/2 cup butter  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 roasted red pepper, diced  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large pot over low heat sweat the shallots, garlic and anchovies in olive oil. Add the mussels, clams, fresh herbs, chili flakes and wine. Cover the pot and steam over medium heat until shellfish open. Uncover and add tomatoes and roasted red pepper. Blend in the butter and simmer for 2 to 4 minutes. Season to taste and serve immediately. Serves 4.

**Wine notes:** The classic wine for shellfish is a crisp white wine with good acidity from either France or Italy. This dish possesses strong seasonings such as anchovies, garlic and fresh herbs, which calls for a wine with sufficient body.

My first choice would be an Arneis from Italy. Arneis is fresh and lively enough for seafood, and the acidity is there to give it power. Bruno Giacosa makes an example of Arneis.

My second choice, almost tied for first, would be Viognier from the Rhone Valley in the

**The classic wine for shellfish is a crisp white wine with good acidity from either France or Italy.**

south of France. The appellation is Condrieu. Guigal makes a classic example of Viognier that is floral and herbaceous with incredible length in the finish.

This gourmet pancake recipe is compliments of Chef Denise Caudry, executive chef, Travis Point Country Club in Ann Arbor.

## YOGURT PUMPKIN PANCAKES

- 1 cup all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
2 tablespoons sugar  
3/4 cup milk  
1 egg  
3 tablespoons sweet melted butter  
1/2 cup yogurt  
1 cup pumpkin puree  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Mix dry ingredients together in a small bowl. Beat egg with milk.

In a large bowl, add melted butter, lemon juice, pumpkin, yogurt and vanilla extract. Gradually add flour mixture.

Preheat a skillet over medium heat, add a scant drop of corn oil and pour 1/4 cup batter per pancake onto hot skillet.

Cook pancakes on the first side until they are puffed and full of bubbles, looking dry at the edges. Turn and cook until the second side is golden.

Serve with maple syrup and butter.

# Easy Beef Paprikash ready in 30 minutes

AP - A casual dinner party for friends is a sociable way to greet autumn and catch up on what everyone did during the summer.

An easy meal can be assembled around a savory 30-minute Beef Paprikash, a hearty dish that won't keep hosts away from guests too long. It uses tender beef sirloin, stir-fried, plus sauerkraut and noodles cooked in the same skillet. Green peas would be a nice accompaniment.

A no-cook appetizer such as apple wedges with Cheddar

cheese and crusty bread could start the meal, and plum crisp served for dessert would be a fine finish.

## 30-MINUTE BEEF PAPRIKASH

- 1 pound boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
2 medium onions, sliced  
16-ounce package sauerkraut, rinsed, drained

- 1 tablespoon paprika  
1/4 cup water  
13 3/4-ounce can ready-to-serve beef broth  
1/2 cup water  
1/4 cup tomato paste  
1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds  
1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper  
3 1/2 cups uncooked medium noodles  
Chopped fresh parsley  
1/4 cup dairy sour half-and-half

Trim fat from steak. Cut steak into 1-inch pieces and then cut each in half. In large nonstick skillet or Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add beef one-half at a time and stir-fry 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or

until outside surface is no longer pink. (Do not overcook.) Remove from skillet with slotted spoon; set aside.

In same skillet, add onions, sauerkraut, paprika and 1/4 cup water. Cook and stir until onions are tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in broth, 1/2 cup water, tomato paste, caraway seeds, red pepper and noodles, stirring to separate noodles. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cover tightly and simmer 10 minutes or until noodles are tender.

Remove from heat; return beef to skillet. Cover and let stand 1 minute. Sprinkle with parsley; serve with sour half-and-half. Makes 4 servings.

**Nutritional facts per serving:** 416 cal., 35 g pro., 39 g carbo., 14 g fat, 935 mg sodium, 113 mg chol.

Recipe from: National Cattleman's Beef Association.



*in the 90s*  
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

## ATTACKING PLAQUE

Brushing after meals is certainly a good idea, however, while food debris plays a contributing role in creating tooth decay, plaque is the real villain. This sticky bacterial film coats teeth and generates destructive acids, particularly when the bacteria are digesting food particles. The main goal of brushing, therefore, is to prevent plaque buildup which, in turn, will prevent food from increasing acid production. Because it takes 16 to 24 hours for significant accumulations of plaque to build up on teeth, careful brushing twice daily, and flossing once a day, will effectively keep plaque under control, the best regimen consists of brushing and flossing before going to bed, and then brushing again

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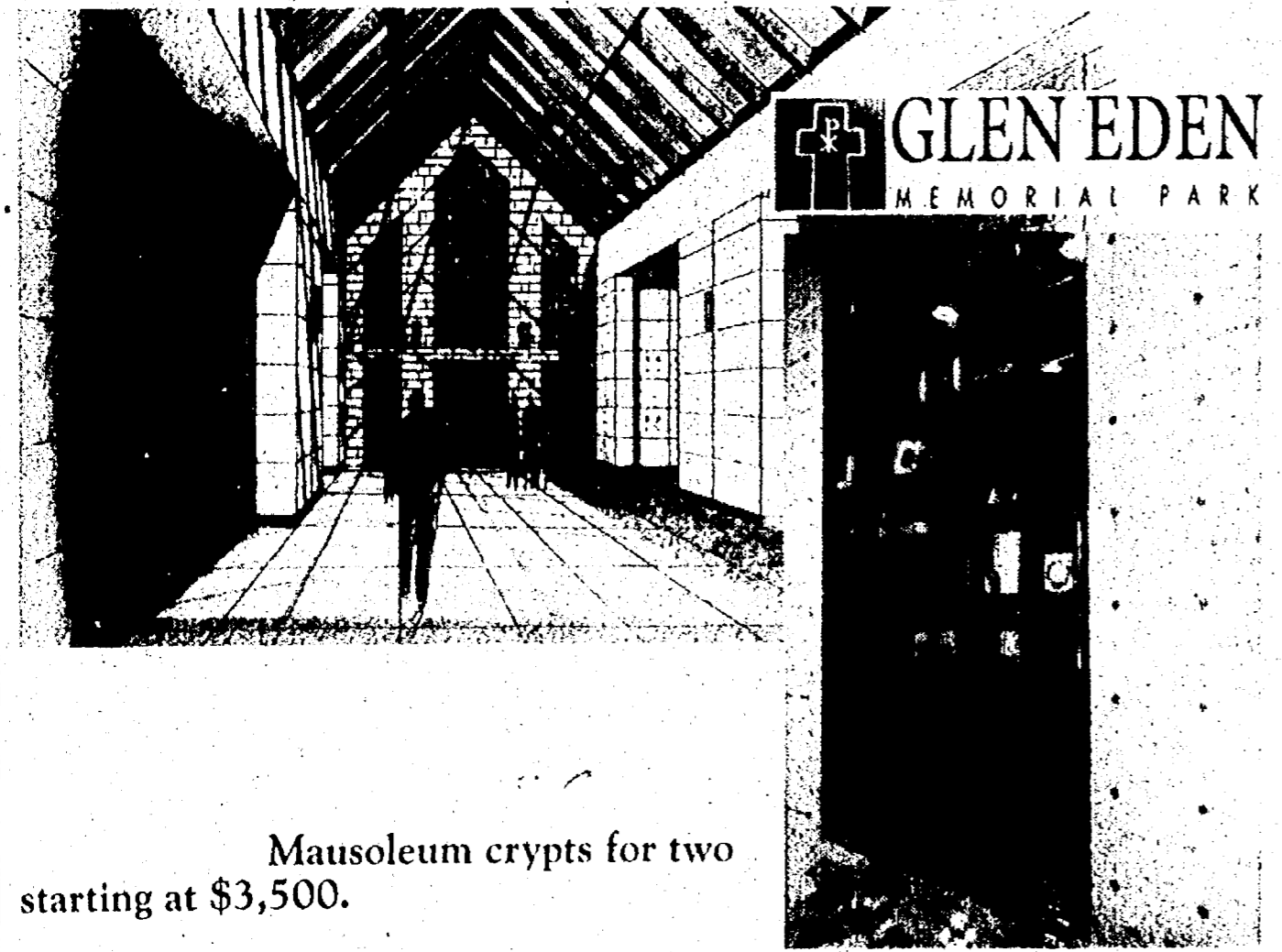
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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Recipes for life

Presbyterian-Village Westland (32001 Cherry Hill) will host the first in a series of health information coffee hours for older adults, Sept. 29 from 10-11 a.m. Experts from Oakwood Healthcare System will present "Recipes for Life," which outlines how to get truly involved in life by exploring ways to use recreation to meet personal needs. For reservations call (734) 728-5222.

### Future planning

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is presenting a free lecture on Advance Directives: Planning for your healthcare decisions. Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium. This is a panel presentation to inform people about Advanced Directives, Durable Power of Attorney and Healthcare and Patient Rights. Registration is requested. Call (800) 494-1650 or (734) 655-8940.

### Services offered

The Medilodge Group, Inc., has made available to local clubs and organizations a representative to discuss topics that include assisted living, long-term care, services available, reimbursement under Medicare only to name a few. If interested please contact the administrator or admission director at West Trail Nursing Center of Plymouth, (734) 453-3983.

### Cancer survivors

Cancer Survivors' Network has planned a workshop, Oct. 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center for those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Cost is \$20 for CSN members; \$25 by non-members and includes lunch and parking. Call (810) 231-2071 to register.

### MS conference

Learn about the latest breakthroughs in multiple sclerosis (MS) research on Saturday, October 3. MS expert Dr. Patricia Coyle will be speaking at the MS Society, Michigan Chapter's Annual Meeting at the Ypsilanti Marriott Eagle Crest Hotel in Ypsilanti. This is the first ever statewide interactive video broadcast of MS research information in Michigan. To register contact the MS Society at (800) 243-5767, ext. 227.

### Migraine control

St. Mary Hospital is holding a discussion on "Taking Charge of Your Migraine," Tuesday, October 6 from 7-9 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. An informative discussion about the causes and treatment of migraine headaches. Saleem Tahir, M.D., a Neurologist at St. Mary Hospital, will be the facilitator.

To register call (734) 655-8940. This community program is sponsored by Glaxowellcome and is free to the public.

### Sleep apnea

The American Sleep Apnea Association, A.W.A.K.E. (Alert, Well and Keeping Energetic) will host a discussion on diet and nutrition: eating the healthy way by registered dietitian Alicia Taub. Sponsored by a health group for people with sleep-disordered breathing, the program will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 at Garden City Hospital - Sleep Disorders Centers in the Medical Office Building (classroom #4). For more information call (734) 458-3330.

### We want your health news

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

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## Hand-to-hand combat

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON • STAFF WRITER

What 20-second task could save you, a child or total stranger from a food-borne illness, diarrhea, cold or worst — a life-threatening sickness?

Washing your hands. And not just a single swipe under a faucet of cool running water but the proper disinfecting technique that takes a few extra seconds yet could spare you, or those you come in contact with, from becoming seriously ill.

"Hand washing is the single most important means in preventing the spread of infection," reports the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

The most unpleasant of statistics notes that we carry germs and bacteria on our hands and under our fingernails from raw meat, fish and poultry, handling garbage, body fluids, pets and cuts/wounds. Not surprising, it's those germs that are then passed on from person to person via handshakes, sneezes, money, door handles, telephone receivers, computer keyboards and a whole host of other carriers.

### Dirty little secret

In 1996, the Wirthlin Worldwide international research firm conducted a "Hand washing Observational and Telephone Survey" for the Bayer Corp. Pharmaceutical Division. Among their findings:

- 94 percent of respondents (1,004 adults) claimed they always wash up after using the restroom. The observational study however, viewed 6,333 adults in public restrooms and found just 68 percent in fact did so.

- Few said they washed their hands after petting an animal (84 percent), coughing/sneezing (33 percent) or handling money (22 percent). Percentage

rates increased when respondents did such things as change a diaper, or handling/eating food.

- Use of instant hand sanitizers (that don't require the user to rinse with water) resulted in a significant increase in bacterial numbers on hands in contrast to plain hand soaps, antimicrobial soaps and E2-rated hand soaps.

Washing your hands should be second nature, particularly if you're involved with the food service industry. The source of food-borne illnesses often originate when workers responsible for preparing, cooking or serving food haven't taken the proper sanitary precautions before, during or after handling food.

The use of disposable gloves, similar to those worn by staff at your local deli, can help to decrease the transmission of germs as long as they are worn properly and discarded after each use.

The CDC recommends washing hands regularly and following these simple steps to ensure cleanliness comes with every handshake:

- Wet your hands with warm water; use soap; rub your hands briskly together to loosen any dirt and germs. Take 20 seconds or more to do a thorough job. Pay special attention to your fingernails, where germs can hide.

- Rinse your hands under clean warm water. Dry your hands on a paper towel or with an air dryer (see sketch).

### Teaching our young

A study of 305 Detroit school children by the same research firm found that students who washed their hands four times a day had 24 percent fewer sick days due to respiratory illness and 51 percent fewer days lost because of stomach ailments.

The students' sick days for a 37-day period were compared to eight other classrooms that did not have scheduled hand washing. "Although the hand washing reduced sick days, it had no effect on the doctor, prescription or over-the-counter drug use or parents' loss of time at work," as reported by Reuters New Media, 1996.

### Good habits

According to Isbister Elementary School first-grade teacher Joanne Kokoszka, she has instituted a regular routine of hand washing and sanitizing before lunch, after recess and after a sneeze in an effort to avoid the spread of germs.

"Germs run rampant in a classroom," said Kokoszka asks the parents of her



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**Clean-as-whistle:** Above, Isbister Elementary School first-grade teacher Joanne Kokoszka provides a squirt of hand sanitizer for Jessica Repp and Jarrod Endicott, both 6. Upper left, Katie Hagen, Hillary O'Callaghan and Ryan DelCol sanitize their hands before a snack.

20-plus to donate tissue and hand sanitizer.

The Plymouth teacher said soap dispensers can be found in each classroom and she encourages her students to develop good hygiene habits at an early age by teaching them the importance of clean hands.

"We also sanitize the tables at the end of the day because of the number of activities we do from morning to afternoon," added Kokoszka.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Health Director Ron Barrett said hand washing is critical.

"It's essential in preventing the spread of germs and disease," said Barrett. "Children need to know how to

properly wash their hands and when for germ prevention to be effective."

Barrett makes available to parents a brochure on hand washing at Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Development Center in Westland where he is principal. The leaflet outlines a concerted effort nationwide called "Operation Clean Hands," an objective initiated in the Healthy People 2000 goals and supported by Bayer Corp. - Pharmaceutical Division.

Other issues addressed include why it's important to wash your hands, when is it necessary and what the proper techniques are to ensure your hands are truly clean.

## Tips to be bee free during fall activities

This is the time of year when fruits ripen, the earth brings forth its abundance, and hornets and yellow jackets are at their most abundant and annoying.

Roger Sutherland, director of the Schoolcraft College Bee-

keeper's Chapter of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeeper's Association, warns that it's easy to confuse these pesky "bees" with honey bees, which rarely cause problems around homes or picnic areas.

"Hornets and yellow jackets actually seek out areas near people in search of food for their young," Sutherland said. "Honey bees seek sweet liquids, not other types of food. They are golden brown and fuzzy, while hornets and yellow jackets are not fuzzy, but shiny black and yellow."

If a hornet or yellow jacket

lands on you, Sutherland says, don't panic.

"They are not looking for a fight, just lunch. Brush them off slowly and gently. Swatting, waving or bouncing only aggravates them. Slow, gentle movements are not threatening. Foraging insects are not protecting a nest and tend not to be aggressive."

### Sutherland suggested these additional tips:

- Wear smooth-tan or-white clothing.
- Avoid excessive hair spray, perfume, cologne or sun tan lotion.
- Don't rely on insect repellents since they are not effective on any of these insects.
- Keep sweets like candy, cakes or cookies covered when outside.
- Keep glasses or bottles of beer, pop or juices to a minimum.

If you've enjoyed and outdoor picnic remember to dispose of any empty containers, wrapper and fruit peelings. If you keep the trash receptacle covered, that will be one more step in keeping the bees and hornets free from your area.

- Before choosing a picnic site, scout the area briefly for any obvious nets.
- Ask nearby picnickers if they are having insect problems.
- Always double check glass or bottle containers before drinking from it.
- Prepare foods, especially, grilled meats in a timely manner, and don't leave that last hot dog on the grill.
- Clean up plates, dishes and glasses when finished and keep covered.
- Use common sense, keep your picnic area tidy and keep your eyes open.

## St. Joseph's opens treatment center for non-healing wounds

The Wound Care Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has opened in the Reichert Health Building to offer comprehensive, interdisciplinary therapy for treating chronic non-healing wounds. Nearly five million Americans suffer with chronic open sores as a result of diabetes, pressure ulcers or circulatory problems.

Patients at the center are evaluated to determine any underlying condition, such as diabetes, that might inhibit the natural healing process. After the assessment, an individualized treatment program is planned that addresses the multiple factors which influence wound healing, including nutrition, pressure relief and care of the wound at home.

"Our average patient is about 65 years old and has suffered from a chronic wound for approximately nine months," explained Wound Care Center Director Molly Rikas. "The center helps patients recover from their often-debilitating wounds and reduces the need for hospitalization or intensive outpatient care. Our healing rate is very high."

The center is part of a nationwide network of wound care centers operated by Curative Health Services of Hauppauge, New York, under a contractual agreement, staff at the Wound Care Center will be employed by Curative, with St. Joe's handling support services.

Richard Beil, M.D., on St. Joe's medical staff, serves as medical director for the Wound Care Center.



# Internet meets many needs



MIKE WENDLAND

**PC MIKE**  
Neal Berry was homeless. He lived in tent under a couple of freeway overpasses near San Rafael, Calif. And he'd probably still be living there had not someone abandoned an old car not far from his campsite, which

was helping prepare him for the solid future. He earned enough doing odd jobs and temporary labor to pay for the cellular phone and the access charges to the Net.

"With me, instead of watching TV six hours a day, I'm on-line talking to real live people."

And he learned enough, he said, to carve out a career as a computer network specialist, something he planned to actively start pursuing in Oregon just as soon as his legal difficulties in San Rafael were straightened out.

I tell the story of Neal Berry at all my computer and Internet seminars (the next one Oct. 31, call (248) 423-2721 to reserve a spot) to illustrate how the Internet has become a way of life for many. And while Berry's story is far from typical, I am amazed every day by some of the ways people are using the Net.

For example, here's some stories from my e-mail:

■ Two brothers, 17 and 15, wrote to tell me that they are attending school - in their Orlando, Fla. home - on their computer. The school they attend is 3,000 miles away, in California (<http://www.laurel-springs.com/>), and the teenagers have never set foot inside it.

The brothers told me they spend about four hours a day hooked up to the Laurel Springs High School on the family PC, communicating with their teachers via e-mail and doing their research for class projects on the Internet.

■ A Madison, Wis. man e-mailed me to tell me that he was watching a series of pictures sent over the Web of a funeral (<http://www.sk.com>). Every 30 seconds a new picture appeared of the funeral service, and other mourners were exchanging messages of condolences.

The images are from the off-Broadway play "Grandma Sylvia's Funeral" and are being sent to demonstrate the feasibility

of having "Cyberfunerals."

"If everyone lived in the same town the way it used to be, they would all be together and then have dinner and cry," explains Jack Martin, whose Simplex Knowledge Co. is experimenting with the concept.

"This way, they get to be connected with their family and friends again and still have their lives."

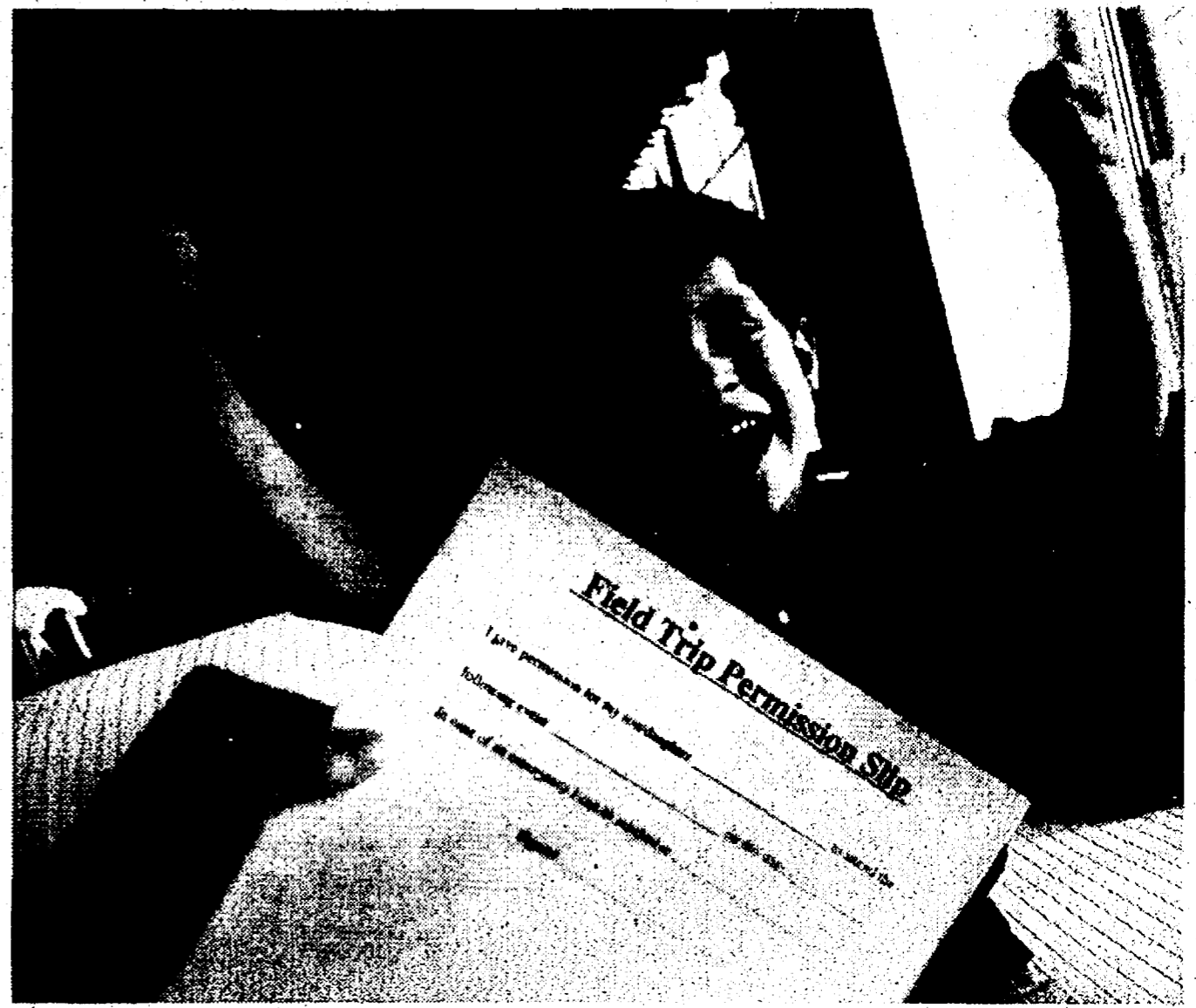
■ A middle-aged man in Texas told me how he was tracing his family roots from Germany by searching data banks of immigration statistics and 100-year-old marriage, birth and death certificates, online, through genealogical sites on the Web. So far, he's gone back four generations and thinks he is the descendant of the Germanic equivalent of royalty.

■ Two best friends in a tiny little town in North Dakota shared with me how they did work, for extra credit in their eighth-grade science class, by looking at pictures being sent back from space and sending e-mail to orbiting astronauts on Space Shuttle flights (<http://www.shuttle.nasa.gov>).

■ A man who recently lost his middle-management job at a big Chicago consulting firm sent me a thank-you note to say how he had found a new job, online (<http://www.careerpath.com>).

■ And in Alaska, with the sun still visible in the sky at midnight - a high school English teacher told me how he unwinds each night before going to sleep by logging on to the New York Times where he reads the latest theater news (<http://www.nytimes.com>).

Mike Wendland covers the Internet for NBC-TV Neuschanel stations across the country. His "PC Talk" radio show airs Saturday and Sunday afternoons on Detroit's WXYT-AM 1270. He is the author of a series of Internet books. You can reach him through his Web site at <http://www.pcmike.com>



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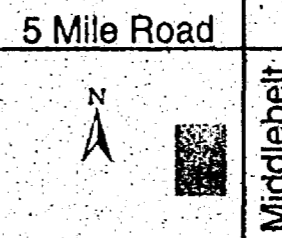
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## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

### Orchestra celebrates with song and food

The 11th annual "Sunday, Songs & Symphony" promises to top last year's fall fund-raiser for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. Co-chairs Sister Francilene and Ken Kelsey are pulling out all the stops. They moved the event to a new location, and are holding a special raffle in addition to offering the customary performances by the orchestra, tasty samplings from area restaurants, bakeries and businesses, and dozens of items in a silent auction Sunday, Oct. 4.

The spacious mall will provide plenty of room for the estimated 1,000 guests to wander past tables of Maryland crab cakes, chocolate mousse, halibut bisque, breads, cookies, tortes, pastries, and other delights too numerous to mention.

"It's the social, musical event of the season," said Kelsey. "If someone's not sure if they'll like symphonic music this gives them a chance to hear the orchestra. The price of the ticket pays for their food and it's a chance to try different foods."

Sister Francilene VanDeVyver stresses this a fun evening and the orchestra program reflects that by featuring selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "My Fair Lady," and all-time favorites such as "I Could Have Danced All Night." Joining the orchestra will be vocalist Darlene McMullen.

"It's a really delightful event to share with family and friends," said Sister Francilene. "It's fun for people to wander around and eat, listen to the music and maybe bid on some of the items."

Now in its 26th season, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra struggles like all other nonprofits to fund their budget. The "Sunday, Songs & Symphony" fund-raiser is one of the main links to acquiring the \$130,500 it will take to present six concerts, one more than the 1997-98 season, and guest artists such as flutist Alexander Zonjic and Armenian cellist Vagran Saradjian.

### Sunday, Songs and Symphony

**WHAT:** The Livonia Symphony Orchestra's annual fund-raiser features performances of popular music and light classics; tastings from area restaurants, bakeries and businesses; a silent auction, and raffle.

**WHEN:** 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

**WHERE:** Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

**COST:** Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, call (734) 464-2741 or (734) 421-1111.

third of the budget so benefits like the gala evening Oct. 4 ensure that the orchestra is able to continue presenting quality programming. Orchestra members do their part by donating their services. Major sponsors, including the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Time Warner Cable, Northwest Airlines, and the Livonia Mall and its merchants association also help make the event a success.

"We're expanding our concert season this year so it's really important

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## Painter deals with

# SURREAL DEMONS

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Whyte Conlin calls herself a "work in progress."

Abandoned at age four by her father, Conlin lived as a prisoner of fears until music and painting helped her overcome the demons inside her.

A rock guitarist since she was 19, Conlin traded in her guitar for brushes and paints two years ago. Armed with an upbeat attitude, Conlin's ready to show the world her darkest, deepest secrets in "The Emotions Collection," a one-woman show at the Wyland Gallery in Birmingham. She's exhibiting surreal

al paintings, drawings and painted furniture, including a coffee table featuring an underwater fish scene.

Dressed in black, rock regalia, Conlin, a lifelong resident of Redford Township, moves from painting to painting explaining the concepts behind them. There are headless bodies on a beach, dark figures bound by their own emotions.

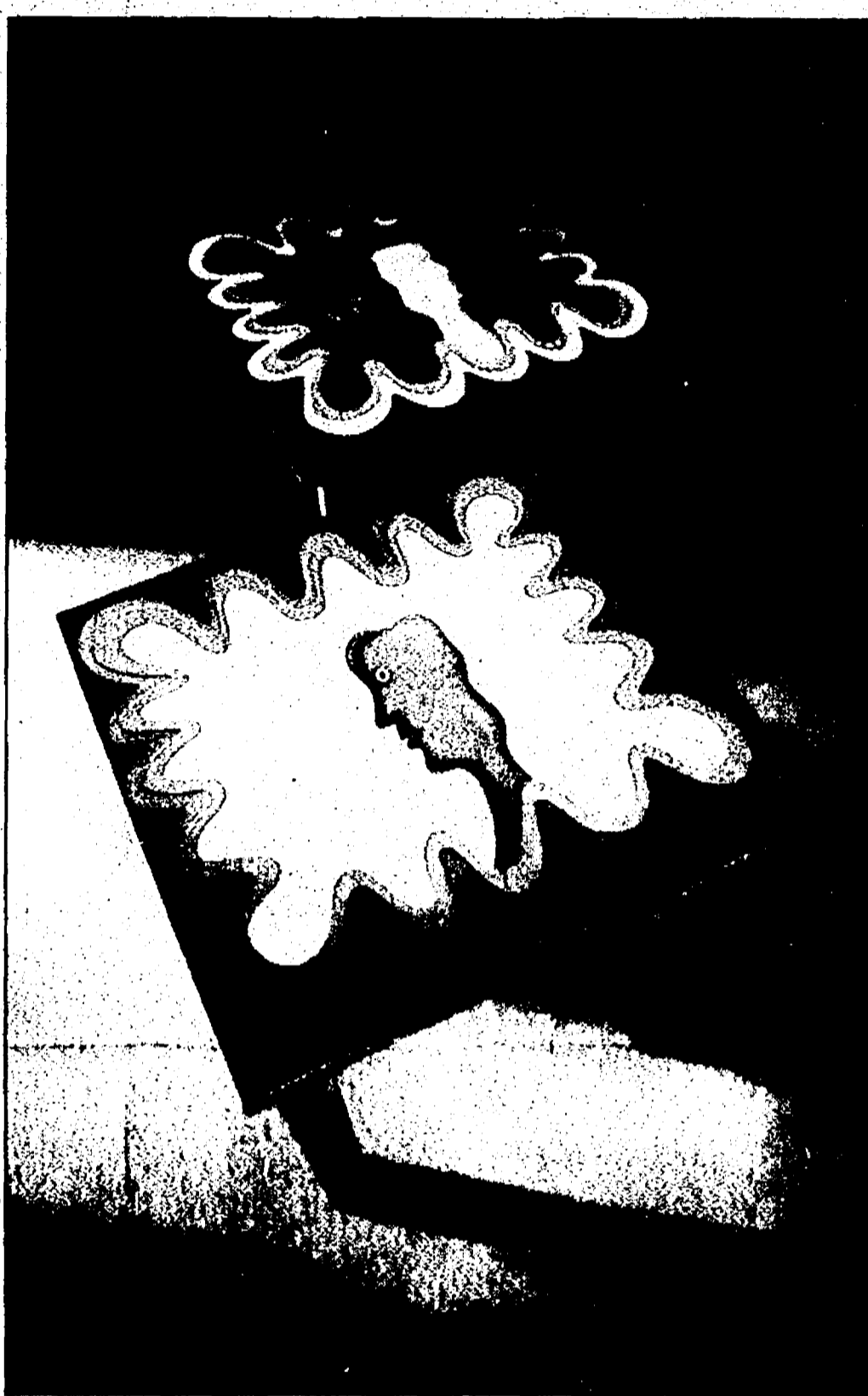
"All the ones with the dark background are me," said Conlin.

"I've gone through bouts of depression throughout my life. I decided to change my life."

Until a few years ago, Conlin played lead guitar and sang in Damzel. Now 35, Conlin has set aside her guitar to paint, although she still does studio work, and readily admits music's influence on her art. Music seemed a natural career choice for Conlin since she grew up listening to her mother Sophie Whyte sing and play country music in a band. Released in 1993, the rock group's last CD "Castle Walls" (on Premier Records) deals with a "World of Broken Dreams" among other subjects.



Surreal revelations: Cheryl Whyte Conlin stands in front of the painting "Buried Emotions," one of the works in her one-person show at the Wyland Gallery in Birmingham.



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Sunshine and wisdom: These tables were painted by Cheryl Whyte Conlin.

"You have to be able to feel the music," said Conlin. "You have to be able to feel to paint. Music taught me how to feel emotions. I always suppressed my emotions."

Conlin felt abandoned by her mother as well as her father in those early years. The time Sophie had to devote to her daughter was limited because of rehearsing and performing. Conlin's finally come to terms with the loss of love she felt and appreciates one of the most valuable gifts from her mother.

"My mom supported me in my music and painting," said Conlin. "She always told me I could do whatever I wanted to do if I put my mind to it."

Untrained as a painter, Conlin drew photo realistic portraits of rock musicians, animals and landscape for 10 years before volunteering to paint sets for a production of "Wizard of Oz" at a high school in Royal Oak. From painting sets, Con-

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### The Emotions Collection

**WHAT:**

An exhibition of oil and acrylic paintings, painted furniture, and drawings by Redford Township artist Cheryl Whyte Conlin. Complimentary wine and cheese reception with Conlin 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3.

**WHERE:**

Wyland Gallery of Michigan, 280 Merrill, Birmingham. Call (248) 723-9220

**WHEN:**

Saturday, Oct. 3 to Saturday, Oct. 31. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, and until 9:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

## ART DOLLS EXHIBIT

# Artists stitch up imaginary worlds

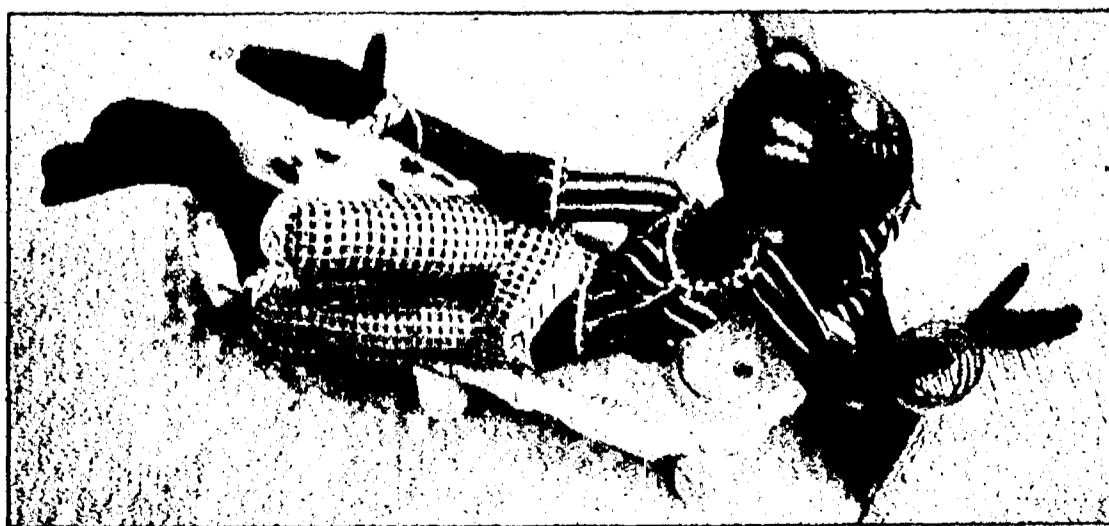
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

One day in the midst of hand engraving magnesium plates to emboss quilt designs on greeting cards, Diane Lewis thought why not use the same process to create dolls' faces.

Fabricating ideas is nothing new for Lewis. She's made a career of coming up with concepts for novelties such as recycled fruit cake ornaments, Critter Capsules and Money To Burn, fireplace starters in the shape of a roll of \$100 bills.

After years of baking fruit cake in dog food cans before encasing the sweet treat in Lucite, Lewis thought enough is enough. She's traded in the novelties to make art dolls.

"April in May," Lewis's white fabric art doll, is one of more than two dozen on display along with fiber art by Sandra Weed of Westland in a show sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission. "In Celebration of the Doll - The Figure in Cloth" features artists from across the U.S. and Canada.

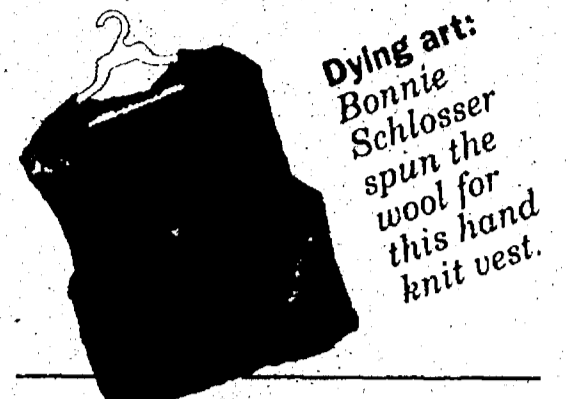


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"Funny You Should Ask:" This reclining figure is by nationally known doll artist Elinor Peace Bailey of California.

"Ideas is what I do best," said Lewis. "What's so exciting is you find this is fun and then you realize what can grow out of it. Since then I've experimented with gessoing over the muslin faces and also gessoing then antiquing them."

Hand engraving magnesium embossing dies or plates is Lewis's specialty. She and her husband own and operate Lewis & Lewis, a small business producing foiling and embossing for the printing industry. It was while replicating the stitching in quilts for greeting



Dying art: Bonnie Schlosser spun the wool for this hand knit vest.

## Old Village spotlights fine crafts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When most people hear the word crafts they think of cute knick-knacks, but not Diane Quinn. She had the time-honored arts of glass blowing, spinning wool, jewelry making, scrimshaw, and quilting in mind when she founded the Old Village Craft Fair in 1996.

The fair is the exact opposite of the expansive Art in the Park, Quinn produces in July in Plymouth. Instead of fighting their way from booth to booth, shoppers enjoy a relaxed ambiance while strolling down Liberty Street where in the 1800s village shops housed a collection of groceries, dry goods and general merchandise. Quinn thinks visitors love fall colors as much as she does so she decorates the area with pumpkins, cornstalks and potted mums to set a harvest mood.

"It's a fun time of year to come and start your holiday shopping," said Quinn, "and the Old Village show is a completely different atmosphere, more intimate. You can get to the artists booths and actually watch them practicing their crafts, and there'll be continuous dulcimer music by Charlene Berry."

### Dying art

If you see Bonnie Schlosser spinning wool on her "gossip" wheel stop by and say hello. Schlosser spins the wool, dyes it then knits or hand-weaves scarves, hats and vests. She used to raise the sheep and goats for the wool when living on a farm in Fenton. The 8- to 12- pounds of wool sheared from one sheep yields three to six adult-size sweaters. The labor involved in crafting a single item is almost immeasurable, but Schlosser's sense of humor keeps her spinning.

"After I moved to town, I couldn't pass them off as little dogs," said Schlosser, "so now, I purchase my wool from Michigan farmers."

Schlosser explains that the wool sheared from sheep is 7- to 8-inches long. Commercial processing reduces the length to as short as one-inch. Washing, bleaching and dyeing fur-

Please see **OLD VILLAGE, C5**

### In Celebration of the Doll - The Figure in Cloth

**WHAT:** A joint exhibition of art dolls by nationally known artists, and fiber art by Sandra Weed of Westland.

**WHEN:** Through Friday, Oct. 2.

**WHERE:** Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington.

cards and experimenting with intricate patterns that Lewis realized a stronger material was necessary to maintain detail. Cloth was the logical choice. Next, came the doll faces.

"Once I recognized the possibilities I knew I wanted to create a three dimensional face with all the features in fabric," said Lewis. "While many dolls have felt faces, none existed in muslin."

That first monochromatic doll served as a springboard for several others now on exhibit in Putnam Companies' "Faces of the World" tour. Another was commissioned by Spring Maid Industries to showcase their new line of "For Quilters Only" fabric.

All of the cloth dolls in the exhibit

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# Expressions from page C1

to have these fund-raisers," said Livonia Symphony president Robert Bennett.

LSO violinist Kathy Zuchniewicz is looking forward to bidding on the art objects, music lessons, sports memorabilia, Red Wings items and home decorative accessories in the silent auction.

"The variety of food, the silent auction, it's so much fun," said Zuchniewicz, a Novi resident. "I enjoy it because I've learned of different restaurants and found some new favorites."

More importantly, Zuchniewicz added, the event supports the orchestra. And if you like what you hear, you can purchase season tickets at the fundraiser for \$75, quite a bargain when tickets cost \$15 each for the six concerts.

"Musicians and music are expensive," Zuchniewicz said. "I don't think people realize how much it costs for a concert. The facilities and operating the light and sound systems is expensive."

Conductor Volodymyr Sche-

siuk is inviting the community to come meet the orchestra and enjoy the evening. He's excited about the new season featuring young piano prodigy Joshua Cullen and a Good Friday concert at St. Genevieve Church in Livonia. Additionally, during each concert the orchestra will perform a piece of romantic American music thanks to sponsors Christopher and Laura Tew.

"We can statistically see our audience is growing," said Sche-siuk of Garden City. "We hope the fund-raiser can bring more people to our concerts. I try to promote the orchestra name wherever I can."

If you can't attend "Sunday, Songs & Symphony" you can still support the orchestra by purchasing raffle tickets. Only 900 tickets will be sold for the special auction with a \$1,000 first prize, and two airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. as second prize. The odds of winning are good and tickets are a bargain at \$10 each or three for \$25.

# Dolls from page C1

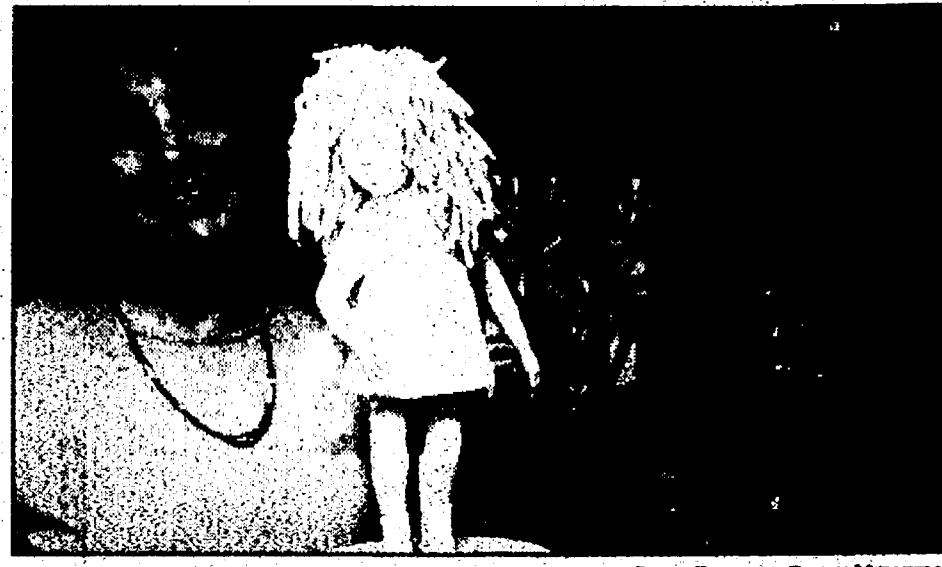
touch an emotional chord in the viewer. From the Bosnian Muslim refugee in babushka by Carol Stygles (Jackson, Mich.) in "Dusya's Story" to "The Relaxing Grandpa" complete with fingernails and porcelain teeth by Wacharee of Calif., the dolls evoke a smile, tear or cause for thought.

"You say cloth doll and no two are alike," said Lewis, a Livonia resident.

"The term cloth doll is misleading because these are sculptures," said Saundra Weed. "For anybody who likes fiber this is a wonderful show. Anybody who loves quilts, anybody who loves dolls, will love this show."

Originally begun as a fabric challenge by a fabric company more than 10 years ago, the exhibition illustrates the versatility of cloth. The show opened at the International Quilts Market and Festival last October in Houston. It's next stop is the We Folk of Cloth Conference in Maryland.

Since the shows are a year in the making, curator Kathleen Bricker chooses artists, not dolls, for the exhibit based on individual styles and techniques. Bricker uses the same criteria as when she owned the Backdoor Gallery of art dolls in Farmington. She strives for a variety of styles from traditional to cutting edge. Next year's show is now sitting



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL  
Fiber art: Diane Lewis (left) and Saundra Weed are two of the artists creating with fabric in an exhibit sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

on her dining room table waiting to be shipped to Houston.

"When someone says dolls everyone thinks of Barbie and Raggedy Ann," said Bricker. "But when people walk in to see the show they're amazed to see the creativity. These are women who love to play with fabric. Rather than paint, they want to do something that has dimension and form, and some take an inner journey to do that."

Bricker chose Lewis's doll because artists rarely create in an all white theme.

"The fact that she's chosen to do a monochromatic doll that doesn't look flat is amazing," said Bricker. "It's a very effective piece. The color can hide everything. But when you're working in all white you can't hide the flaws."

### Dressing up

Saundra Weed's colorful wall hangings, including landscapes, and wearable art offers an alternative to the dolls and in some instances a backdrop. Weed turns vintage fabrics

and laces into mountain ranges and floral still life. For many years, Weed owned and operated a wedding gown design shop in Dearborn. A few years ago, she decided to close the shop but still remodels and redesigns wedding gowns. The lace she's collected from vintage gowns now is incorporated into many of the wall hangings and wearable art.

A painting instructor at Schoolcraft College, Weed switched to fabric as a medium after arthritis left her unable to carry the heavy framed works back and forth to exhibits. As a result, she teaches fabric collage at Schoolcraft College and Quilt Works in Plymouth in addition to stitching up murals, clothing and fabric paintings for competitions. Her work is currently in "Gourmet Quilt" and "Extreme Quilts" exhibits at the Greater Flint Arts Council. The "Gourmet Quilt" travels to the American Stitches Sewing Expo Oct. 2-4 at the Novi Expo Center.

"You have to find another way to create," said Weed. "That's what being an artist is all about. You encounter a problem and find a way to resolve it."

Not to be missed is Weed's brightly colored "Birds of Paradise" and her whimsical "If Fishes Were Wishes."

Adds Weed, "this quilt would be done."

# Demons from page C1

lin switched to covering furniture with the designs of animal fur. The painted furniture is available at Andy Sharkey Gallery in Royal Oak, Atrium Gallery, Northville, Hip House next to Gallery FunctionArt, Pontiac, Artloft, Birmingham, and Village Picture Framing and Art Gallery, Dearborn.

From the furniture, Conlin evolved to paint self portraits where she relays her emotions in surrealistic style. The works were shown in June at a Whitney Garden-Party sponsored by C-Pop Gallery.

"I was going through a tough time personally," said Conlin. "In the 'Tormented Soul,' where the

flames are shooting from the side of her head, the soul is trying to escape the body."

The painting was the first of the self portraits after Conlin read "The Artists Way." The book led to Conlin's decision to focus on painting. But after drawing from photographs for 10 years, Conlin found her creativity blocked.

"I could never come up with ideas. In 'Blocked,' I'm trying to relay how I couldn't think of my own ideas. I was paralyzed with fear. I was afraid of everything."

"Introvert and its Demons" and "Facing the Fear" reveal her pain as do the heads scattered on the beach of "Buried Emo-

tions." The surreal scene is a portrait about a dysfunctional family.

"There's all this beauty in the world and they don't see it," said Conlin. "The father is red because he's angry. The mother's green because she's envious of the man."

In "Emotional Dependence," a woman hangs suspended from a man's rib. It's Conlin's way of chastising women who depend on men for their existence. In the painting, the woman is so dependent on the man that she's physically ripped the bone from his body.

"Cheryl's work is strikingly unique," said Robert Krajenke,

Wyland Gallery director. "She takes realistic drawing and expands on that with a surreal element."

### A new day

Conlin's in a hurry to discover her self. She's completed 10 of the paintings in the show since June. "Energy," a more recent work featuring spheres of bright colors emitting from Conlin suggests she's acquiring a positive attitude and self image. "I" incorporates the mountains she wants to climb. One of the newest paintings, "Ridin' the Wave," is about being on top of the world.

That's where Conlin is now and hopes to stay.

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THEATER 'Chicago' gets stripped down to emphasize dance, music

'Chicago - The Musical' continues at Detroit's Fisher Theatre, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 11. Tickets are \$62 to \$35. Call (248)645-6666.



Broadway musical: Jack Hayes (left to right), Belle Calaway and Gary Kilmer in 'Chicago.'

'Come on babe, I know a whoopee spot Where the gin is cold and the piano's hot And all that jazz!'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

'Chicago - The Musical' is a bitterly cynical and highly entertaining concoction.

'Chicago' is a stripped down musical revue that spotlights music, dance and performance in the raw, framed around a musical comedy plot that is almost irrelevant.

Director Walter Bobbie, who originally revived the Bob Fosse, Kander-Ebb musical as a concert piece for New York's Encores series, has created a production in stark black and gold. Though the story of two murderesses and their lawyer takes place in the 1920s, the set is 1998 backstage with an on-stage ersatz jazz band, ladders and simple chairs.

The songs are introduced and staged as vaudeville routines. John Kander's music borrows from the variety of musical styles in the 1920s from Dixieland to tangos to crooning to Jeanette MacDonald trilling.

The Fred Ebb lyrics are about as deep-down nasty as recent news reports. The Ann Reinking choreography, in the style of her mentor Fosse, is energetic, sinuous and sensual.

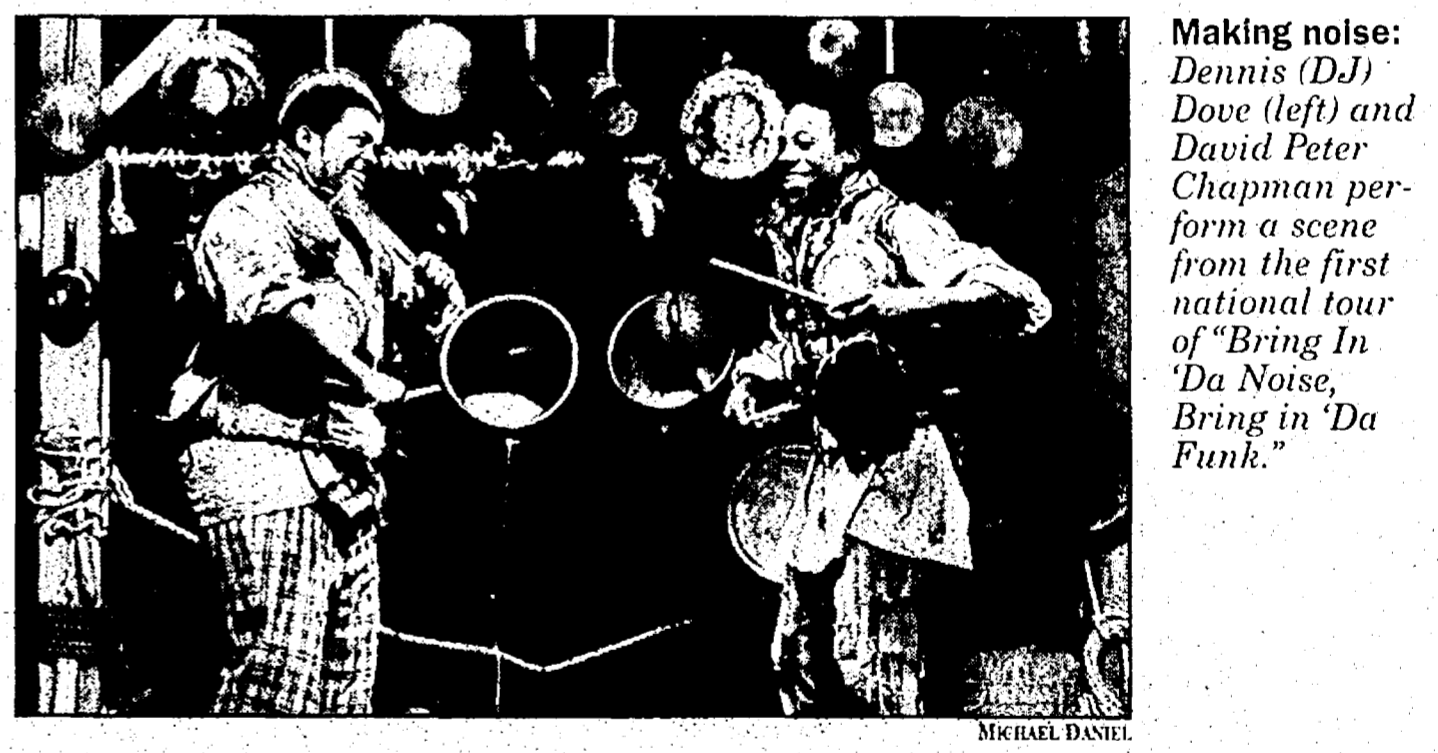
This touring production at the Fisher has the talent. At the top of the list is Stephanie Pope as Velma Kelly. Pope is a long-limbed dancer with a contortionist's flexibility. She is an insinuating singer, equal parts cynical and sexy. Her facial expressions are as fluid as her dance steps. She

sets the attitude with her oh-so-naughty 'All That Jazz.' Belle Calaway is less successful as the more comic and pitiful Roxie Hart. The part was custom made for Gwen Verdon, whose style is hard for others to avoid. Calaway does a fine version of 'Roxie' but seems to hurry through some of her other numbers and is less sure footed than Pope.

Alan Thicke, often referred to as 'the TV actor,' is actually a pretty good musical comedy performer. He plays slickster lawyer, con man and charmer Billy Flynn, complete with the frozen-faced mock sincerity of a TV newsmen. Whether crooning the sappy 'All I Care About' or playing ventriloquist for Roxie in the rapid-fire 'We Both Reached for the Gun,' he commands the attention of the audience and oozes oiliness. But the surprising show stopper is Michael Tucci's rendition

of the Bert Williams' style 'Mister Cellophane,' complete with white gloves and soft shoe footwork. Tucci makes a wonderful schlemiel. Carol Woods as Mama the Matron struts her stuff with authority and, thankfully, doesn't oversell the part. R. Bean is a sweet Mary Sunshine, who warbles like Jeanette MacDonald through a wicked send-up of Rodgers and Hammerstein at their shlockiest.

But in a Bob Fosse show, it's the chorus that provides the punch, and here the 'boys and girls' work up a good sweat through Reinking's imaginative dance numbers and such Kander vocal routines as 'Cell Block Tango.' Of course, the recent news out of Washington helps give new meaning to Fred Ebb's lyrics, drawing howls of recognition from the audience. The more things change, the more they... and all that jazz!



'Noise/Funk' is electrifying fun

'Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk,' 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$22.50-\$39.50, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 872-1000.

Chicago and Harlem. Here is a rousing combo of 1987 gospel and 'hip hop rant.'

BY VICTORIA DIAZ SPECIAL WRITER

Exciting, unique. Electrifying. Colorful. Energizing. Non-stop entertainment. Ear-splitting, yes. Funky, definitely.

These are just a handful of the words you could use to accurately describe 'Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk,' now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre. The one-of-a-kind revue paints - mostly through hard-driving, pulse-pounding, heart-throbbing tap dance - a history of African-Americans, from the earliest days of slavery to contemporary times.

Here is a lonely prisoner shackled in the dark hold of a slave ship. Here are plantation slaves expressing the rhythms of their souls through dance, after drums have been lawfully taken from them. Here is ragtime. Here is Hollywood. Here are the sometimes deadly streets of

his routine focusing on special talents of some of the greatest tap masters in dance history ('Green, Chaney, Buster, Slyde').

Along with the rest of the highly gifted company (Vincent Bingham, Dennis Dove, Thomas Silcott, Martin King and Christopher Scott), the spicy vocal tones (and attitude) of the voluptuous Vickilyn Reynolds add real spark to the production, as do the incredible rhythmic talents of drummers David Peter Chapman and Dennis Dove, who specializes in pots, pans, lids, buckets, washtubs and whatever will provide the appropriate punch and jazzy pizzazz.

Scenic design (Ricardo Hernandez), lighting design (Jules Fisher and Peggy Eisenhauer), sound (Jon Weston) and costumes (Paul Tazewell), though usually not elaborate, reflect the extra-special care and inventiveness that's gone in to this first-rate production.

'Noise/Funk,' with book and lyrics by Reg E. Gaines, and music by Daryl Waters, Zane Mark and Ann Duquesnay, marked its 100th performance this week in Detroit.

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Fall Spectacular



Blushing bride: Romance blossomed at Birmingham's Fall Spectacular fund-raiser for Beaumont Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund. The fashion show featured wedding gowns from Roma Sposa and hairstyles by Todd's Room in Birmingham.

Where can I find?

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

**What We Found:** Marilyn called to say that fortune cookies in a large plastic container can be found at Farmer Jack's.

Found Hallmark's Frosty Friends ornaments for Tom.

Kittens that look real and have real fur can be found in the Country House catalog 1-800-331-3602. Donna carries them at Recycle Kitties, (248) 615-1697, and Gifts, Chimes and Motion at Westland Mall.

Jeanne called to say she collects pattern books and might have one with an oval tablecloth in one of them.

Mary Ellen called with a tip for people looking for old, used items such as the game Pollyanna, Avon bottles, Jacques Cousteau films or any old films, Sunbeam Mixmaster, etc. They can be found on the Web at www.ebay.com (it is an auction place).

Several people called to say they have plant poles and a

milk door for Melissa.

Rose has a juicer for the Sunbeam Mixmaster and an old record player.

Kirk's Castille soap can also be found at Hiller's Market on Five Mile & Haggerty roads in Plymouth, and at J&J IGA on Walton and Perry in Pontiac.

**We're Still Looking For:** Cheryl is looking for a 1975 Crestwood High (Dearborn) yearbook.

Linda wants a game called Lie Detector from the '60s.

Mary wants the recipe that came with the Sears donut machine #3 (round model #320640600). It makes six mini donuts.

Mary needs the directions to crochet an afghan in basket weave (starts in the corner and goes diagonally).

Beth is looking for a Star Wars pinball machine (full size).

June wants a game called Initial Reaction.

Sharon wants paintings of mountain scenes and sunsets (not prints).

Nancy from Canton is looking for "Gee your hair smells terrific" shampoo from the '70s and Mennen hypoallergenic/sensitive skin anti-perspirant and deodorant.

-Compiled by Sandi Jarachas

Next week in Malls & Mainstreets: Meet Evelyn Lauder, senior corporate vice president of the Estee Lauder Companies, ardent philanthropist and talented photographer.

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While some people blame the computer for the demise of handwriting, calligraphic instructor William A. Bostick is working to revive and preserve writing as an art. He has recently published the second edition of his third calligraphy manual. Back to the Second Basic R - 'Ritin' is a manual for adults and children to learn the handwriting of the Italian Renaissance. It includes a ball point pen and the Sheaffer calligraphy fountain pen.

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Grants from Hudson's totaling \$560,000 in the areas of social action and the arts have been awarded to 30 metro-Detroit non-profit organizations. The three focus areas for Hudson's community giving program include: child abuse prevention, youth self-sufficiency and education through the arts. Grant-making decisions were made by a committee of store employees. The largest community giving committee award went to Christians United in Business Endeavors for youth career and entrepreneurial programs. Arts and cultural leadership grants totaled \$260,000.

COUTURE BENEFITS KIDS

Orchards Children's Services, a private, non-profit child welfare agency that services foster children in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, raised over \$10,000 from the Neiman Marcus Fall '98 Couture Collection Fashion Show on Sept. 18. Proceeds from the event will help underwrite the purchase of toys and clothing for Orchards upcoming Toy Drive.



Which is the correct view of origins-evolution or creation? Is organic evolution a "fact" of science? Is creation a credible alternative? What is the creationists' response to the alleged evidences for evolution? What are the scientific evidences supporting creation? Does God exist? Is His existence provable? Is the Bible inspired by God?

You are cordially invited to attend a seminar dealing with these and other important issues. The speaker is Dr. Bert Thompson, former professor, College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University. All sessions are free: no collections of any kind will be made. In addition, handout materials accompanying each lecture will be made available free-of-charge to those in attendance. Most sessions are followed by an open "question and answer" session.

SCHEDULE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998 3:00-3:30 pm Refreshments SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1998 7:00 PM The Creation/Evolution Controversy The Case for a Creator The Genesis account of Creation The Nature of God The Bible, Science, and the Origin of Life The Creation of the Earth The Record of the Fossil Record SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1998 1:00-3:00 pm Creation or Evolution-Which? (Part 1) Two, and only two, theories: creation or evolution Controversy of Theism, Evolution, Percipitatory creationism, science and the Bible The record of the fossils (except fossil man) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998 10:00 am Scientific Evidences for the Inspiration of the Bible 10:55 am The Effect of Evolution on the Home, Church, and Nation All sessions will be held at the GARDEN CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST 1657 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 734-422-8660

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TRAVEL

# How to make the most of the Great White Way

BY CINDI COOK  
SPECIAL WRITER

Planning a great evening at the theater would make even the most seasoned chorus girl swoon. The Great White Way is experiencing a boom it hasn't seen in years, with 20 Broadway shows now listed and 11 soon to appear. Shows like "Cats" and "The Phantom of the Opera" (each with runs of over a decade) continue to play to sold out houses and lines continue to form nightly outside of "Les Miserables."

So how do you get to Broadway?? It will take more than a plane ticket, or a song in your heart. Since Times Square can be daunting for even the most native of New Yorkers, let alone those from out of town, auditioning all your options will give you a star-studded evening.

**Just the ticket**

Only Lady Luck or the Leading Lady can land tickets to some shows. Tele-charge and Ticketmaster, those blessed creations of theater producers, are the most convenient methods of purchase. Friendly operators are there 24 hours a day, every day, to take orders (credit cards only) for the shows they handle. Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with matinees on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays (Monday being "dark"). The hitch: nominal service and handling charges ranging from \$4.25 to \$9 are added to ticket

prices which can range from \$55 to \$80.

Tele-charge (212-239-6200/800-432-7250 or 800-223-7565; HYPERLINK <http://www.telecharge.com> handles 20 Broadway and 34 Off-Broadway shows. Tickets are mailed if placed within 10 days of the performance, held otherwise. Ticketmaster (212-307-4550/7171; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)) oversees ticket ordering for 11 Broadway shows and eight Off-Broadway shows. Unfortunately, there are no refunds or exchanges.

Other routes are The Broadway Line, an automated phone service with detailed information on purchasing, show dates and times, and TKTS, the booth in Duffy Square, just north of Times Square, and at 2 World Trade Center (212-768-1818 for information on both). TKTS offers shows at a discounted price for that day's or evening's performance only—often at half off. Sorry, only cash and travelers checks accepted and they're not open Sunday.

**The best shows**

New York Theater is at its pinnacle right now. In a recent *New York Times* "On Stage and Off," columnist Rick Lyman states, "There are 38 Broadway theaters and every one is booked. Solid." The choices, it seems, are bigger than the last casting call for "A Chorus Line." There are revivals "The Sound of

Music," "Cabaret," and soon "Annie Get Your Gun"; there are plays about old New York "Ragtime" and new New York "Rent." There are plays about animals "The Lion King" and something beyond animal "Beauty and the Beast"; there are plays from movies "Footloose." There is pure dance: "Fosse" and pure song, "Smokey Joe's Cafe"; there are felines "Cats" and phantoms "The Phantom of the Opera"; British imports "Art" and down and dirty American originals "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk." Too many to mention and more on the way. Look for reviews in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *Playbill* magazines.

**Dinner for two or more**

Steps from the stage door lie a myriad of restaurants. Chez Josephine, named for ex-pat cabaret lovely Josephine Baker at 414 West 42nd Street (212-594-1925) dishes up diverse French Bistro fare.

Fill your pasta bowl and your stomach at Carmine's, 200 West 44th Street (212-221-3800). Extremely popular since its opening six years ago, Carmine's traditional family-style fare (read: lots of food on big plates) are more suitable for groups, but one or two dishes will satisfy you, your dinner companion and your doggie bags.

To see Gotham in all its glory, try *The View*, atop the Marriott Marquis (1535 Broadway, 212-704-8900). This restaurant is not for the easily queasy; as you dine, it rotates (slowly). Keep looking out the window, though; you might be able to see Maple Avenue if you look closely enough.

If nothing but a New York steakhouse will do, there are plenty. One of the best is Gallagher's, on West 52 Street, just off Broadway (212-245-5336). You know you're in business when a freezer full of meat stares you in the face upon entry. The portions aren't skimpy nor the prices. Slabs of filet mignon and swordfish, creamed spinach, and football-size baked potatoes with all the trimmings make it worth every penny.

Wherever you go, inform your waiter of your showtime, especially if the establishment is in the theater district. Busiest dining times are 6-8 p.m. Do not



Great White Way: The Shubert Theatre is one of the many famous theaters along the streets on and just off Broadway.

leave too little time to get to the theater; As the clock inches closer to showtime, taxis will start to disappear and your patience. Chances are you might not be sat (or sat late) if you arrive after the curtain goes up. House rules aside, it's also mighty disturbing to your fellow theatergoers. A wise choice: early dinner in a distant neighborhood Soho or Greenwich Village. You'll avoid crowds and make a clean getaway.

**Apres theater joints**

One spot exudes cabaret more than any other: the Algonquin Hotel (59 West 44th Street, 212-840-6800). The hallowed halls have been privy to the biggest names in show biz John and Ethel Barrymore, Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. (who spent his honeymoon there), and Dorothy Parker, George S. Kaufmann, famed members of the legendary Algonquin Round Table. Catch Andrea Marcovicci and the like in the cozy Oak Room.

Cafe Carlyle in the Carlyle Hotel (35 East 76th Street, entrance on Madison between 76th and 77th Streets, 212-744-1600) is an exquisite spot. Legend Bo'ho Short holds court for two long seasons, with Karen Akers, Dixie Carter and Julie Wilson also gracing the stage. Budget conscious travelers beware: there is a \$35 cover

charge just for stepping inside.

**The best guides**

It was no surprise that my mother, theater maven and veteran of 30 years of Birmingham community theater, brought to my attention probably the most comprehensive guide to New York theater: Applause: New York's Guide to the Performing Arts. This slim volume lists it all. It opens with a map of the theater district and lists music, theater, dance, opera, jazz and cabaret, children's events, environmental and performance art, festivals and seasonal events, and free events. One almost need look no further, it is that great.

If you're interested in seating only, the folks at Tele-charge offer Stubs, a 5-by-7 publication that provides seating charts for all Broadway theaters, Off-Broadway theaters. The cost is \$9.95 (plus shipping and handling and applicable sales tax), but you need not order tickets to purchase it. Stubs is also available in most major bookstores. Tele-charge also offers free pamphlets with details on the shows

they service.

Time Out New York is another super source, with an all-inclusive entertainment guide and I mean all theater, restaurants, cabaret, symphony you name it, it's in there (they are also on line at HYPERLINK <http://citysearch-nyc.icomnet.net/timeoutny2/>). The event-repid New York magazine (located at HYPERLINK <http://www.newyorkmag.com>) also contains tons of information

Cindi Cook is originally from Birmingham and is now living in New York City.

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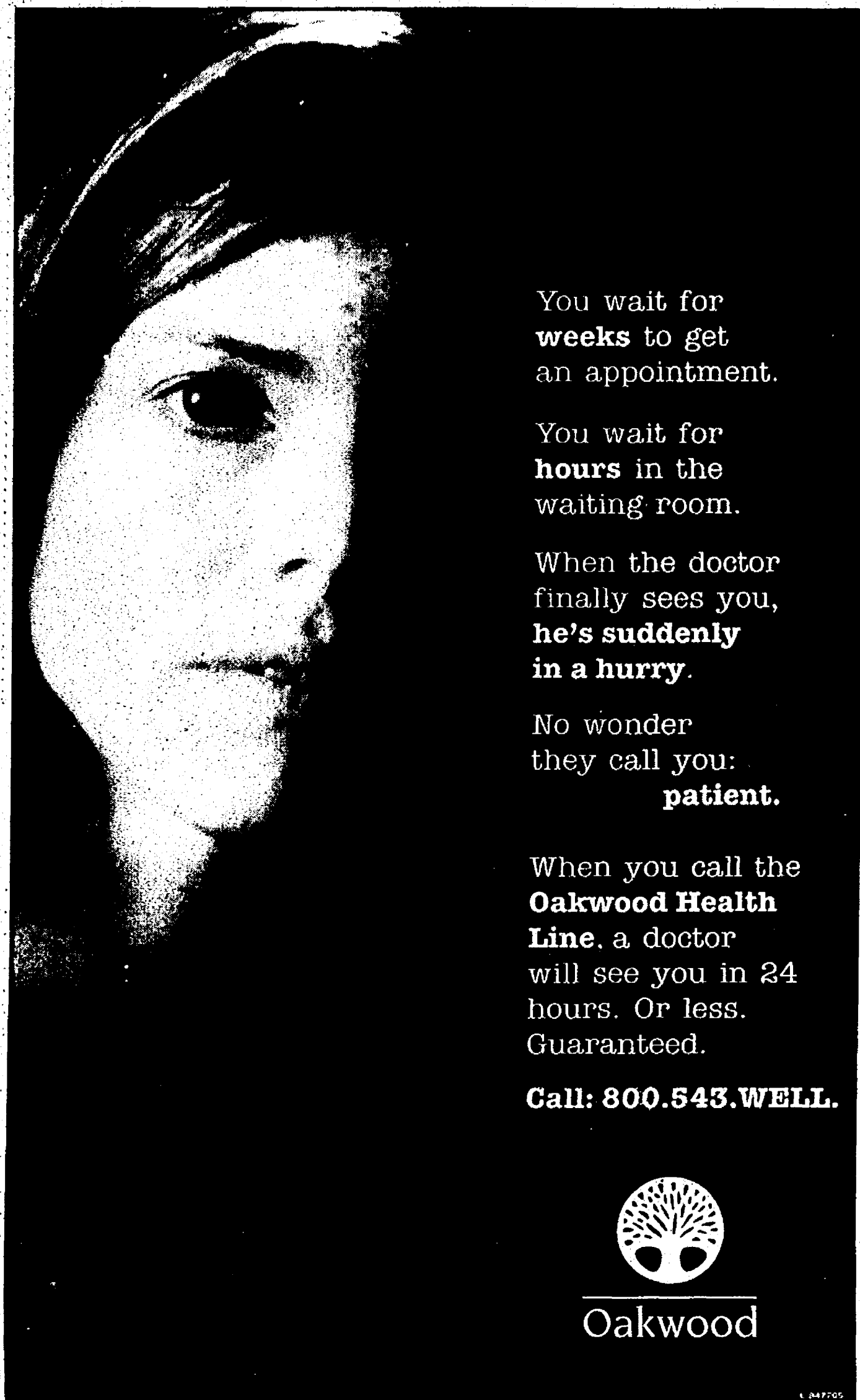
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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## MALEWSKI LIFTS MADONNA

Redford Thurston's Brandy Malewski recorded 14 kills and setter Deanne Helsom contributed 35 assists and 17 digs Friday, leading Madonna University to a 15-7, 15-8, 15-9 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball victory over host Aquinas College.

The Lady Crusaders, ranked No. 14 in the latest NAIA rankings, are 17-3 overall.

Angie Kittle led Aquinas with eight kills, while Brend Roesler finished with 18 digs. Setter Krista Purvis had 21 assists.

## LADY OCELOTS LOSE IN 3

Flint Mott Community College played spoiler Thursday night, scoring a 15-12, 15-9, 15-3 victory over host Schoolcraft CC.

The loss drops the Lady Ocelots to 7-10 overall and 1-4 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Kelly Johnston (Plymouth Salem) and Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill) each recorded seven kills in the loss. Kathy Aschenbrenner contributed five kills.

McGinty also had a team-high 10 digs, while setter Danielle Wensing (Livonia Franklin) had 23 assists with only three errors.

## GRAUNSTADT JOINS ICEDOGS

Jay Graunstadt, a 1997 graduate of Walled Lake Central and formerly of Livonia, will play for the Junior A Bozeman IceDogs (Montana) during the 1998-99 hockey season. The IceDogs play in the Frontier League of the National Amateur Hockey Association.

Graunstadt also attended high school at Livonia Stevenson and played hockey for the Livonia Travel, G.P.D., Compuware, and Belle Tire Jr. B teams.

## YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The under-11 Livonia Family YMCA Meteors, an under-11 boys soccer team, finished with a 5-0 record to win the Silver Division in 13th annual Troy Soccer City Classic (Sept. 5-7).

The Meteors defeated the Genesee Star Attack of Grand Blanc in the championship after a 2-1 double-overtime semifinal victory over the Sterling/Clinton Soccer Club Stingrays.

The Meteors, coached by Steve Barnas of Redford, also defeated

United F.C. Mavericks of Beverly Hills, Troy Youth Soccer League Revolution and the Ann Arbor Celtics.

Team members include: Alex Bokas, Jason Clemens, Ben Czerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Chris Hoepner, Luke Knochel, Steve Minicilli, Ryan Muzzell and Nick Reed, all of Livonia; Nick Biskelonis, Plymouth; Peter Barilovich, Dearborn; Shane Budlong, Sean White and Sherrick White, Novi.

## METEORS GOOD SPORTS

The Livonia Y Meteors, an under-17 girls soccer team sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA, was awarded the Good Sportsmanship trophy at the Palatine (Ill.) Celtic Invitational Tournament.

Referees, tourney officials and independent graders selected the Meteors over more than 150 teams from around the Midwest.

Team members include: Christy Clanton, Lorianne DeDomenico, Karen Kramer, Kristen Leszczynski, Julie Masters, Deanna McGrath, Julie Murray, Kelly Ross, Christen Shull, Danielle Treloar, Megan Urbats, Michele Vettraino, Carly Wadsworth and Katie Westfall.

The team is coached by Mike McGrath and Derrick Steele.

## SOCCER TOURNAMENT NOTES

•Livonia United, an under-12 girls team in the Little Caesars Premier Soccer League, finished second in the Oakland University Tournament (Sept. 18-20).

Members of United include: Anna Albulov, Dina Allie, Courtney Barnes, Catie Bou-Maroun, Lauren Brodie, Brittany Cauley, Diana Fedrigo, Tracey Guerin, Holly Haines, Kaitlin Howe, Anna Macleod, Julianne Mitchell, Beth Prost, Danica Rodriguez, Katharine Stocker, Sandy Swish and Carly Tobin.

United is coached by Frank Guerin and trained by Ben Rossi.

•The Livonia Family YMCA Meteors, an under-10 girls soccer team, took third in the Northwest Ohio Soccer Fest in Maumee, Ohio with a 2-2 record.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Susan O'Neill, include: Bridget Godfrey, Amber Manus, Amie Musser, Megan Muzzell, Kaitlyn Peitz, Lisa Rotenheber, Tauri Rothermel, Kelly Roulter, Kristen Schaefer,

Kayla Szeliga, Theresa Yankovich, Rachel Yarbrough, Kara Zucal, Cassie LaPrairie. The manager Diane Musser.

## RED OCTOBER 8K RUN

Registration is on for the 1998 Red October Run Saturday, Oct. 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne.

The one-mile junior walk begins at 9 a.m. followed by the 8K run and two-mile walk at 10 a.m.

Children 12 and under who finish the walk will receive a prize at the finish line. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first three male and female 8K finishers.

Late registration is \$17 for the two-mile and 8K.

To obtain a registration form, call (313) 791-1486.

## WSU BASKETBALL CLINIC

The fifth annual Wayne State University men's basketball coaches clinic will be Sunday, Oct. 4 at WSU.

The clinic features Kevin O'Neill, head coach at Northwestern University; Oliver Purnell, University of Dayton; Pete Gaudet, Vanderbilt; and Milton Barnes, Eastern Michigan.

Registration is at 8 a.m.

Barnes will give his presentation on perimeter player development at 9 a.m.; Gaudet on post player development at 10:30 a.m.; lunch at noon; Purnell on team chemistry at 12:45 p.m.; and O'Neill on man-to-man defense at 2:15 p.m.

Cost for the one-day clinic is \$60 per person.

For more information, call (313) 577-7515.

## YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Michigan Lake Area Rams 9- and 10-year-old baseball team will be 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Farmington Hills Mercy High School field.

The school is located at Middlebelt and 11 Mile roads. For information call Mark Falvo at (313) 537-3449 or Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748.

## COLLEGIATE NOTE

•University of Missouri-Rolla sophomore Lizz Szkrybalo notched a hat trick in the Lady Miners' 7-0 women's soccer victory Sept. 19 over Central Methodist Rolla is 2-3 overall.

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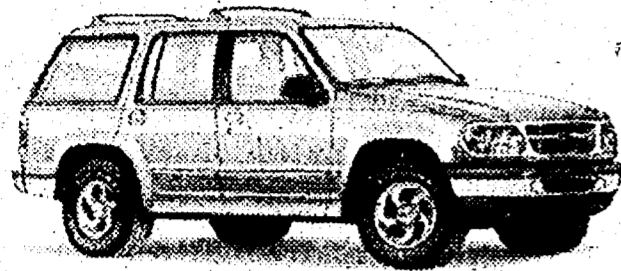


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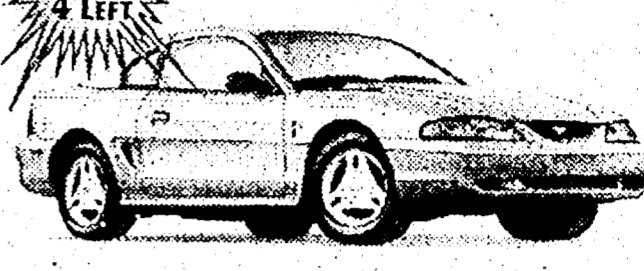
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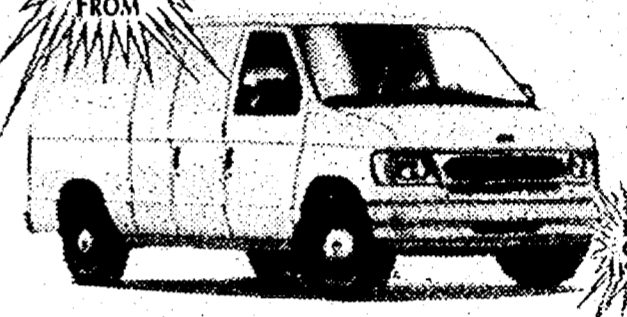
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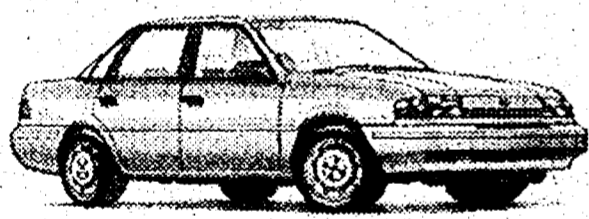
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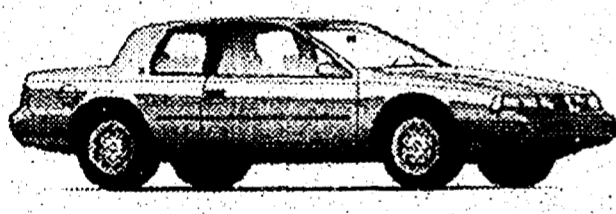
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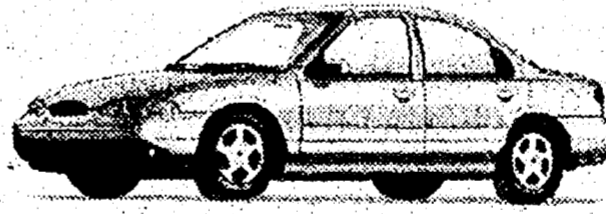
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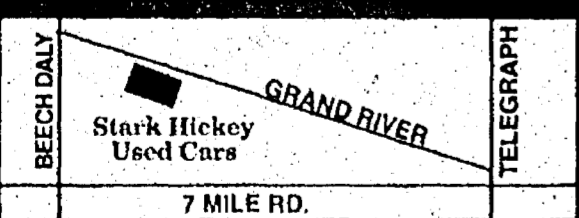


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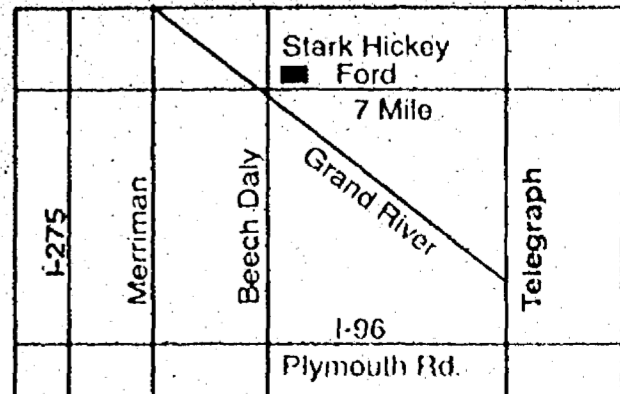
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