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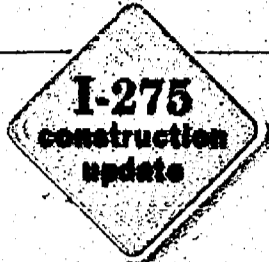
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Seven Mile ramp closes

Contractors were expected to close entrance and exit ramps this weekend for northbound I-275 at Seven Mile Road for reconstruction of the ramps.

The closure is expected to last approximately 10 days. Motorists can use Eight Mile Road and Six Mile Road exits as alternate routes.

Contractors also are paving new lanes of the northbound side freeway with the "Intimidator," which paves three lanes simultaneously, and completing bridge deck work on the bridge overpasses.

The \$49 million project is expected to conclude this fall.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

HOG Wild: Some motorcyclists are HOG wild about helping children. Hundreds of bikers are expected to join a "toy run" today that starts and ends in Westland, winding through Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Garden City and other communities. The Motor City Chapter of HOG (Harley Owners Group) hopes to collect hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars for charities it supports.

MONDAY

Housing: The Westland Housing Commission will hold its regular meeting 6 p.m. Monday at the Dorsey Center, 32715 Dorsey Center in Westland.

WEDNESDAY

Nature lovers: The Friends of Nankin Mills in cooperation with the Wayne County Parks Department will hold a wine and cheese reception 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the mill on Ann Arbor Trail.

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Siblings searching for long-lost father

■ A Westland brother and sister met with other relatives at the William P. Faust Library this week to research the whereabouts of relatives they haven't seen for years.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Call it East meets Westland.

Two East Coast sisters, determined to find their long-lost half siblings, recently met up with three of them in Westland for a reunion and for a chance to do family research together.

The siblings — Marlene Provencal and Ron Sampson of Westland, Claudette Subada of Roscommon, formerly of Westland, Andree Leuchner of Uncasville, Conn., and Carmen Matheson of Framingham, Mass. — started some of their family research last week at the Westland's William P. Faust Public Library.

The East Coast sisters were visiting for the weekend.

The Westland siblings received a letter from Leuchner and Matheson in February asking for confirmation about their parentage. All the siblings were born in the Detroit area and share the same father, Albert Sampson, who disappeared in 1949.

"We were setting out to find out if we had any siblings by the name of Sampson in Michigan," Leuchner, 53, said, adding that the Internet aided in their

search. They began searching about a year and a half ago.

Their half-siblings were pleasantly surprised to be sought after by people they had never met but knew about since early childhood.

"It was kind of a surprise — a pleasant surprise," said Ron Sampson, 60, who has lived in Westland all his life. He went out to meet his long-lost sisters in April.

"We want to just get together with all the family for a family reunion," he said.

His sister, Marlene, echoed his sentiments.

"I always knew they existed but I never knew who they were," Provencal said of her two sisters. "I was happy."

Though the reunion went well, the searchers initially said they had some insecurities.

"Andree and I were very nervous," said Matheson, 52. "We weren't sure we'd be accepted."

Leuchner said finding out about her family's health history was a big reason she started searching for her kin. Leuchner has multiple sclerosis and Matheson has lupus.

The biggest question raised during



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Searching: Carmen Matheson of Framingham, Mass., Claudette Subada of Roscommon, Andree Leuchner of Uncasville, Conn., and Marlene Provencal and Ron Sampson of Westland begin their family history research at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland.

their search is about the whereabouts of their father, Albert, who has never drawn Social Security benefits and has not been seen since 1949, Leuchner said.

Others they continue to search for

include brothers Albert and Howard Sampson and a sister, Virginia.

While Leuchner and Matheson were growing up in the Detroit area, they

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So happy together



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Great attempt: Celeste Gallardo, 2, tries to tie her shoes on the playscape in Westland recently. She and her mother, Janet, of Westland, were enjoying their day together at the playscape in Central City Park.

Police get forfeiture windfall

BY LEANNE ROGERS
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The four police departments participating in the Metro Street Enforcement Team are getting sizable checks thanks to a case handled by the unit.

Garden City, Westland, Inkster and Wayne police are each expected to receive \$225,000 — their shares of the forfeiture stemming their 1998 case

See related police story on A2

involving the Melody Theater in Inkster.

There have been previous forfeitures on MSET cases, said Westland Police Chief Emery Price, money which the departments have allowed the unit to utilize.

"Due to the amount involved, we intend to make a proposal to the four

cities to divide the money equally," said Price. "It absolutely comes in handy. Money is tight in government."

As part of the settlement, the owners of the theater agreed to demolish the building and turn the property over to the City of Inkster.

The \$1 million cash forfeiture will be divided with the Wayne County Prosecutors.

Please see **FORFEITURE, A2**

City prepared for rail spill events

See related rail story on A4

Westland residents and firefighters are fortunate there has never been a train derailment or a related toxic waste spill in the city. But if either ever happens, the department's specially trained hazardous materials workers and firefighters are prepared.

Two railroad lines come through Westland. Rail tracks in Westland bisect the city's western edge crossing under Ford, then John Hix and Cherry Hill, then over Newburgh, and then at Palmer and Glenwood, on their way down to the tracks along Michigan Avenue. A small section of the Michigan Avenue rail line crosses the city's boundaries between Merriman and Henry Ruff to the east.

Along the way the tracks pass commercial and industrial sites, and single

family homes along Palmer and John Hix roads.

Three recent high-profile derailments — one in Birmingham, one in Novi and one in River Rouge — have brought renewed attention to train derailments.

Westland's Deputy Fire Chief David Carignan said freight train derailments can create frightening situations.

"Whether in Westland or anywhere, a derailment of a train poses a real serious problem," Carignan said. Compounding the problem is the fact that freight trains come through the community at all hours.

The fear of the unknown impacts fire

fighters to act very cautiously.

"It's not just the size of the train that's a problem, it's the type of materials the train contains. You don't always know what's in the containers."

Theoretically, the Westland Fire Department would act as a first response unit and secure the scene until the more specialized Western Wayne Hazardous Materials team arrives. Team members include at least two firefighters each from area fire departments. Westland has three firefighters on the team — Andrew Buck, Dave Sukel and Todd Stanaway.

The hazardous materials workers receive initial training then monthly training to keep their skills up to date, Carignan said.

In the event of an evacuation, public

Please see **RAIL SPILLS, A4**

One precinct only had 2 voters Tuesday

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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The jury is still out on whether the Nov. 2 general election results will mimic last week's primary outcome of spell victory for the primary's underdog candidates.

Councilman and candidate Glenn Anderson said he predicts dark horse candidates Michael Kehrer and James Godbout might be pleasantly surprised by the Nov. 2 election results. Anderson has continually supported them throughout his campaign.

General elections typically draw significantly more voters than primaries, and those higher numbers could mean wins for Kehrer and Godbout, Anderson said.

"The precincts are where the votes will increase," he said. He predicted there will only be minor increases in absentee ballots.

According to official election results released Thursday, both Kehrer and Godbout did well among precinct voters. Kehrer netted 914 votes, placing second, and Godbout received 896 votes, placing third among precinct voters.

Board watcher and longtime resident Dorothy Smith came in fourth among non-absentee voters with 766 votes. Anderson came in first among absentee and precinct voters, receiving 1,228 precinct votes and 1,525 absentee votes.

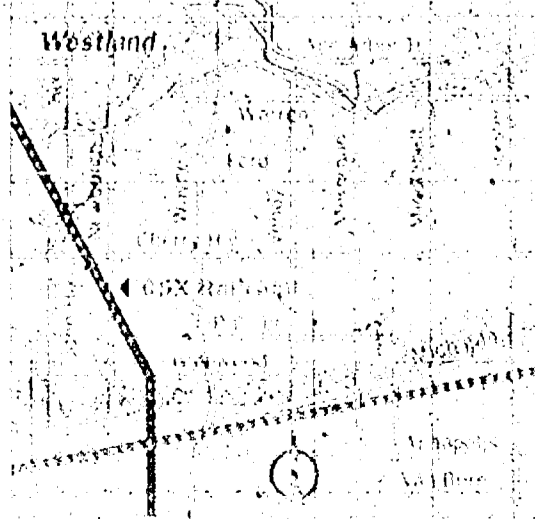
But Councilman and candidate Charles "Trax" Griffin, who placed second overall with 2,202 votes and fifth among precinct voters with 709 votes, said the primary winners should also win the general election.

"My hope is that we get more people to turn out in the general election," Griffin said, adding that Tuesday's 8 percent turnout was the "lowest he'd

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Rail route in Westland

The rail tracks in Westland go through the southwest corner, passing industry and some private homes.



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Helping: Friends of the Library member Dona Kovach (above) and Ted Targosz (right) help out at the library's used books store. Both are residents of Westland.

Friends aid library with bookstore

BY JULIE BROWN
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The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has its share of books, and not all are available for checkout. There are the reference tomes, of course, but also the books for sale at the bookstore run by the Friends of the Library.

"Very expensive bookshop," said Friends member Ted Targosz of Westland, a library page. "I think our most expensive book is \$1."

Books come from patron donations and from library books no longer needed for the collection. The store's been open nearly three years, since the library opened.

Originally, the thinking had been to operate a gift shop similar to the one at Livonia's main library, said Joe Burchill of Redford, assistant to the library director. "They decided to keep it a used book shop."

The store raises some \$300 a month, with money going to sponsor Friends programs. These include the Summer Reading Program for children and young adults. Last fall, the Friends paid for a speaker for staff on dealing with different types of people. A similar program on customer service will be provided for staff this November.

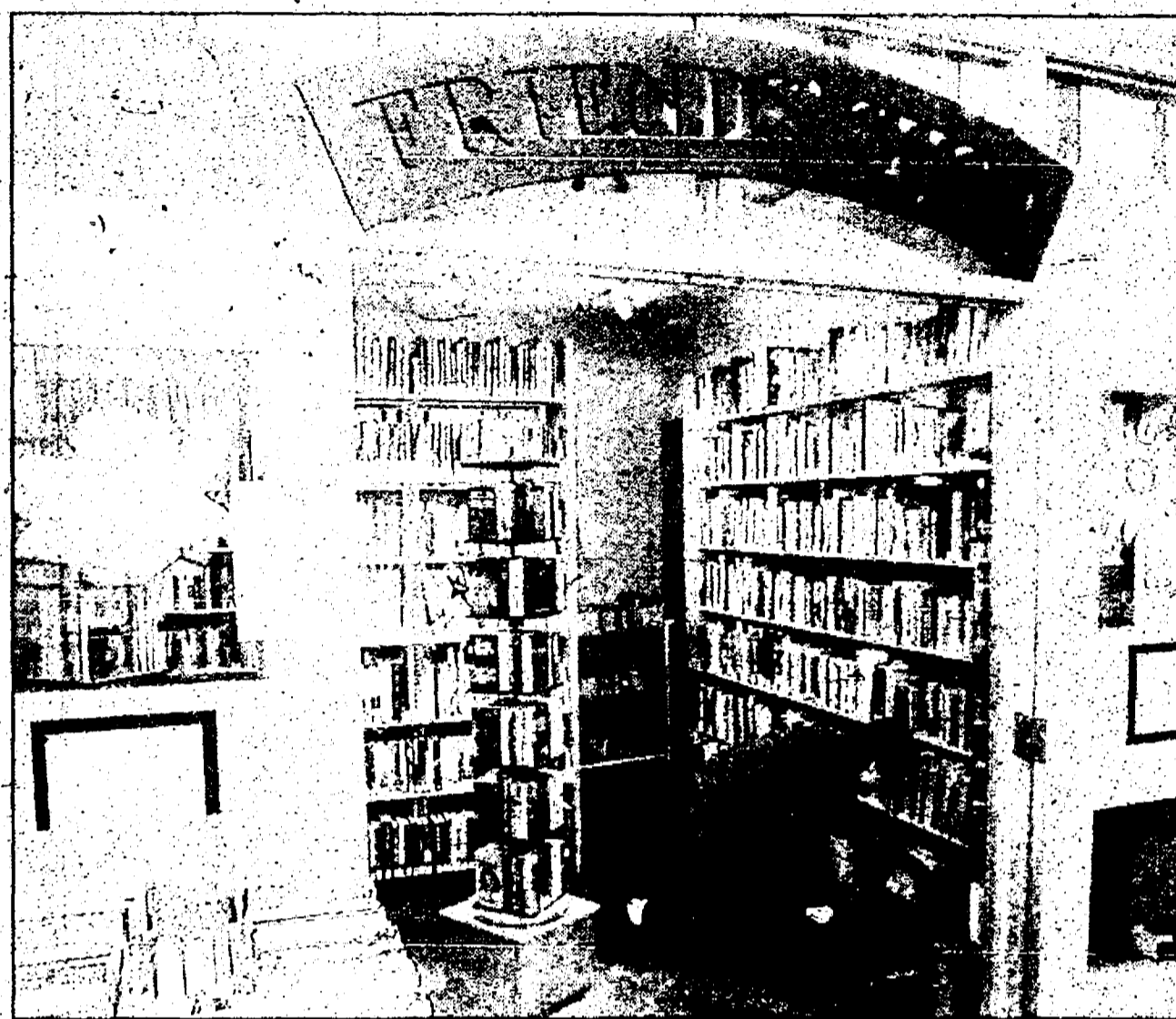
Other things paid for by the Friends include plants for the children's garden, along with a children's gardening program this past spring, a staff lunch and books for the Book Discussion Group.

The Friends have divided the books into different sections such as fiction, biography and Ted's Picks, named for Targosz. There's a free cart as well. "That seems to be always empty," Targosz said.

He's found people find their way around the store without too much trouble, asking mostly just about prices.

The store also carries a few other items, including printer paper, diskettes and canvas book bags. The Friends hold four mini-sales per year and two larger sales, with one coming up next month: Friends preview Thursday, Oct. 21, followed by the sale Friday through Sunday, Oct. 22-24; during library hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday).

Burchill said the store holds between 1,000 and 1,200 books at one time. "Generally, we have people in here right up until closing."



Chamber is seeking restaurants to take part in fall taste event

The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking restaurants to participate in the Taste of the Arts event scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Culture Center on Joy Road near Churchill High School.

There is no charge for restaurants to participate.

At least 600 people are expected to pay \$20 each for the chance to sample the food.

Participating restaurants will pass out coupons and promotional materials.

The festival will raise funds

for the chamber and the Family Resource Center in Westland.

A silent auction of art will also be held. A drawing will be held for prizes which include a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Contact Lori Brist at the chamber office, (734) 326-7222 for tickets or information on how to participate.

Major sponsors are North Brothers Ford, the Hellenic Center, International Minute Press, Maui Travel and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Opening Friday, Oct. 1



Jo-Ann etc: The store at 36677 Warren Road at Central City Parkway will open Friday, Oct. 1. The actual grand opening celebration will be held about 30 days later in conjunction with stores in Roseville and Novi. The "etc" stands for "experience the creativity, not et cetera. These superstores feature classes and expanded lines of fabric, quilting and craft products, custom framing, custom floral materials, custom bedding and drapery. The manager of the 42,000-square-foot Westland store is David Kelley. Other Jo-Ann etc stores have opened in Saginaw and Shelby Township. Store hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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seen," Griffin said the increased turnout will benefit himself, Councilman David Cox and Planning Commissioner David James, who pooled their resources and campaigned together as Mayor Robert Thomas' picks for city council.

"The more people that turn out, the better," Griffin said.

Looking at raw numbers, turnout at the precincts ranged from a mere two voters in Precinct 31 at Hayes School in northeast Westland to 114 voters

at Precinct 29 at Edison School, a precinct more centrally located near the Westland Post Office.

Westland city Clerk Pat Gibbons said precinct sizes need to be considered when looking at turnout. The number of voters in each precinct varies from 523 in Precinct 31 to 2,930 in Precinct 8 at Patchin School, in the northwest portion of the city.

Likewise, Precinct 31, Westland's smallest, had two voters cast their ballots all day while Precinct 8, Westland's largest, saw 90 voters all day.

Primary election results

Official primary election results released Thursday showed Councilman Glenn Anderson the winner with 2,756 votes followed by Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin with 2,202 votes, David James with 1,920 votes and David Cox with 1,906 votes.

The top finishers among precinct, or non-absentee, voters were Glenn Anderson with 1,228 votes, Michael Kehrer with 914 votes, James Godbout with 896 votes and Dorothy Smith with 766 votes. Smith placed fifth among all voters with 1,384 votes.

Among absentee voters Anderson came in first with 1,528 votes, Griffin second with 1,493 votes, James third with 1,230 votes and Cox fourth with 1,236 votes.

Nearby Plymouth has 15 crossings

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The last train derailment in the Plymouth community occurred in the afternoon of Oct. 30, 1990 when a train struck a garbage truck at Beck Road between Five Mile and North Territorial. Three engines derailed, spilling 60,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

Fortunately the train crew walked away; however, the accident could have been much worse, said Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Larry Groth. "Back 15 cars from the engine, we found a car full of cyanide."

With 15 grade crossings in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, there's always the possibility of a major derailment like the one that occurred Sunday in Oakland County. Forty-two cars of a 97-car Canadian National train derailed near the Birmingham and Bloomfield Township border.

Five of the cars in Sunday's accident contained hazardous material. Fortunately, they remained intact.

tankers carrying such material must bear diamond-shaped decals, on both sides and on each end, that denote the car's contents with a picture and a number.

If the decals are visible, fire fighters quickly consult an emergency handbook cross-indexed by material name and identification number. Fire fighters also try to secure the bill of lading, which the engineer is required to keep with him, to determine what is being hauled.

Gary Wollenhaupt, director of corporate communications for the CSX railroad, said trains can legally haul hazardous waste through communities any time of the day or night. "But no time is a good time."

People often perceive a train is going faster than it actually is, he said. "Most freight trains move at a maximum of 60 miles an hour. Most often, it's 40-50 miles an hour."

There are more rules on how rather than what can be shipped regarding hazardous materials, said Wollenhaupt. In addition to

making sure cars containing hazardous materials are placed specific distances apart, the Federal Railroad Administration requires railroads to:

- Visually inspect tracks bi-weekly.
- Conduct geometry tests bi-annually using a laser equipped car that measures track width and alignment.
- Conduct internal metallurgical tests yearly for rail strength.

Also, inspectors routinely pull a locomotive's event monitor, which records an engineer's performance. The monitor is equivalent to a plane's "black box."

Bode's Corn Beef House has sat next to the tracks in downtown Plymouth since 1959. Chris Meacham, son of the owner, no longer pays attention to dozen trains that pass daily. "You get used to it," he said.

Meacham the trains often stop and back up along the tracks. He's not concerned about hazardous materials. "I've never paid attention to what they haul."

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remember their father going to visit his other children from a previous marriage, but never got to meet them until this year. Their mother, Carmen Lund, met Albert at the farmer Romulus Air Base.

The recent reunion gave the siblings a chance to get to know each other — and a chance to see

the different features they have in common, including deep-set eyes and a desire to yak.

"We all love to talk," Leuchner said, but her brother disagreed with that observation.

"Not me," said Sampson, whom his sisters refer to as the "quiet" one.

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transportation can be used to help remove residents, Carignan said. The city has made arrangements with SMART to do so.

Keeping a distance and wearing protective gear is essential. Firefighters use binoculars to determine what kind of chemicals they are dealing with.

Hazardous materials workers wear three different types of protective gear, with the most protective providing an internal-breathing apparatus and the least protective resembling typical firefighter gear. The most protective suits are commonly referred to as "moon suits."

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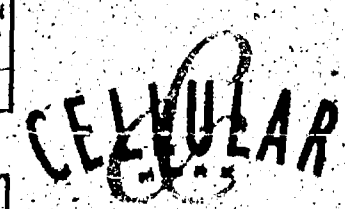
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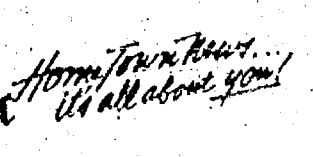

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Steve Ragan to resign Schoolcraft board seat

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Steve Ragan has decided to step down from his position as trustee on the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

Ragan, 34, of Plymouth will resign effective Sept. 30, citing time and travel demands at his new position for vice president for development and alumni relations at Lawrence Technological University.

Ragan was hired at that position in February, and in the spring took on additional responsibilities for marketing, public affairs and publications. In his resignation letter, Ragan said the demands of his job prevent him from "devoting the time and energy that I feel the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees deserves."

"It was just a growing concern of perceived conflict," Ragan said. "There's been no real conflict, and I've been dedicated to my position at Schoolcraft, but it's important not to have that perception."

Ragan said one university administrator had "some concerns" over what personnel at Lawrence Tech would think about his dual roles in marketing that university while serving as a board member at a community college.

Ragan said he had already committed to ending his Schoolcraft board involvement by deciding not to seek another term at the college because he believes in term limits. "At the end of the term, it would have been 10 years," Ragan said. Ragan was elected in 1991 to a four-year term and in 1995 to a six-year term.

Ragan doesn't have immediate plans to run for elective office, but intends to remain involved in Republican politics. "I've managed a few campaigns, and I'm going to be active in doing that," Ragan also has been a member of the Livonia, Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce.

In his resignation letter,

Ragan said he was proud to serve as chairman of the board of trustees. "During my two years as chairman, we broke ground for the McDowell Center and completed its construction, broke ground for the Child Care Center and paid off the last of the college's debt," Ragan said.

"I can't claim responsibility for any of these things. I can only say that I served during good times and worked with good people."

Ragan also said he served on the board when the board and the faculty dealt with rising health care costs. He commended

former trustees Mike Burley and Harry Greenleaf. "Until the day they left, they were always filled with new ideas," Ragan said. "They never said, 'we won't do that, because we (at Schoolcraft) don't do it that way.'"

Ragan also appreciated the opportunity given to him by trustees to chair the board at the age of 24, which he said, at that time, made him the youngest college board of trustees chairman in the country.

Trustees work long hours and most members of the public are unaware of their work and roles, Ragan said.

"Most don't know who they are," Ragan said.

Trustees also work hard to keep the tax burden down to fund the college, Ragan said. "It's a testament to Schoolcraft and what it's done to watch dollars carefully."

Ragan said one of his most memorable moments on the board was giving his mother, Linda Ragan, her degree.

"That will always be the best perk," Ragan said.

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell said Ragan first told him he was considering resigning after he took the job at

Lawrence Tech. "He was a good leader and a good board member, and I wish him well," McDowell said.

Trustees expect to formally accept Ragan's resignation at Wednesday's board meeting. They are expected to schedule a deadline date for applicants for the college district's residents who are interested in filling that vacancy.

Trustees will then conduct interviews, then appoint someone by the Nov. 17 meeting to fill the vacancy through June 2001, when the next scheduled election will occur.



Steve Ragan

Astronomer helps identify constellations

Constellations like the Big Dipper, Little Dipper and Pegasus fill the night sky.

Learn how to identify these cosmic creations and celestial star formations with guest astronomer Mike Best 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Best, the principal planetarium demonstrator of the Volbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, has been an astronomy enthusiast for 50 years. Participants can expect an informative evening beginning with an indoor slide presentation entitled "Autumn Skies and Space Update" followed by a discussion and outdoor star viewing, weather permitting.

Refreshments will be available following the presentation.

Best suited for ages 8 and above, the fee is \$2 per person and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

For information for this or any other parks event, call (734) 261-1990.

Rep. Rivers holds forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will conduct a forum on school vouchers 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency's Center Annex Building, 33500 Van Born Road, in Wayne.

Rivers has invited experts to the forum. After initial presentations, panelists will take questions from the audience.

Rivers invites all residents of the 13th Congressional District to participate in the discussion. For information, call Deborah Johnson at (734) 453-3744.

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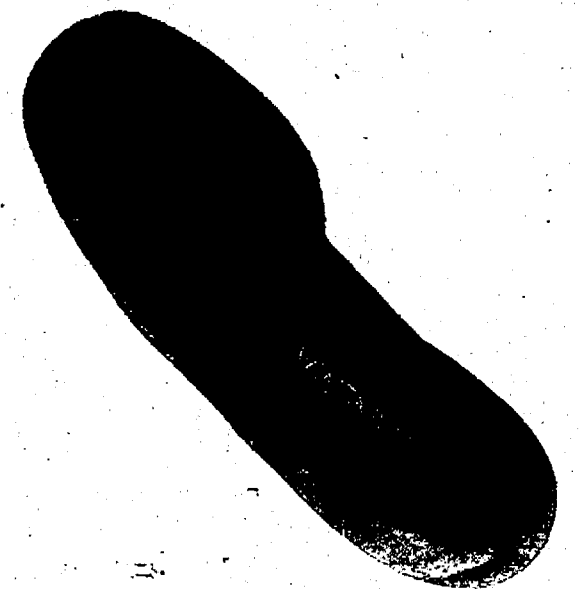
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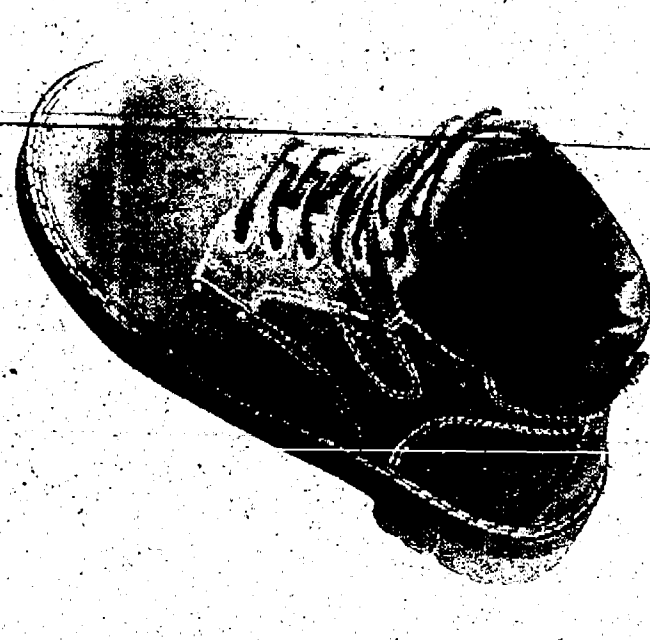
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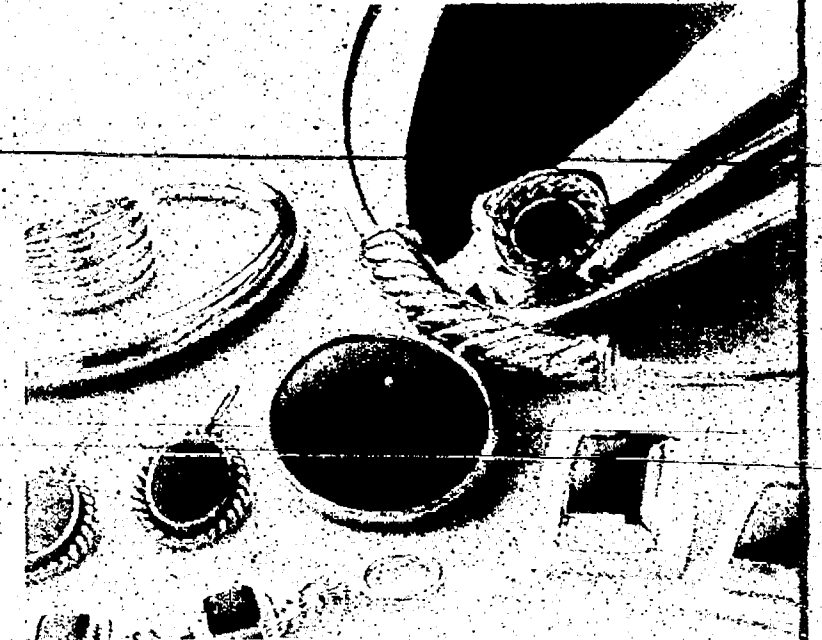
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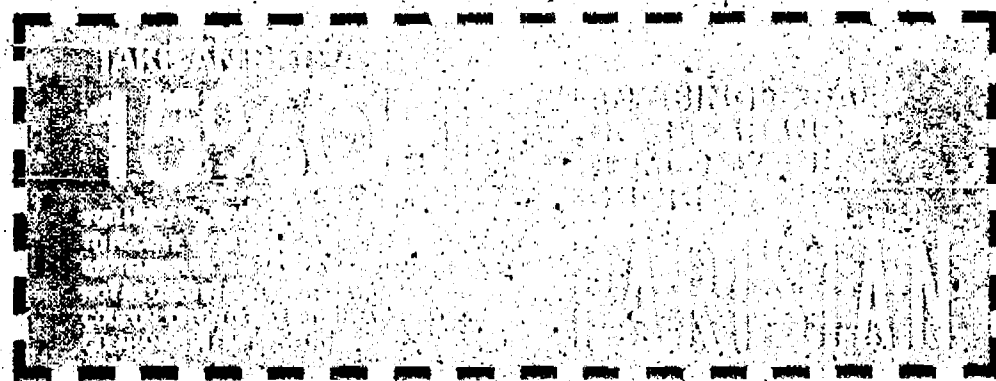
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Social Security plans annual update on benefits

BY SUE MASON
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There are those people who subscribe to the theory that if it's not broken, don't fix it. Then there are those people, like President Bill Clinton, who say "the best time to fix the roof is when the sun's shining."

The "it" is Social Security Trust Fund, which, according to actuaries, will be exhausted by 2034. The fix is yet to be determined, but Social Security officials hope the annual statements they will start mailing out next month will give people the information they need to participate in the discussion and make decisions about their future.

"If you don't have a basic understanding of what Social Security does, you can't get involved in the debate," said Paul Barnes, Social Security's deputy commissioner for human resources. "It gives you information you don't have so you can decide which way to go."

"We want people to know it's coming; expect it, read it and review it," said Mary Mahler, regional public affairs officer. "It

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Barnes and Mahler were in Southfield Thursday to talk about the new annual statements and what they mean to the people who receive them.

Beginning Oct. 1, Social Security will mail out 500,000 statements each day through the year to reach 125 million workers who are 25 years and older and don't receive Social Security benefits. About 10 million a month will be mailed. Workers can expect to receive them about three months before their birth month.

Unlike the previous Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statements that were mailed out

at the worker's request, the new Social Security Statements are required by law. They're designed to provide workers with personalized information they can use to plan their financial future.

Scaled back and simplified, the four-page statement includes estimates of retirement, disability and survivor benefits and whether the worker has accrued the credits needed to qualify for Medicare coverage at age 65.

"It will also tell workers if that have enough earnings for survivor benefits or disability even if they don't have 40 quarters for retirement benefits," said Mahler.

The statement also will provide an earnings record, so work-

ers can check to see if the information is correct. Social Security records go back to the 1930s, so if a worker notices there's years missing or even a quarter missing, the agency can track down and correct the error.

"These statements are a powerful tool for planning," Barnes said. "It allows people to take their future into their own hands. We know that by 2034 Social Security will be fixed, and these statements will allow people to fully participate in the debate. They're a powerful tool for planning the future."

Social Security officials prefer to think of retirement income in terms of a three-legged stool. One leg is Social Security, the other two are pensions and personal savings. But for a large portion of people, Social Security is their sole source of income.

The strongest leg of the stool is Social Security because it's mandatory. However, personal savings is at an all-time low among Americans and half of all workers don't have the availability of pensions, Mahler said.

"We'd like to see more personal savings, but people have differ-

ent levels of savings, and part of the debate is how Social Security will take care of people who can't do what we want people to do."

Today's retirees on the average receive \$780 up to \$1,300 a month in retirement benefits. According to Barnes, without Social Security, the poverty rate for elderly African Americans would increase from 24 percent to 62 percent. Among Hispanics the figure jumps from 19 percent to 61 percent.

Women represent 60 percent of all aged Social Security recipi-

ents and 72 percent of the beneficiaries age 85 and older. In 1996, their average monthly benefit was \$633.

And that's why the statements are important to their recipients, according to Barnes. They not only inform and educate, they also help people make plans.

"What we're saying is that here's valuable information to help you plan your future," he said. "Don't throw it away because it allows you to be knowledgeable."

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Another cause for lack of success is that the diagnosis is incorrect or your knee condition is more advanced than the doctor suspected. Returning early will initiate such a review. Often an x-ray will reveal that you could not expect any therapy to provide relief.

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Commission overrides McNamara's budget veto

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COUNTY NEWS

Wayne County commissioners overrode a veto Thursday by County Executive Edward McNamara to approve \$10 million in budgets for legislative operations of the commission and the auditor general.

McNamara had vetoed \$7.8 million in county commission expenditures and \$2.1 million in auditor general expenditures after commissioners approved budget reductions for several departments.

"I am convinced that at the time the budget was enacted, most commissioners did not fully appreciate the adverse operational impact of the proposed budget cuts," McNamara stated

in his veto letter dated Sept. 9.

McNamara said several elected officials and department heads were not provided an opportunity to communicate their concerns with respect to the proposed budgetary reductions.

In a letter to commissioners, Chairman Ricardo Solomon defended the budget reductions, stating that they were "very modest" totaling \$2.8 million or 1 percent of the \$2.73 billion budget. Solomon also said the commission's Committee on Ways and Means conducted more than seven days of public hearings on the budget.

Solomon also said with the veto, the executive branch "hopes to politicize the budget, fragment the commission, and divert the commission from important oversight duties involving the airport, APCOA and other county contracts, the collapse of the juvenile justice block grant program and other important county business."

Solomon also criticized McNamara for taking a "meat ax" to the commission's budget. "It is interesting to note that, of the entire budget of \$2.73 billion, Mr. McNamara could not find concerns with the \$2.72 billion that falls outside of the body charged with providing oversight on the functions that he and other elected officials execute daily in the name of the people," Solomon wrote.

McNamara said in his veto letter that the general fund revenues only increased 2 percent, yet the commission and auditor general budgets increased by 9 and 26 percent, respectively, indicating a "disproportionate share" of the county's revenue growth is "going to fund legisla-

tive activities at the expense of other judicial and executive branch services."

Commissioner Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, called McNamara's veto "pure politics." Bankes was the lone vote against the budget's approval two weeks ago because she didn't agree with the commission's move to place \$48 million of the juvenile justice grant into a contingency fund.

But Bankes, who also serves on the Committee on Ways and Means, the committee that conducted budget hearings, voted with 13 other commissioners to override McNamara's veto. Bankes wondered why McNamara vetoed the commission's budget and not the recommended revisions in the budget.

Bankes believes the commission's budget process needs revision similar to what is used at a state and federal level in that a commission subcommittee acts like a state conference committee where the legislative and executive branches meet to



Ricardo Solomon: Commission chairman



Lyn Bankes: Commissioner

work out differences in the budget after the public hearings. "There is no 'come to Jesus' meeting," Bankes said of the

county's budget process. Bankes hoped more discussions would occur next year during the budget process.

Friends of Nankin Mills hold wine-cheese reception

Residents are invited to join the Friends of Nankin Mills for its 11th Annual Wine and Cheese reception 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Nankin Mills.

Patrons can learn about plans for the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and hear about the successes of the naturalist programs conducted this past year.

Samples of Michigan wines will be available along with light refreshments. Tours of the mills also will be available.

Several retirees of the Village Industries Plants, operated by Henry Ford, will be on hand to lend their experiences to a special exhibit planned by the center to highlight the industrial history of the mill.

Tickets for this event are \$20 per person and can be purchased in advance at Nankin Mills park office on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds from this event will be used for the benefit of exhibits at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Nankin Mills is located

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Lady Crusaders block UMD

Less than one-quarter of the collegiate volleyball season has been played, and Madonna University is already displaying a tendency to do what it must to make a run at the NAIA Tournament.

Diversify. The Lady Crusaders have two potent front-court weapons in Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) and Stephanie Uballe. In Thursday's straight-set win over visiting University of Michigan-Dearborn, they showed they have more than just those two in their offensive arsenal.

True, Uballe led Madonna in the 15-8, 15-12, 15-7 win with 10 kills, adding five solo blocks and eight block assists. But additional offense was supplied by Erin Cunningham, who had eight kills to go with a team-best 18 digs and four block assists.

Kelly Artymovich added four kills, same amount as Malewski. Artymovich totaled 13 digs,

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while Malewski had 14; Malewski also had two service aces, five solo blocks and nine block assists.

Several others contributed to the lopsided victory that ran Madonna's record to 8-3 overall. Jen Wing had 27 assists to kills, two aces and seven digs; Donna Birkenhies had two kills, two solo blocks 10 block assists and six digs; and Marylu Hemme (from Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood) chipped in with 11 digs.

The Crusaders travel to play Concordia College in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference match Tuesday, then visit the Palm Beach Atlantic Invitational in West Palm Beach, Fla. this weekend.

Lady Ocelots win again

Schoolcraft College kept its volleyball win streak alive with a

three-game sweep of Mott Community College Thursday at Mott. The victory, the Lady Ocelots' fifth-straight, improved their record to 9-7 (2-1 Michigan Community College Athletic Association's Eastern Conference).

SC coach Tom Teeters was impressed by the victory.

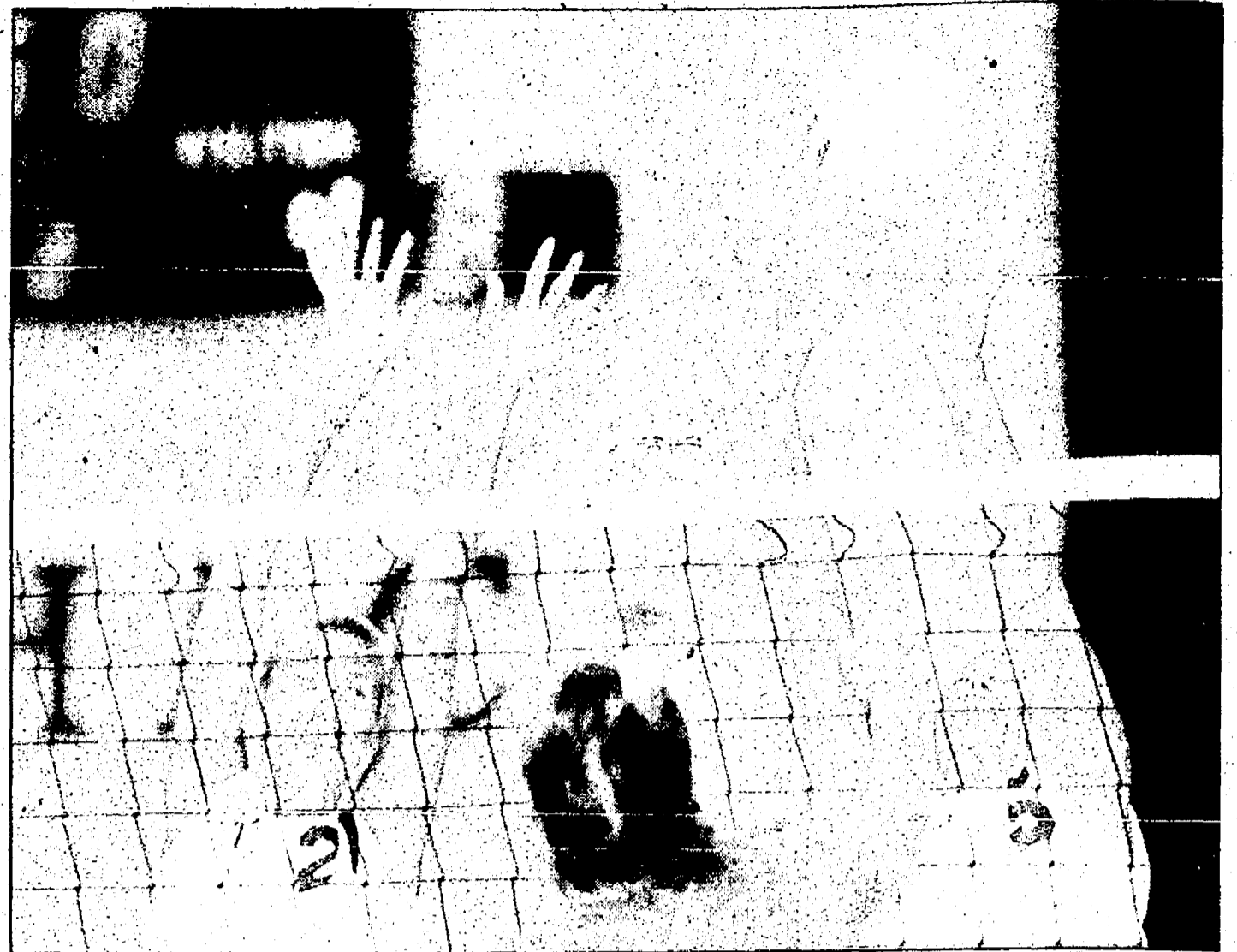
"This is last year's regular season and conference champions and we beat them three-straight games," Teeters said. "We're definitely in an upswing. The team is looking very consistent and very strong."

Lauren Ruprecht, from Livonia Churchill, had a .357 hit percentage with 13 kills and three blocks to lead the Ocelots.

Danielle Wensing, from Livonia Franklin, had five service aces, three off her jump serve, while Rebekah Thornton, of Livonia Ladywood, contributed two aces.

Cindy Maloof led the team in digs with 12. Nicole Boyd, from Livonia Franklin, had five kills, three digs and two blocks.

"Danielle had a great setting game," Teeters said. "She and Lauren make a good combination."



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Support the arts with an evening out

The Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Livonia Symphony Orchestra are reaching out to the community with a thank you and a plea to help both nonprofit organizations in their quest to cultivate the arts well into the 21st century.

Members First Series

The Plymouth Community Arts Council opens its season with The Raisin Pickers, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Tickets are \$25 each or \$60 for the series of three programs. Call (734) 416-4ART.

Sunday, Songs and Symphony

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will hold its annual fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth Road at Middlebelt in Livonia. Tickets are \$26 in advance, \$30 at door. Call (734) 421-1111, (734) 464-2741 or (734) 427-4113.

The good news is that everyone can show their support by becoming a member or attending a concert or fund-raising event. I promise, you'll also have fun while doing it. Here's how:

Special thank you

When Plymouth Community Arts Council founder Joanne Winkleman Hulce was trying to think of ways to thank the membership last year, she came up with the idea for a Members First Series. How else would you thank supporters of the arts but with programs featuring music and theater?

Before long, Winkleman Hulce and the rest of the series committee were wrestling with the decision to choose only three acts. It was difficult, but The Raisin Pickers lead off the series with their down-home music Friday, Sept. 24, followed by a drama about Mark Twain and finally the song and patter of soprano Pamela Jordan Schiffer and tenor David Gordon.

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That's entertainment: The Raisin Pickers will open the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Members First Series.

and Stephen Sondheim, these two performers of musical theater's best can't be missed. You'll have the world on a string.

"We wanted to do something at a very minimal cost—diverse programs of drama, music and classical," said Winkleman Hulce. "We scouted the Midwest for the talent we're bringing in, something they wouldn't necessarily see somewhere else."

Arts council executive director Jennifer Tobin is especially looking forward to seeing The Raisin Pickers again. She can't forget their music and the way the group makes you feel right at home.

"I love The Raisin Pickers," said Tobin. "When I left The Ark, my toe was tappin' and I was happy for days. Even now, if someone mentions their name, I smile. They play many instruments. In Ann Arbor, first one fiddler came out, then another and another. Even the clogger came out with a fiddle. There was this fiddle chorus. It was a fun surprise."

To find out more about becoming a

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Listen with your heart: Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins (left), Ron Newsome and guest artist Keith Sargeant gave an uplifting concert at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

Below, standing on the left on the cover of their cassette, "Listen," is Jim Talbott, the third voice of the Chapels.



Police chief answers higher calling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • STAFF WRITER

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Dressed in "blues," gold badge shining on his chest, Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins looks the part of the city's top law enforcement officer. Then, as if suddenly transformed, this symbol of authority begins speaking about singing with his gospel group, The Chapels. His face softens and his words become almost lyrical.

"In a time when role models seem to have diminished, we're an example of what role models can do," said Scoggins, who studied music for three years at Kent University and trumpet with the first chair of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra in the 1960s. "We've carried it through our lives. Music is something you have to love to do—not just a love for singing but a love for singing for Jesus."

Scoggins, who is retiring as police chief after serving nine years in the position and 25 years on the force, plans to do nothing but sing with the trio—Ron Newsome of Allen Park and Jim Talbott Jr. of Redford, and "believes eventually we'll do this for a living." After all, look how far they've come since Scoggins formed the group in 1990. Four recordings later, the group's gone from carting around their equipment in a truck and trailer to a bus.

"My gospel ministry has had more effect on my police work than vice versa," said Scoggins, who goes by the stage name of Bobby Crumpler. "I look at my police work as a ministry. I try not to judge other human beings but accept them for who they are. I truly like people and have a respect for human life and that has an effect on my police work. Even dealing with my employees I try to bring in the humanistic side."

"Most people have no idea how stressful a police officer's life is, not only on the job but then they frequently take it home with them. I try to do what I can to help by some times just listening."

Following in his footsteps

Live on stage at the Plymouth Fall Festival on Sept. 12, Scoggins led off the concert with the group's signature song, "My Heart is a Chapel." It was originally recorded in 1957 by the Statesmen, his father's gospel group. Other tracks from The Chapel's latest album, "Listen," followed. Singing over the top of the harmonies, the 51-year-old tenor gave it everything he had. Before long the crowd was clapping to the toe-tapper as Scoggins moved around the stage to the uplifting music.

The reception is similar to one's Scoggins remembers his father Denver Crumpler, a legend in Southern gospel music, receiving. Scoggins grew up listening to the gospel music Crumpler sang before his early death at the age of 43 in 1957. Crumpler sang with the Rangers Quartet in the 1930s and '40s and then with the Statesmen Quartet from Atlanta, Ga., in the 1950s. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Nashville in 1973.

"Everywhere we sing people still remember him," said Scoggins, who was 9

when his father died. "I remember at age 3 standing on a piano bench singing at Masonic Temple. He made quite an impression on a little guy."

Second generation gospel

Scoggins, Talbott and Newsome "all have a heritage in gospel music and carrying on that tradition." Each of their fathers were involved in gospel music. Ron's father sang with the Good News Quartet for 50 years and "grew up being a huge Statesmen fan." Talbott's father, an accomplished musician, played piano for the Toney Brothers for 15 years.

Talbott Jr. began his gospel music career playing keyboards and guitar in a rock band while a student at Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois. Afterwards, he played with the Christian rock band Crossfire, and then with Crimson.

"We have a tremendous friendship," said Newsome, a former Westland resident. "I think the Lord puts together people who have the same interests. Our childhoods were all around great gospel music. We were all sitting on piano benches around great gospel singers."

According to Newsome, gospel music is not as cutthroat a business as the rest of the music world, so it was easy to form a friendship. Even when writing music for their recordings, each of the members takes turns. No one hogs the spotlight.

Talbott, who spent time with his father traveling on the buses and waiting backstage at concerts, agrees the three musicians share much more than singing.

"The camaraderie is special," said Talbott, network administrator at J.P. Bender & Assoc. in Farmington Hills. "We get along musically and relationship-wise."

Spreading the word

The Chapels sing every Sunday at different churches in Michigan, Ohio and Ontario. Between concerts and church services, the group gave 80 performances last year. Letters of recommendation from churches such as Calvary Baptist in Westland attest to their popularity.

Radio station WEEC in Springfield, Ohio, receives daily requests for songs from "Listen," the recording produced in 1998 by Gerald Wolfe. The Chapels, who've appeared on three Bill Gaither Homecoming videos, also have performed with such groups as Gold City, Jeff and Sherri



Gospel roots: Plymouth Police Chief Robert Scoggins is the founder of The Chapels.

Easter and Greater Vision.

"We sing a wide variety of music to reach everybody from country to contemporary," said Newsome.

Added Scoggins, "we go through the doors the Lord opens for us and lead people to salvation. We're missionaries in the field."

For more information about The Chapels, call (888) 274-3328, pin access #8379 or e-mail them at thechapels@aol.com

CONCERT

Jazz tour celebrates 100th anniversary of the Duke's birth

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Wycliffe Gordon excused himself for yawning as he spoke about the "Rockin' in Rhythm" tour coming to Orchestra Hall in Detroit Thursday, Sept. 23. The 32-year-old trombonist has been rehearsing seven hours a day with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and didn't get to bed until 4:30 a.m.

Gordon, singer Dianne Reeves, saxophonist Joe Lovano, music director/trumpeter Nicholas Payton, and the orchestra, including bassist Rodney Whitaker, a native Detroit, didn't mind the long hours spent preparing for the tour, which opened Sept. 16 at Alice Tully Hall in New York City and travels to 19 other cities from Boston to L.A. They, along with Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra artistic director Wynton Marsalis who only played the New York City concerts, love the small band music of Edward



Rockin' in Rhythm: Dianne Reeves and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra celebrate the music of Duke Ellington.

Kennedy "Duke" Ellington who would have been 100 years old on April 29.

"I'm always excited to be touring and performing," said Gordon, a veteran member of the orchestra and the Wynton Marsalis Septet. "The music can really speak for itself. We (the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra) have been playing Duke Ellington all year. You

would think that would be pretty boring but his catalog is pretty extensive. We've rehearsed 100 of them for concerts earlier in the year but never played all of them. There's so much music—different styles from different eras.

Even though Ellington spent most of his time leading and composing for his orchestra for nearly 50 years, in 1936 he also began organizing small ensemble recording sessions to feature the legendary soloists in his orchestra. Sidemen Rex Stewart, Cootie Williams, Johnny Hodges and others headlined the sessions that carried the Ellington sound into an intimate setting.

If Gordon had been born 30 years earlier, he probably would have been playing with Ellington who always looked for musicians who could take a theme and run with it. Like Ellington, one of the most prolific composers of the 20th century in terms of number of pieces written and variety of form utilized, Gordon spends much of his time writing. In fact, he hardly ever sleeps.

In between touring, 275-300 days a year, 1-2 months with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra last year and guest gigs with Dizzy Gillespie, Lionel Hampton, Joe Williams and Tommy Flanagan, to

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member of the arts council, call (734) 416-4ART. Memberships run \$50 annually with special rates for students.

Sunday, Songs and Symphony

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra has plenty of surprises in store for supporters attending its annual fund-raiser Oct. 3. I'll let you in a few of them. In addition to listening to light Broadway and classical music by the orchestra, guests will be able to taste samplings from more than 25 restaurants and bakeries, including the Michigan

Star Clipper Train, Thomas Wedding Cakes, Marco's of Farmington, Buca di Beppo, Laurel Manor/Fonte d'Amore, Mrs. Denning's Cakes, Champs Americana and Wing Yee's. Put a bid in on the airline tickets or a 27-inch TV in the silent auction, and you'll probably go home with a bargain.

"I think it's going to be exciting, a beautiful cabaret setting and lighting," said chair Pat Sari. "But it is also our kick-off concert. It's a chance to see and take pride in the Livonia Symphony, an exceptional orchestra. And it's a wonderful way to

spend a relaxing evening with friends."

Robert Bennett, president of the Livonia Symphony, is hoping "Sunday, Songs and Symphony" raises more than the \$18,000 it did last year. With the addition of a seventh concert this season, Bennett worries that the orchestra will have problems meeting its 1999-2000 operating budget.

"We hope people come out," said Bennett. "It's going to be fun. It's one of the best layouts we've had with Wonderland Mall. They've done millions of dollars in renovations and there's plenty of free, secured parking."

Wonderland Mall general manager Reinhard Lemke is adding some special touches of his own to the gala affair.

Look for a documentary exhibit on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, which just arrived from Germany in time for the 250th anniversary of his birth. Brought to Michigan by the Goethe Institute Ann Arbor, the exhibit traces the rising of the highly talented young Goethe to one of the leading representatives of the intellectual world in Europe. In his time, the German poet, statesman, scientist, artist and all-around genius came up with some interesting theories, including one relating color and

music.

"I'm really happy about it because it goes a long way with bringing more culture to the mall," said Lemke, a Bloomfield Hills resident who came to Michigan from Germany in December. "We wanted to bridge Goethe to music. Many people know about Goethe but not his bridge to music."

Lemke, who returned to Germany for a brief visit in June, said in his native country you can't turn on the TV or radio without hearing about Goethe. His own wife, Ann Willison Lemke, gave an introductory lecture on Goethe Sept. 3 before a

concert, "Goethe Songs by Women Composers."

"We're proud to host the Livonia Symphony and do this because music is such a blessing to a community," said Lemke. "Whenever we have a ribbon-cutting, we have a high school band or an ensemble made up of members of the Livonia Symphony. It's all about quality of life. It would be boring to go to a party and talk only about finance."

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

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name a few), Gordon is recording and appearing in films. He is featured in the upcoming Ken Burns film documentary series, "Jazz," and is a guest artist on Dr. Billy Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center Series. He also appears with the Marsalis Septet in the feature film "Tune in Tomorrow" starring Peter Falk.

"I sleep only four to five hours a night," said Gordon. "I feel if I'm going to sleep eight hours I'm going to miss something. I always want to write. I learned to write it down then and there. I can always go back and work on it."

Composer

Gordon constantly composes not only jazz but choral and classical as well. His works have been performed with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and the Marsalis Septet, and have been included in programs at the

Gershwin Festival in Switzerland and at Carnegie Hall. Gordon's solo recording, "Slidin' Home," features many of his original compositions along with arrangements of standards.

"Like Duke once said when someone asked him what's his favorite composition, it's the one I'm working on now," said Gordon, a featured artist on numerous recordings with Marsalis, Marcus Roberts' "Deep in the Shed," and Madeleine Peyroux's upcoming recording. He also released "Bone Structure" with trombonist Ron Westray.

Jazz educator

Gordon knew from age 13 that he "was going to be a jazz musician one day" and believes those early years shaped the musician he would become. Introduced first to music by his late father

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Wycliffe Gordon
 Musician

Lucius, a classical pianist and teacher, Gordon began playing trombone at age 12 because his elder brother played the instrument in the junior high school band. Gordon met Wynton Marsalis during his student days at Florida A&M University. Marsalis was there for a lecture and to work with the school's band. A year later, Marsalis flew Gordon out to Texas to hear his group and by 1989, he was playing with them.

Gordon "only learned the basics of jazz in school." His exposure to professional musicians led him to develop his powerful sound by first "listening and then putting the time in." Today, he's passing on his knowledge and experience in master classes, clinics, workshops, children's concerts and lectures to students from elementary to university age. Gordon also passes on his knowledge at the Wycliffe Gordon School of

Music in Georgia. "It's not only important to educate kids about jazz music but to properly inform them about jazz and relay our own experience," said Gordon. "They grow up thinking hip hop is jazz because they might hear elements of jazz in hip hop or rap. Nothing against that, but we have to let them know about Louie Armstrong, the Duke and Benny Goodman - give them a better picture of how jazz evolved."

"In the master classes and workshops I teach them to deal with the ABCs of things. It's good to improvise but do you know the fundamentals. It's all right to improvise but you have to sound good in doing so. I tell them to get some knowledge of the piano. All the great composers and jazz musicians could play piano. It helps to develop your ear."

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BORDERS (FARMINGTON HILLS) At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, Xphiles Phorum, a discussion group for the "X-Files," meets.

BOOK SIGNINGS

West Bloomfield author Claire Levine will sign copies of 'The Bud that Stays,' a collection of poetry and drawings by her late husband, Laurence Levine. She'll also read excerpts from the book at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Barnes & Noble on Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield.

BORDERS NOVI (NOVI TOWN CENTER) Bibliophiles, a resident independent book discussion group, will meet to talk about 'The Reader.' Join the discussion at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23. Call (248) 347-4643 for information.

BORDERS BIRMINGHAM (ON SOUTHFIELD ROAD) Local writer Virginia Haroutunian will discuss and sign her book, 'Orphans in the Sand' at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. The book examines the desert death marches of the Armenians at the hands of the Ottoman Turks in 1915.

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SHAMAN DRUM Columbia University anthropologist Sherry Ortner, author of 'Life and Death on Mt. Everest: Sherpas and Himalayan Mountaineering,' will discuss a unique aspect of the Mt. Everest adventure: the conflicts between mountaineers and the Himalayan Sherpas who serve as their guides. The event takes place at 4:6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at Shaman Drum, 313 S. State. Ann Arbor. Call (734) 662-7407 for details.

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Birmingham (downtown), Rochester Hills, Troy and Auburn Hills. Throughout the months of September and October, Borders will team with BBC Video, distributed by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, to host the trip to London sweepstakes.

To enter, customers may visit any one of the Borders stores or log on to Borders.com and fill out a simple entry form. One winner will be selected at random. To add to the festivities, throughout the two-month sweepstakes period Borders will give customers who purchase any BBC Video title a free cup of tea from Borders Cafe Espresso.



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Prepare your skin for colder days

Acquiring a great pair of suede pants or a new shade of lipstick is only half the battle when it comes to making the transition from summer to fall.

DISCOVERING BEAUTY



MARY ANNE TOCCALINO

We should not only be checking out new makeup colors, but also taking a good look at our skin care regime. Flawless skin will surely make any new outfit look even better!

Because the weather is changing and temperatures are dropping, drier days are ahead; and every wrinkle and skin imperfection shows more in a dry environment. Even oily skin has more trouble; it reacts to dry conditions by excreting more oil.

One treatment for all skin types to consider is a deep-cleaning facial to remove summer debris. With an arsenal of treatments out there, my advice is to clean the face thoroughly and decide later whether you want further treatments. Dermabrasion, laser treatments and acid peels are a few such treatments.

My preference is a gentle power peel. It reduces fine lines, enables topical solutions to work at their full potential, occurs slowly over a series of sessions and targets acne and pigment imperfections. However, this procedure should be performed by a dermatologist or licensed facialist. Margo's Euro Spa in downtown Birmingham offers the treatment for about \$150 per session.

Interestingly, as technology progresses, skin care choices become more challenging. Skin care regimens are like diets; every manufacturer claims to have the best one. And, to make matters worse, the results of new skin care products are more difficult to detect than those from dieting. After all, in a few weeks you know whether the diet is doing the job. But can you really detect whether your skin is becoming firmer?

Everyone's skin is different. Perceptions are different, too. What I may notice at first glance, like crows feet, may not be what's bothering my client. Just keep in mind you need to see the whole picture, rather than zooming in on a single, tiny imperfection.

Moreover, many women read about particular products and procedures and decide they must have it without much regard for whether it's right for their skin. Slow down when selecting new treatments.

Also, it's always a good idea to determine what you want to achieve before buying anything.

While new skin care technology can do amazing things, too much of anything is rarely a good idea. And, in my opinion, many women are mixing too many products: Renova, foundations with alpha-hydroxides, moisturizers with vitamin C - too many products can be overwhelming, causing flaky, irritated and tired skin.

I try to avoid high-tech treatments, leaving those matters to the medical professionals.

However, I do believe everyone needs to clean, tone and moisturize. Also, use an eye cream every day, but omit this step at night since the cream may seep into the eye and cause puffiness. Eye gels, however, are good for night use.

Price varies from brand to brand, but I think a good moisturizer is a real value at nearly any cost. Ask for samples or purchase a small amount until you find a moisturizer that works well for you. I like a new Italian product line called Giovanni.

When first starting with a new skin care system, use moisturizers by day only. This will allow the skin to adjust to the new regime.

On a personal note: Thank you for your letters. The response to my first article last month was overwhelming. It's your questions and comments that offer insight into the issues that need to be covered.

Please send your questions to: Mary Anne, c/o Toccalino Cosmetic Studio, 470 N. Old Woodward, Suite 200, Birmingham, MI 48009 or call me at (248) 203-9477.

Mary Ann Toccalino is a professional makeup artist and skin care consultant at RED The Salon in Birmingham. The founder and owner of Toccalino Cosmetics, she studied at Joe Blasco's School of Cosmetics in Hollywood where her training included work in special effects and makeup for film and print.

Fall Spectacular

Organizers are busy behind the scenes

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
SPECIAL EDITOR

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Cashmere sweaters, leather jackets and other fall clothing have been pulled from the shelves and racks of stores in downtown Birmingham.

An order for 4,000 shrimp has been placed on behalf of Birmingham restaurants 220, Edison's, Streetside Seafood and Beverly Hills Grill.

And, more than \$100,000 in sponsorship donations have been collected.

The occasion is Birmingham Fall Spectacular, slated for 6 p.m. Sept. 29 in downtown Birmingham near Shain Park.

For those who have attended the event in the past, which benefits young cancer survivors through a scholarship program set up by William Beaumont Hospital, Fall Spectacular may seem to come off without a hitch.

That's because those who oversee the event, which is in its 10th year, have been planning for at least a year and actively preparing for the showcase of Birmingham merchants since May.

"The behind-the-scenes operations are phenomenal. ... We're taking a parking lot and turning it into a New York-style runway," said Bill Seklar, the event's director and chair of the sponsorship committee. "As soon as the event ends, we are preparing for next year."

Actually, putting on a New York-caliber runway show is only one aspect of Fall Spectacular. Attendees are treated to a strolling buffet compliments of Birmingham restaurants, live music and both a silent and live auction.

In fact, eight major committees are formed to oversee different aspects of the event, from volunteers to fashion to sponsorship to hospitality. Sponsorship pays for the event, so proceeds from tickets and the auctions can be donated to Beaumont Hospital's scholarship program.

Numerous subcommittees are also formed. And, on the day of the event about 200 volunteers pitch in to make everything come together.

Judi Roberts, who co-

owns 220, Edison's, Streetside Seafood and Beverly Hills Grill with her husband Bill, co-chairs Fall Spectacular and oversees the hospitality committee.

This year, more than 20 restaurants are contributing food, so Roberts has been busy overseeing the event's menu, drawing diagrams for buffet tables and placing orders for everything from linens to valet service to a deluxe women's Port-A-Potty.

"I have a lot of little details to attend to," said Roberts. "Somebody may all of sudden need a chaffing dish, so I go scrounge that up. Just a lot of little details like that."

A few days before Fall Spectacular, Roberts places an order for the event's cash bar under a special one-day, off-premise liquor license granted to the Beaumont Foundation.

Obtaining licenses, permits and assistance from city officials - an overwhelming task on its own - is handled by Richard Astrein, owner of Astrein's Creative Jewelers.

By 6 a.m. Monday, Roberts, Seklar, Astrein and the numerous other individuals and volunteers behind-the-scenes of Fall Spectacular will be working at twice the pace.

Come Monday, workers will set up the event's tents, electricians will install lighting, sound engineers will set up monitors, models will rehearse their runway show and students from Groves and Seaholm high schools will set up tables and chairs.

"And, we'll work until midnight every day until Wednesday," said Roberts. "Oh yeah, it's a rush."



STAFF PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Spectacular preview: Models showed off downtown Birmingham retailers' clothing at a Fall Spectacular preview party on Tuesday at Forte restaurant.

Birmingham Fall Spectacular

What: Premiere Birmingham event featuring a runway show of local retailer's fall fashion, cuisine from more than 20 Birmingham restaurants and an auction all to benefit William Beaumont Hospital's Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship program.

When: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29

Where: Under tents in downtown Birmingham near Shain Park

Cost: Benefactor, \$250. Patron, \$150. Advanced general admission, \$50. General admission at the door based on availability, \$60.

Tickets are available at Astrein's, Tender and Imelda's Closet in downtown Birmingham or, for additional information, call (248) 644-1651.



Making plans: Fall Spectacular co-chair Judi Roberts, at right, talks with Penny Zywick, general manager at Forte restaurant.

Saks Fifth Avenue targets breast cancer

If fashion is your passion and you're a shopping addict, head to the nearest Saks Fifth Avenue this weekend and say "charge it" with pride.

Saks will donate 2% of its sales made Sep. 23 through Sep. 25 to various breast cancer charities throughout the nation. In the Detroit area, the money will benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The event is part of the Council of Fashion Design-

ers of America's "Fashion Targets Breast Cancer" week, during which well-known CFDA designers will make in-store appearances at Saks.

Designer B. Michael will meet and greet the style-conscious masses on Sep. 24 at the Saks Fifth Avenue in the Fairlane Town Center, 18900 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn.

All 58 Saks stores in 26 different states will participate, and General Motors will match the donation

made by Saks up to \$500,000. American Express will also put up matching funds for customers who use their American Express credit cards for purchases.

The New York Times, Continental Airlines and the Woolmark Company are also contributing to the event.

The CFDA has raised over \$11.2 million for Breast Cancer research and support through the annual Fashion Targets Breast Cancer initiative.

Retail, style and special store events are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

MEADOWBROOK VILLAGE ANNIVERSARY
Shoppers at Meadowbrook Village can register to win one of four \$100 gift certificates or get free gifts from merchants as part of Meadowbrook Village's anniversary celebration.

PET SUPPLIES SALE
Backdoor friends Cat Shoppe, in the Muirwood Square Shopping Center at Grand River Avenue and Drake Road in Farmington Hills, is having an end of summer sale featuring cat toys, furniture, beds and grooming tools. The sale runs through Sep. 25.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

FINE ART SHOW
The Tel-Twelve Mall, at the intersection of Twelve Mile Road and Telegraph Road in Southfield, pre-

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

sents a Fine Art Show and sale through Sunday, Sep. 26 during regular mall hours.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

MEN'S WEAR TRUNK SHOW
Jacobson's Rochester store, 1220 University Drive, presents a trunk show featuring men's tailored suits and accessories by Hart, Shaffner and Marx during regular store hours.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

LISA JENKS TRUNK SHOW
Roz & Sherin, 6536 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills present a trunk show featuring jewelry by Lisa Jenks from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CORNELIANI TRUNK SHOW
The Claymore Shop, 210 S. Old Woodward, will present a trunk show featuring men's wear by Corneliani from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

LEATHER TRUNK SHOW
The Boardwalk Shopping Center, 6905 Orchard Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, hosts a fashion show and trunk showing of leather clothing and accessories by Crown Leather, Nina Ricci and Marco Pierguidi from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WARDROBE WORKSHOP
Jacobson's offers a wardrobe workshop by Austin Reed in the Ladies sportswear department of their Birmingham store, 336 W. Maple.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SOUTHWICK TRUNK SHOW
The Claymore Shop, 210 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham, will present a trunk show featuring men's wear by Southwick from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

COLLECTABLE PEN SHOW
The Michigan Pen Collectors present a pen show and sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring antique writing utensils and a live auction at the Westin Hotel, 1500 Town Center in Southfield.

Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it.

- Bird for Elaine.
- An old comptometer manual for Marian.
- A store that sells real bamboo roll-up curtains for use on a screened-in porch for Mary in Plymouth.
- Birmingham Seaholm High School yearbook from 1969 to 1971 for Donna.
- Fresh butter in a crock in the Redford area for Sheila.
- Mikasa Heritage Tapestry dishes for Beverly.
- A Hudson's Santa Bear made 1986-1992 for Laura.
- A 1983 Rochester High School yearbook for Katherine.
- A mini-chopper food processor used in conjunction with an Osterizer Blender. It's a small bowl with a metal chopper blade inside) for Barbara.
- A 1981 Detroit All Saints High School yearbook for Theresa.
- An Avon distributor in the Livonia area that sells Eutura Replenishing cr me.
- Estee Lauder Maximum Cover makeup (#06 medium) for Carol.
- A place that repairs Keystone cameras for Leah.
- Buffalo hot dogs for Delores.
- A Huggins Madame Alexander doll for Claire.
- A 1973 Clawson High School yearbook for Elizabeth.
- A Sunbeam Shavemaster shaver replacement comb and brush (#P97-70) for a single-head, five-blade shaver for Joseph.
- A videotape of Elton John's "D One" for Vita.
- Milton Bradley's game Zero Zap for Mary Beth.
- Any or all Detroit Central High School yearbooks issued between 1949 and 1951 for Madeline.
- Highland Park St. Benedict Elementary School yearbooks from 1965 to 1971 for Sandra.
- Plastic bags that can be filled with sand for creating water breaks for George, who lives in Farmington.
- A black, Mag 7-D flashlight for Jeff.
- Sliced celery root in a can for Walter.
- A 1944 Lake Orion High School yearbook, replacement covers for a Child's metal butterfly chair and stick-on towel bars for Judy.

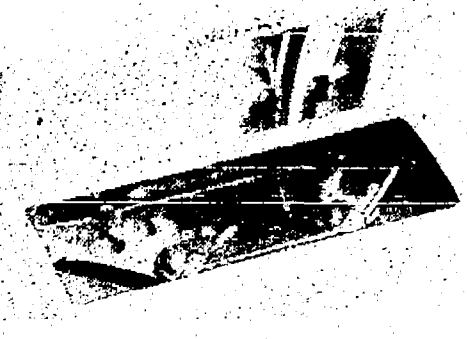
- WHAT WE FOUND:**
- Estee Lauder Youth Dew bath oil can be found at Lord & Taylor, Hudson's and other major department stores in the area.
 - Chaus Sportswear is sold at Hudson's and Lord & Taylor.
 - Ultima II face blush is sold at J.C. Penney at Oakland Mall.
 - We found a Mrs. Beasley doll, a polyester shirtwaist dress, a partially used bottle of Oscar De La Renta Ruffles perfume for \$5 and old rock 'n' roll movie posters but no Dick Clark memorabilia.
- FIND & SEARCH NOTES**
- One reader called with a 1976 Livonia Franklin High School Yearbook for any one is interested in obtaining it.
 - One reader called to say Gee your hair smells terrific shampoo has been discontinued.
 - Does the reader who called about where to buy Daran handbags have a telephone number for the Ann Arbor Artisan's Market? Give us a call, if you do.
 - Also, we need another person who has a countertop dishwasher.
- WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**
- A store in Northville that sells women's blue jeans.
 - Real Jungle Gardenia perfume for Janice.
 - An 8 x 10 picture frame that holds three pictures and is equipped to sit on a television for Pat.
 - A 1938-39 Detroit St. Theresa High School yearbook for Ira.
 - A store that sells men's elastic-waist trousers in polyester or cotton for Mrs. Jones.
 - The children's book "Fletcher" by Parents Magazine Press for Judy.
 - Any information on next year's St. Cecilia's of Detroit reunion for the Class of 1950 for Margaret.
 - A 1969 Rochester High School yearbook for Vicki.
 - A used wooden outdoor gym/play set for Fran.
 - Cassette tapes for a talking Big

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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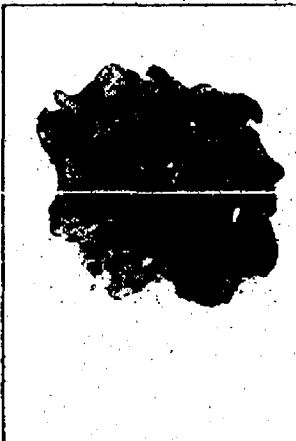


Wrap it up: Ponchos are a top style this fall season. The Worth Collection's, turtleneck poncho is made of soft and luxurious knitted alpaca, \$395 through local Worth representatives.



Fix it: Perfect Solutions nine-piece pocket tool includes five wrenches and Phillips and slotted screwdrivers and makes doing small repairs easy, \$16, Union General Store and Sweetshop Cafe in Clarkston.

Baby soft: As cold weather and dry temperatures approach, be prepared to keep baby soft with Bobbie Brown baby essentials soothing body balm, \$22.50 at Neiman Marcus.



Flower power: Add a flower to any hat or outfit anytime of the year with a pin-on, silk flower, \$28 at Jo' Lynn Fashions in downtown Rochester.

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TRAVEL

Youthful traveler loves visit to Down Under

BY SARAH WESTRICK
SPECIAL WRITER

Sarah Westrick of Livonia is a ninth grader at Churchill High School in Livonia. This is her account of a trip she took earlier this summer.

From June 29 to July 16, I had the privilege of going on a trip to Australia with 40 of my peers. I went with an organization called People to People Student Ambassadors.

President Dwight Eisenhower founded People to People in 1956. He believed that individuals reaching out in friendship to people of other countries could contribute significantly to world peace. The program's goal is to have students return home with a better understanding of world affairs and a genuine respect for their country.

Delegations from all over the United States and Canada travel to various places around the world. This year, the Wayne-Oakland County delegation traveled to Australia.

During my three-week trip, we made our way down the east coast from Cairns to Sydney.

From Michigan, we flew to Los Angeles, and after a two-hour layover, we had a 14-hour flight to Sydney. To complete the very long journey, our last flight was from Sydney to Cairns.

We arrived in Cairns in the afternoon. Outside the airport, we were greeted by waving palm trees and mountains covered with lush green trees. It was very beautiful. The rest of the day, nothing else was planned, so I rested. At night, we went to the beach to see the sunset.

For the next few days, we were very busy. We took a gondola sky-ride over the rain forests. From up there, you can see all of Cairns and the coastline. On the other side of the mountain, there was a small Australian cultural center. There we saw Aborigines perform traditional aboriginal dances. They also demonstrated how to throw a boomerang and a spear and how to play a didgeridoo, a musical instrument made from a long, hollowed-out piece of timber. You play a didgeridoo by blowing through it. At the center, called Rainforestation, we got to hold koalas. The marsupials, which look like small bears, were cute, but they smelled strongly of eucalyptus leaves.

The very next day, we headed



Billabong: A standing pool of water in the Australian outback near the town of Charter Towers. The typical Australian billabong involves an intermittent river that flows only after heavy rains.



Koala encounter: Sarah Westrick of Livonia visits the animals at Billabong Sanctuary just outside of Townsville, Australia.

miles of bush and a couple of stray trees.

We went to Billabong Sanctuary outside of Townsville. It was a small zoo with all kinds of animals native to Australia. We saw kangaroos, koalas, wombats, kookaburras. We got to hand-feed the kangaroos, too.

While we were traveling to South Molle Island, we stopped in a city called Ayr. There we met with government officials from the Burdekin Shire Council and received an official civic welcome.

For two nights, we stayed at South Island, which is part of the Whitsunday Islands. It was a tropical paradise. We climbed to the highest point on the island, and we had a 360-degree view of the whole place.

Next we stopped in a small town called Yeppoon for a night. Yeppoon is home to Olsen's Capricorn Caverns. The caverns are a large chain of open caves. We took a tour, and I learned lots of things about caves.

That night, we visited a crocodile farm. The crocs were huge. For dinner there, you could try some crocodile soup. I decided to try a little... it tasted a bit like chicken but chewy. Later on, while it was dark, we tried to spot crocs' eyes with flashlights.

I had fun that night even though I jumped a few times.

In the final week, we split up

and each person in my group stayed the weekend with an Australian family in Gladstone. It was a good way to learn about the everyday life of a family there.

Another girl in our group and I stayed with the Davie family. They had a daughter my age, Jemma. While staying with Jemma, we went to a dance at her school. We also visited the Tropic of Capricorn, went to an Australian mall and a McDonald's, which was very much like our McDonald's here in Michigan.

On our travels from Gladstone to Sydney, we visited the Cape Byron Lighthouse in Byron Bay and also Rainbow Beach, famous for its variety of colored sands.

The last couple of days we spent in Sydney. It's a beautiful city. We went to the Visitor Center where the Sydney 2000 Olympics complex is being built. We toured the famous Sydney Opera House, viewed the Harbour Bridge and also spent an evening at Planet Hollywood.

Our trip came to an end in Sydney, and we flew from there to Los Angeles and then home to Michigan.

This whole experience was educational and rewarding, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to represent our country as a People to People Student Ambassador.

for the Great Barrier Reef. We took a large boat out to a huge floating dock in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Once I changed into my bathing suit and collected my mask, snorkel and flippers, I was ready to go.

After I jumped in, I was in awe over how spectacular it was down there. I saw a lot of colorful fish, some as small as my pinkie finger and others that were 50 pounds or more. There was such a variety of colors, shapes and sizes.

The coral was exactly the same - such a variety. It was filled with many colors like blues, greens, yellows, browns and pinks. All were unique, with a definite shape. For example, staghorn coral looks like deer antlers, and brain coral really looks like a brain. That is an experience I will never forget.

Over the second week, we went to the outback on a farm stay in Charter Towers. There isn't much out there, just miles and



Sydney: One of the many new structures being prepared for the 2000 Olympics.



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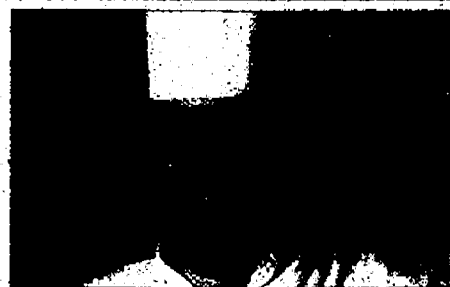
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COOKING CONQUESTS



SCOTT PETERSON

Cast your line for fresh fish streamsides

As the cooler autumn weather approaches, my thoughts turn to sports. I am not talking about football season but rather the start of a great fishing season.

When I moved here from Idaho a few years back, I thought I was leaving quality fly fishing far behind. Boy, was I wrong! A good friend of mine recently invited me to join him at an out-of-the-way stream north of Mt. Pleasant. This little-known stream afforded us the opportunity to cast continuously to the eager yet unsuspecting trout, surrounded by a serene, beautiful setting.

Dozen late afternoon we had released trout each but also kept quite a few for dinner. A cast iron skillet, some butter and lemon were all we needed to prepare the perfect meal.

For the freshest-tasting fish, catch your own and cook it streamsides. If this is a luxury time does not afford — as is the case for most of us — the next best thing is to note that most grocery stores have a wide selection of quality fish and seafood from which to choose. It is, however, very important that you know what to look for, and smell for, in store-bought seafood.

Buying tips

Fresh fish should have clear, bulging eyes, bright red gills and shiny skin. The flesh should be firm and springy to the touch. If you prefer to buy fish already cut into filet or steak form, the flesh should be brightly colored with no dryness or washed-out colors. Ask to smell the fish you wish to buy. Fresh fish will smell sweet and, well, fresh. Avoid any fish that smells of bleach or ammonia, or believe it or not, fish. That "fishy" smell is an indication that the product has been at the store a few days, and your meal will not taste as good.

The best-quality fish will most likely cost a little more, but considering the alternative, it is worth the extra money that you will spend.

The popularity of fly-fishing is rapidly growing, so my friend made me promise not to divulge the location of the wonderful stream. Fortunately, he didn't say I couldn't share the recipes we used!

SAUTÉED LEMON SOLE

WITH WHITE WINE CAPER SAUCE

- 4 (8 ounce) lemon sole filets
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons capers
- 2 tablespoons butter

Mix flour, salt and pepper together. Lightly coat each filet with seasoned flour mixture.

Heat large sauté pan and add butter. When butter begins to brown, place fish in pan, skin side up. Cook 2-3 minutes until lightly browned and then turn fish over and cook 2-3 more minutes or to desired doneness. Remove fish to a paper towel to rest and return pan to stove for sauce. Serves 4.

WHITE WINE CAPER SAUCE

- 3/4 cup white wine
- 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
- 2 teaspoons capers
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup diced artichokes
- 3 tablespoons whole butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

After removing fish from pan, return pan to heat and deglaze with white wine. Be sure to scrape any extra sauce or capers stuck to the bottom of the pan using a wooden spoon. Add garlic, capers, tomatoes and artichokes.

Let simmer for 3 minutes. Add butter, and season to taste. Divide sauce among the pieces of fish and serve.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Chili Cook-off
- Cheers for Beer

Olympics

Chefs train for their

INTERNATIONAL CULINARY OLYMPICS

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Chef Daniel Hugelier is cooking up something of Olympic proportions at Schoolcraft College.

As a master certified chef and culinary arts instructor at the Livonia college, Hugelier signed on this year to coach the American Culinary Federation's Team U.S.A. 2000 for the International Culinary Olympics. These Olympics are the world's largest and oldest culinary competition, held every four years in Berlin, Germany. In October 2000, about 7,000 chefs from more than 30 countries will compete to further research and development in the culinary arts field. No stranger to the event, Hugelier participated in the 1980, 1984 and 1988 Olympic competitions.

Hugelier was asked to coach the team nine months ago. He said he accepted the opportunity because of the people he would have a chance to work with and the advantages of gaining knowledge in culinary arts.

"I get pure enjoyment out of seeing young people move up the ladder," said Hugelier. "When I can be a part of that, it's as good as it was for me to participate."

Hugelier was able, for the first time, to bring the national team into Michigan and to Schoolcraft College. On Friday Aug. 27, team members flew in from around the country to practice with Hugelier and perfect their dishes. These practice dishes were exhibited Monday, Aug. 30, at the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus in Livonia.

Michigan team member

Derin Moore, the only national team member from Michigan, was really feeling the pressure. Moore is executive chef of the Golden Mushroom restaurant in Southfield and the third Michigan chef ever to make it to the national level. Moore said it's wonderful to be chosen as one of the five top chefs in the country. He's been competing for 14 years and working at the



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Teamwork: (Above) Charles Carroll (left) and Daniel Scannell talk creative cooking in preparation for the world-wide culinary competition. (Top photo) A raspberry dessert displayed at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Olympics exhibition Aug. 30 shows the attention to detail which goes into every dish. —

Southfield restaurant for more than two years.

"It takes a lot of practice in order to get to this level," said Moore. "Chef Dan Hugelier had a lot to do with it. He's respected world-wide. He was on three separate teams, a span of 12 years representing the U.S. He knows what things need to get done."

Alfonso Constrictiani of New Jersey agreed. "He goes that extra mile for us."

He's a great inspiration for us."

Along with the support and supervision of coaches such as Hugelier, Moore said he is fortunate to have a position at the Golden Mushroom that requires him to perform on a high level every day. He's been incorporating what he's learning for the competition into daily specials at the restaurant. Involvement in the competition has forced Moore to push himself further, he said, and to look at food from a different perspective.

Moore isn't the only Golden Mushroom chef competing in the Culinary Olympics. Deni Smiljanovski, a Clinton Township resident who works there as a night chef, will also be on his way to Berlin. He will compete as an individual rather than part of Team U.S.A. Moore said Smiljanovski bounces ideas off of him, but the two are careful not to work too closely together when practicing for competition.

Smiljanovski will prepare a cold buffet platter and six different appetizer plates. He said he was concerned about the time limit and different working environment he will be faced with during the competition.

Slice of American food culture

"I believe we affect the food culture in America," said Hugelier of the event. "We get to really taste the culture."

The display at Schoolcraft on Aug. 30 resulted in more than 100 individual dishes, which created a mouth

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One of our own: Schoolcraft College's own Chef Daniel Hugelier participated in three consecutive Culinary Olympics competitions. He is coaching the U.S.A. Team 2000.

Reserve is a troubling wine word

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Reserve is a wine word that troubles us. Riserva on an Italian wine label means that the wine had extended aging before release, so it's OK. It doesn't necessarily speak to quality, but at least we know what it means.

Among French wines, top Bordeaux chateaux don't use the word reserve.

There's no need. Time has endowed the Grands Vins with singular recognition. Chateau owners put their reputation on the line every vintage. In poor years, lesser wines are sold to a neighbor or are bottled under a second label. While you may have sticker shock with the over-ruled prices of top growth Bordeaux from recent vintages, if you're willing to pay, you know what you're getting.

Wines sold in the International Community (IC) cannot be called Reserve.

For wines made in the U.S., the word Reserve has been abused because there is no legal definition. Sometimes it's a marketing gimmick. Pick overripe fruit, load the wine up with oak, label it "Reserve" and ramp up the price.

Judging the worth

How, then, do you judge the worth of the

term Reserve? That's easy — by the producer who understands that Reserve is a word in the high-quality, ultra-premium equation, evoking descriptions such as delicious, complex, rich, balanced, elegant and finesseful.

Fetzer Vineyards

That said, we put the spotlight on Fetzer Vineyards and its limited-release Reserve Collection wines which represent the personal passion of Fetzer's Director of Wine-making Dennis Martin.

"What I'm trying to do with the Fetzer Reserve Collection is craft distinctive wines from California's most prestigious growing regions and its top vineyards," he said.

Many domestic Reserve wines are essentially best lots, best barrel wines — top grapes showing the most barrel development. What Fetzer has done in creating its Reserve Collection is different. Knowing its vineyard sources well, it set out from there to design its Reserve Collection.

"Fetzer recognizes that vineyard sources must be sustainable to have consistency vintage to vintage," Martin said. "We've gone heavily to French oak and the word is out among our more than 350 growers that



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Harvest: Fetzer Vineyards director of winemaking Dennis Martin shows off some newly-harvested red grapes.

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Olympics from page D1

watering spread of delectable artwork. The dishes showcased the Olympics categories of hot food, hot food displayed cold, cold food platters and pastry. Attention to detail made the dishes look elegant. The shape, color, execution and nutrition of each dish was carefully considered during the long hours spent cooking the previous weekend. Entrees such as roast breast of baby chicken and Pacific Northwest salmon and halibut plate were displayed near desserts including a chocolate raspberry palette and petit four platters.

"You can see good taste," said Hugelier of the presentation.

Working together for the medal

Team members, chosen through a series of national competitions, came from across the country to practice and present their work at Schoolcraft College. They developed their own dishes and menus. Hugelier said that making it to the national team - or even the regional team - requires strong character, a desire to be the best and "a hunger or a fire in their belly."

Susan Notter, a pastry chef on Team 2000, said the team came up with particular themes and prepared dishes accordingly. Her theme, a Norman Rockwell and Americana tribute, lent itself to pastries shaped like paint brushes. But her message reflected the concept of teamwork.

"It's great to be part of a team where the people are really passionate," said Notter, who lives in Maryland. "We do better each time. You learn a lot."

Notter said she was pleased with the way her cold display turned out, and she hopes that

people will "really want to eat" her creations. Though many eyes gazed at her pastries at the exhibit, all of the food was glazed with a broth, which gives it a crystal-clear appearance for viewing not for eating.

The exhibit was part of preparation for the teams next pre-Olympic competition in Basil, Switzerland, Nov. 16-26, and ultimately for the Culinary Olympics in Berlin, Germany, next year. Between now and then Moore, Hugelier and the rest of Team U.S.A. will work grueling hours to get ready.

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BAKED HALIBUT WITH OLIVE SAUCE

- 4 (7-ounce) halibut filets
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups olive sauce (see following recipe)

Make sure halibut filets are 2 inches thick or thicker to retain moisture while cooking. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Spray sheet pan lightly with vegetable oil and place halibut skin side down. Brush each filet of halibut lightly with olive oil to cover.

Season with salt and fresh pepper (a pepper mill works best.) Place sheet pan into oven and cook 10-12 minutes or to desired doneness. I prefer halibut to be medium or medium well, but never well done. Remove halibut to serving plates and sauce generously. Garnish with appropriate olive slices. Serves 4.

OLIVE SAUCE

- 15 olives, pitted and halved
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup cream
- Dash salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 diced shallot
- 2 thinly sliced cloves of garlic
- 2 cups chicken stock

In a heavy-bottom saucepot, heat 1 tablespoon of butter and add in garlic and shallot with a pinch of salt. Sauté until lightly browned. Add chicken stock and reduce heat. Stir in olives and cream and simmer for 15 minutes. Add 2 tablespoon of butter and

adjust seasoning. Puree with hand blender. Serve hot.

GRILLED TROUT WITH LEMON PEPPER BUTTER

- 4 (8-ounce) boneless trout
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of pepper
- 4 tablespoons lemon pepper butter (recipe follows)

Season trout on both sides with salt and pepper and spray lightly with vegetable oil. Place on a clean, hot grill with the skin side up.

After two minutes turn fish over and grill for an additional 3 minutes. While trout is cooking, place 2 or 3 thin pieces of lemon butter on fish side so they can begin to melt. Serve hot.

LEMON PEPPER BUTTER

- 1 stick butter
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh cracked pepper
- Pinch of salt

Cut butter into small pieces and soften to room temperature. In a mixing bowl, place all ingredients together and mash with a fork until fully mixed.

If you choose to prepare a compound butter in a mixer or food processor, please be careful not to melt the butter. Once the butter is mixed, it can be placed into a food container or wrapped in butcher paper log style and refrigerate. This allows you to cut from it as needed.

Chef Scott Peterson is the executive chef at Big Rock Chop & Brewhouse in Birmingham.

Chili cook-off winners

Robert Vargo of Commerce Township won first place in the Michigan State Chili and Salsa Championship Saturday, Sept. 11 in Plymouth. He received a trophy, \$1,000, and will advance to the World Championship Cook-off in Las Vegas.

Diane Lentz of Nicholasville, Ky. placed second, Lynne Hunter of Chelsea, third, Bill Donovan of Cincinnati, fourth, and John

Janes of Wyandotte, fifth.

Jeff Netzer of Seymour, Ind. won first place in the salsa competition. James Sholar of Canton placed first in the best booth contest. Chili cooks will be gathering in downtown Plymouth on Sunday, Oct. 3 for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Salsa Competition. Cooking begins at 11 a.m. Call (734) 455-8838 for more information.

Reserve from page D1

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"The best Cabernet Sauvignon in the world comes from Napa Valley and our goal is to label Fetzer Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon with a Napa Valley appellation."

Fetzer raised the quality bar

with its 1994 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$34. This wine set standards from which it cannot retreat. From what we've tasted pre-release and from barrel of Fetzer Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon vintages 1995, 1996 and 1997, it won't. Packaged in smart Italian glass, the appear-

ance impresses as very stylish.

1996 Fetzer Reserve Chardonnay, Mendocino County \$25 delights with aromas of citrus, spice and vanilla. Creamy mouthfeel is luxurious and elegant. 1997 Fetzer Reserve Pinot Noir, Bien Nacido Vineyard \$30 has intense attractive spice

notes, dark cherry-like fruit and vanilla accents. Balance is the key to this complex wine. 1995 Fetzer Reserve Merlot, North Coast \$34 has cherry fruit accented with blueberry and minty notes. Fruit and oak are harmonized in a depthful wine with abundant complexity.

If you're into matching wine and food, Sid Goldstein, Fetzer's marketing communications director, just had his "The Wine Lover's Cookbook," (Chronicle Books \$22.95) published.

Popular wine varieties are matched with a number of recipes. Extensive tips on making the best wine and food matches with contemporary dishes are given.

In mid-August, the Washington State wine industry took the U.S. lead in the quality quest as the first to define the word Reserve. Beginning with vintage 2000, Reserve can only be used for 10 percent of a winery's production or 3,000 cases of a given variety, whichever is greater. It must be 100 percent from Washington State; be indicative that the wine labeled Reserve is of higher quality than most wines from the winery of the designated variety or blend; and must be among the higher-priced wines produced by the winery. Bravo Washington State wine producers!

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CORN SPOON BREAD

- 3 cups milk
- 3/4 cup yellow corn meal
- 1 cup fresh sweet corn kernels
- 5 eggs, separated
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Salt to taste
- 3 tablespoons sweet butter
- Fresh ground black peppercorns to taste

Lightly oil an ovenproof skillet. In a separate saucepan scald the milk. Add the corn meal and the corn kernels stirring constantly. Cook until the mixture is very thick.

Beat the yolks until light. Add the baking powder and the salt.

Add a little cornmeal mixture to the yolks, then combine the yolks with remaining cornmeal. Add butter.

Beat the egg whites until stiff, but not dry and fold in carefully. Pour into a lightly greased skillet. Top with the ground peppercorns. Cover and cook for 10 minutes on top of the range over moderate

heat. Place in a 350 degree F. oven for an additional 20 minutes without removing the cover.

CALIFORNIA CIOPPINO

- Yield: 6 portions
- Mise en Place:
- 1/2 cup chopped bacon
- 1 red onion, diced
- 3 red peppers, diced
- 2 cups mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup scallions, diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground caraway
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 bay leaf
- As needed, salt and pinch of cayenne pepper
- 2 cups white wine
- 2-3 cups fish stock or chicken stock
- 2 cups finely chopped tomatoes
- 1-1/2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 lobster tails, cut into 6

- pieces
- 6 (16-20 size) shrimp, peeled
- 2 pounds bass, red snapper or pike, scaled and cut into small pieces
- 6 mussels, cleaned
- 1 cup scallops
- Few drops fresh squeezed lemon juice

Garnish: Garlic toast

Render the bacon in a large pot until it is crisp. Add the olive oil, onions, scallions, peppers, mushrooms, celery, garlic and parsley. Cook for 2-3 minutes.

Add the spices and sweat. Deglaze pot with the white wine. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste and stock. Bring to a boil. Add the lobster and shrimp. Simmer for 3-4 minutes. Add the fish, mussels, scallops and continue to cook until the seafood is done. Adjust the seasoning, lemon juice and salt. Adjust the consistency with arrowroot if desired.

Recipes compliments of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department.

Quick cooking: Savory breakfast rollups

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Breakfast is often a meal on the run. These Savory Breakfast Rollups can be wrapped and ready to eat in under 30 minutes - even if there's time for a leisurely weekend brunch. Alternatively, you can do most of the preparation in advance, overnight if you wish.

The filling combines cooked meat, ham or chicken, eggs and cheese with mushrooms and onions, wrapped in flour tortillas to warm through in the oven or, even faster, in the microwave.

For a cheery look on the breakfast table, use tortillas colored red with tomato or green with spinach.

SAVORY BREAKFAST ROLLUPS

- 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms (3 ounces)
- 1 1/2 cups diced cooked turkey, ham or chicken (leftover or deli style)
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup shredded Jarlsberg cheese, low-fat version (4 ounces)
- Four 10-inch flour tortillas
- Chopped green onion, scallions or chives, as optional garnish

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, saute onion and mushrooms in oil, stir-frying about 2 minutes. Add meat and stir-fry another minute. Add eggs and stir-

fry 1 minute more.

In a bowl, toss egg mixture with cheese. Divide evenly among tortillas; roll up and wrap individually in aluminum foil. Refrigerate overnight or until breakfast.

Heat oven to 350 F. Place wrapped tortillas in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes, until heated through.

To microwave: Wrap in microwave-safe paper and cook on full power 2 to 3 minutes.

Makes 4 to 8 servings (rollups may be cut in half).

Nutritional information per whole rollup: 536 cal., 39 g pro., 26 g fat, 323 mg calcium, 34 g carbo., 327 mg sodium, 369 mg chol.

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, to fax (734) 591-7279, or e-mail kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net

Wine tasting dinner - 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Summit on the Park, Chestnut Room, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Event features a five course meal with every course featuring a different and distinct Italian wine. Pamela Hawley of Paterno Imports in Chicago, a knowledgeable wine expert, will be the guest speaker and will discuss each of the featured wines. The evening also includes musical entertainment. Cost is \$65 per person. It will be hosted by John Pardington, owner of Holiday Market. Seating is limited to 50 people. Call John Pardington at Holiday Market in Canton for reservations or more information, (734) 844-2200.

Cooking and dining at The Lark with Chef Marcus Haight, coffee served 10:45 a.m., class begins 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Cost is \$75 per person, class size limited to 16. Call Marcus or Susan Haight, (248) 334-2197 to reserve your spot.

Menu features Italian veal dumpling with lemons and sage sauce, salad of Michigan tomatoes, red onions with Buffalo Mozzarella, tarragon dressing, three-berry granite, fire-grilled marinated lamb chops with Balsamic vinegar sauce. Flageolet beans, whole roasted pineapple with rum, buttermilk cake, Guernsey-vanilla ice cream, coffee or tea.

The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, north of Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

Kitchen Glamor - Kitchenaid Autumn Treats, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 Nov. store; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday,

Sept. 22, Redford store. No charge. Crusty free form bread and bagels cooking class, 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 Nov. store, 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, Redford store. The cost is \$25 per person. Call (800) 641-1252 for information, or to register.

Schoolcraft College - Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-275.) Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students. During the event, Master Sommelier Madeleine Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants.

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Byrd's Choice Meats celebrates anniversary

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Over the past 40 years, Byrd's Choice Meats Inc. has grown from a small meat market operated by four people to a 4,800-square-foot meat and gourmet products market staffed by 20 people.

Byrd's is celebrating its 40th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 19. It opened in mid-September 1959 on Five Mile Road east of Farmington Road, where it existed until 1971, when it moved to Schoolcraft and Merriman. In 1976, it moved to its current location, 33066 W. Seven Mile Road, two blocks east of Farmington Road in Livonia.

Not only has Byrd's location changed over the years, but there have also been some striking changes in consumers' tastes, owner George Byrd said.

"People are buying more fish and poultry now," he said. "People are more diet conscious with everything." Beef sales have plummeted at the same time fish and poultry sales skyrocketed, he added.

But all meat products, including leaner products like fish and poultry, have received some negative press over the past few years, Byrd said. This combined with increased competition means Byrd's has 10 fewer employees than it did 10 years ago, he said.

Regular customers still remain loyal to the store.

"I get people who move away and still come back," Byrd said. Customers are drawn from Livonia and several surrounding communities. "We just have a lot more competition, that's all."

The small store Byrd opened in 1959 was 19 feet wide by 60 feet long. It sold the basics of the time — meat, bread and milk. Today the store sells a number of gourmet companion items such as marinades and sauces for cooking a variety of meats.

The increased number of



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At your service: John Bennett (left), George Byrd (center) and Terry Trotter at Byrd's Choice Meats in Livonia.

women in the workforce has been a strong driving force behind some of Byrd's changes. In 1959, it was common for families to eat several cooked-from-scratch meals a week — even if it meant slow-cooking something like a pot roast for hours.

Nowadays time-strapped people want convenience foods. To meet that demand, Byrd's sells several grill or oven-ready meat products and gourmet items like shish-kabobs. Some items, like turkey roasts and beef roasts, are even pre-cooked, requiring only heating.

"Customers want more things done when they get home," Byrd said.

The secret to the store's success has little to do with the store's price tags in comparison with competitors such as Westborn Market.

"Quality and service over price," Byrd said of his store's philosophy. Another key to its success has been location.

"Livonia's been a very stable

area," he said. "It's just grown." Here's a recipe to try.

ONE DISH CHICKEN & STUFFING

- 4 cups Brownsberry Stuffing Mix
- 6 skinless boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) cream of chicken soup
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley
- Paprika to taste

Make stuffing according to package directions. Spoon stuffing across center of 1 quart shallow baking dish.

Place chicken on each side of stuffing. Sprinkle chicken with paprika.

Mix soup, milk and parsley. Pour over chicken. Bake covered at 400°F for 15 minutes.

Bake uncovered 15 minutes more or until chicken is no longer pink. Serves 6.



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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Participants sought

Local researchers Amy Cheyne, Laura Januszek and Laura Blackiston, in conjunction with Grand Valley State University, are performing a study to determine the effects of a common over-the-counter nutritional supplement and/or exercise on arthritis of the lower extremity. The study will last for 3 months at no monetary cost to participants and requires occasional paperwork to be filled out. A sample of the general guidelines include being diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the hip, knee or ankle; not exercising more than 2 hours a week; and no having been diagnosed with diabetes or peripheral vascular disease. To determine if you are eligible call Laura Januszek at (248) 477-4058.

Ostomy care

The McAuley Pharmacy is hosting an Ostomy Care open house from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at the McAuley Pharmacy (Arbor Health Building) 990 West Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 104 in Plymouth. A free ostomy consultation and evaluation will be given by Barb Boylan Lewis and Kathy Wickham, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Enterostomal Nurse Clinicians. A representative from Convatec (Ann Gapeczynski) will be in attendance. Free samples and refreshments will be served. To schedule an appointment for a free consultation (walk-ins welcome) call Georgia Robertson at (734) 451-7777.

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Oakwood Health System's Behavioral Health Dept. offers depression screening on National Depression Screening Day from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Oakwood Support Services, Outpatient Facility, 4420 Venoy Road in Wayne. To preregister for this free event call (800) 427-7677.

Cancer awareness

Attend "Be a Wise Guy: The Facts on Prostate Cancer," a free community program sponsored by the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. A panel of U-M experts will discuss detection, treatment options, complementary care and quality of life following prostate cancer therapy. The program will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the Livonia West Holiday Inn (on Six Mile just east of I-275). Registration is encouraged; call (800) 742-2300 enter category 7870.

Shingles prevention

Shingles, a debilitating, painful viral infection affects hundreds of thousands of adults over age 60. A vaccine to help prevent this disease is being tested in Ann Arbor and 21 other cities nationwide. This clinical trial is directed by the Department of Veterans Affairs in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health and Merck & Co., Inc. To participate you must be at least 60 years old and never have had shingles. You do not need to be a Veteran to participate. Call (734) 213-6988 or (800) 361-8387 (menu #7).

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There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field) and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies). 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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Life isn't over after a stroke

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

There are few afflictions in life that can be as devastating as having a stroke. Victims not only have to face the tragedy of the stroke itself, but, for those who don't know where to turn for proper help, the months and years that follow can be a minefield of frustrations, anguish and isolation.

Fortunately, our community possesses a host of groups and programs that have been set up to assist stroke victims in recovering their lives and become functional members of society again. Since strokes can affect people in so many ways, it is important for survivors to know what network can best serve them.

After a stroke has occurred, patient and loved ones need to confer with their physicians and decide what is the best way to proceed. For many stroke survivors, an in-patient rehabilitation program is a good first step.

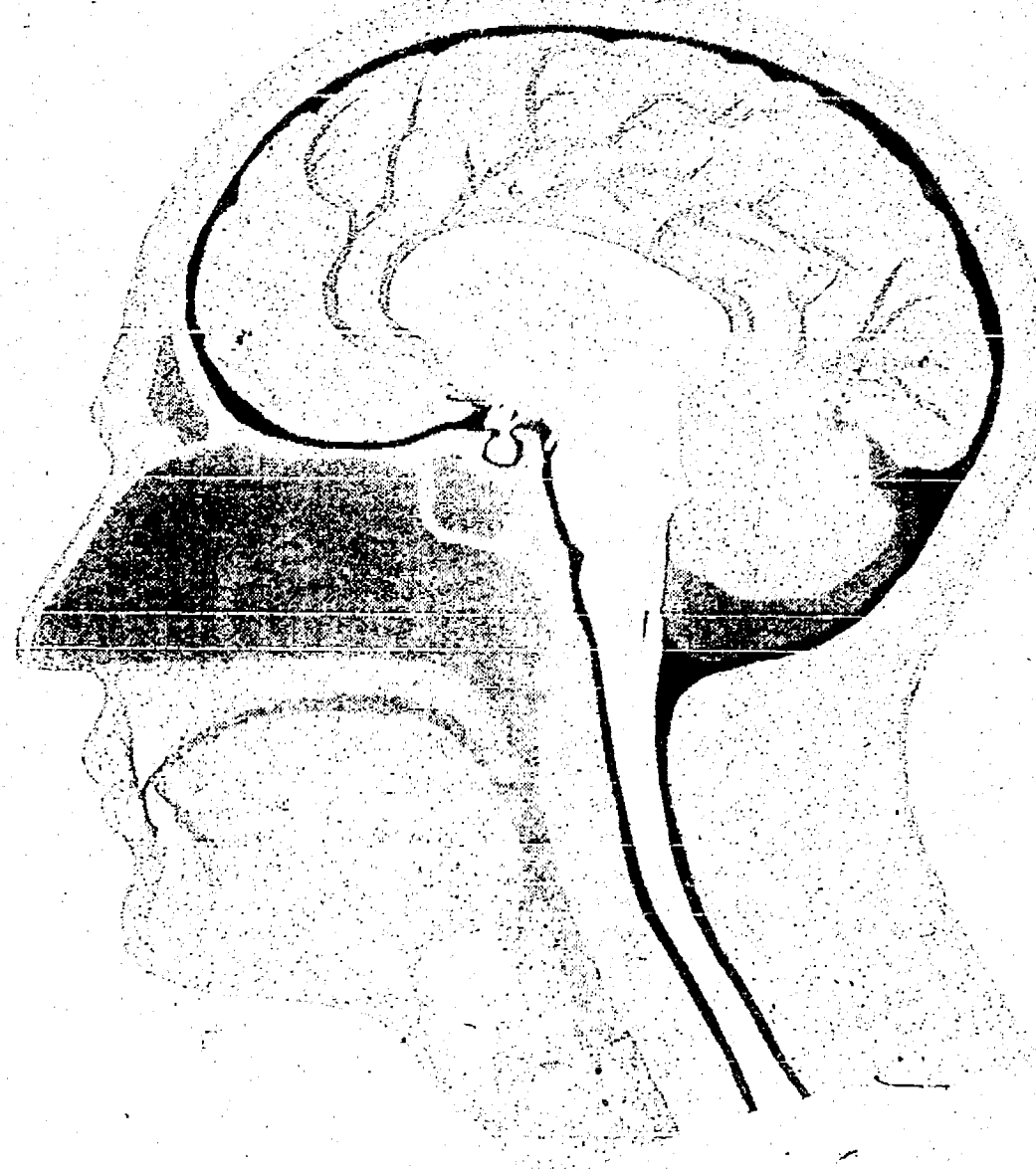
"Usually, 80 percent of patients who have suffered a stroke would benefit from in-patient rehab. It will give them a better chance at having a more functional life," said Kathleen Urban, director of rehabilitation services at Garden City Hospital, one of a handful of area hospitals that provide such a service.

Urban, who has been with the Garden City stroke program since its inception 12 years ago, noted that the best time to make a decision about in-patient rehab is before leaving the hospital. This is because the best results can be attained in the first few months following the stroke.

"The most functional return will probably come within the first six months, or so. After this, patients will continue to make progress, but they won't need in-patient rehab. They will be at a different level, either out-patient or home care," Urban said.

Since each stroke victim is affected differently, rehabilitation programs like the one at Garden City offer a variety of therapies. Some patients work on physical mobility, while others focus on speech and communication skills. Each therapy is composed of exercises that can be difficult for struggling patients.

"You have to keep up with the therapies. That is very important.



You have to do whatever it takes so you can go home," said Charles Martoia, a three-time stroke victim who is in the Garden City in-patient rehabilitation program for the second time.

Martoia, who suffered mobility problems on one side of his body, noted marked improvement after only a week.

"The whole focus of rehab is to maximize a patient's ability, not focus on their disability. Each patient sets their own individual goals according to their needs. Not everybody will be able to walk again. But you don't need to walk again to go home and take care of your basic needs," Urban said, noting two of the greatest concerns are that each patient recovers functional mobility and continence.

Another place that stroke survivors can turn for help is a stroke support group or club. There are many in the area, and they can usually be located by asking a physician or contacting a community senior citizens center. These support groups provide an environment in which fellow survivors and their caregivers can discuss common problems and give mutual

encouragement or to simply socialize.

Urban conducts a support group at Garden City Hospital for current and former rehabilitation patients. Another such club is the First Step Stroke Group, which meets Tuesday afternoons at the Farmington Hills Senior Center.

"The most important point of our club is to get stroke survivors and their caregivers active," said Carolyn Eskandari, First Step Stroke Group director, and one of several volunteers that works with the group that has grown from its original three couples to more than 40.

Eskandari refers to the members of her group as "fighters" because of all the obstacles they face. Two of the greatest hurdles are low self-esteem and bouts of depression. Because of their condition, stroke survivors often feel like a burden to their loved ones or are embarrassed to go out in public. These feelings are often compounded when friends and relatives melt away, because they don't know how to act around someone who has had a stroke.

The fact is, stroke affects more people than the afflicted person. It

can be just as devastating to that person's family, particularly a spouse who is thrust into the role of main caregiver. A caregiver's life normally becomes just as altered and difficult. Because of the severe emotional swings of their spouses, First Step caregivers talk of frequently kicking walls in frustration. Other strategies include biting a tongue, or just leaving a room and having a good cry.

"I think the caregivers have a tremendous role. Their lives are consumed with helping the stroke survivor. Their role in our group is just as important," said Eskandari. While support groups and rehabilitation programs can be helpful, one of the best places for a survivor and caregiver to turn for help is to family and friends. Their support can go a long way to relieve the pressures that both individuals face.

"When one of our children asks what they can do, I tell them to pick something. Anything. We all have to remember that the most profound things we can do are little, simple tasks," said Joe Choroba, a caregiver to his wife Phyllis.

Both are members of the First Step Support Group.

"A family member can come over and take the survivor

out, and get them out of the house for a couple hours, just so the caregiver can stay home and have some quiet time. Believe me, this is just as meaningful to us," said Grace Bonfiglio, another First Step caregiver.

Bonfiglio said she is happy when someone comes over and takes her husband Joe out for lunch, or even up to the local car wash.

"I think what most caregivers would like to have at some point is a quiet time without having to worry about what is happening to their spouse," Eskandari said.

Ultimately, one of the most important goals of a stroke club or a rehabilitation program is to help a stroke survivor feel like a whole person again. Family members can aid in this effort by adding encouragement; but in the end it is a matter of when the survivor reaches a comfort level and acceptance with their condition.

"A stroke changes your life forever. But your life is not over. It is important for stroke survivors to understand that they are still worthwhile people and a gift to their family," Urban said.

Lessen the risk of stroke through awareness

BY KURT KUBAN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you have ever wondered just how destructive a stroke can be, all you have to do is ask someone who has had to endure one. Someone like Delores Elam, a Redford resident who recently had her first stroke.

"I wouldn't wish this on anyone. This whole experience has been so frightening," said Elam, who was recently admitted into the in-patient rehabilitation program at Garden City Hospital to help her recoup some physical mobility lost because of the stroke. If nothing else, strokes are very proficient at shattering people's lives.

Not only can a stroke cause physical damage to the body, it can also inflict severe depression on its victims and break up entire families.

"The prospect of a stroke is very scary, because it can be so devastating for so many years. It can take away your freedom, it can take away the money you have saved, and it can take you out of the work force," said Pat Berkopec, a health coordinator for Life Line Screening, an organization that travels around the region providing ultrasound screenings.

Everyone needs to be aware of the threat that strokes present because they are so common in our society. Stroke is the third largest killer of Americans among diseases, trailing only heart disease and cancer. There are over 500,000 Americans who suffer a stroke every year, 150,000 of whom die from the affliction. The American Heart Association estimates that there are over three million people living in this country who have had a stroke sometime during their lives.

While there are different types of strokes, all are a result of the blood supply to the brain being cut off. This blockage causes the cells in

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the affected area of the brain to die. Unlike other cells in the body, brain cells do not regenerate.

"Once the damage is done to the brain, it can't be totally reversed. A lot of work, a lot of motivation, a lot of therapy can all do wonders for many people. But you don't go back to 100 percent. Stroke leaves you with some type of damage," said Berkopec.

Knowing the risk factors is important. In addition to those with diabetes or high blood pressure, individuals who smoke, are obese, or have a high-cholesterol intake are oftentimes most likely to suffer a stroke.

Smoking is a huge contributor to stroke because it constricts arteries and restricts blood flow. There are other factors to take into account, such as genetics. People who come from families with a high number of strokes or common hypertension, are at a greater risk. As are blacks and Latinos.

To find out information about stroke risk factors, contact your physician or a group such as the American Heart Association.

A great majority of strokes stem from plaque build-up in the carotid artery, a main lifeline

that runs through the neck, up to the brain. This build-up, which can accumulate over many years, is detectable and, if found in time, quite treatable, either by medication or a routine surgery.

For a small fee of about \$35 per test, Life Line checks the arteries for plaque build-up by using a method of ultrasound. Last week, the company gave a screening at the Livonia YMCA and will be back there on Nov. 16.

Berkopec says that typically 15 percent of the people at each screening have some type of abnormality or blockage detected, which then calls for some type of medical treatment.

"Our objective is to reach everyone we possibly can that is 45 and older. We want to educate them, so we can all avoid the possibility of a stroke," Berkopec said, noting it is usually during the mid-40s that plaque build-up begins to be a problem.

For those who may not have the money for the services provided by Life Line, there are other options available in helping them determine if they are at risk for a stroke.

"I would think that cholesterol screenings, blood sugar screenings and blood pressure screenings would be just as worthwhile, because they can get at the problems before you would need an ultrasound to diagnose a blockage. Most of these services are frequently given for free at different community centers," said Andrea Jungwirth, the medical director for Garden City Hospital's physical medicine and rehabilitation program.

However they decide to do it, what is important is that people, particularly those who fall into the high-risk categories, go out and get evaluated. Not only will this tell them if they are likely to have a stroke, but it will also give them some peace of mind.

Government on the trail of cyberjackers, porn peddlers



MIKE WENDLAND

It's about time. Finally, the government is going to get serious about sleazy pornography peddlers who literally "cyberjack" Internet surfers who think they're going to a legitimate Web site, only to be secretly passed through to X-rated sex sites.

This week, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission will announce a sweeping crackdown on a scandal that it claims affects "millions of legitimate webpages and innocent web surfers, including children."

The FTC was going to announce it last week but postponed it because of all the news coverage devoted to Hurricane Floyd.

The FTC wants this investigation to get maximum media exposure and will reportedly be bringing in victims of the "cyberjacking" problem to provide firsthand stories at a news conference.

The problem is a sort of high tech "bait and switch" game.

It works this way:

The operators of sex sites go out on the Internet and look for Web sites devoted to popular

subjects like "children's toys," or "online games," or "news" or "travel." Once the pornographer finds sites that are likely to be hit frequently by Net surfers looking for information on those subjects, he "steals" it by copying the legitimate site's source code, or the hypertext language that lays out the page. Then he locates the copied Web page on his own host computer.

Eventually the fake Web site will be found by a search engine "spider" program that automatically surfs the Net, constantly updating its catalogue of Web sites.

Since the search engine spider has no idea this page was ripped off, it dutifully notes its address and puts it into the main directory.

Then, an innocent surfer goes online, calls up the search engine and types in a keyword of something they want to find, like "toys" or "games."

You got it. The search engine returns a list of sites devoted to those subjects. It will find the legitimate one and, the copied one set up by the pornographer.

When unsuspecting users click on the phony link of a site that looks like it will take them to a "games" Web site, they then find that copied site has been programmed to redirect them to a sex site.

They've been "cyberjacked."

David Landrigan, a professor at the University of Massachusetts, told MSNBC News that such a cyberjacking is a "snake in the grass scam." He exposed the deception to the cable network when he discovered that a link on the AltaVista search engine for the Lowell Community Lab Web site he runs was redirecting Web surfers to a series of porn sites.

Landrigan was so outraged that he began his own investigation and discovered several hundred phony links that were cyberjacking hits from dozens of different Web sites such as news organizations, community groups and, yes, Web sites housing Internet-based games for children.

Even two U.S. government Web sites were ripped off by the pornographers, one from the

U.S. Geological Survey and one from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

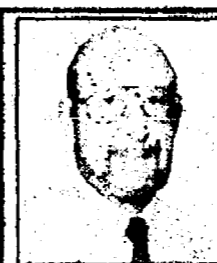
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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.


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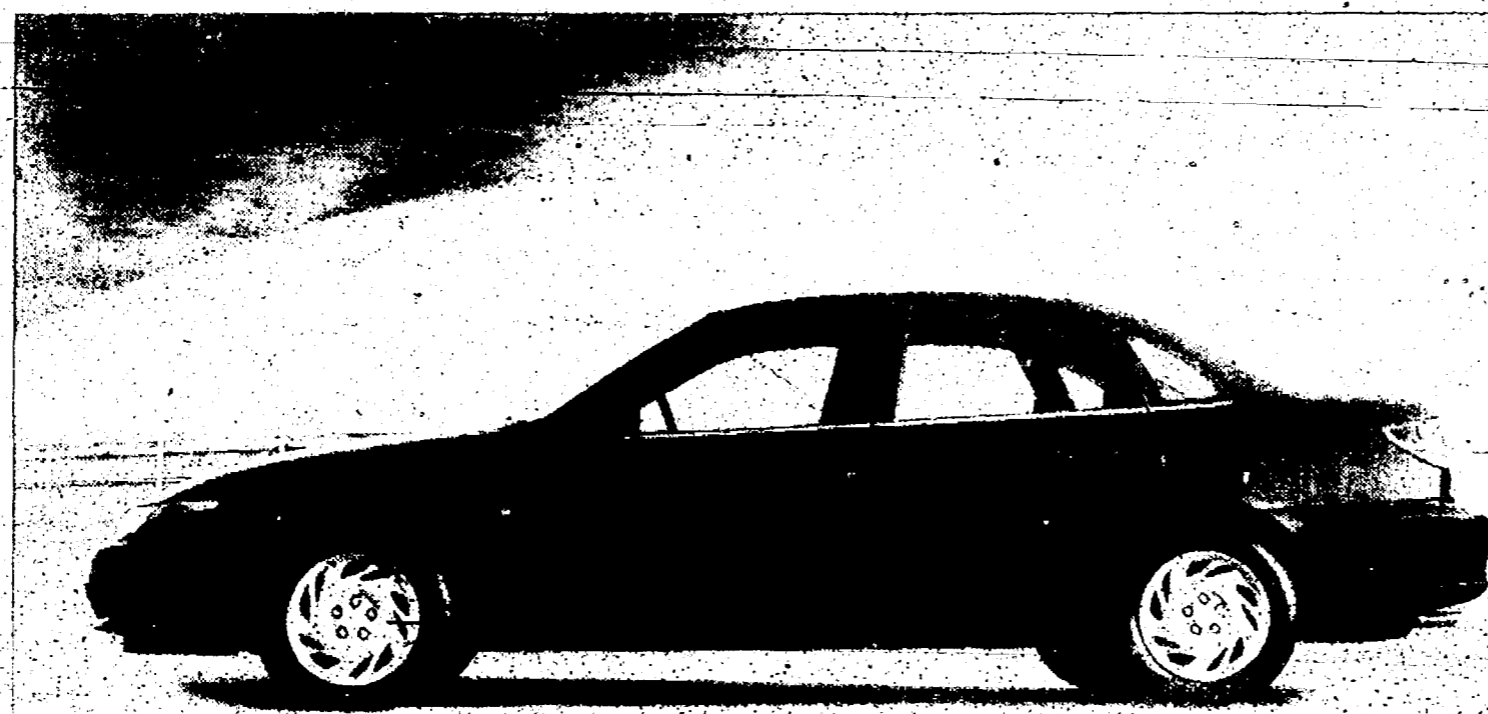
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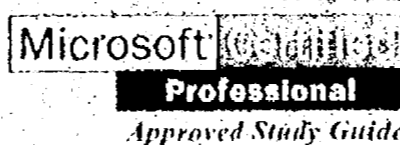
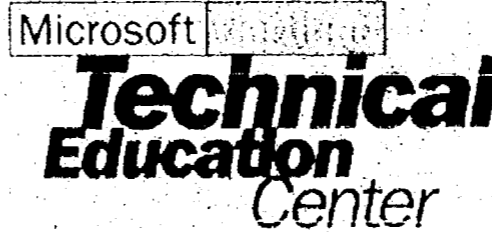
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