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## Candidates cite sign-swiping



The candidates in Westland's mayoral primary say their signs are being removed by political opponents. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday for the election, which has no other issues for voters to decide.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

All three Westland mayoral hopefuls are claiming their campaign signs are being stolen and vandalized in the waning days of the primary election.

Could it be the candidates are getting nervous, seeking sympathy votes or trying to hurt their opponents? Could it be they are truly victims?

Could it be all of the above?

It comes as no surprise that all candidates are denying responsibility.

Voters will have to decide between fact and fiction on those and many other issues as they go to the polls from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

In a sometimes-spirited mayoral race, voters will choose among incumbent Mayor Robert Thomas, 47, former

Councilman Kenneth Mehl, 50, and first-time office-seeker Dixie Johnson McNa, 53.

No other issues are on the ballot, and City Clerk Diane Fritz has predicted that fewer than 20 percent of Westland's 55,400 voters will bother to vote.

One Westland great-grandmother, BettyAnne Knudson, said Friday she was upset when she caught a woman stealing a Thomas sign in front of her home on Mohawk. Moreover, Knudson said the woman claimed she was being paid to remove signs.

Knudson said the woman also claimed to have friends who were being paid to remove Thomas signs. The

woman, whose identity Knudson declined to reveal, said she was being paid by an undisclosed Wayne resident, Knudson said.

Even though the woman was "very nice" and gave the sign back to Knudson, the great-grandmother said she was nonetheless upset by the incident. "I thought it was terrible," she said, "and I was very upset and shocked."

Knudson, who said she had placed the sign in the city right of way, said she was planning to place it directly in her front yard.

Thomas, seeking a third consecutive

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### THE WEEK AHEAD

**Cars galore:** The eighth annual Car Show and Swap Meet will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Central City Park in Westland. For more information, call (313) 326-7222.

#### MONDAY

**Pool's cool:** Swimming classes start Monday at the Wayne/Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road in Westland. For information, call (313) 721-7044.

#### TUESDAY

**Time to vote:** Tuesday is mayoral primary day in Westland. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mayor Robert Thomas faces challengers Kenneth Mehl and Dixie Johnson McNa.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Books for kids:** The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland offers Just for Me Preschool Time, for ages 3-5, and Toddler Tales, for ages 18-36 months accompanied by an adult. Sessions are 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. For information, call (313) 326-6123.

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**Moving:** Oscar Balde does some dancing at the center. The 65-year-old Westland resident likes to dance.



**Fancy footwork:** Barb Duka enjoys her time in the center class.

*Dancers line up for some fun*

## Seniors learn the right moves in classes

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

As country music blared from a boom box and line dancing teacher Fran Thomas called out dance steps, senior citizens shuffled, stomped, clapped, shimmed and swirled around Wednesday at the Westland Friendship Center.

"This is great exercise and a lot of fun," Ed Weiland, a 71-year-old Garden City resident, said, smiling as he danced. "I lost my wife almost three years ago, and this is something I can do without a partner."

Weiland had only one complaint. He wishes more men would line dance during classes that Thomas, a Livonia resident, teaches Wednesday mornings at the Friendship Center on Newburgh Road north of Marquette.

"Most guys don't try this," said Weiland, one of only three men among 36 dancers Wednesday. "They don't know how much fun it is."

Phyllis Taylor, a 60-year-old Westland resident, joined the line dancing classes more than a year ago.

"I do this for the exercise and because I enjoy dancing," she said. "A friend talked to me about the

class, and I've been coming ever since. It has been a lot of fun."

Some seniors voiced frustration when they missed dance steps, but with a little practice they mastered the moves and gained self-confidence.

"Isn't it good when you get it?" Thomas asked as one senior applauded herself after mastering a dance step.

Seniors from Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Livonia and other communities joined in the fun Wednesday.

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## Playscape building to get under way this week

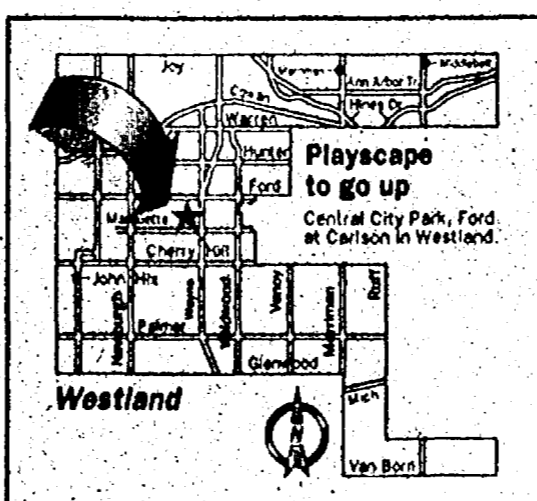
BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Many hands are said to make light work, and Playscape volunteers would be happy to have even more people join them.

The project, which has been in the works for more than a year, has involved many people with diverse talents. "We're almost there now," said Kevin Kreis, public relations coordinator for the project.

The children's play structure, designed by Robert Leathers & Associates, will be constructed this week. Sept. 9-14, workers will be at Central City Park, performing a variety of tasks.

The idea originated with Mayor Robert Thomas, who had seen similar structures in other communities, Kreis said. Thomas thought it would benefit



the community. "Plus the kids get something out of it also," Kreis said. Bob Kosowaki, Westland Parks and Recreation director, is chairman for the Westland Playscape. The wooden struc-

ture will be named Imagination Play Station, a moniker chosen by 7-year-old Ben Maple of Westland following a contest.

"We whittled it down to four finalists," Kreis said. Those attending the Westland Summer Festival put money in canisters to vote for their favorite. Proceeds supported the project.

A rather unique fund-raiser was held Aug. 24. In "Cow Chip Bingo," a Central City Park soccer field was squared off. A cow made a "deposit" on the site, marking the spot for first-, second- and third-place winners. The Outback Steakhouse donated dinners which were sold at the site, with proceeds going back to the project.

"We've had a lot of support from different businesses," Kreis said.

Sept. 9-14, volunteer workers will work in four-hour shifts. A food committee has been busy lining up dona-

**Younger children will wash tires, with older kids taking on more demanding tasks.**

tions, so the volunteers won't go hungry. Child care will also be provided.

"And the kids are going to help too," Kreis said. Younger children will wash tires, with older kids taking on more demanding tasks.

"A lot of people are really excited about it," Kreis said. "We're hoping for a big family turnout."

For information on volunteering, call (313) 467-3198. Volunteers who just show up are asked to wear comfortable clothing. Sandals shouldn't be worn, due to safety concerns.

# Dancers from page A1

"A lot of senior women are divorced or they have husbands who don't like to dance, and this is great for them," 62-year-old Kay Heard of Garden City said. She said her husband doesn't like line dancing.

Heard said she has lost 13 pounds and has shed 5 percent of her body fat since she began line dancing about three years ago.

Westland resident Oscar Balde, 65, was among the seniors who wore country-western attire Wednesday. He said he line dances "for the exercise and the company," and he seemed not to miss a step.

"There's really nothing difficult about it," he said.

Thomas teaches a beginners' class from 10-10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, followed by an advanced class from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Dancers don't have to attend every week; they can drop in whenever they want.

"This is great camaraderie," Thomas said. "A lot of the women become friends, and they start doing other things together like going to lunch. And line dancing is not only good for your body; it's also good for your mind."

She teaches dances such as the Boot Scootin' Boogie and Drinking Champagne, but not all the songs she plays are country. She also teaches waltzes and chachas and even shows seniors occasionally how to dance to modern pop music and rap. She teaches at various locations.

"We do have a good time," she said, "and nobody has to feel self-conscious about it."


Friendship Center line dancing classes cost \$1 for beginners and \$2 for advanced dancers per session. Participants must have Friendship Center memberships that cost \$8 a year for Westland residents and \$10 for non-residents. Fees may be waived for seniors unable to afford them; see director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek.

Evening dance classes for those 18 and older will be taught by Jean Rowe on Mondays beginning 7 p.m. Sept. 8. Cost is \$3 for center members, \$4 for other Westland residents and \$5 for non-residents.

The center periodically offers country-western dances with DJ "Steppin' Time" from 8 p.m. to midnight. The next two will be Oct. 4 and Nov. 1. Cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members; ages 18 and over are welcome.

For more information, call 722-7632.

## Getting the job done



**Progress:** Work on the addition at the Friendship Center continues. Dave Morin lays block at the front of the building, on Newburgh near Marquette. Work is scheduled to be completed by November. Seniors at the center have raised \$50,000 for furnishings. "The seniors have been wonderful," said Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek, the center's director.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

## Friendship Center garners national honors for efforts

Outshining senior citizen programs nationwide, the Westland Friendship Center has captured two national awards for a popular health and fitness program.

"I am so happy and so proud about this," Westland senior resources director Sylvia Kozorosky-Wiacek said. "This is a big honor for us."

In a contest sponsored by Mature Market Resource Center in Libertyville, Ill., the Westland Friendship Center earned top honors for the most creative National Senior Health and Fitness Day event nationwide on May 28.

The local event drew 250 seniors and included a 1.9-mile walk, blood pressure checks, a Friendship Center luncheon and door prizes. Westland firefighters, police officers, city officials, Oakwood Hospital representatives and area media joined the fitness day fun.

The Westland program also won top national honors for best video of the senior event.

For both honors, the Westland event competed with hundreds of other entries, national fitness day coordinator Tina Godin said in a letter notifying Kozorosky-Wiacek of the awards.

"The time and extra effort that was put into making your National Senior Health and Fitness Day extra special is most appreciated," Godin wrote. "Because of you, many older adults have the chance to become more active and lead a healthier lifestyle."

For winning the best event, the Friendship Center has received \$100; a plaque; 100 senior health calendars; and copies of three senior reference books. The center also has received \$100 for best video.



**Advice:** Instructor Fran Thomas gives her students some suggestions.



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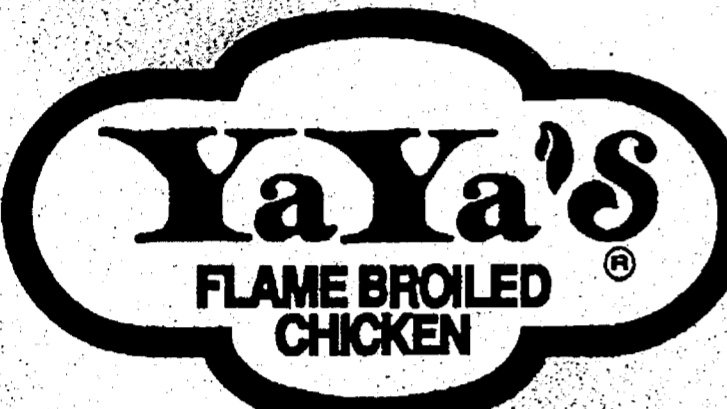
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# Kiddie Junction appeals to many

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
STAFF WRITER

Nearly two decades ago, Pat Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos saw the need for a child care service that would provide an important element missing from most facilities of its kind in the late 1970s - an educational component.

"There were not a whole lot at the time that provided children with an educational experience," said Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos.

Today, the Canton resident is the owner of two Kiddie Junction Nursery Schools in the communities of Wayne and Westland with the latter facility open only since February - 18 years to the month since Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos opened the Wayne center.

Speaking from her office located inside the new 3,400-square-foot facility on South Wayne Road in Westland, Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos attributes her continued success to the quality of care provided for enrolled children and the certainty parents have knowing their child is in good hands.

"We make the children here feel very important," said Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos.

Enrollees range in age from 6-week-old infants to 6-year-old preschoolers. Open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, all nutritionally balanced meals (table food only) are prepared in an on-site kitchen by an experienced staff of caregivers.

Weekly themes, guest visitors and field trips (apple orchard, museum) are a few of the program highlights that attract loyal Kiddie Junction clientele.

The toddler program for children ranging in age from 18 months to 2 1/2 years old includes learning activities, art, storytime, singing and naps.

Program director Chris Kelly said parents are both welcome and encouraged to visit throughout the day and she finds mothers and fathers who work in the area take the opportunity to do so. "Especially mothers with infant or nursing children," said Kelly.

Employed under the direction of Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos for the last 11 years, Kelly coordinates all of the programming at the Westland facility while her mother oversees programming at the Wayne Kiddie Junction. A mother of three, two of Kelly's children are Kiddie Junction students in Wayne while her infant child is enrolled at the Westland facility where she works.

Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos said that's not unusual and views the circumstance as a credit to her Kiddie Junction programs.

"We have former students of ours coming back as employees and we have some that are now bringing their own children here," said Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos. "It's nice to hear from older students who still remember us and enjoyed their experience."

With the popularity of children having been involved in preschool prior to kindergarten, Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos said their Kindergarten Readiness Program prepares students both socially and intellectually for kindergarten.

"We have a checklist of goals we'd like them to reach such as knowing their letters, numbers, name, following directions and using scissors," said Kelly.

Their daily schedule also includes outside activities, a snack and story time.

The new Westland facility gave Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos an opportunity to make improvements on her concepts and ideas after having the Wayne center architecturally designed in 1979. Improvements include self-contained classrooms with bathrooms; more windows; high ceilings; a large, spacious kitchen for food preparation; and classrooms under one roof as opposed to a two-building design at the other facility.

"My son attended Kiddie Junction when he was a child," said Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos, "and he was always giving me feedback on whether or not he liked the activities or the food so I've had a lot of input over the years and knew what I wanted out of this building."

Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos said the school has received positive feedback from teachers in the area who have had students formerly enrolled in Kiddie Junction preschool and knows babies and toddlers benefit greatly from being surrounded and exposed to children of similar age groups.

Kiddie Junction also makes available a latchkey program for children kindergarten-age up to 10-years-old. Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos said parents can drop off their children in the morning at the center or have transportation provided to and from school by Kiddie Junction.

"It's very beneficial for working parents who leave for work at 7 a.m. and can't take their child to school or pick them up after school," said the Kiddie Junction owner.

Kiddie Junction understands the rigors of a daily schedule and is flexible in dealing with parents who can't always make it to the center by 6 p.m. "We try to accommodate for situations like that and aren't as strict with the rules as some places. We understand and try to work with parents."

"I think we provide an important service and not a trivial type thing," said Arrowsmith-Bakopoulos. "I've enjoyed seeing kids progress and grow throughout the years in a positive environment."

Currently space is available in all age groups and scheduling/registration information can be obtained by calling Kiddie Junction Nursery School at (313) 641-7261 (2134 S. Wayne Road, Westland); or (313) 595-1222 (4884 S. Wayne Road, Wayne).



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

**Good care:** Toddlers (from left) Chris, Kendall and Ashley spend time on the swings with the help of teacher Lucy Green. Enrollees range in age from 6-week-old infants to 6-year-old preschoolers. Open 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, all nutritionally balanced meals (table food only) are prepared in an on-site kitchen by an experienced staff of caregivers.



## Food to be distributed

The city of Westland will have its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates:

■ Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18.

■ All other residents excluding Precinct 28: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19.

■ Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers may call their building manager for their day of distribution.

For September, corn flake cereal, grapefruit juice, apple sauce, figs and beef will be distributed.

Any further questions may be answered by calling the Dorsey Center's hotline at 595-0366.

## Event to help the ailing

Wally's Walk & Fun Run will raise money for the American Brain Tumor Association. The event will be Saturday, Sept. 13, in Merriman Hollow at Edward Hines Park, Westland.

Proceeds will support research and patient education and services. The event will include both a 5K walk and a one-mile children's run. Detroit Edison, the Detroit Edison Foundation, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Little Caesars, Pine State Enterprises and W4 Country FM 106.7 are among the major sponsors.

Entrants pay \$10 in advance or \$15 to register beginning at 8 a.m. on race day. The 5K run

starts at 9:15 a.m., the 5K walk at 9:20 a.m. and the one-mile children's run at 10 a.m. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Top fund-raisers will receive prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top finishers.

The event is dedicated to the late Wally Regula, who was diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor in January 1993. He fought the disease, but died in December 1993.

His daughter, Donna Zaleski of Livonia, is chairwoman.

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# Man faces trial in girl's assault

BY LEANNE ROGERS  
STAFF WRITER

Testifying at a preliminary examination Wednesday, a Garden City girl identified a Westland resident as the man who sexually assaulted her last month.

"I'm 100 percent sure it was Matt," said the girl, pointing out the defendant, Matthew James Knoff, 32.

Held in lieu of \$250,000 cash bond since his arrest on Aug. 13 - the day of the incident - Knoff was ordered bound over for trial on two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of first-degree home invasion.

The girl testified she was awakened at about 8 a.m. by a noise outside her bedroom. When she opened the door, she said a man grabbed her by the throat and forced her back onto her bed.

Armed with a knife, the man used duct tape to bind her hands, she said, then also put tape over her mouth and eyes.

"He said he would kill me. He said he had killed everyone in the house and would kill me," she said. "I realized it was Matt right away."

The girl described the man as wearing a clear stocking over his head pulled down to his mouth and a blue bandanna covering his mouth.

"I recognized him before he taped my eyes. It was obvious. I recognized his eyes," said the girl, who also had recognized his voice.

Under questioning by Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ken Frazier, the girl said she

had known Knoff and his wife - both friends of the girl's mother - since they had often visited the family home over the past two and one-half years.

A 3-year-old boy who had spent the night at the home was sleeping in the girl's bedroom. She said the assailant put tape over the boy's mouth before she was sexually assaulted.

The girl testified the intruder sexually assaulted her with his fingers and a knife after having cut off her shorts.

"I was struggling and trying to get up. He was holding me so I couldn't get up," she said. "I was screaming and trying to talk but the tape was over my mouth."

The man apparently heard a noise, she said, because he abruptly left, telling her to be quiet and that he would return.

"I laid there. I was scared and afraid to move," she adding that after about 10 minutes she freed herself and the boy.

The girl said she then went out a window in another bedroom, across a lower level flat roof and jumped to the ground, going to a neighbor's for help.

Defense attorney Mark Kriger focused on how frightened the girl had been and that her focus wasn't on identifying the suspect. Agreeing that she initially indicated she recognized Knoff by his voice, she remained adamant that he was the man who sexually assaulted her.

Judge Richard Hammer Jr. immediately ordered Knoff bound over for trial and rejected any change in the existing bond. Knoff is scheduled for circuit court arraignment on Sept. 17.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

**Touch the screen: Diane John of the city clerk's office demonstrates voting equipment. Voters will use this system to vote in Tuesday's mayoral primary. This is the second year the equipment has been used. It has been upgraded and officials don't anticipate problems.**

## Candidates from page A1

four-year term, said his detractors "evidently have a bounty out on my signs."

Neither Mehl nor McNa claimed responsibility and, in fact, said they've had sign problems of their own.

"We've lost some signs," Mehl said, adding that he has instructed his campaign supporters not to bother his opponents' signs.

"We've lost three or four big signs; they've just vanished," he said.

But, he said, "I've told everyone to leave everyone else's signs alone."

Mehl said he was preparing to circulate a last-minute flier focusing on his accomplishments and qualifications as a former 12-year council member and longtime community activist.

"It's all positive on our side," Mehl, a General Motors Corp. engineer, said.

On Friday, Mehl said he was still receiving requests for signs - a move that he said is unusual this late in a primary election.

"That's highly unusual," he said. "We feel good. We're getting a lot of good responses."

McNa said she believes that supporters of Thomas have been

**'I'm not the kind of person who will take signs, because I know what these things cost. And my morals and scruples are better than some people's.'**

*Dixie Johnson McNa*  
—mayoral candidate

responsible for removing some of her campaign signs.

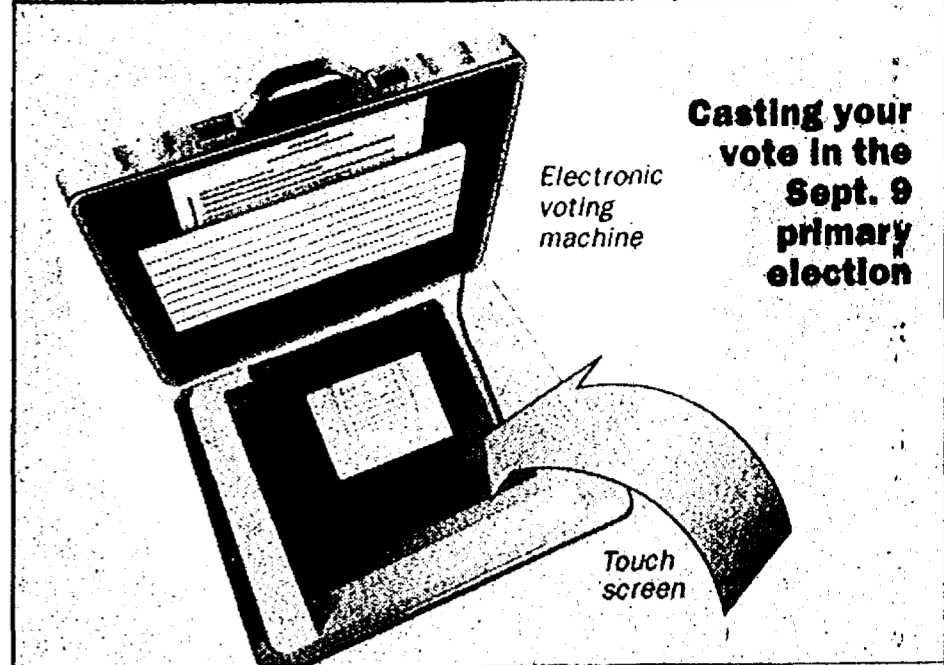
"I've had a lot of problems," she said. "I've had people pulling up my signs and putting Thomas signs in their place."

McNa said she believes that her opponents are simply afraid that she will become the first woman elected Westland mayor.

"They feel threatened by a woman running," she said.

She denied removing any of her opponents' signs.

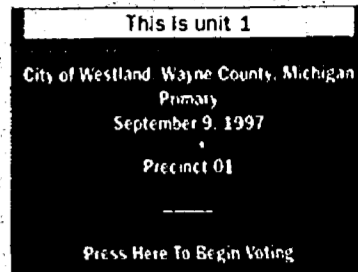
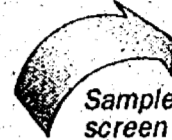
"I'm not the kind of person who will take signs, because I know what these things cost," McNa said. "And my morals and scruples are better than some people's."



**Casting your vote in the Sept. 9 primary election**

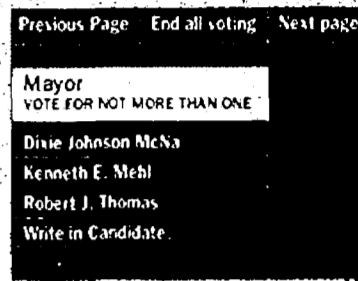
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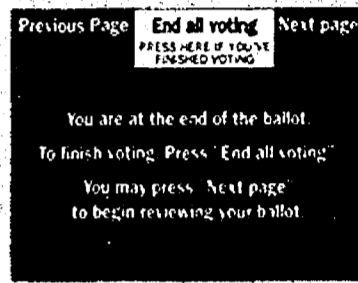
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### Step 3:

■ Touch "end all voting" only when you are ready to finish your voting and leave the booth.  
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
September 15, 1997**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 15, 1997, at 7:15 P.M., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

To solicit public comments on the necessity of reconstructing defective sidewalks in Districts IIA and III.

Copies are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office.

**RONALD D. SHOWALTER**  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: September 8, 1997  
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
September 29, 1997**

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To solicit public comments on the rezoning at 29611 Ford Road from R-2 to CBD.

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**RONALD D. SHOWALTER**  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
September 29, 1997**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 29, 1997, at 7:20 P.M., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard. The proposed ordinance is as follows:

To solicit public comments on the rezoning at 1858 Middlebelt Road from O-1 to CBD.

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**RONALD D. SHOWALTER**  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: September 8, 1997  
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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
MICHIGAN  
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 313-525-8814) on or before September 18, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

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Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s) bid.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. In whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

**R.D. SHOWALTER**  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total proposal, in the form of Bid Bond or Certified Check must accompany each bid. Performance Bond and payment bond will be required of the successful bidders.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part in the interests of uniformity, design, equipment, delivery time or preference, to waive any informalities and to award to other than the low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Published: September 7 and 11, 1997

**SPOTLIGHT ON:**

**Orthodontics**  
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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It is estimated that 15% of children, mostly between the ages of 3 and 10, grind their teeth. The medical term for tooth-grinding and jaw-clenching is "bruxism". While many experts say stress is the underlying cause of this problem, others theorize that tooth-grinding is genetic. Children with allergies are three times more likely than non-allergic kids to grind their teeth, as the habit places pressure on the jaws that seems to provide relief from the itching, sneezing, and coughing brought on by hay fever. Bruxism may also be an indication that a

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
September 15, 1997**

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To solicit public comments on paving of driveway approaches.

Copies are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office.

**RONALD D. SHOWALTER**  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Posted: September 8, 1997  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
September 11, 1997  
CITY OF GARDEN CITY  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, September 11, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following request (s).

Item 9-97-005 Applicant: Frank Alessandrini (SUP 97-0015)  
Solicitation of public comments on the proposed Special Land Use application for a proposed Sports Exchange (second hand store) within a -2 Zoning District located at 31308 Ford Road.

The applicant's submittal materials are available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, (313) 525-8862.

All persons interested in any of the above are hereby invited to attend this Public hearing and be heard.

**RONALD D. SHOWALTER**  
City Clerk-Treasurer

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# Locals protest road money deadlines

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Local officials are protesting the short deadlines for spending new road money coming from Lansing.

"It's not do-able within the two weeks that are allowed," said Carmine Palombo, summing up the calls he has had from counties and cities in the region.

"We'll send a letter to MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) that it needs to move the dates to a more reasonable time," said Palombo, transportation programs director for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"Palombo spoke at a meeting Wednesday of SEMCOG's Transportation Advisory Council, chaired by Brighton Township Supervisor Andrew Wardach. The group's consensus was that the state slapped too many conditions on use of the money.

## State's conditions

MDOT director James DeSana, a former Wyandotte mayor, sent local officials a letter last week saying:

- Their shares of some new state aid must be "expended by Sept. 30, 1997." That date is specified in Public Act 110.

- "The work must be under contract by Sept. 15, 1997, must be completed by Dec. 31, 1997." Those dates aren't in PA 110.

- MDOT would reimburse local units for their expenditures rather than pay out the sums in advance.

"That sum is \$69 million and comes from the Legislature's dipping into the billion-dollar rainy-day fund." It is a one-time appropriation and doesn't tap the new 4-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax.

DeSana, quoting PA 110, said that money "can only be used for resurfacing and repair of existing roads and cannot be used:

- 1) for new construction.
- 2) as replacement funds for projects currently under way or
- 3) for administrative costs of the road agency."

Whatever isn't spent by the end of this month, DeSana said, "can be used only for work on federal aid eligible roads as approved by MDOT." Those would tend to be more major roads.

## Impossible!

"It's absolutely impossible to follow the state contract," said C. Neall Schroeder, Troy city engineer. He told the group he had called MDOT, "but we never reached a secretary."

Some unidentified SEMCOG panel members suggested MDOT doesn't really want to distribute the money.

Senate minority leader John Cherry, D-Clio, blamed the Engler administration for "putting unnecessarily stringent conditions on the use of special road funds."

"It seems that he is setting up the locals to fail," said Cherry.

"Under this policy, the state will have all of their funds and appear to be fixing roads while the locals are struggling to creatively finance road projects. The governor will then claim that the state does a better job with road repair and try to turn control of local roads over to Lansing."

The \$69 million is to be distributed under a formula in Public Act 51 of 1951. It awards 39.1 percent, nearly \$27 million, to the state; the same to counties; and 21.8 percent, more than \$15 million, to cities and villages — something for every road agency in the state.

Palombo said the County Roads Association, joined by the Michigan Municipal League, is working with MDOT on the problem.

He noted the Legislature started debate on roads early in spring; that Gov. John Engler offered his program in May; that the Legislature didn't pass a package until mid-July, the second week into its normal summer break; and that Engler didn't sign the bills until about two weeks ago.

SEMCOG, whose members come from seven counties (including Wayne and Oakland, ), is generally unhappy with the meager size of the state's new road package — \$275 million a year. They had asked for \$575 million in a June resolution.

## Congress on hold

Palombo reported the U.S. House and Senate are working on vastly different versions of a new ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Act). "This is not going to get done by Oct. 1 (beginning of federal and state fiscal years). If it's done by Christmas, we'll be lucky," he said.

In other business, SEMCOG's transportation advisory council recommended the executive committee and General Assembly adopt a \$1.2 billion traffic improvement program (TIP) for the years 1998-2000.

It's a marked reduction from the current \$2.1 billion, in part because regional planners don't know how much will be coming from the federal ISTEA program. Said a staff memo:

"Total programming for the TIP is \$1.2 billion. Federal fund contributions are \$797.9 million with non-federal matching funds totaling \$435.2 million. This is significantly lower than the current TIP which has over 700 projects and totals \$2.1 billion."

Palombo cautioned local officials against pinning too much hope on getting demonstration project grants. "Demonstration projects that end up in the legislation, we'll put 'em back in the (TIP) program. But at this point, we can't put in demonstration projects for which there is no money."

# Partnering with Walsh

## S'craft students can earn BBA in 3 years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Students who want to obtain a bachelor's degree in business administration from Walsh College in three years can enroll in a new accelerated program at Schoolcraft College.

The program, known as Add Plus Vantage, was approved by Schoolcraft trustees on Aug. 27 in an agreement with Walsh College to ease the move of Schoolcraft general business students into Walsh's business management or marketing programs.

"I think it's another attractive option for people on this side of town," said Richard Tomalty, academic counselor at Schoolcraft College.

Students generally transfer to another university or college for a four-year program after they've attained 60 to 65 credits at Schoolcraft. The new program allows students to transfer 82 Schoolcraft credits.

With the Troy-based Walsh College constructing a new Novi campus near I-275 and I-96, Walsh and Schoolcraft officials

looked to develop convenience, yet what officials also call a "rigorous" program, for Schoolcraft students. That campus is expected to open in the fall of 1998. Walsh has leased building space in Novi since 1993 next to the construction site.

Marycay Sleeman, director of admissions and extension campus operations for Walsh's Novi campus, expects the program will help enrollment.

"We deal with transfer students day in and day out," Sleeman said. "The accelerated program allows them to plan and see their entire curriculum. They can see the courses that are offered and the outcome of the program."

Students will take courses totalling 82 credits at Schoolcraft for an associate's degree, then 45 hours at Walsh to obtain the business degree.

Students must maintain at least a C grade point average.

"Traditionally students take 60 to 65 credits here," said Jan Munday, information specialist at Schoolcraft. "It's a bargain because they will get our tuition rate here."

Tuition at Schoolcraft is \$51 a

credit hour for district residents and \$75 a credit hour for residents outside of the Schoolcraft district. Walsh charges \$192 a credit hour.

"That's a significant difference," Munday said.

The program is called rigorous because students can attend school year-round and take seven required "core" courses in a 10-week semester. While Schoolcraft students have transferred to Walsh College before, this program allows more credits to transfer.

"This is really a first go-around, in teaching 10-week programs versus the 14-week programs," Tomalty said. "It remains to be seen how comfortable it is for students and teachers. It will be very rigorous, but their program has always been rigorous."

The program is obviously still too new to gauge its success, but Tomalty anticipates students will take notice of it by January enrollment. Munday believes the convenience and cost savings will get students to at least look at the program.

"Students like the close location of going to Novi," Munday

said. "It's very student-oriented. Walsh has been very generous in accepting the 82 credits.

"With the Novi campus, they save money and they don't have to travel very far. For a student today, that's very important."

## Transfer day scheduled

The Schoolcraft College Counseling Center presents "What You Need to Know to Transfer to a Four-Year Institution" for its students on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Students can visit representatives from 25 colleges and universities at the Waterman Campus Center between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 5-7:30 p.m. Students are asked to make a reservation by contacting Jan Munday in the counseling center at 462-4400, ext. 5213.

Financial aid and transfer scholarship information will be available from noon-1 p.m., and from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Also, Walsh College's Novi campus, 41700 Gardenbrook, just north of 11 Mile off of Meadowbrook, will be holding an open house on Oct. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. Call (248) 349-7449 for more information.

# Schoolcraft plans auditions for community choir

Auditions for new members of the Schoolcraft College Community Choir are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

The 55-voice choir includes both Schoolcraft College students and experienced singers of all ages from communities throughout the metro area. Participants may elect the choir for academic credit.

Experienced singers of all voice parts are invited to audition. Performances this semester include December concerts at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in

Livonia. For further information, contact choir president Shari Clason at (810) 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Liberal Arts Office at (313) 462-4435.

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# County commission

## Job training resolution marked by partisan debate

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

County commissioners approved a resolution Thursday that promotes job opportunities in Wayne County for skilled trades, crafts and vocational training.

But the action wasn't without the usual partisan differences with the commission's traditional argument whether the county should publicize these opportunities in the Detroit Free Press or Detroit News.

Eventually the resolution — originally introduced in March by Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton — was approved after the two Detroit daily newspapers, the Michigan Chronicle and Crain's Business Weekly were removed as publications as locations where the resolution would be circulated.

The resolution encourages both private and public institutions to develop curricula to meet training needs in sheet metal working, carpentry, masonry, roofing, air handling, electrical contracting and plumbing. Patterson advocated the commission's interaction

between the private sector in need of skilled personnel and Wayne County Community College and Schoolcraft College, and state agencies.

Patterson said he proposed the resolution because "with all the work in Wayne County, we need a workforce to respond to that need."

"There will be skilled, high-paying jobs, and we should give the opportunity to everyone," Patterson said.

While Patterson believes the county should not involve itself with education, the commission will inform other lawmakers, who approve state funds for community colleges, about the need for skilled trades in Wayne County.

"We should tell the legislators that we encourage these kinds of activities," Patterson said.

At first some Democratic commissioners — namely Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, and Vice Chair Pro Tem Edna Bell, D-Detroit — wanted the two Detroit daily newspapers removed from the resolution. Patterson responded he would remove his support from the resolution unless it could be circu-

lated broadly.

Commissioner William O'Neil suggested a "friendly amendment," and remove all the publications' references, including the Detroit News, Detroit Free Press, Michigan Chronicle and Crain's Business Weekly and various trade and society journals circulated in Wayne County.

The 15 commissioners approved the resolution, with Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, the sole opponent. McCotter believed the resolution would not reach the desired audience by eliminating the newspapers.

### Roadwork OK'd

Residents in Canton Township and Westland will see some new construction on Hannan Road from Glenwood to Palmer, possibly as early as next spring.

County commissioners approved a cost sharing agreement Thursday between Wayne County, Canton Township and Westland.

The \$460,000 cost will be split with the county picking up \$230,000, and Canton and Westland each picking up \$115,000.

# Madonna, Tyndale will offer new teacher prep program

Madonna University has entered a joint agreement to offer a teacher preparation program with William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. The program will provide students from William Tyndale College with the opportunity to earn state teacher certification through course work at both institutions.

This agreement will enable students to complete up to 13 semester hours of professional education courses on William Tyndale College's campus and enroll for the remainder of the teacher education course work at Madonna University. Because this agreement allows students to work toward their bachelor of arts and their certification simultaneously, Tyndale students can now earn their teacher certification in four years.

"This collaboration is the result of two student-oriented institutions working to expand educational opportunities for their students while conserving precious resources," said Dr. Robert Kimball, chair of the education department at Madonna University.

William Tyndale College department faculty and Madonna University faculty will review courses at both institutions to establish course equivalence.

"William Tyndale College is delighted to have an articulation agreement with a sister Christian college," said Dr. James McHann, president of William Tyndale. "We see this as the beginning of a great partnership between two institutions that have a tradition of academic excellence."

Students who successfully

complete the required program course work, the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification, and major and minor requirements will be recommended for state teacher certification by Madonna University.

Madonna University's elementary and secondary teacher preparation programs are approved by the Michigan Department of Education. The undergraduate and graduate programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Madonna is located at I-96 and Levan. William Tyndale College is located at West 12 Mile Road and Drake in Farmington Hills.

# Rotary clubs seek applicants for youth exchange program

Local Rotary Clubs are currently accepting applications from students in the community who are interested in spending a year overseas with Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program during the 1998-1999 school year.

Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 when they leave and at that time may be current students or recent high school graduates.

Rotary's Youth Exchange Program is 25 has been in existence for 25 years. It affords students the opportunity to live overseas and attend school in one of 40

countries while living with a Rotary or Rotary-approved host family.

The students become immersed in the local language by the time they return home a year later.

As with all Rotary charitable programs, the Youth Exchange Program is staffed entirely of volunteers and the underlying goal of the program is to further world peace and understanding through personal and informal contacts.

Rotary District 8400 of Southeast Michigan and Southwest Ontario is hosting an informa-

tion session for interested students and their families at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Mountain Jack's Restaurant, 26207 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights.

The informal meeting will offer potential candidates and their families the opportunity to learn more about the program and to talk one on one with current and former exchange students as well as Rotarians from local clubs.

For more information, call Dawn Rossi at (313) 4200-4171.

## STATE CAPITOL CAPSULES

### Law's delay

Tax fighters must wait until Monday, Sept. 8, to get their Ingham Circuit Court hearing on Michigan's 4-cents-per-gallon gasoline tax hike, Judge Lawrence Glazer delayed the show-cause hearing from Sept. 3 that was sought by Michigan Taxpayers United.

MTU president Bill McMaster, a Birmingham public relations man, wants tax collections blocked because:

■ The House of Representatives failed to take a two-thirds vote on July 10 on whether to give the law effect on Aug. 1. The Michigan Constitution says a law can't take effect until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or about April 1, 1998, unless there is a two-thirds vote for "I.E." (immediate effect).

■ The tax hike requires a vote of the people under the 1978 Headlee amendment to the constitution, which caps taxation at 9.4 percent of personal income unless voters approve.

### Utility hearing

Area residents will have two chances to sound off on telephone, electric and natural gas costs when the Michigan Public Service Commission holds public hearings next month.

Area hearings are scheduled for 6 p.m.:

■ Pontiac City Hall, 450 E. Wide Track Drive.

■ Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Ann Arbor Municipal Building, 100 N. Fifth.

MPSC chair John Strand said consumers at other hearings

have raised the issues of electric rate deregulation, telephone and electric outages, costs of electric and gas serve in new developments, and switching of telephone service without customer permission.

### Appointments

Gov. John Engler has appointed:

■ Susy Heintz to her old job (199-95) as director of the governor's Detroit office.

A former Northville Township supervisor and Wayne County commissioner, Heintz had been working for the Michigan Jobs Commission since losing a 1996 congressional election Macomb County, where she now lives.

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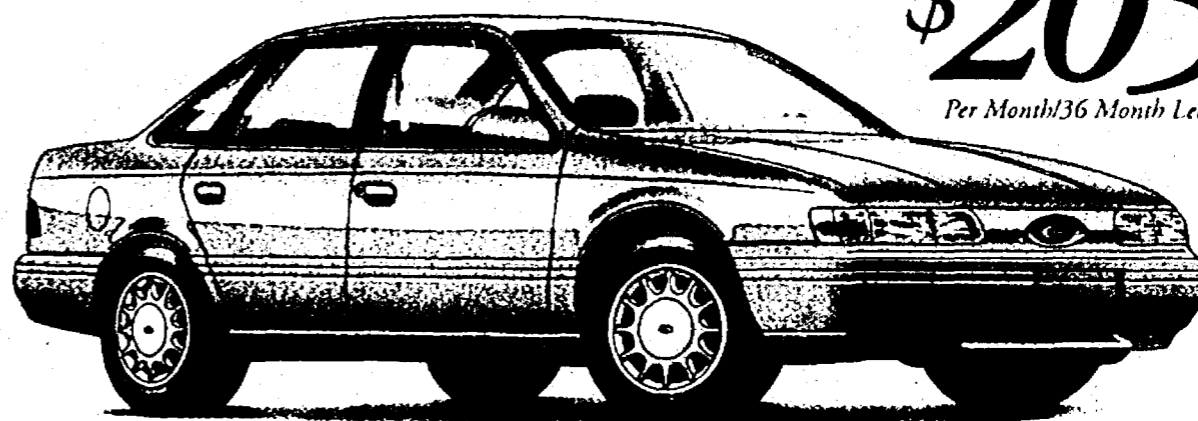
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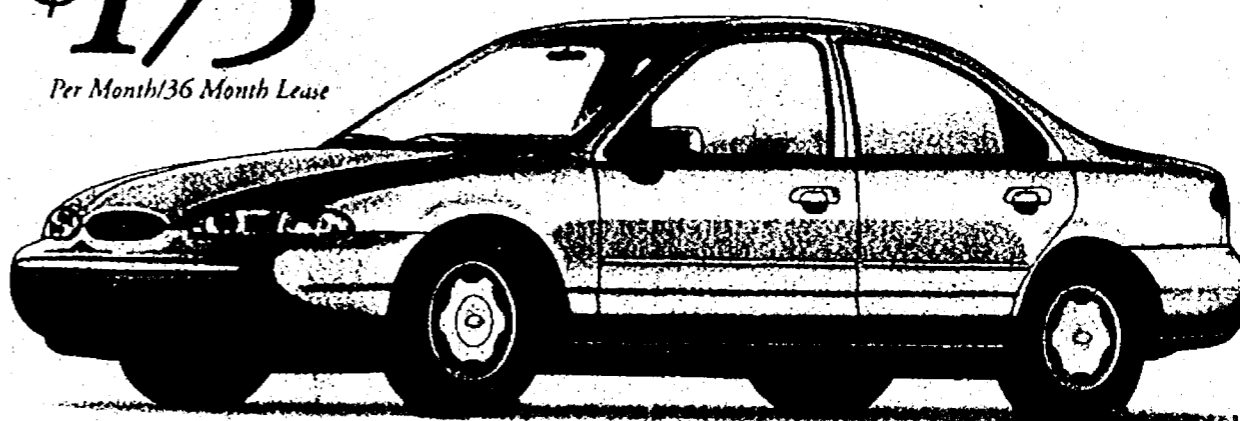
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# Taste

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## FOCUS ON WINE



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### Foods enhance Bordeaux-style red wines

On upscale restaurant wine lists, and in wine shops, you now find a Meritage category. Some people think it's a French word and pronounce it snootily as "merry-tahj." Meritage rhymes with heritage and it's as American as apple pie!

In the 1980s, Bordeaux red varietals saw unprecedented plantings in California and Washington state. In the time-honored tradition of Bordeaux, blends of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc, malbec, and/or petit verdot began to be made. Now, wineries choose proprietary names for

#### Prize-winning Michigan wines

Of the 131 wines entered in the 1997 Michigan State Fair Commercial Wine Competition, 28 earned gold medals. St. Julian Wine Co. captured seven, while Fenn Valley Vineyards and Chateau Grand Traverse earned four each. Four gold medals were awarded to chardonnay, a variety that continues to improve in Michigan's cool climate.

Three Best of Show Awards included The Chateau Grand Traverse Dry Johannisberg Riesling, voted best white wine; Fenn Valley Vineyard Rouge River Chambourcin was best red; and the Chateau Chantal Riesling Ice Wine was best specialty wine.

Top wines of the competition indicate that Riesling is still one of the best white varieties for Michigan's climate. The 1995 Fenn Valley Chambourcin shows that Michigan can produce a quality red wine with the depth and complexity of reds from more famous wine regions of the world.

Other gold medal wines standing above the crowd include the Good Harbor Vineyards Chardonnay. True chardonnay fruit with just a touch of oak makes this a superb match with fresh seafood. The non-vintage Riesling from St. Julian shows the apple fruit that only quality Riesling can deliver. Good Harbor Vineyard's Coastal Red Lot 93 is a full red wine with soft tannins that invites another taste. Make an effort to get a few bottles of Michigan's best and reap the taste reward.

considered fragrant, delicious and served as an excellent ambassador for Washington State's premium reds.

Barnett found it immediately delicious and was attracted to the vanilla taste in the wine. He suggested sweet-fleshed fish, such as braised monkfish with a buerre rouge made with cream and a touch of vanilla.

Geyser Peak Reserve Alexandre, Alexander Valley with its Merlot-esque fragrance introduced a soft, simple and mildly herbaceous wine, medium-bodied and smooth. Triffon said "perfectly balanced." With a pinot noir-like character, Barnett considered the wine soft and light in comparison to others. He suggested Mediterranean flavors as a match much as he would to complement medium-bodied Italian red wines from Tuscany.

Beringer Vineyards Knights Valley Meritage Red Wine with medium-bodied palate vibrates with fruit of exceptional quality. Triffon mentioned a

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What to watch for in Taste next week:

- Walking sticks for lunch boxes
- Main Dish Miracle



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# Apple Cider time

MILLS GEAR UP FOR SAFE SEASON

Apples to go: Bags of freshly picked, crunchy Michigan apples are packed, and ready for pies, desserts, or munching at Franklin Cider Mill.



At work: Eric Miller of Farmington Hills tightens caps on jugs of freshly squeezed apple cider at the Franklin Cider Mill.

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Fall is starting to show slips of red and yellow on trees across metro Detroit, making us thirsty for cider, hungry for crisp, red Michigan apples and hot cinnamon doughnuts.

This year is special for Bill and Linda Erwin who operate the 200-acre Erwin Orchards, and Cider Mill near Kensington Metropark.

"We took the plunge," said Linda Erwin. "We have sold cider for years, and talked about pressing our own. We've got a good business and want to grow. We've been known for our quality apples."

Bill and Linda are third generation farmers, and will be opening their new mill on Friday. But they and other local cider mill operators have something besides bad weather to worry about this year - concern over the safety of unpasteurized cider for the elderly, children, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems.

"Everyone's stinging a little bit," said Mary Emmett who runs Plymouth Orchards and Cider Mill reminding me about the "Alar" scare a few years ago, which devastated apple growers across the country. "We've always been a clean operation. We've never had any problems here."

Spending the day picking apples, and visiting cider mills is a fall tradition in Michigan, which is known for its spectacular color show.

Local cider mill operators I talked to said they are aware of customer concerns following news of an E. coli outbreak in unpasteurized apple juice a year ago in three Western states and Canada, which made 66 people sick,

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### Cider Mills & Apple Orchards

Always call ahead to check availability of fruit. The Michigan Department of Agriculture publishes a directory of most of Michigan's farm markets. Titled "1996-97 Farm Market and U-Pick Directory." To get your copy, call (517) 373-1058 or send your request to the department, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909. U-pick farms and cider mills are listed on the Michigan Apple Committee's World Wide Web home page, <http://MichiganApples.com>

#### Nearby apple orchards and cider mills

##### Livingston County

■ Spicer Orchards Farm Market and Cider Mill, (810) 632-7692 - U.S. 23, (three miles north of M-59 to Clyde Road, exit east 1/4 mile). Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, u-pick apples, raspberries and blueberries, cider, children's farm animal barn and hay fort, pony rides and hayrides on weekends.

##### Macomb County

■ Blake's Big Apple Orchard, (810) 784-9710 - One mile south of downtown Armada at North Ave. and 33 Mile Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples, pears, raspberries and plums, cider, animal farm, haunted barn. Pony rides on weekends.

■ Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill, (810) 784-5343 - Run by same family as Blake's Big Apple Orchard, 17985 Armada Center Road. Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples, cider, pears, raspberries and plums, animal petting farm, and haunted barn.

##### Oakland County

■ Erwin Orchards & Cider Mill, (248) 437-4701 - Between Milford and South Lyon, 61475 Silver Lake Road. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weather permitting, beginning Friday, Sept. 12. U-pick apples and raspberries, cider, Erwin's Country Store nearby.

■ Franklin Cider Mill, (248) 626-2968 - Corner of 14 Mile and Franklin Road, (one mile west of Telegraph). Open: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Cider, hot doughnuts, home baked apple pies, candy and caramel apples.

■ Goodison Cider Mill, (248) 652-8450 - 4295 Orion Road, Oakland Township, north of Rochester. Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Cider, picked apples, baked goods, honey, picnic and playground area, gourmet shop. Craft area and pony rides on weekends.

■ Long Family Orchard & Farm, (248) 360-3774 - On Commerce Road (west of Bogle Lake Road) Commerce Township. Cider, U-pick apples on weekends; weekdays starting Monday, Sept. 22. Free hayrides on weekends.

■ Paint Creek Cider Mill & Restaurant, (248) 651-8361 - Three miles northwest of Rochester on Orion Road (between Adams and Rochester Roads). Cider mill open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Restaurant closed Monday, dinner served 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sundays. Also open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch on Saturdays; and for brunch 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and lunch noon to 3 p.m. Sundays - Historic old grist mill, cider, and picked apples.

■ Rochester Cider Mill, (248) 651-4224 - 5125 Rochester Road, Rochester. Open: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Cider, fresh picked apples, jams, jellies, syrups.

■ Yates Cider Mill, (248) 651-8300 - 1990 E. Avon Road, (near 23 Mile Road at Dequindre). Open daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cider, picked apples.

##### Wayne County

■ Apple Charlie's, (313) 753-9380 - Six miles south of Detroit Metro Airport, 38035 South Haven Road. Open daily 8 a.m. until dark. Cider, U-pick apples available in approximately two weeks, call for information.

■ Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill & Winery, (248) 349-3181, 714 Baseline, Northville. Open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cider, doughnuts.

■ Plymouth Orchards & Cider Mill, (313) 455-2290 - 10685 Warren Road, Plymouth. Open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through October; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in November. Cider, u-pick apples start Friday, Sept. 12, doughnuts, country store.

##### Washtenaw County

■ Dexter Cider Mill, (313) 426-8531 - 3685 Central, Dexter. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, closed Mondays. Cider, fresh picked apples, caramel apples, apple pies, unique apple items, such as jellies, jams and teas.

■ Obstbaum Orchard & Cider Mill, (248) 349-5569 - Four miles west of Beck Road, Salem Township, between Seven and Eight Mile Roads. Opening Saturday, Sept. 13, hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. U-pick apples, cider.

■ Wasem Fruit Farm, (313) 482-2342 - Eight Miles south of Ypsilanti, call for directions. Open 9-6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples.

■ Ward's Orchard and Cider Mill, (313) 482-7744 - South of Ypsilanti, take I-94 to Huron St., go south 4 miles. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. U-pick apples, cider. Country Fair Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning Sept. 13-14, continuing through the last weekend of October. Features live entertainment, children's activities. Different event each weekend call for details.

## Sandwich veggies for nutritious back-to-school lunches

### REGISTERED DIETITIAN



BEVERLY PRICE

I, nor my parents, thought twice about the nutritional value of these lunches, or the lack thereof. As I counsel young children in my private practice, I've learned that many school lunch menus have not changed a bit.

Making nutritious lunches when you have limited time is always a challenge. Roll up sandwiches, which include veggies, topped with low-fat mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, honey mustard, or tamari, served on whole wheat lavash, are easy. Top with avocado, sprouts or tomatoes.

Make a veggie pepperoni sandwich on a whole grain bun, veggie cheese on whole wheat lavash, almond butter and preserves on whole grain bread, bean

burritos with vegetarian refried beans, and hummus with alfalfa sprouts on whole wheat pita, are other tasty options.

Don't forget to include snacks. Fruit kebabs, dried fruits and nuts, or raw vegetables with healthy dip are kid-pleasing choices.

As you can see, there are lots of lunch box options for children on a vegetarian diet. Unfortunately, the safety and adequacy of a vegetarian diet for children is often unnecessarily questioned by concerned parents and even health professionals.

We now know that children on a vegetarian diet can be just as healthy, if not healthier, than their meat-eating counterparts. A vegetarian diet can include sufficient calories for growth, and is often more nutritious than diets high in meat and dairy products.

At The Farm, an intentional community of vegans (those that consume no meat, dairy products or eggs) in Tennessee, a study performed on children who grew up in the community showed that children can safely follow a vegan diet. Growth patterns of these children, aged four months to 10 years old, were compared with U.S. growth patterns for other children of the same age. There were no significant differences in the

average height and weight of these children as compared with the general population. This is proof that a vegan diet, if well-balanced for the types of nutrients needed by growing children, is perfectly safe.

Protein needs can be met by including legumes, whole grains, soy products (soy milk, tofu, soy burger), meat analogues (soy bacon, soy sausage, soy chicken) nuts, nut butters and dairy products for lacto-ovo vegetarians (those who consume dairy products including eggs). As long as your child consumes adequate calories, and not excessive junk foods, their protein needs will be easily met.

Calcium is another key nutrient in your child's diet and readily available from plant sources such as calcium fortified soy and rice milks, orange juice, calcium-precipitated tofu, and dark green leafy vegetables such as kale, collard, mustard and turnip greens.

Iron deficiency anemia is still widespread in children, but is no more likely to occur in children on a vegetarian diet than those on a non-vegetarian diet. Good iron sources include whole grains, iron-fortified cereals, legumes, green leafy vegetables and dried fruits. Consuming foods rich in vitamin C such as citrus fruits, broccoli, and strawberries,

at the same meal as these foods, can enhance iron absorption.

Getting enough vitamin B-12 is mainly a concern for children who do not consume meat, or dairy products. However, a variety of vitamin B-12 fortified foods are available including certain brands of fortified soy milk, some meat analogues and some breakfast cereals.

As a parent, the responsibility of educating children about proper food choices is just as important as educating them about the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse. If you follow a vegetarian diet, an explanation of why your family has chosen this way of eating will help your child better understand the benefits of being a vegetarian.

Children who are raised at a healthy dinner table will usually emulate these ways. If you are a vegetarian, your child will grow up believing this type of diet is an obvious choice.

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and resulted in the death of one child, but they say this incident is no cause for alarm.

"Michigan has no reported cases of people getting sick from drinking apple cider," said Dan Wyant, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Until recently, apple cider was considered too acidic for E. coli bacteria to survive, but according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, a new strain is strong enough to pose a risk to children, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with weak immune systems.

How does E. coli find mainly in the intestinal tracks of animals get into cider? Apples that fall off the tree could pick up bacteria on the ground. Apple pickers whose shoes leave bacteria on the ladder could transfer it to apples after touching the ladder rungs. Or orchards could be irrigated with contaminated water.

The federal government wants makers of unpasteurized apple juice, and cider to voluntarily warn customers that the drinks are not treated to kill E. coli bacteria. They are also encouraging cider producers to pasteurize their cider and preparing to propose federal regulations requiring makers of all unpasteurized juices to adopt stringent new safety steps. An education campaign for cider-makers and consumers is also in the works.

Wyant said FDA guidelines follow actions already being taken by the MDA and Michigan's apple cider industry.

"We've been working with Michigan's apple industry since last fall to develop a program aimed at enhancing the safety of apple cider produced in Michigan," said Wyant. Good Management Practices, developed by the Michigan Apple Cider Advisory Group, made up of representatives from the apple industry,

Michigan State University, Michigan Farm Bureau and the FDA were distributed to all Michigan apple cider producers and took effect in June.

"These Good Management Practices are a common-sense approach to continued prevention, and will help push Michigan to front and center as a national leader in the production of safe, wholesome and great tasting apple cider," said Wyant.

Michigan cider mills are thoroughly inspected by the state, and mill operators are proud of their high standards for quality apple cider and longstanding tradition of excellence.

"In Michigan the apple cider mills do not use drops, apples that fall on the ground, we use hand-picked sorted apples," said Jack Palmer who owns Franklin Cider Mill, which is situated in a 165-year-old landmark building. "The MDA was just in here. They analyze everything to the last drop and check everything very thoroughly."

"It's an education process," said former Plymouth resident Richard Koziski, who operates Dexter Cider Mill, on the Huron River, which has been continuously operated for 111 years.

"E coli is prevalent in everything. We are doing our best to conform to good management practices. We use picked apples, and put them through a high power washer and scrubber."

"We have a sign up to let our customers know our cider is not pasteurized. It should be refrigerated. I'm also planning to publish a brochure, which speaks to the issue."

Emmett told me she and other cider mill operators attended meetings this winter. The state told them they are under a microscope and must be very diligent. All it takes is one problem to spoil the industry for everyone.

"A cider mill is like any restaurant you would go to," said Emmett, who has been operating a 35 acre apple orchard and cider mill in Plymouth for 21 years. "We've always had a clean operation, and will continue to keep a clean operation."

Mill operators point out that "E. coli doesn't grow on trees," and say they use only hand-picked apples in their cider.

"There has never been an incident of E. coli from apple cider in Michigan," said Rose Timbers, special events coordinator at Wiard's Orchard and Cider Mill near Ypsilanti. "We have always been real careful with our manufacturing process, and will continue to do so."

"We've been making cider 50 years and have never had a problem," said Paul Blake of Blake's Cider Mill and Orchard in Armada. "We're inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in all qualities of cleanliness."

Some mill operators feel the whole E. coli scare has been blown out of proportion.

"We run a clean operation and don't want anyone to get sick," said Linda Erwin.

Besides the expense of purchasing new equipment, some mill owners said pasteurizing apple cider would change the taste.

"I've tasted it, pasteurization makes apple cider taste bland," said Blake.

"It would be a shame to lose this type of cider, it's been here for hundreds of years," said Koziski. "I'd like to maintain the old way of doing things."

Mill operators in other parts of the country are looking at their options including pasteurization, which involves heating the liquid to 190 degrees F.; flash pasteurization, heating the liquid to 170 degrees F. and letting it cool; steaming; or rinsing the fruit in chemicals to kill possible bacteria.

"If the FDA says we have to pasteurize it, we will," said Linda Erwin. "We offer freshly squeezed unpasteurized cider, and hope to keep selling it. We're ready to bring a piece of equipment in. It's expensive, but we will do it if we have to."



MICHIGAN APPLE COMMITTEE

Harvest fare: Hot raspberry cider and maple apple muffins are nutritious snacks to celebrate fall and a bountiful harvest.

## Toast the harvest with cider, muffins

Celebrate this year's apple crop with these tasty recipes from the Michigan Apple Committee.

### MAPLE MUFFINS

(Low Fat, No Cholesterol)

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 medium Michigan apples, peeled, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup maple-flavored syrup
- 3/4 cup unsweetened Michigan applesauce
- 1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt

- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon maple flavoring
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts, optional
- Vegetable cooking spray

Stir together flours, salt, baking powder and soda. Set aside.

Coat twelve 2-3/4-inch muffin pans with cooking spray. Place 3 Michigan apple slices and 1 teaspoon maple syrup in bottom of each cup. Set aside.

In large mixing bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Add flour

mixture, stirring only until combined. Portion evenly into prepared muffin-pan cups.

Bake at 375 degrees F. about 25 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm. Yield: 12 muffins.

Per serving 1 muffin: 190 Calories, 3 g Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 38 g Carbohydrates, 170 mg Sodium, 2 g Fiber.

*Suggested Michigan apple varieties to use: Empire, Gala, Ginger Gold, Golden Delicious, Ida Red, Jonagold, Jonathan, McIntosh, Paula Red or Rome.*

### HOT RASPBERRY CIDER

(No Fat, No Cholesterol, Low Sodium)

- 8 cups Michigan apple cider or Michigan apple juice
- 1 cup frozen raspberry juice concentrate, thawed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick

Combine all ingredients in 4-quart saucepan. Heat over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture starts to simmer. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Remove cinnamon stick. Serve hot. Yield: 8 servings.

Per serving: 1 cup: 200 Calories, 0 g Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 51 g Carbohydrates, 32 mg Sodium, 0 g Fiber.

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subtle dish, such as herb-stuffed veal which is just enough to erase some tannin, but Barnett liked it with a tender Filet Mignon.

For Beaulieu Vineyard Tapestry, Napa Valley both Triffon and Barnett agreed that a fattier sauce is needed to release the wine's flavor and suggested classic roast lamb. Fruit quality in the Merryvale Profile, Napa Valley is a signature. Barnett suggested salmon with its "high flavor profile."

"Franciscan Magnificat, Napa Valley has a great nose," Triffon said enthusiastically. She dubbed it seductive with expressive vinosity. Because of the wine's soft, open character, Barnett proposed a mole sauce (with unweetened chocolate) served with pork or griddled duck. Triffon thought Pine Ridge Winery Andrus Reserve, Napa Valley style consistent with beautiful, pure fruit. "Lamb with fruit and herbs, but low sugar profile, such as a cranberry-mint Merlot reduction will highlight the wine's fruitiness without over-reaching the tannins," Barnett concluded.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Monday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.



# Vegetarian lunch ideas make eating well fun

See related story on Taste front.

Meet Beverly Price 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 at Borders Bookstore at the Novi Town Center for a special "Back to School" nutrition talk for kids and their parents.

Join Nanette Cameron and Suzette Krull, registered dietitians at Living Better Sensibly for the Vegetarian Series which runs 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18, and 25; or Tuesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28. The cost is \$85 per person, per series, and includes a delicious meal with recipes, including lunch ideas. Call (248) 539-9424 for registration information. Space is limited.

These recipes are found in "Nutrition Secrets for Optimal Health," by registered dietitians Betsy Kurlito and Beverly Price.

## BRUSCHETTA ROASTED RED PEPPER

8 3/4-inch-thick slices crusty French bread  
1/2 cup low-fat soft-curd

tofu  
2 Tablespoons non-dairy mayonnaise  
2 Tablespoons non-dairy yogurt  
2 Tablespoons grated white soy cheese  
1/2 cup jarred roasted red bell peppers, drained well and divided into 8 portions

Toast bread; set aside. In blender or bowl, combine tofu, mayonnaise, yogurt and cheese until smooth. Spread in toasted bread. Top each brochette with red pepper. Set on platter; cover with plastic wrap until serving time. Serve at room temperature.

Alternately, place cheese-covered bruschetta on oiled or foil-lined baking sheet; broil until lightly brown. Top with red pepper and serve hot. Serves 8.

Per serving: 151 calories; 3 g fat; 6 g protein; 25 g carbohydrates; 0 mg cholesterol; 291 mg sodium; 1 g fiber.

## PEANUT BUTTER SPIRALS

12 ounces uncooked whole

wheat spiral pasta  
2/3 cup natural peanut butter  
3/4 cup water  
3 to 4 Tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce  
2 Tablespoons mild vinegar  
1 scallion, coarsely chopped  
1 Tablespoon honey or rice syrup  
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1-1/2 cups frozen green peas, thawed

In a large soup pot bring 4 to 6 cups of water to a boil. Once water is boiling, add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. While pasta is cooking, combine all remaining ingredients except peas in a food processor or blender and process until smooth. When pasta is done, drain well and transfer to a large serving bowl. Add peas and sauce; stir to combine thoroughly. Serve warm. Serves 8.

Per serving: 177 calories; 9 g fat; 6 g protein; 18 g carbohydrates; 0 mg cholesterol; 475 mg sodium; 2 g fiber.

## TEMPEH SALAD

8 ounces tempeh  
1/3 cup nonfat or low-fat mayonnaise, preferably soy-based  
2 green onions, minced  
2 celery stalks, minced  
1 medium carrot, grated  
1/4 cup fresh minced parsley  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1/2 Tablespoon light tamari  
1 teaspoon basil  
1/2 teaspoon celery seed  
paprika  
salad greens

Simmer tempeh in water for 20 minutes; let cool. Combine mayonnaise, onion, celery, carrot, parsley, mustard, tamari, basil and celery seed in a medium-sized bowl.

Dice tempeh into 1/2-inch cubes. Add tempeh to dressing ingredients and toss gently. Sprinkle with paprika and serve on a bed of greens. Also makes a good sandwich filling. Serves 4.

Per serving: 145 calories; 5 g fat; 8 g protein; 17 g carb. 0 mg

cholesterol; 327 mg sodium; 5 g fiber.

## WHITE CHOCOLATE-OAT-CHIP COOKIES

1/2 cup Wonderslim Fat & Egg Substitute  
1-1/4 cups packed dark brown sugar  
1/2 cup sugar  
3 Tablespoons water  
2 Tablespoons skim milk  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1-3/4 cups whole wheat pastry flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2-1/2 cups rolled oats, uncooked  
1 12-ounce package white chocolate chips  
1/3 cup chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. Beat together Wonderslim, sugars, water, milk and vanilla until well mixed. Add combined flour, baking soda and salt; mix well. Stir in oats, white chocolate chips and nuts until well blended. Drop by

rounded Tablespoonfuls onto cookie sheet coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store in covered container. Makes 5 dozen cookies. \* Per cookie: 88 calories; 2.5 g fat (1.3 g saturated fat - 26 percent calories from fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 42 mg sodium.

## RASPBERRY-PEACH BREAKFAST SMOOTHIE

1/2 cup fresh or frozen unsweetened raspberries  
1 fresh or frozen peach, sliced  
1 fresh or frozen banana, sliced  
8 ounces tofu  
2 cups orange juice

In a blender or food processor, puree all ingredients together until consistency is smooth. Serves two.

Per serving: 283 calories; 5 g fat; 10 g protein; 47 g carb. 0 g cholesterol; 11 mg sodium; 4 g fiber.

## CLARIFICATION

There was an error in Beverly Garland's pound cake recipe, which appeared in last Sunday's Taste section. We apologize for any inconvenience this caused our readers, and thank all those who called for the correct information.

Also included is the recipe for Jungle Joe's Banana Cookies.

## BEVERLY GARLAND'S BUTTERY APPLE POUND CAKE

1/3 cup each: light brown sugar and chopped, toasted pecans  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar  
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter, softened  
3 eggs

1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1-1/2 teaspoon each: baking powder and baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1-1/2 cups regular or reduced fat sour cream  
1-1/2 cups peeled, thinly sliced apple  
Toasted Butter, Brown Sugar Glaze  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
2 tablespoons milk  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350. Combine brown sugar, pecans, cinnamon and nutmeg; set aside. Cream butter with electric mixer until smooth. Gradually beat in granu-

lated sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Alternate adding sour cream and dry ingredients to batter mixture, stirring well after each addition.

Spoon 1/2 of the batter into well-buttered and floured 12-cup bundt pan or 10-inch tube pan. Arrange apple slices on batter. Spoon 1/2 of the brown sugar, pecan, spice mixture over apples and press lightly into batter. Spoon remaining batter over apple mixture. Sprinkle top with remaining brown sugar mixture. Bake 60 to 70 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from oven. Cool on wire rack 15 minutes. Gently loosen cake from pan with sharp knife.

Invert onto cooling rack. Serve slightly warm if desired.

To make glaze, in a small saucepan heat butter over medium heat until it starts to brown. Remove from heat. Stir in sugar, milk and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Drizzle on cake.

Recipe from the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

## JUNGLE JOE'S BANANA COOKIES

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened  
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar  
3/4 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2 medium)  
1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon yellow food coloring (optional)  
2-1/2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 to 1/3 cup mini chocolate chips, as desired

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Beat margarine and sugar until creamy. Add bananas, eggs, vanilla and food coloring; beat well. Add combined oats, flour, baking soda and salt; mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Scrape dough into 1-gallon heavy duty plastic food storage bag. Seal bag, squeezing out as much air as possible.

Cut a 3/8-inch opening in one corner of bag with scissors. Squeeze dough onto ungreased cookie sheets forming banana shapes; leave about 1-1/2 inches between each "banana." To shape bananas, squeeze a 4-inch curved line of dough onto cookie sheet. Starting about 1/4-inch from top of first line, squeeze a second curved line of dough inside and touching first line of dough.

Bake 8 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool 1 minute on cookie sheets; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly covered or wrap airtight and freeze. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

Recipe from the Quaker Oats Company.

# Wrap up a balanced meal with sandwiches-in-the-round

Making their way into fast food restaurants, ethnic eateries and the home kitchen, wraps are one of the latest food trends. Wraps are made by taking a pita, tortilla or other flatbread and rolling it around a filling made with a variety of ingredients.

While you may have sampled these sandwiches-in-the-round, have you considered how appealing they may be to your kids? As children head back to school leaving you with the daily chore of filling lunch boxes, wraps can provide an attractive option.

A wrap can provide a balanced meal, packing protein, complex carbohydrates, vegetables and a minimum of fat into a package that fits neatly in one hand. Some gourmet variations I have encountered featured cooked whole grains mixed with fillings such as pesto chicken, arborio rice, roasted peppers and eggplant, goat cheese, and salsa. To accommodate children's tastes, you may be better off skipping the designer ingredients and keeping it simple.

Variations of sandwich classics such as chicken salad, peanut butter, and tuna salad can make wonderful wraps. I chop up leftover cooked chicken breast and mix it with non-fat yogurt, grated carrot and green pepper. Layered with reduced-fat grated cheese and shredded romaine lettuce and rolled up in flatbread, this wrap makes a fresh alternative to a chicken burrito.

In addition to its smooth, satisfying flavor, peanut butter has the added benefit of softening the wrapper without making it soggy. Experiment with peanut butter add-ons beyond the usual grape jelly by topping it in a wrap with naturally sweetened peach spread and slices from half a banana.

Cold wraps (as opposed to those with hot fillings) usually improve in flavor by sitting in the refrigerator for a few hours.

## TUNA SALAD WRAP

1 6.5-ounce can water-packed white tuna  
1 small carrot, shredded  
1/4 cup finely chopped celery  
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper  
1 Tablespoon fat-free mayonnaise  
2 8-inch flour tortillas

2 Tablespoons fat-free cream cheese  
1/2 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup shredded green leaf lettuce  
alfalfa sprouts

In a small bowl, combine the tuna, carrot, celery, green pepper and mayonnaise. Spread a tablespoon of the cream cheese in a vertical strip, to cover the center third of a tortilla. Spread half the tuna salad firmly over the cream cheese, starting 2 inches below the

top and ending 2 inches above the bottom of each with half the lettuce and a blanket of sprouts.

To prepare the wrap, fold the bottom of the tortilla up, cover the top of the filling. Fold in the two sides a quarter-inch. Roll the tortilla up, holding the side folds in. Be sure to roll the wrap tightly and as firmly as possible to ensure the package stays closed. Surround the wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate until you are ready to serve or pack it.

Repeat with the second half of

the filling ingredients, using the second tortilla.

Each of the two wraps contains 294 calories and 5 grams of fat.

Recipe and information from the American Institute for Cancer Research

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# Where can I find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find items in the marketplace. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement) please call Malls & Mainstreets at (248) 901-2567. Just leave a message and your phone number (slowly and clearly, please!) and each Sunday we'll print caller solutions and new quests.

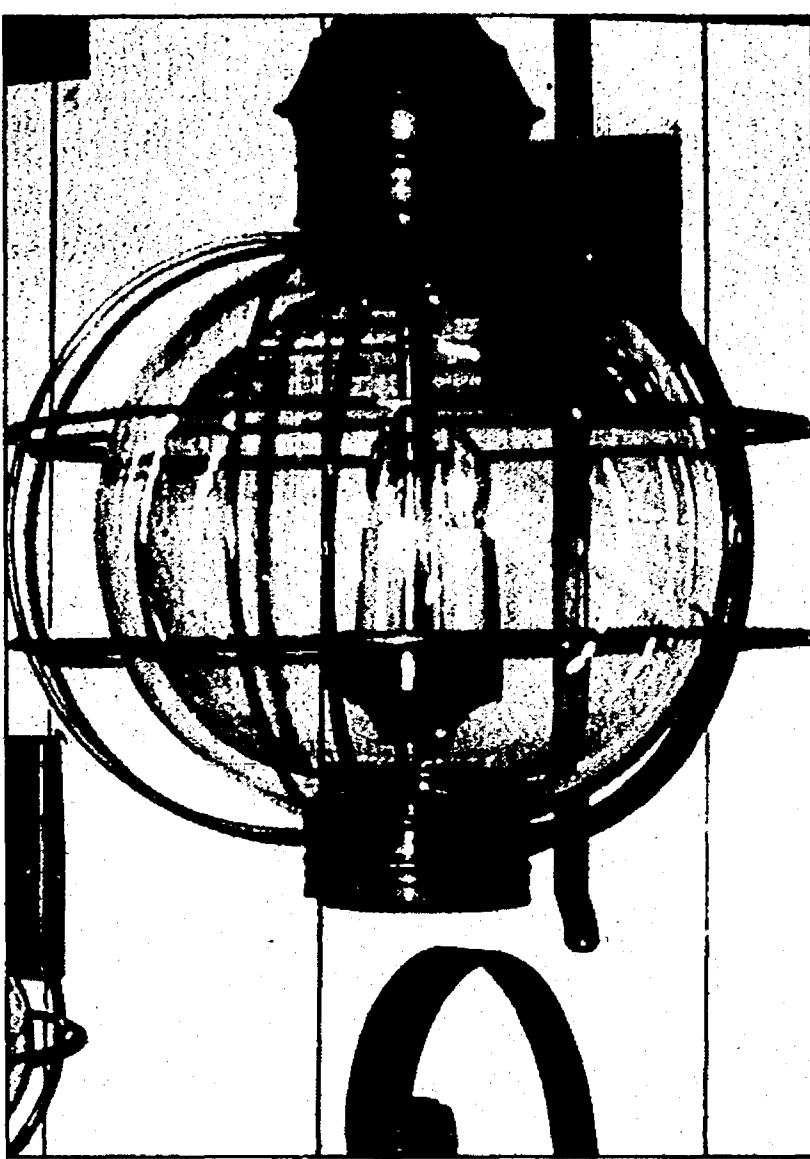
## What we found:

- A source for **Mary Proctor ironing board covers** and accessories was suggested by several readers. Write to: Gustin-Kramer Company, P.O. Box 528, Boston, MA 02136. They were also spotted at **Adray's** in Dearborn.
- A caller said the **F & M pharmacy** will special order **Lowilla soap** for customers.
- A reader had the **plaque** with six hooks that reads "Look who's in the doghouse now," for **Mary of Farmington**.
- The **Music Stand** catalog company has the **Grease cassette tape** for \$10.95, call 1-800-717-7010.
- **Dare perfume** by Revlon was spotted at **Big Lots and Odd Lots** stores, and **Jungle Gardenia** was recently purchased at **Arbor Drugs, Birmingham Drugs and Meijer's**.
- **Men's garters** for Mrs. Smith were spotted at **Harry's Department Store** on West Warren.
- **Meijer's** has the **Swiss Ives formula body washes** in chocolate and vanilla according to one reader.
- A caller saw the **train telephone** at **The Train Store** at Somerset Collection North, and in **Scaeder's** catalog 1-517-848-2222.
- One reader pointed out that **The A-Team** television shows are being aired on the **FX cable channel** and can be easily taped.
- A great substitute guide for the nutrition book once published by the Dept. of Agriculture is **Bowes and Churches Food Values of Portions Commonly Used** by J. B. Lippincott available at **Borders**, according to one reader.
- Two callers reported that the book **Behind The Green Door** and also a movie of the same title, are available and were put in touch with the searcher. Another caller found a source for a **Johnny Appleseed** biography on the Internet and her bookstore was passed on to the searcher.

## Still searching for:

- A retailer who sells **Clove gum** for Linda.
- A **Daily Aide Journal** once carried by **Woolworth's**. "It was my secretary for 20 years," said a caller.
- Someone who'll assemble **wooden dollhouses** from a kit for Susan.
- Who still sells **record players** for an elderly woman who wants to play her old 33 1/3 albums?
- An **Address-O-Graph** machine that types on metal or dog tags for Sue and Nancy of Troy.
- **Vinyl reinforcements** to repair the holes in shower curtains for Lorraine of Livonia.
- A group of moms of college kids want to send them: an 8-inch **hammer** that handle contains a variety of screwdriver tips that can be placed on the handle to transform it into a screwdriver, plus, a **Helmac fabri-comb** to de-ball sweaters.
- A place to buy the original **Gucci perfume** in the brown box which is no longer manufactured for **Patti Frabotta**.
- A retailer who sells **replacement lids** for the corningware browning dishes.
- Where to buy **Mennen shave tale**.
- A copy of the film **King Creole** starring **Elvis** for Kevin.
- A copy of the children's book **Brave Little Indian**, for Nancy Torossian of Plymouth. Published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston.
- A **Marilyn Monroe watch** for Debbie.
- **Little glass wind chimes**, very inexpensive, in geometric shapes, with a small little tinkle sound, for Toni of Livonia.
- **Napkin rings** with a Christmas Tree by **Spode** for Lori Rose of Canton.

### Period lighting



**Orlon Lights:** Available at **MT Hunter** in Northville and Birmingham, these exterior colonial-style luminaries, are made of brass and copper and are not lacquered, making them maintenance free. Originally, used as beacons on homes near the sea, they were designed for candle or oil-burning, and now, of course, light bulbs, \$165- \$450. For more details call (248) 344-6668.

# Target stores offer college scholarships

Target Stores announced that applications are now available for its \$1.6 million All-Around Scholarship program which will provide more than 1,500 high school students with money to help finance their post-secondary education. Now in its third year, the program will provide funding to students who demonstrate leadership and all-around citizenship in community, family and school activities. Two scholarships will be distributed per Target store. The program will award more than 1,500 \$1,000 scholarship and four \$10,000 grand scholarships. The All-Around Scholarship program was created in direct response to Target guests' concerns about the importance of education, the rising costs of college tuition and the future strength of communities across the country. High school seniors may pick

up applications at their local Target store. Completed applications must be postmarked by Dec. 15, 1997. A panel of independent judges will review applications, and recipients will be notified on or about May 15, 1998. Scholarships will be awarded to the winners at store ceremonies in late spring of 1998. Criteria for Target All-Around Scholarship applicants include:

1. Description of the length of time and number of hours of community volunteer service;
2. The applicant's list of volunteer leadership awards and honors;
3. Appraisal form to be submitted by a supervisor or volunteer leader;
4. The applicant's short essay on volunteer service;
5. A transcript verifying a grade point average of C (2.0) or higher.

## Purchase guidelines proposed

Here are some tips to help you smart shop for a fall wardrobe. They come from **Bev Martin**, manager of the Women's Expos for **JC Penney**.

**Think twice about a purchase that:**

- Can only be worn for one occasion.
- Is so trendy that the same look could be achieved in a less expensive way (i.e., adding an animal print scarf instead of an entire animal print suit.)
- Wearing it requires the purchase of additional pieces.
- Requires dry cleaning or

hand washing, special care not in your regular routine.

- Does not quite fit.

**Consider this a wise buy:**

- The color and silhouette coordinates with at least 50-percent of what's already in your wardrobe.
- It fits now, not after you lose five pounds.
- If it's a trendy item, is the price low enough that you can afford it for just a season or two?
- You can think of three ways to wear it with what you already have in your closet.
- Both the fit and color flatter.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

#### SCREENING FOR STROKE

As it turns out, the dentist may play an important role in preventing strokes. That is because a routine dental x-ray has been found to be able to detect calcium deposits in the large arteries of the neck, a sign of advanced atherosclerosis (a major cause of stroke). The x-ray taken with this detection capability is the panoramic radiograph, a wide-angle, frontal x-ray taken to survey the condition of the patient's teeth and bones. When the panoramic radiograph x-rays of 2,572 patients were recently reviewed, calcium deposits (appearing as small white spots) were found in the carotid arteries of 143 patients, most of whom were over the age of 50. Carotid arteries are the large vessels on both sides of the neck that supply the brain with blood. This column has been brought to you by LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES as a public service. We believe in the benefits of regular preventive care, and therefore encourage all our patients to return for periodic visits. We're located at 19171 Merriman Road, where we stress that nothing is more economical than regular checkups. Please call us at 478-2110 to schedule an appointment. Smiles are our business.

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**Now at Laurel Park Place**

Three new retailers will open in time for holiday shopping at Laurel Park Place in Livonia according to Timothy Grimske, property manager. They are **New England Home**, (coming Oct. 1) **Powerful Stuff** (opening Nov. 1) and **Franklin Covey (Quest)** (opening Dec. 1).

**It's Baby Time at Farmer Jack**

More than 1,000 items for the baby are included in Farmer Jack stores' new **Baby Bonus Savings Club**. The same personalized Bonus Savings Club card with a bar code on the back will now also automatically include the BBSC incentives. The card will record and tally the amount spent during each shopping visit.

Every time a customer reaches \$200 in baby item purchases, they instantly receive \$20 in cash at the register. Customers with a current savings card are automatically enrolled. New members can sign up at any Farmer Jack store and receive a card instantly.

**Northland Center will host national walk for Osteoporosis**

Hundreds of mall walkers at Northland Center in Southfield, turned out Friday, Sept. 5 to register shoppers for the first annual **America Walks For Strong Women**, event.

The walk is set for Saturday, Oct. 18 along a defined route inside the shopping center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by an opening ceremony, warm-up and the walk at 9 a.m.

In Michigan alone, more than 800,000 women suffer from the effects of the disease. The event will be sponsored by Eli Lilly and Co. pharmaceuticals, and ERE Yarmouth shopping malls in Detroit, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

**Fairlane hosts motivational seminar**

A brownbag lunch, tips on putting together a career wardrobe, plus the inspirational success stories of two sisters is all part of a program hosted by Fairlane Town Center for women, Saturday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 150 women in tenant space near the upper level Hudson's. For more information call the MIX 92.3 Information Line (313) 438-1129.

**Start-up sewing seminars celebrate Sewing Month**

The American Home Sewing and Craft Association is promoting September as **National Sewing Month**. Doing its part is Haberman Fabrics, 117 W. Fourth in Royal Oak, with a series of sewing classes for both apparel and home decorating. Classes run through fall. To register or receive a schedule, call (248) 541-0010.

**Accent on health, happiness**

Makeup and beauty consultant Jeffrey Bruce will hold a **Kelly & Co.-style makeover presentation** at a benefit for The Jewish Home for the Aged, Sept. 18 at Temple Israel, West Bloomfield. Program director Julie Ritten said tickets are \$20-\$40 for the event which will include consultations with plastic surgeons, hair stylists and dermatologists. A brunch will be served by The Unique Co. For more details, including the time and other special activities of the day, call Ritten at (248) 932-1818.

**Manager promoted to corporate**

Parisian Department store manager Sandy Woodring was recently promoted to regional vice president of the specialty store chain, now under the Proffitt's banner which includes 176 stores in 24 states including Proffitt's, McRae's, Younkers, Parisian and Herberger's. The company generates annual revenues in excess of \$2.3 billion. Wes Weigel was named as new manager of the Laurel Park Place store in Livonia.

**Kmart introduces catalog for Martha Stewart lines**

A new **Martha Stewart Everyday** 42-page, full-color in-store catalog is now at Kmart. The catalog is featured on an end-of-the-aisle display in the Martha Stewart Everyday store-within-a-store. Bedding and bath products are listed on special

order reference charts by pattern name, SKU number and size.

All product lines are available for home delivery by calling 800-231-5454 and placing a credit card order.

Catalog orders will be delivered within five to 10 working days from the ordering date. The APAC Corporation of Cedar Rapids, Iowa was contracted to oversee processing and delivery functions.

Designed in collaboration with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia's creative team, the catalog provides instruction as well an

alternate shopping process. Bedding ensembles are described and pictured with decorating tips and paint choices from the Martha Stewart Everyday Colors paint line. Bath basics follow suit, with photos and informative copy that demonstrate a proper balance of patterns and colors.

**Steakhouse opens for lunch**

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at 755 West Big Beaver, marked its first anniversary with the announcement it will open for lunch beginning Sept. 8. The

lunch menu contains a "lighter fare" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For reservations call (248) 269-8424.

**Landmark Arbor Drugs opens**

Eugene Applebaum will open his 200th Arbor Drugs store Sept. 15 on Jefferson at Walker in downtown Detroit.

**Redford welcomes new family salon**

Beyond The Cutting Edge Family Hair Salon opens at 25113 W. Six Mile, east of Beech Daly in Redford, Sept. 8-9. Owner Rosanne Promo (for-

merly of Duke's) said patrons can help celebrate the grand opening by entering to win free haircuts for one year. During the opening weekend, kids haircuts are \$6, and adults \$8. There will be complimentary refreshments and snacks. For more details call (313) 532-5325.

**Retailer hosts seminars for women with cancer**

Annette's Unique Boutique announces its **Look Good... Feel Better** program, Thursday evenings, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 from 7-9 p.m.

The evenings, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the National Cosmetology Association, feature a consultation that includes a personalized makeup session with complimentary and skincare products, plus tips on how to disguise hair loss with wigs, turbans, scarves and accessories.

The boutique is at 3646 Rochester Road in the Century Plaza, Troy. Space is limited for the free programs. For reservations call (248) 680-1600.

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Free prostate screenings

Approximately 41,400 men will die from prostate cancer this year. Early detection and annual testing are the best weapons in the fight against prostate cancer. Providence-Mission Health Medical Center Livonia (37595 Seven Mile Road) will provide screening at no cost Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 1-800-341-0801.

### New TB clinic

In collaboration with the Wayne County Health Department, Oakwood Healthcare System has opened a new Tuberculosis clinic to provide TB screening and/or treatment. The clinic has a special ventilation system and on-site X-ray, pharmacy, and lab. It is staffed by four board-certified Infectious Disease physicians who provide a wide range of clinical services. The clinic is located at 2345 Merriman Road and is open Monday and Wednesday from 8-4 p.m. and Friday from 8-12 p.m. For more information call, (313) 467-2412.

### Immunization clinic

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers (37595 Seven Mile Road, Livonia) is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Walk-in).

### Migraine support group

This month, the Livonia Migraine Support Group meeting will be held in Ann Arbor on Monday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. David Biondi, a board certified neurologist specializing in headaches and pain, will discuss "The Coexistence of Migraine, Depression, and Anxiety: Pure Coincidence or Common Biology?" For more information call, (248) 486-1764 (Nancy) or (313) 662-4278 (Bonnie).

### Compulsive overeating

Everyone overeats sometimes; but why do some people overindulge compulsively? Botsford General Hospital starts a weekly discussion group, Compulsive Overeaters Help Group, beginning with an inaugural meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17, for individuals to explore how they use food to cope with life, and how to start taking steps toward changing their relationship with food permanently in a comfortable, supportive situation.

The group will meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The fee is \$10/session and preregistration is required. For more information or to register call, (248) 477-6100.

### Free Kids Day

MedMax in Westland has put together a three-hour program for kids scheduled Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in their store's parking lot.

Kids Day will feature a wide variety of activities and surprises for children of all ages and their families including presentations by the Westland D.A.R.E. officers, Westland Police and Fire Department, Pokey-Dottie the clown face painting, the Wayne County Sheriff Department Mounted Division and more.

DARE officers will be fingerprinting children and the Wayne County Sheriff Department will be taking photographs for identification emergencies in the event a child is missing - free of charge.

Magician Randy Shaw will be on-hand performing unique and trivial feats of magic as well as making balloon animals. Fire safety literature will be distributed by fire officials and tours of both a fire truck, rescue vehicle and police car will be given. Gifts will be provided for all children who participate in the event.

MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Shopping Center. For more information call MaryAnn at MedMax, (313) 458-7100.

# THE GENETIC COCKTAIL

## Doctors search for family legacy of alcoholism

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Mysteries still cloud the problem about why alcoholics destroy themselves and their families for one more drink. But scientists, locally and on the national front, are closing in on answering key questions. Even though research indicates that there is a genetic component to alcoholism, the age old debate on whether drinking to excess is a disease or a choice continues. Researchers say both sides may be right.

"Nobody believes that if you have a gene it will make you an alcoholic," according to Dr. Elizabeth Hill, associate professor at the University of Detroit Mercy. "Even if you inherit a susceptibility, which you probably do, there are a lot of environmental factors that come into play," she said.

"You're not predestined." Hill heads a study, collaboratively by the University of Michigan Alcohol Research Center, the Mental Health Research Institute and the University of Detroit Mercy, looking at specific genetic markers that might be involved in impulsive behavior and the possibility of developing alcoholism.

"We've picked out several (genetic) markers that have to do with one particular brain chemical that might make it harder to resist taking the next drink," Hill said.

In fact, researchers involved in the study are looking for people who have alcohol problems and still have both parents alive. The alcoholic and both parents give blood samples and answer questions about family history.

"We'll look and see if there's any patterns in what the person with alcoholism got and what they didn't get to see if people who are alcoholic got a certain form of a gene," she said. "Knowing the biological basis should help us develop better medications."

Studies like Hill's are key to finding answers and fine tuning treatment for the number one health problem in the United States. More than 18 million Americans are alcoholic. Scientists have found evidence that at least some alcoholics are genetically predisposed to drinking too much.

But, just like heart patients who inherit weak organs, their lifestyles play important roles, too. Researchers say that predispositions are only part of what makes us who we are. The whole person is influenced by a mixture of genes, environment, peers, parenting and our own self-control. One study, for instance, concluded that a high percentage of male alcoholics displayed anti-social personalities, a disorder that includes a characteristic of impulsive behavior. Experts also say that something changes in the brain after prolonged drug and alcohol use, and after awhile taking the drug or having a drink becomes involuntary.

"There are different types of alcoholics, one who has the impulse control problem and gets into a lot of trouble and the other type is the person who has a lot of problems with depression and anxiety and that person is using alcohol for self-medication," Hill said.

One of the most conclusive studies on alcoholism was conducted by the Minnesota Center for Twin and Adoption Research. Scientists studied dozens of sets of identical twins separated at birth and raised in adoptive homes. The results pointed to a genetic link to behavior, personality and possibly a predisposition to alcoholism.

The identical twins raised in different homes were found to be more alike than fraternal twins raised together. Similarly identical twins raised apart were just as alike in personality as identical twins who grew up in the same home.

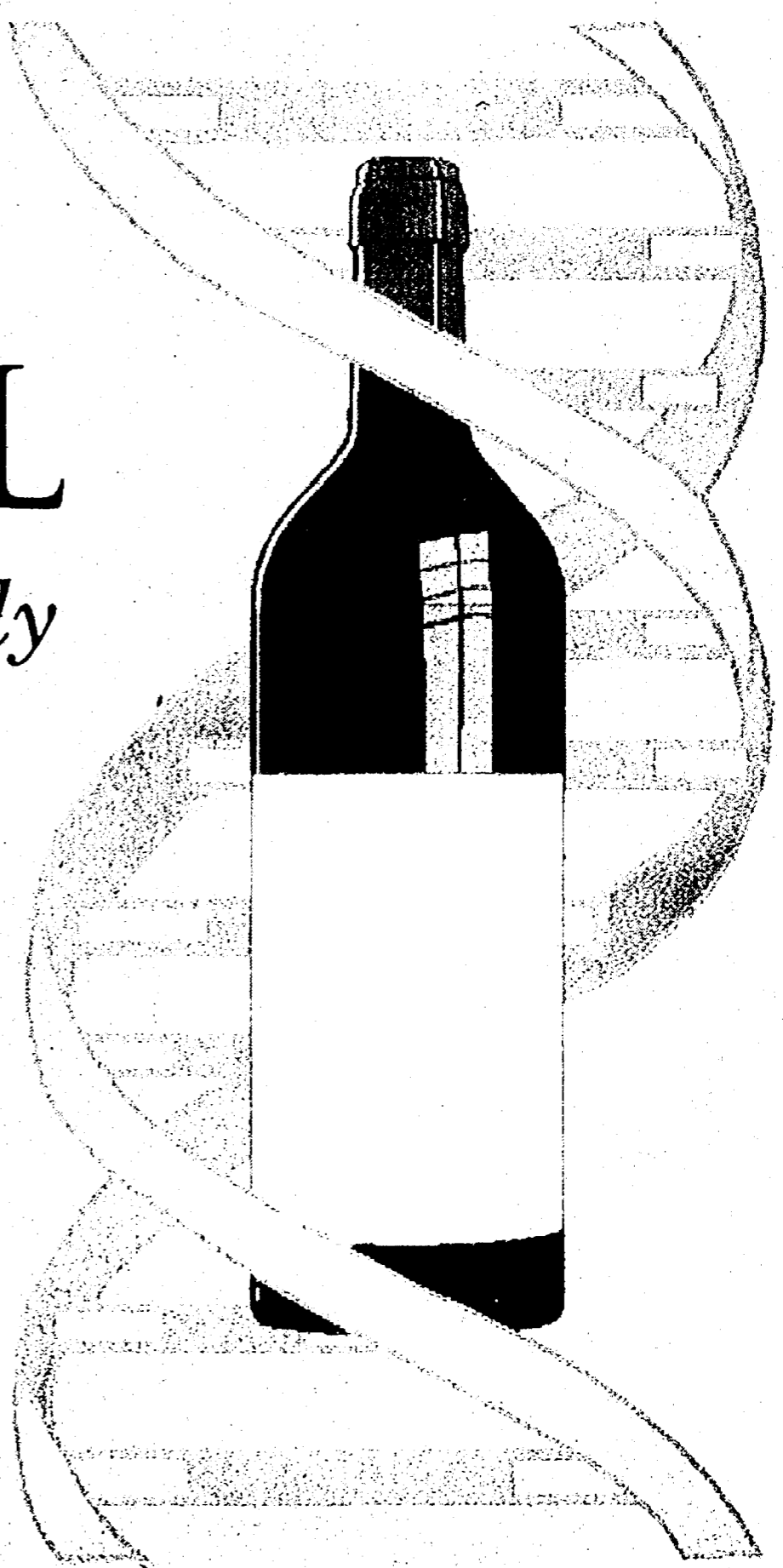
Another study showed that children of alcoholic parents are more likely than other people to become problem drinkers. In fact, children of alcoholics have similar brain wave patterns and sense the effects of alcohol slower than people whose parents aren't alcoholics.

"A lot of people who are children of alcoholics realize that they can develop a problem and they don't drink at all," Hill said. "And it's probably not a bad idea."

Gender doesn't seem to make a difference, either. In fact, women have as strong an inherited susceptibility to alcoholism as men, according to *The Journal of the American Medical Association*. Considering this, counselors often refer to alcoholism as a disease, because it addresses the power of the addiction and redefines it as a medical problem, rather than as a legal or moral problem that needs to be censured.

Currently, there are two landmark studies underway that researchers around the country are watching. Supported by the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, they involve families with multiple members who are alcoholic. Scientists are looking at inheritance patterns and genetic markers through several generations.

Research began five years ago and results are expected soon. "Both studies have a lot of participants so that if there is a genetic marker correlated with alcoholism they will find it," Hill said. "There's not going to be just one gene, because it's a complex problem! If there is only one gene it



would have been found already."

Studies like these help scientists look at how drugs affect the brain and how medications can help. Naltrexone is a new drug that has only recently become available. It's the first drug to be used since Antabuse, which was approved in the 1950s. The intent is to make the cravings less intense so that alcoholics can respond to therapy, which might include improving social skills and retraining their thought processes and reactions to situations.

Another drug, Acamprosate, has been used in clinical trials and in Europe, but hasn't been approved in the United States.

Meanwhile, Hill is looking for participants for the local study.

"It's hard to find these people, because both parents have to be alive and willing to give blood and be in a study," she said adding that Margit Burmeister, is the geneticist working on the research and they are assisted by Scott Stoltenberg. Robert Zucker, director of the University of Michigan Alcohol Research Center, has also done long-term studies on sons of alcoholics starting when they were three years old. This study is too new for conclusions.

For more information about becoming involved in Hill's study call (313) 998-7952. The entire process takes between two and three hours and participants are paid \$50 each, which is \$150 for the two parents and the alcoholic.

## Children may bring home unwanted guests

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

Parents expect their children to come home from school with new friends, homework and stories about the day's events. What parents fear most is they may also come home with the dreaded head lice.

The first sign of head lice is incessant scratching. Looking a little closer you may see white dots in the hair or on the neck at the hairline. Experts warn that it's easy to confuse the lice with dandruff, which generates large flakes.

The lice move quickly and shy away from light. Try using two pencils and under bright light part the hair. Look closely at the scalp, especially at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. To differentiate between nits and dandruff, try to dislodge them from the hair shaft. If they aren't easily removed, they are probably nits.

After the initial shock, keep in mind that it's a common problem and not a statement of poor hygiene or cleanliness. Children in kindergarten and in the early elementary grades are at highest risk.

If your child does get head lice, you're not alone. It's estimated that there are at least 6 million cases a year. The easiest way to contract head lice is through direct contact usually from sharing something that touches the scalp, like helmets, brushes, combs, headphones, barrettes, hair ribbons, headbands and hats.

Don't stack coats or hats with others. Onset occurs three to four weeks after infestation and because of this lag period, unrecognized transmission is likely to continue. While it's usually considered an easy problem to treat, doctors say some strains are becoming resistant to medications.

"This is rather alarming because the more persistent the lice gets, the more

harsh the treatment must become," according to Laraine Yakowich Moody, nurse practitioner at the Detroit Medical Center's school based clinic at Campbell Elementary School.

Head lice are small grayish-white, wingless bugs, about the size of a pencil tip, which live only on human blood. They lay oval, hard eggs (nits) on the hair shaft, usually less than one-half inch from the scalp.

"Lice can be difficult to detect," she said. "You have to know what you're looking for. The bites can cause some pain." If you confirm your suspicions, you can treat the affected areas with an anti-lice medicated shampoo kit.

After the lice have been killed, you remove them from the child's scalp. Wash anything that's been exposed to the child, like bedding and clothing, in hot water. Vacuum sofas, chairs and wash car seats. Soak combs, brushes and anything else that touches the head in hot water for at least 15 minutes.

If your child has stuffed animals, seal them in a plastic bag for at least two weeks. Parents should periodically recheck their child's head for new outbreaks. September, October and November are the most common times for lice to show up, but they can occur at any time of the year.

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### Wally's Walk-Fun Run set for Saturday, Sept. 13

Lace up your sneakers and join Wally's Walk & Fun Run to help the American Brain Tumor Association raise funds for research and patient education and services, Saturday, Sept. 13, in Merriman Hollow at Edward Hines Park, Westland.

The walk/run includes a 5k walk and fun run and a one-mile children's run. Sponsors include Detroit Edison, the Detroit Edison Foundation, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, Little Caesars, Pine State Enterprises and W4 Coun-

try FM 1067.

Entrants pay \$10 in advance or \$15 to register beginning at 8 a.m. on race day, Sept. 13. The 5k run starts at 9:15 a.m./ the 5k walk at 9:20 a.m. and the one-mile children's run at 10 a.m. Pizza, refreshments and trophies will be provided. For further information, or to obtain a registration form, call (313) 235-3730. Mail-in registrations and patron lists may be sent to ABTA - Wally's Walk & Fun Run, 18687 Bainbridge, Livonia, MI 48152.

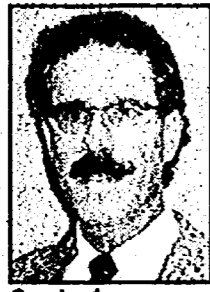
HEALTH News

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

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New Psychiatrist

William Cardasis, M.D. of Ann Arbor, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Cardasis is board certified in psychiatry and neurology.



Cardasis

He received his medical degree at Wayne State University and

served his residency at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is a member of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law, the American Psychiatrist Association and the Michigan Psychiatrist Society.

St. Mary internist

Sanjeev Vaishampayan, M.D. of Novi, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Vaishampayan is certified in internal medicine.



Vaishampayan

He received his medical degree at Wayne State University and served his residency at Detroit

Medical Center. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, American College of Chest Physicians and the American Medical Association.

Vaishampayan's office is located on Levan Road in Livonia.

Internist named

Niolfar Khan, M.D. of Bloomfield Hills, has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Khan is board certified in internal medicine.



N. Khan

She received her medical degree from King Edward Medical College and served her residency in internal

medicine at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Khan's office is located on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia.

New physicians

Oakwood Healthcare System-North Westland Center proudly welcomes two new family physicians, Jo Ann Riggins-Woodhouse, DO, and Roderick D. Walker, MD.



Woodhouse

Riggins-Woodhouse, Detroit, previously worked as a family practice physician at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. She earned her medical degree

from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She also worked as an urgent care physician at St. Lawrence Hospital and with Gateway Community Services in East Lansing. She is a diplomate of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Walker, of Farmington Hills, also worked as a family practice physician at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University.



Walker

He worked as a stand physician at Michigan State's football, basketball and hockey games and with Lansing Occupational

Medical Center.

Executive appointed

Stephen H. Velick, group vice president for Henry Ford Health System and chief executive officer of Henry Ford Hospital, has been named chairman-elect of the Southeast Michigan Health & Hospital Council.



Velick

In this capacity, Velick will work closely with the council's president, Donald Potter, and preside over meetings in the absence of the chairman.

Prepare your mind, body for the fall cold season

Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills provides these health tips as a service to our readers.

Ready or not, here comes cold season.

It's back to school time — and back to thinking about how to avoid the pitfalls of cooler weather. And one of fall's pits is that it's open-hunting season for viruses.

"Our bodies are more susceptible to viruses when we're cooped up indoors; and we're exposed to them more often, at shorter range, in dryer air," says Botsford physician Melody MacMartin, D.O.

One of the key contributors to the higher rate of infection is dryer air, says MacMartin. Dry air inhibits the ability of mucous membranes to resist infection. So, the cold your body was able to fight off in May will be harder to battle with in November.

Although it's true that there's no way to prevent what is known as "the common cold," there is some thing you and your family can do to lessen the chance of catching them: wash your hands. If this sounds like motherly

advice, you should know by now that mothers know best, notes MacMartin.

"Because one of the ways you're likely to catch a cold is from surfaces you touch. You and your family should get into the habit of washing your hands thoroughly before you eat, after you come home from the office, the store, or school, and absolutely after you sneeze or blow your nose," she said.

Lastly, she advises, take care of your immune system. Staying active, getting plenty of rest and engaging in relaxing activities that reduce or offset stress are all good ways to keep colds from catching up with you.

Healthy, happy feet

Ouch! Hammer toes, fallen arches, heel spurs, bunions, corns, ingrown nails — we're talking feet that need help. What can you do to avoid a whole world of foot problems?

"First and foremost, get shoes that fit," says Botsford podiatric surgeon Charles R. Young, D.P.M. "It always surprises patients that a lot of their foot problems could have been avoided

by proper care and a few preventative steps, if you'll excuse the pun, in the first place."

Dr. Young suggests shopping for shoes late in the day. Although you may be weary and your feet swelled to their max, this is the perfect time to get shoes that will fit comfortably.

Particularly for women, wearing low-heels is an important preemptive strike against future foot problems.

"The lower the heel, the better," says Dr. Young. "I suggest to my patients that an inch-and-a-half to two-inch heels are the maximum "healthy" height. Going higher will not only cramp your feet — it'll eventually cramp your style."

Fending off the blues

For many older adults, the ending of warmer weather means the ending of a more sociable season of visiting with friends and enjoying outdoor activities. It can also mean the onset of isolation that may lead to depression.

"When the weather turns cooler, older adults often see their independence cut back because

it's more difficult to physically get around," says Sandy Plumer, M.S.W. director of Botsford General Hospital's Geropsychiatric unit.

She has the following tips for seniors to avoid, "cold-weather hibernation blues."

• Keep in contact with family and friends through the telephone, letters, postcards and even e-mail.

• Get involved in a volunteer group for which transportation is provided. (Call your local area Agency in Aging for locations of senior centers and activities). Organize a crafts group or book review club among friends and meet in one another's homes or a centrally located site.

• Develop a new interest when the weather gets colder — painting, genealogy, tai-chi, conversational French, or the New York Times crossword puzzle — that you can indulge in enthusiastically and share with your friends.

"However if you do find yourself getting "the blues" often or unable to shake them, by all means, seek professional help," says Plumer.

Battening down hatches

Along with putting away the barbecue, autumn is also the time of year you should be thinking about winterizing your home for safety by replacing smoke detector batteries and having your furnace inspected.

A good rule of thumb regarding smoke detectors is to replace the batteries twice a year — when you adjust your household clocks to daylight savings time on the first Sunday of April and again when you set your clocks back on the last Sunday in October (this year Oct. 26). Remember, you should have at least one smoke detector on each level of your house.

And, although we're concerned about keeping warm once the temperature takes a nose dive, sometimes homeowners neglect to take care of the basics.

"People mistakenly think that carbon monoxide poisoning only occurs in your car," says Ronald Lagerveld, D.O. head of the Botsford General Hospital Emergency Center.

Silent killer

Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and extremely dangerous gas, can injure or kill in homes too. Carbon monoxide can be produced by malfunctioning oil or gas heating systems that fail to ventilate homes properly. Because carbon monoxide poisoning can mimic the flu (headache, nausea and fatigue for instance), it is often ignored until it is too late.

There are a few warning signs that your home may have a carbon monoxide leakage problem, according to the National Safety Council, including low-hot water supply; the furnace is on, but the house isn't as warm as it should be, and an unfamiliar or burning odor.

"If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get everyone out of your house immediately and call 911," says Dr. Lagerveld.

"It's absolutely critical to get medical help, fast."

He also suggests installing carbon monoxide detectors, which will sound an alarm if harmful levels of carbon monoxide are present. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed near the floor in both houses and garages.

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**SUN, SEPT. 7**

**HEALTH ROUND TABLE**  
U. S. Representative Lynn N. Rivers will host an informal Round Table discussion on "Children's Health Care: First Step to Universal Health Care?" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Johnny Pasta's Coney Island, located at 62 Ecorse Road in Ypsilanti. To kick-start the discussion Rep. Rivers has prepared an in-depth packet of information on social security issues that is available in advance. If you are interested in obtaining this information, please call Michelle Robbins, of her staff at (313) 741-4210 or 722-1411.

**MON, SEPT. 8**

**OHOHO GOLF BENEFIT**  
Oakwood Healthcare System is sponsoring its 10th annual Oakwood Healthcare Open Heart Open (OHOHO) at the Dearborn Country Club. Entry fee is \$200 for those who have had open heart surgery and \$250 for those who have not had open heart surgery. The golf package includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and dinner. All proceeds from the OHOHO will benefit Oakwood's Cardiology Center of Excellence. For more information or sponsorship opportunities call, (313) 791-1234.

**STOP SMOKING**  
St. Mary Hospital offers a smoke-free living class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, today through Sept. 18 in Pavilion Conference Room A. The two-week, four-session program helps individuals quit smoking. Fee is \$25; call (313) 655-2922.

**DIABETES EDUCATION**  
Garden City Hospital offers a five-week series on helping you "Live Well With Diabetes." A physician referral is required for program, certified by the Michigan Department of Health. Classes.

**SEPT. 8, 15, 22**

**MEMORY**  
ElderMed at Botsford will present "Enhancing Your Memory" 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Price is \$38 for members, \$45 for non-members. It will be presented by Sandy Baumann, ElderMed manager, and will include the workbook "Improving Your Memory." Advance registration is required. To register, call (248) 471-8020.

**TUES, SEPT 9**

**CANCER EDUCATION**  
"I Can Cope," a six week program begins today at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia, meeting once a week for two hours, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The program is designed to help newly-diagnosed cancer patients take an active role in their treatment and recovery; sponsored by the American Cancer Society; register at (313) 655-2922. Continues through Oct. 14.

**MOMS' FITNESS**  
The Perinatal Education Program of Garden City Hospital and the Wayne Westland YMCA meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. starting today, as well as on Sept. 11. The alternating land and water exercise program is designed for needs of pregnant and postpartum women and continues until the child is six months old. Doctor's referral requested; call 458-4330.

**LIVING WITH DIABETES**  
St. Mary Hospital offers an eight-class series from 1 to 3 p.m., "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes," today and subsequent Tuesdays and Thursday through Oct. 2, in the Pavilion Conference Room B. The class fee is \$75; 18 an older only. Must register by Sept. 2 at (313) 655-2922.

**SEPT. 9, 23**

**GRIEF WORKSHOPS**  
Angela Hospice offers grief support workshops held at the Angela Hospice Care Center on Newburgh Road in Livonia. September meetings will be on Tuesday, Sept. 9 and Thursday, Sept. 23 at 1 and 6:30 p.m. both

days. Workshops are free-of-charge. Call, (313) 464-7810.

**WED, SEPT. 10**

**WEIGHT MANAGEMENT**  
"LifeSteps," a weight management class, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore. Today's class for orientation purposes meets at 7 p.m. Call (313) 655-8600.

**LUPUS CHAPTER**  
The Northwest Suburban Lupus Chapter will hold its current meeting: Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmington Library, conference room, 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington. One block west of Farmington Road and one block south of Grand River. Scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year includes: Oct. 7; Nov. 24; Jan. 12; Mar. 12; Apr. 30; and June. 4. The statewide meeting is Sunday, May 3, 1998.

**BREASTFEEDING**  
A class will meet 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. It will offer information to prospective parents on positive aspects of breastfeeding. For registration information, call (313) 458-4330.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**  
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of those with Alzheimer's or related disorders will meet 7 p.m. in Classroom No. 1 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The group, offered free of charge, is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Disease Association. For information, call (313) 458-4330.

**THURS, SEPT. 11**

**PRE-POST NATAL EXERCISE**  
Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital offers a six-week class for 90 minutes once a week and is designed to promote fitness before and after delivery, meeting 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium. Cost is \$35 per person; call (313) 655-1100. Continues through Oct. 16.

**AIDS CLASSES**  
St. Mary Hospital offers a premarital AIDS class from 7 to 8 p.m. Registration is required. AIDS class is currently mandatory for anyone wishing to marry in Michigan. The certificate at the end of the class is good for 60 days; \$15 individual, \$25 per couple fee. Call (313) 655-1100.

**FOCUS ON LIVING**  
The Focus on Living cancer support group will meet with a nurse-facilitator to share concerns. The session will be in the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-3311.

**SAT, SEPT. 13**

**FREE PROSTATE SCREENING**  
Mission Health center, located in Livonia on the corner of 7 Mile and Newburgh roads, is offering free prostate screenings for men from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., Saturday Sept. 13, in recognition of prostate awareness month (September). To schedule an appointment call, 1-800-341-0801.

**NICU PICNIC**  
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- Dearborn's 14th Annual NICU Picnic for former Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) patients of the Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center - Dearborn and Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center - Wayne. The picnic is scheduled rain or shine for Sept. 13 from 4-7 p.m. on the campus of the University of Michigan, Dearborn, located at 4901 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. For more information call 593-8750.

**FREE KIDS DAY**  
MedMax in Westland has put together a three-hour program for kids scheduled Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in their store's parking lot. Kids Day will feature a wide variety of activities and surprises for children of all ages and their families including presentations by the Westland D.A.R.E. officers, Westland Police and Fire Department, Pokey-Dottie the clown doing face painting, the Wayne County Sheriff Department Mounted Division and more.

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fire officials and tours of both a fire truck, rescue vehicle and police car will be given. Gifts will be provided for all children who participate in the event. MedMax is located at 35600 Central City Parkway, across from Westland Shopping Center. For more information call MaryAnn at MedMax. (313) 458-7100.

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**  
A class for those who are expecting or thinking of having a baby will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Sessions of "Great Expectations" will cover a variety of topics and will be presented by a physician, psychologist and maternal child health nurse. Price is \$15 per person, including a continental breakfast and lunch. Advance registration is required. To register, call (248) 477-6100.

**PROSTATE SCREENING**  
A free screening for prostate cancer will be held 9 a.m. to noon at Mission Health Medical Center, Livonia. For information, call 1-800-341-0801.


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and cholesterol screening on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Pavilion Conference Room A. The cost of the cholesterol screening is \$15 and it includes both the total and HDL cholesterol. Blood pressure measurement is free. Fasting is not necessary for the cholesterol screening.

## MON, SEPT. 15

**MEDICINAL HERB USE**  
Herbs have been a source of healing for thousands of years. They also contain vitamins and minerals providing a great source of nutrition. To learn more about herbs, attend SANT's lecture when Dr. Eugene Watkins will be speaking about the medicinal use of herbs. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Holistic Health Center in Livonia located at 29200 Vassar in Livonia Pavilion, Suite 140. (Across the street from the Livonia Mall). Admission is \$5, for more information, call (313) 837-

2647 or (313) 247-4971. SANT is the Society for the Advancement of Natural Teachings, an organization of people seeking natural alternatives to healing through a balance of body, mind and spirit.

## TUES, SEPT. 16

**STROKE AND ANEURYSM**  
A support group for those who have had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke will meet at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Family members and friends are welcome. There is no charge. For information, call (313) 458-4396.

**ADULT CPR**  
A class will be offered 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. One-person rescues will be taught through film, lecture and demonstrations. Registration is required. To register, call (313) 458-4330.

## WED, SEPT. 17

**PROSTATE SCREENING**  
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center is offering a free prostate cancer screen, including universally recognized PSA blood test, in the evening in Livonia. Screening recommended for all men over 50, and all African-American men over 40, or men with a family history. Exams take 10 minutes or less. Must schedule with Cancer Answer Line nurses 9-4:30 Monday through Friday at (800) 865-1125. Livonia screening at U-M Center for Specialty Care, 19900 Haggerty.

**SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO STUTTER**  
Henry Ford Hospital's Division of Speech-Language Science and Disorders will host a support group for people who stutter from 6:30-8 p.m., at the hospital's Center for Rehabilitation Services, located at 2799 W. Grand Blvd. The support group was formed to offer participants speaking practice, social activities and mutual support. At the meeting, Alex Johnson, Ph.D., director of the division will discuss "Getting Started in Conversation." For more information call, 876-4605.

**COMPULSIVE OVEREATERS**  
Botsford General Hospital starts a weekly discussion group, Compulsive Overeaters Help Group, every Wednesday beginning Sept. 17. Individuals will explore

how they use food to cope with life, and how to start taking steps toward changing their relationship with food permanently in a comfortable, supportive atmosphere. The group's inaugural meeting is Sept. 17 and begins at 7 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital's 2 West Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., in Farmington Hills. The fee is \$10/session and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (248) 477-6100.

**BREAST CANCER SPEECH**  
St. Mary Hospital will host a speaker, Nancy G. Brinker, on "Breast Cancer Awareness" 7-9 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Author and founder of the Susan G. Brinker Breast Cancer Foundation (in honor of her sister, who died of the disease at age 36), Nancy Brinker will speak and give away free copies of her book "The Race Is Run One Step At a Time." Seating limited; register at (313) 655-1100. Brinker Foundation is largest private funder of research dedicated solely to breast cancer with \$65 million awarded already.

**LARYNGECTOMY**  
A group for people who have had or will have surgical removal of their vocal cords will meet 2 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. Family members and friends are welcome. For information, call (313) 458-3381.

**BREATHERS**  
The Breathers' Club will meet

7:30 p.m. in Classroom No. 2 of the Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. The group is for those with respiratory problems and their families. For information, call (313) 458-3481.

## SEPT. 17-18

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
A Red Cross blood drive will be held 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 17-18 at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. To make an appointment, call (313) 458-4330. Walk-ins are welcome in the afternoon.

## SAT, SEPT. 20

**KIDS' DAY**  
Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton and its emergency room and Oakwood Healthcare System's Community-Focused Health Promotion Network will offer "Kids' Day" 1-4 p.m. at the center, 7300 Canton Center in Canton. The Canton Fire Safety House will be there and police representatives will participate. There is no charge. The event is for children ages 3-10 and their parents. For information, call Lex Wantuck at (313) 454-8011.

**NEWBORN CARE**  
A two-session class will begin 6 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster. It is designed to help expectant parents learn about a baby's needs. The second session will include CPR instruction by American Heart Association instructors. Registration is required. To register or for information, call (313) 458-4330.

## SEPT. 23, 30

**CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION**  
St. Mary Hospital is offering a cholesterol education class, "Eater's Choices" from 7-9 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Pavilion Conference Room A, near the south entrance. Learn to plan meals, read food labels, and find the fat budget for your calorie needs. The result is lower blood cholesterol levels and a healthy heart. A \$25 class fee covers course materials (taught by a trained nurse, the course includes food samples and

recipes). Call 655-2922 for more information and to register.

## WED, SEPT. 24

**ADULT HEARTSAVER**  
St. Mary Hospital is offering the American Heart Association Basic Life Support Course - Adult Heartsaver from 7-10 p.m. in the St. Mary Hospital Auditorium, near the Five Mile Road entrance. This class will describe the risk factors for heart disease, signs and actions for survival for the person having a heart attack, and what to do in a breathing or heart emergency. Also covered is the one-person rescue technique and the Heimlich maneuver. A \$20 class fee covers course materials. A course participation card is issued. Call 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650 to register.

## THUR, SEPT. 25

**EVENING WITH THE STARS**  
Oakwood Healthcare System, Ritzy Rags of Grosse Ile, Manno Clothing of Dearborn, and Dittich Furs of Detroit are teaming up for 'An Evening with the Stars', a fund-raising event to support Oakwood's Keep on Trac program. Keep on Trac is an adolescent cancer prevention and education program developed within Oakwood's Cancer Center of Excellence. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails and appetizer-reception followed by a preview of fall and holiday fashions to the live music of celebrity impersonator, Mike Shelton. An afterglow party and dessert bar will immediately follow the fashion show. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$650 for a table of ten. For more information regarding An Evening with the Stars call Oakwood at (313) 791-1234.

## SAT, SEPT. 27

**FREE COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HB, Hepatitis B (19 yrs. and under) and MMR vaccinations. Sorry, the varicella vaccine will not be available. There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Walk-in).

## MON, SEPT. 29

**MIGRAINE SUPPORT GROUP**  
This month, the Livonia Migraine Support Group meeting will be held in Ann Arbor on Monday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. David Biondi, a board certified neurologist specializing in headaches and pain, will discuss "The Coexistence of Migraine, Depression, and Anxiety: Pure Coincidence or Common Biology?" For more information call, (248) 486-1764 (Nancy) or (313) 662-4278 (Bonnie).

## THUR, OCT. 9

**HFCC NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**  
"The Pleasure Prescription: To Love, To Work, To Play - Life in the Balance," a lecture/concert-benefit for nursing scholarships at Henry Ford Community College, featuring renowned psychologist Dr. Paul Pearsall, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's main campus. Pearsall explains that contentment, wellness and long life can be found by devoting time to family, helping others and slowing down to savor life's pleasures. Tickets for the benefit are \$25 and can be purchased calling (313) 845-9635 or 845-6305.

## TUE, OCT. 14

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**  
Joseph Weiss, M.D., rheumatologist, will be the guest speaker at the Marian Women's Center Breast Cancer Support Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. in the West Addition Conference Room B. Dr. Weiss will be discussing "Cancer and Arthritis." The support group meets the second Tuesday of each month. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call at 655-1100 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

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**WAYNE BUSINESS** Finance

# Holman dealership, brothers celebrate 40 year milestone

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Things have changed in the 40 years since Albert Holman, aided by brother Paul, established a car dealership in suburban Detroit. But good service and good products remain the key to their success.

"It's a long time. Forty years, that's very good," said Paul Holman, who's known as Mac. The 68-year-old Plymouth Township resident and his brother, known as Red, started out in Wayne. They moved to their current site at Ford and Wayne roads in Westland in 1964.

Both Mac and Red, a 79-year-old Farmington Hills resident, put in busy days taking an active role at Red Holman Pontiac-GMC-Toyota. The dealership's actual anniversary was in August, but the celebration's slated for Sept. 15.

Red Holman started the dealership. "I came into the business with him," his brother said. Mac's son, John Holman, is now the general manager, so the family's encouraged the business will remain in good hands for many years to come. "Hopefully, the business will still be here."

The brothers and their colleagues have seen competitors fall by the wayside over

the past 40 years.

"Just doing good business" is the key to their success, Mac said. Being in a good, growing community has helped as well.

The dealership is actually two dealerships, one for Toyota and one for Pontiac-GMC. It sits on 11 acres. There's a service department for each dealership.

Red Holman Pontiac-GMC-Toyota has some 140 employees, many with 25 to 30 years of experience with the business. One employee, Richard Dawkins, started with the business in the beginning and has been there the entire time. He's a salesman and the used car manager.

The dealership has extensive community involvement, including the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and sponsorship of local Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs. It donates vehicles to local schools to be used in teaching auto repair.

Mac Holman agrees that the image of the car salesman has improved over the years. In years gone by, car dealers weren't always seen as being honest.

"Oh, definitely improved over the years. In fact, I don't think it could be any better now."



**Milestone:** Brothers (l-r) Albert "Red" Holman and Paul "Mac" Holman, are proud of their dealership in Westland. The business is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

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**BUSINESS PEOPLE**

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residence and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business People, Observer Business Page, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

**PR director appointed**

Mary Roehr has been named Ameritech public relations director for Western Wayne County and the Ann Arbor area. She succeeds Robert Lacinski who has accepted an assignment for Jackson, Ingham and Livingston counties and Marcia Sayles who retired after a 37-year career.

Roehr had been Ameritech's public relations director for the Southern Wayne County and Monroe County area. She was also a strategic planning consultant at Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies in Detroit; executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; and communications specialist for the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

As public relations director, Roehr will serve as Ameritech's liaison with residence and business customers, responsible for local media relations, corporate contributions coordination, issues management, and local government relations.

Roehr lives in Dearborn with her husband, Stephen, and sons, John and Cullen.

**New staff member**

John A. Kempf of Redford, with more than 21 years experience in the water treatment industry, has joined Plymouth Technology Inc. of Livonia as technical director.



John A. Kempf

Kempf, a graduate of University of Missouri in mathematics and chemistry (1971), will be stationed at the company's recently-expanded headquarters office and laboratory in Livonia, said Geary G. Parke, CEO of Plymouth Technology. Kempf will be in charge of advanced technology, including the expanded laboratory for analyzing and formulating treatment for boiler water, cooling water and waste water.

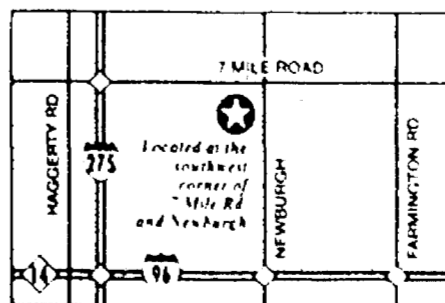
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## Signs of the times

Dennis Gerathy knew from the time he won an award for his art in second grade that someday he would make a living doing what he loves.

Today, Gerathy combines 31 years experience as a commercial sign painter with his love for art to hand craft vintage-looking signs that hail back to an earlier era. His Colonial Sign Co. in Redford serves double duty as a gallery and a studio. You can't miss the white building, just look for the Detroit Red Wings logo and the words Stanley Cup Champions painted on the side.

"I'm living proof that if you live in America and have a dream and work hard, it will come true," said Gerathy.

Why are the decorative signs such popular sellers at 11 craft shows a year including the Farmington Founders Festival and the Old Village Craft Fair Oct. 4-5 in Plymouth.

"Americans have a love affair with the past," said Gerathy. "Anything retro is popular, trains, planes, also the cottage stuff - hunting, fishing, canoes, the lodge look."

Gerathy scours the neighborhood streets in search of old plywood, pine, storm doors and windows to make the signs. An old bed frame becomes an advertisement to ride the Carousel at Riverside Amusements for 15 cents.



Sign of the times: Dennis Gerathy hand crafts signs hailing back to an earlier era.

"I don't mind being called an avid trash picker," said Gerathy. "It's a great way to find things. I can take any piece of wood and make it look old. It's all done with different techniques with sandpaper, dirt and coffee grounds."

Gerathy gets his thrills from the process of creating. He came up with idea for the signs after a customer asked, can you make one that's real old looking? Gerathy began brain storming. At night he keeps pencil and paper at bedside to record his ideas.

Antique shops and flea markets are great sources for the battered golf clubs and vintage photographs that Gerathy incorporates in the signs. A black and white photograph of Lou Gehrig attracts the eye to the words, "Yankee fans meet Lou Gehrig at 5 p.m. in the main lobby." Old pigskins become the center piece for University of Michigan and Michigan State signs. A well-worn toy airplane takes center stage in Barnstormers Stunts and Thrills. A rusty pair of scissors become the focal point for a sewing and mending sign.

Like many decorative painters, Gerathy uses acrylic paints and Kolinsky brushes to create the landscapes, horses and cows sometimes featured in the signs. A sharing man, Gerathy will reveal the secrets to creating the signs at a workshop in Niagara Falls on Oct. 18.

"What's so much fun in this day and age of automation is, these are all hand done," said Gerathy. "No, I don't have a computer. I love lettering with a brush. I don't want to become a keyboard junkie."

In addition to Colonial Sign Shop in Redford, Gerathy's signs are also on exhibit at the Cowboy Trader Gallery in Birmingham.

"Dennis is very, very creative," said Bob Ray, Cowboy Trader Gallery owner. "It's all spontaneous, all the different styles he uses. People like nostalgia and he represents that in his signs. Whether it's a cowboy, Indian or sports, he brings that kid out in you again."

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STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Cultural ambassador: David DiChiera, general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre, has provided vision, fortitude and a deep faith in the renaissance of downtown Detroit.

IN TUNE WITH THE TIMES

## New MOT season builds on success

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

David DiChiera stands against the wall-sized glass windows on the second-floor lounge at the Detroit Opera House in Motown's original theater district, Grand Circus Park. His gentle demeanor and soft raspy voice are a stark contrast to the melodramatic opulence of the art form he has nearly single-handedly sustained in Michigan for the last quarter century.

After last year's unprecedented popular and critical success, DiChiera, founder and general director of the Michigan Opera Theatre, is hardly sitting back admiring the company's recent accomplishments with the opening of the 1997-98 season less than two weeks away.

"Every season the challenge is to come up with something new, exciting and different," he said.

Perhaps that's a truism for most production companies, but remember, this is opera where "change" happens about as regularly as Luciano Pavarotti staying on a diet. Today's opera companies do not play the pop music game of "race up the charts," nor sprint like Broadway producers to take the pulse of theatersgoers before planning another revival.

Yet for DiChiera, the appeal of

### Michigan Opera Theatre's 1997-98 Season

■ "Aida" - 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28; 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5.

■ "The Magic Flute" - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26.

■ "Manon" - 8 p.m. Saturday, April 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19; 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 24-25; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 26.

■ "The Elixir of Love" - 8 p.m. Saturday, May 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10; 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13; 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 15-16; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

■ "Porgy and Bess" - 8 p.m. Saturday, May 30; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31; 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 3-6; 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7; 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, June 10-13; 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 14.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: (313) 874-SING (7464) or (810) 645-6666

opera is strangely in tune with the times.

"Opera is in sync with the multimedia phenomenon of our time; it's what you see on MTV - action, imagery and music," said DiChiera,

who noted that MOT's fastest-growing audience segment is 25-40-year-olds.

Ironically, the growing popular appeal of the MOT occurs as attendance at symphony concerts across the country is declining. Further, MOT's success confounds the findings of the 1996 President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities study, which indicated a "decline in the notion of stewardship and civic culture."

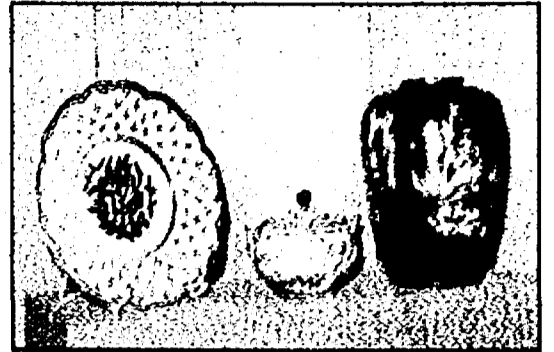
Last year's success, according to DiChiera, isn't so much a benchmark for MOT as a springboard to wider international recognition and broader appeal to 1990s audiences looking for the ultimate dramatic, multimedia entertainment.

"Probably no other art form combines scenery, dance, music, choruses, singers and orchestra," he said. "When you come to opera, you're constantly engaged. Other art forms are more one-dimensional."

In the retro 1990s where even disco has "suffered" a comeback, it seems that one of the most high-brow art forms has been reborn in a metro area known more for automobiles than arias.

While not exactly avant garde - as last year's conventionally staged "The Flying Dutchman" proved -

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DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

A Woman's Touch: This earthenware plate and sugar bowl, and bone china vase were designed and/or decorated by women in Wedgwood, England in the early 1920s.

## History needs volunteers, supporters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The newest exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum is one good reason to volunteer a few hours of your time. "The Feminine Touch: Women in Ceramics" features more than 100 pieces of ceramic pottery designed, decorated and/or manufactured by women during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

This is the first time an exhibit of this size (by female ceramic artisans) has been exhibited in the U.S. American, Southwest Indian, Mexican, and English examples including an earthenware Pewabic pottery perfume bottle, hand-decorated story vase by Sandra R. Garcia from Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico, and a 1785 Wedgwood vase designed by Lady Templeton, reveal women's contributions to the medium.

Volunteers are necessary for the operation of not only the ceramic display but exhibits telling the nearly 300 year history of Detroit from the early days as a fur trapping settlement to the rise of industries that made Detroit the Motor City. The museum needs docents/tour guides, clerical help, artifact and research assistants, information desk staff, public relations specialists, and extra volunteers for events such as the Detroit Festival of the Arts (Sept. 19-21). An orientation session to introduce the opportunities available is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, at the museum. A free 10-week docent training program will begin this fall. For more information, call Bonnie Cohn at (313) 833-0481.

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### The Feminine Touch: Women in Ceramics

- What: An exhibition featuring more than 100 pieces of ceramic pottery made during the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries by women potters, designers and decorators.
- When: Through Thursday, April 30. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- Where: Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward at Kirby, (313) 833-1805.
- Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 seniors, free for children age 11 and under. Admission free on Wednesday.

EXHIBITION

## Paws for a cause: Art goes to the dogs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

If you're an animal lover, better start counting your bucks. Students at Center for Creative Studies spent the summer concocting canine creations for an auction to benefit the Michigan Humane Society. The auction takes place during a gala event at Neiman Marcus to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the non-profit organization, which operates shelters in Westland, Rochester and Detroit.

Ed McMahon is master of ceremonies for the Saturday, Sept. 13, extravaganza.

The evening includes a strolling dinner featuring 20 Metro Detroit restaurants, entertainment by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, the art auction and a fashion show spotlighting the country's top designers including Pam McMahon, Ed's wife.

Over the summer, CCS students participated in a course designed exclusively for the development and fabrication of the art works by Tom Molyneux, an associate professor and director of the foundation program at CCS. An animal welfare advocate, Molyneux brings his cat, Moon Dog-

### Paws for Celebration

- What: A gala event to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Michigan Humane Society. Evening includes strolling dinner, featuring 20 Metro Detroit restaurants, entertainment by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, art auction, and fashion show.
- When: Saturday, Sept. 13. Festivities begin 6 p.m. for Benefactors and Patrons, 8:30 p.m. for Friends.
- Where: Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection South, Troy.
- Admission: \$75 for Friends, \$175 Patrons, \$300 Benefactors (includes cocktail reception with Ed McMahon). For tickets or more information, call (313) 872-3400, ext. 317.

gio, to class daily. In his spare time, he sculpts animals for the garden. So it seems only natural that he was chosen to head up the project, plus the fact Molyneux was director of the Belle Isle Nature Center for seven years before coming to CCS.

"This is the most gratifying project, I've ever taught in my 27 years here," said Molyneux, who donated his teaching time and art work.

After Molyneux came up with a basic concept for the project, the students' mission was to create a work of

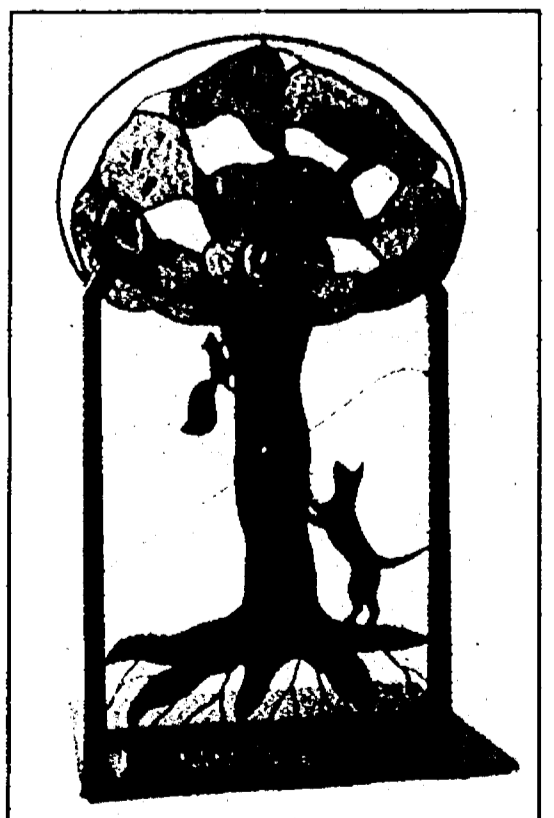
art based on the theme: "man shepherding animals." Then Molyneux went looking for students with an empathy toward animals. To entice students, CCS offered them credit for the project.

"I wanted students to create works of art that expressed the nurturing of a caring connection between our planet's animals and all humans," said Molyneux, who grew up in Redford, "a caring connection that expresses the natural beauty, inherent morality, awe-some wonder, simple serenity, fragile delicacy, and the need for humans to work at learning to live in harmony with animals as caretakers of our planet's life forms."

After selecting the students and touring the MHS shelter in Detroit, the work began. In June, students submitted maquettes for approval by MHS representatives. The completed works are on display at Neiman Marcus through Sept. 13. All proceeds from the auction go to the Michigan Humane Society.

While students were creating so was Molyneux. "We are Part of the Earth," a steel and bronze garden screen is

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Delicate balance: Patte Vandenberg created a colorful garden gate for the auction. The bronze and stained glass work depicts a human tree with a cat about to scamper up one side of the trunk as a squirrel clings desperately to the opposite side.

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the MOT has made significant strides into becoming an undisputed world-class company. That transformation, said DiChiera, began with creating an opera house with the acoustics and stage dimensions that accommodate both large-scale and intimate productions.

The upcoming "Aida" production designed for the San Francisco Opera Company, he said, couldn't have been performed on any other stage in the region.

When asked if the MOT was a "one of the world's great opera companies" at the April 1996 opening of the extensively renovated Detroit Opera House, which he helped christen, Luciano Pavarotti responded that MOT wasn't among the best, yet. Pavarotti noted he might return when the MOT became a "great" opera company.

Based on DiChiera's estimate, Pavarotti should begin to plan his return to rechristen the Opera House before the turn of the millennium.

A few weeks before the season-opening performance of Verdi's "Aida," DiChiera contemplated the upcoming five-opera season, which next year will be expanded to six. He sat in the second-floor lounge where audiences congregate during intermissions at the Opera House. The minimal purple and silver art nouveau design recaptures the roaring spirit of the early 1920s when the theater was built.

As a master observer of gesture and symbolism, DiChiera motioned out the window to the soon-to-be-excavated parcels of land, future home to two state-of-the-art sports stadiums for the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers. Then he pointed westward to the likely site of one of the city's three new casinos.

The city blocks around the Opera House are erupting with renewal projects. In a few years, the rejuvenated Grand Circus Park will be the area's major entertainment hub. And the Detroit Opera House, which ended a 14-year homadic odyssey when it moved into the Opera House last year, stands as a symbol of the city's rich cultural past and promising future.

"The great thing about the Detroit Opera House is that we carry a symbolic feeling about the renaissance of Detroit," he said. "It doesn't have a commer-

cial image. Certainly, a city with major museum, symphony and opera house has a feel of a major city."

"Aida," which opens Saturday, Sept. 20, was DiChiera's initial choice to open last season, which instead began with Puccini's "La Boheme." This season's subsequent operas include Mozart's "The Magic Flute" with Theresa Santiago and Kevin Bell; Massenet's "Manon," featuring opera-world stars Ruth Ann Swenson and Marcello Giordani; Donizetti's comedy, "The Elixir of Love," which returns to the MOT after 22 years; and, Gershwin's American classic, "Porgy and Bess."

Coincidentally, "Aida," the love story of an heroic Egyptian soldier and an enslaved Ethiopian princess, will be performed concurrent to the Detroit Institute of Arts "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" exhibit.

"In the future, we might begin to look at connections among what is being exhibited and performed," said DiChiera.

"The idea is to create a festival environment where we'd pick a theme, perhaps Russian art where the DIA would exhibit Russian artists, the DSO would perform the work of Russian composers and MOT would perform a Russian opera," he said. "Of course, it requires a lot of planning. But it does go on in other cities."

Since the early 1960s, DiChiera, one of the area's cultural ambassadors, has lent his vision to developing other local performing arts institutions, including the Oakland University music program, Meadow Brook Festival and Music Hall, which he ran as a performing arts center.

Few have matched DiChiera's longevity and his ability to raise funds. For this upcoming season, DiChiera persuaded Ford Motor Company to fund the \$250,000 backstage renovations. In addition, the murals, decorative paintings and staircases in the grand lobby have been restored through an anonymous grant.

"This is a culmination of a lifetime of work," he said. "We have a world-class home. And now, I just want to continue to work to enhance and stabilize it. I want to feel as if I gave something back."

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largely based upon Chief Seattle's words underscoring our connection with the environment. The work honors his daughter Colette, who was murdered at the age of 13 in 1981. Dog cherub angels stand guard on each side of the sculpture. A bronze centerpiece represents Molyneaux's daughter. Two wolves howl at her sides. Engraved in the stone base are Chief Seattle's words, "We are part of the earth and it is part of us." CCS student Ben McRedmond helped construct the piece.

Chad Lockart of Kansas City, a junior in the Industrial Design department, wanted his art work to be functional so it would be easy to sell. "Sublimation," a sculptural lamp, reflects the human role in nurturing and protecting wildlife and natural resources. Three cast bronze owls, birds of prey, hover up at the top of the lamp. The lamp's free-form glass shade symbolizes nature and casts a pattern on ceiling and walls.

"The project was a good eye opener," said Lockart. "Originally, our world came from the natural world. More and more the natural world is becoming our modern world. It's becoming scary, seeing deer in the alley in New York. I wanted to get across the fragility, so the lamp's base has humans struggling together to put up this column, a symbol of architecture, man's greatest achievement and possibly his

biggest downfall."

Marco Garcia, a native of Mexico City now living in Ann Arbor, designed and constructed a "Jaguar Bench." Bronze jaguar legs and head connected by a slab of limestone provide a sturdy place to rest. According to Garcia, the bench weighs about 250 pounds but is easily assembled and disassembled.

"The earth is represented in Aztec philosophy as a jaguar," said Garcia, a senior in the Fine Arts department. "My work relates to an artifact. The Mayan also used the image of the jaguar. From the Gulf to the South Pacific, there were animals like this and mythological ideas."

Garcia went to veterinary school in Mexico but left because emotionally he found the pain and suffering of the animals difficult to bear. Now, he attends CCS and paints murals for restaurants (The Salad Bar, Dearborn) and businesses (Repeat the Beat, Dearborn) around town.

Patte Vandenberg, a junior from East Pointe, created "A Garden Gate." The bronze and stained glass work depicts a human tree with a cat about to scamper up one side of the trunk as a squirrel clings desperately to the opposite side.

In "Time Out," a bronze mantle clock, Paul Bramel communicates the support, love and protection that we as humans must

give animals if they are to survive in the future. A lion rests down at the bottom of the work. At the top another large cat caresses the time piece while yet another feline hangs precariously over a limb. A tree trunk comprised of humans holds up the animals and the clock. Bramel of Kentucky is a junior in Industrial Design.

On a lighter side, Sean Evans, a senior in the crafts department, created "A Dog's Reliquary," a ceramic work which uses a golden bone as a religious relic.

Also on the auction block is a portrait of your pet, or you and your pet painted by Sergei Timchenko. Denise Lutz, event co-chairwoman, recently commissioned the Russian artist to paint Rambler, her greyhound. Lutz and co-chair Lil Erdeljan were instrumental in raising the \$10,000 for the bronze and glass materials necessary for students to create the art works.

"I wanted to do something that would make an impact on helping to rescue hundreds of thousands of homeless animals," said Lutz. "I'm a foster mom to about a dozen cats and I think the Michigan Humane society does a wonderful act of kindness for the animals. Companion animals, especially, are an essential part of the well being of a well-balanced people."

The Michigan Humane Society in addition to providing shelter

for homeless animals (including injured and orphaned wild animals), responds to more than 5,000 calls a year relating to animal cruelty. Educational programs are designed to teach people about a humane ethic incorporating kindness to animals, responsible pet ownership and the importance of neutering and spaying pets. Through school visits, teacher training and shelter tours, young people learn to respect all living creatures. A pet visitation program brings animals to hospitals, nursing homes and hospices lifting the spirits of individuals.

By the end of 1997, the MHS will launch its Pet Education Center, a program offering basic obedience training and pet socialization classes to MHS adopters as well as any pet owners, along with behavior consultation and a help line. The program promises to have a major impact on the number of animals returned to shelters because of preventable behavior-based problems.

"We knew the art work being created by students was going to be very special," said Michele Mitchell, MHS director of community relations. "But when professor Molyneaux treated us to a sneak preview, we were stunned. Each piece is a unique and breathtaking work of art, and sends an inspirational message about the human and animal bond."

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"Like other non-profits, if we didn't have volunteers we wouldn't be able to exist," said Bonnie Cohn, Detroit Historical Society director of volunteers.

In 1996, Ruth Kozak of Canton was one of the 400 volunteers who contributed more than 17,000 hours to the museum. For the last three years she has served as a docent relaying the story of the 1805 fire which burned Detroit to the ground.

"We really do need more docents," said Kozak, a retired nurse anesthetist. "The more you have, the easier it is on everybody. We give a lot of guided tours for school children and visitors from other countries."

Kozak's favorite exhibit is the

5 and 10 cent store in the Streets of Old Detroit. Its cobblestone streets are also a favorite with children.

"I get a great deal of personal satisfaction from being a docent," said Kozak. "The children not only have a good time but learn a little history and an appreciation for the museum."

Minnie Schiffman serves in whatever area of the museum she is needed. On a recent Wednesday, the 75-year-old Southfield resident was handing out information to visitors. Schiffman, when not volunteering at the museum, is reading to children at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield or the Northville District Library.

"I was a history major and there's nothing like the Detroit Historical Museum," said Schiffman who retired in 1993 after teaching in Southfield Schools for 28 years. "It is the gem of the state and the best kept secret. Come rain or shine, I'm here every Wednesday. I like people and it keeps me young."

John Fleming was passing out pamphlets alongside Schiffman. He only recently began volunteering at the museum and also gives time at Harper Hospital, COTS and the Michigan Opera Theatre.

"I enjoy meeting people and they come from so many places," said Fleming, a 76-year-old

Detroit resident.

In addition to docent work, Pat Riley, of Farmington has painted the ceiling and cleaned "so that the museum is nice and shiny for visitors." Riley volunteers her time not only at the historical museum but at the Detroit Zoo as well.

"I was a Girl Scout leader when my daughter was growing up and we used to go down to the museum," said Riley. "Since I retired, I go down every Wednesday to volunteer. The museum is all about Detroit and brings back memories of growing up in Detroit for a lot of people."

Riley even enticed her 12-year-old grandson Christopher to volunteer this summer in the "I Discover" exhibit which opened in May.

"Both of us were here in July for the celebration in honor of Detroit's 296th birthday," said Riley, "and we both did face painting."

The "I Discover" interactive children's room provides a hands-on experience for children ages 3 through 12, allowing them to explore, discover and learn about history. Youth volunteers like Christopher participated in a special program initiated especially for the exhibit continuing through Feb. 1. Plans call for expanding the volunteer program (ages 10-17) this fall.

"We're asking the youth to volunteer because I think children

learn more from other children," said Cohn of Huntington Woods. "It's more interesting."

In addition to the museum on Woodward across from the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Historical Museums consists of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum located on Belle Isle, Historic Moross House, and the 82-acre site of Historic Fort Wayne, the only remaining river fort built in Detroit's history.

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Leaning against an old chest, Gerathy himself reminds one of an old village sign painter as he continues to spout his positive thinking. Behind him a black and white sign reads: Universal Pictures presents "Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney. On the left is a vintage black and white photograph of Chaney in costume.

"The key is to use your imagination and let it run wild," said Gerathy. "If you never crawl out on that limb of commitment, you'll never know what might have been."

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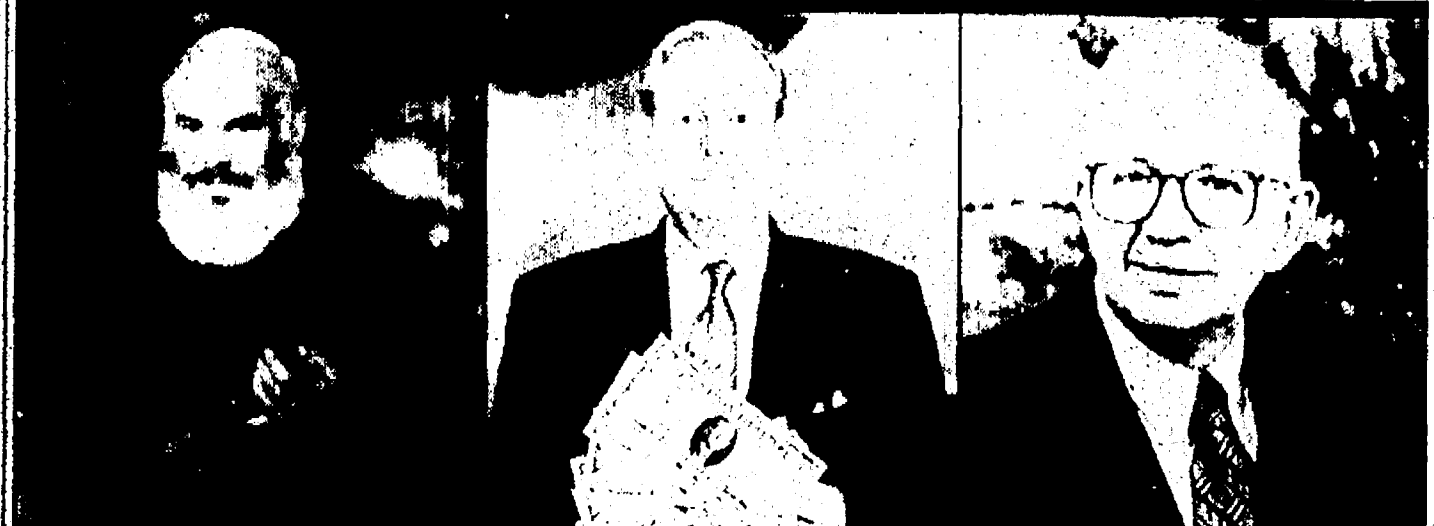


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**MICHIGAN SILK PAINTERS**  
If you're interested in silk painting, a new support group has formed. Newcomers can attend the Sept. 10 meeting of the Michigan Silk Painters Guild for a fee of \$5.

Members will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 15401 Farmington Road, north of Five Mile. The highlight of the session is the viewing and discussion of Janet Pray's video, "Bleach or Dye."

For more information, call Celia Block at (248) 477-2766.

**VICTORIAN FESTIVAL**

Jennifer Riopelle of Plymouth will bring her contemporary Ukrainian Pysanky (decorated Easter Eggs), and hand painted furniture, boxes and candlesticks to the Victorian Festival in Northville Sept. 13-14.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Riopelle's father, Jim of Northville, will also exhibit at

the festival. Look for his watercolors and pastels of still life and landscape.

**THE ART OF EMBELLISHMENT**

"Clothing Embellishment & All That's Beautiful," a creative seminar sponsored by the Southfield Centre for the Arts, is scheduled 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Participants will have the opportunity to attend any of 20 separate hands-on workshops covering a variety of important skills connected with embellishing. Embellishing can not only enhance clothing but any other item from home accessories to gift items.

Among the presenters is Dian Barnard of Plymouth; Barbara Altwerger, Farmington Hills; Carolyn Hall, Bloomfield Hills; Rosemary Gratch, Birmingham; Irene Szekely, Southfield, and Leslie Masters, Ypsilanti. Keynote speaker will be Shay Pranday, an award winning needle artist and hostess of the series "The Embroidery Studio," showing on PBS.

Cost for seminar is \$65 per person. Call (248) 424-9022.

The Southfield Centre for the Arts is at 24350 Southfield between 9 1/2 and 10 Mile Roads.

**OPENING RECEPTION**

Redford sculptor Sergio DeGiusti opens the 1997-98 season of exhibitions at the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery in the Mardigian Library at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

An opening reception and gallery talk by the artist takes place 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the gallery. The exhibition continues through Oct. 11.

"Artists in the Collection: Sergio DeGiusti, 1967-1997" features sculptures, drawings, ceramics, and photographs created during the past 30 years by the artist. As a sculptor, teacher, lecturer, curator and juror, DeGiusti is one of Michigan's most recognized artists. His work is exhibited internationally and is represented in numerous private as well as public collections.

For exhibit hours or more information, call (313) 593-5400/593-5087.

**OPERA FAVORITES**

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan present their fourth annual concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at the Italian-American Club of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile Road.

Featured artists are tenor Gregg Galla, soprano Valerie Yova and baritone Dino Valle and Quinto Milito. PSO conductor is Charles Greenwell of WQRS Classical 105 Radio.

The audience will participate in singing a famous chorus encore together with the orchestra and artists.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include concert and afterglow refreshments. \$25 patron tickets include concert, afterglow, and your name printed in the program.

For reservations or information, call Sandi Guntzwiller at (313) 591-5537.

**ART WALK**

Take a "Walk with Art" 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 and help support the Detroit Radio Information Service (DRIS), southeastern Michigan's only radio reading service for the blind and print-impaired.

Registration is required before Sept. 12. For registration and pledge forms, call (313) 577-4207.

The five kilometer walk route weaves through Detroit's New Center area and the University Cultural Center, site of the 11th annual Detroit Festival of the Arts. Participants will gather for

registration in DRIS' parking lot behind University Towers Apartments at 4500 Cass Avenue between Canfield and Forest. The walk concludes at 11 a.m. with lunch in the festival Food Court.

The walk-a-thon benefits DRIS, a nonprofit radio reading service for people who can't see, hold or comprehend normal printed matter. Through closed-circuit radio technology, 140 community volunteers read more than 100 newspapers and magazines a week from DRIS studios located at WDET-FM, Wayne State University. The service helps listeners make wise consumer decisions and stay intellectually active by providing equal access to timely information that is not typically available in Braille or on tape because of its short shelf life.

The art walk is a great event for the family with something for everyone. Take a leisurely stroll to support a good cause, then visit the festival's more than 100 artists' booths, stage performances, children's fair, historic home tours and more.

Parking is part of the walk-a-thon package so participants can spend the rest of the day enjoying festival activities.

**SUNDAY, SONGS & SYMPHONY**

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra will perform at its annual benefit 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5 at Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and Newburgh Roads in Livonia.

"Sunday, Songs & Symphony" will feature guest performer Stephen King of Livonia who will join the orchestra for a program of light, classical and popular tunes.

Guests will have the opportunity to taste samples from 30 area restaurants, bakeries, caterers, and markets. There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For information or tickets, call the LSO's 24-hour phone line at (313) 421-1111 or Lee Alankas at (313) 464-2741.

**PAINTER'S POTPOURRI**

The Village Painters will hold their second annual Painter's Potpourri Art Show and Craft Sale Sept. 12-13 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Admission is \$1. For more information, call (313) 425-8713.

MOVIES

'Company' takes grim view of men

By JOHN MONAGHAN  
SPECIAL WRITER

By now you've heard the premise: two Midwestern junior executives plot to woo a vulnerable woman and then summarily dump her.

The underlying question surrounding "In the Company of Men," isn't necessarily, "how could they do such a thing?" It's more along the lines of, "are you really that surprised?"

Men have been behaving badly in the movies since the silents. What makes Neil LaBute's independent feature different is the ferocity with which main character Chad (Aaron Eckhart) approaches not just women, but life in general.

A corporate player, Chad despises most of the guys he works with and says so behind their backs. Yet he seems to genuinely like Howard (Matt Malloy), his bespectacled former classmate and boss on a current project, at least enough to take him in on his plan.

Why are they doing it? Chad has just gotten out of a relationship with a live-in girlfriend. Howard's fiancée gave him the kiss off when she said they should see other people. Humiliating Christine (Stacy Edwards), who is not only attractive but



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**Drama: Aaron Eckhart (left) and Matt Malloy "In the Company of Men."**

deaf, will work like therapy.

The movie, which is playing exclusively at the Detroit Film Theatre this Sunday before opening wide Friday, Sept. 12, is an up-to-the-minute look at the bitterness that exists in the corporate world.

As such, it falls into the category of hot-topic movie of the moment.

It's certainly not without flaws. The acting by Eckhart and

Malloy isn't always strong enough to carry their lengthy exchanges, which take place with few cuts in the sterile offices, bathrooms, and airport waiting areas that define corporate America.

Writer/director LaBute's clever dialogue, meanwhile, is perhaps too clever. (Do guys like Chad really make allusions to "The Magnificent Ambersons?")

Edwards fares better as Chris-

tine, especially when she feels guilty for falling for one of the men. Her gentle letdown of the other is so touching because it contains the sole tender human gesture in a movie that is cynical to the core.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997, 2:00 p.m.**  
Wayne County Building, Room 402  
600 Randolph, Detroit

Copies of the proposed ordinance may be reviewed at the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226.

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**WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Committee on Ways and Means of the Wayne County Commission will hold public hearings with various standing Commission committees to discuss the proposed 1997-98 Appropriation and Budget Ordinance as listed below:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1997, 10:00 a.m.**  
Joint meeting - Committee on Economic Development  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1997, 1:00 p.m.**  
Joint meeting - Committee on Public Safety and Judiciary  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997, 10:00 a.m.**  
Joint meeting - Committee on Health and Human Services  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1997, 1:00 p.m.**  
Joint meeting - Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.**

All Hearings will be held in:  
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Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Commission Clerk's Office, 406 Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit 48226. (313) 224-0903.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On August 15, 1997, an application was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for consent to the assignment of license of WCAR (AM), Livonia, Michigan, from WCAR-AM, Inc. to Global Broadcasting Company, Inc.

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Copies of the application, any amendments, and related materials are on file and available for inspection by members of the public during regular business hours at WCAR (FM), whose business address is 32500 Parklane Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

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# Travelers discover autumn in colorful Michigan

Autumn in Michigan is a special season that has become for many the most popular time to travel.

After all the air is fresh and crisp, the trees are ablaze in color, the highways and fairways are a little less crowded. From the middle of September to the end of October, Michigan puts on a spectacular show.

AAA Michigan says that the mid-September to late-October color period accounts for about 30 percent of the state's annual \$8.5 billion tourism industry revenue. That ranks second to summer's 38 percent. Michigan residents traditionally make up the majority of fall color trippers.

AAA answers some fall questions:

**What is the best time to view Michigan's fall color?**

The color show peaks in stages, beginning at the top of

the state, where cooler temperatures arrive first; subsequently moving downward. Peak color is generally found in the Upper Peninsula between mid-September and early October; in the Northern Lower Peninsula between late September and mid-October; in mid-Michigan from early to mid-October and in southern Lower Michigan from mid-to-late October.

**What makes the leaves change color?**

Weather conditions in early September largely determine the success of the fall color display. If there are bright sunny days and cool nights, a good show can be expected. Daylight length is also significant. Shorter days cause leaves to stop producing chlorophyll and lose their green color. Also, rain helps growing conditions. An adequate amount of summer rainfall means tree

leaves will be bigger and healthier when they turn to autumn shades. Although rain is desirable, continuous cloudy weather is not since that would stop the sugar production that creates the brilliant red leaves.

**How many species of trees are there and what colors do they turn?**

In Michigan's 18 million acres of forests, there are close to 150 different species of trees. Michigan's autumn foliage boasts a mixture of red, yellow, gold and orange hues. Some of the prettiest trees for color viewing are aspen, oak, maple, birch and sumac.

AAA Michigan also offers some favorite fall color locations. Here is a sampling:

■ **Lake of the Clouds Scenic Overlook** in the Upper Peninsula. This escarpment high above the lake at the western terminus of SR 107 offers an excellent view of the surrounding Porcupine Mountains in the western UP.

■ **Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.** Southwest of Glen Arbor, the seven-mile Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive provides access to the high dunes and views from the Lake Michigan bluffs.

■ **Pere Jacques Marquette Monument.** Looming over Ludington, this huge illuminated cross overlooks the harbor and marks the spot where Pere Jacques Marquette is thought to have died in 1675.

■ **Lumberman's Monument.** About 20 minutes west of downtown Oscoda on River Road, Lumberman's Monument is an elevating experience, overlooking the Au Sable River near the eastern shore of the Lower Peninsula.

Many north Michigan golf resorts offer special fall packages at reduced rates. Thunder Bay

Golf Resort in Hillman on the state's eastern side is offering a "Romantic Fall Getaway for Golfers." The package includes elk viewing, hayrides, a gourmet dinner and unlimited golf. A 2-day, 2-night package includes two breakfasts and a choice of accommodations. Prices range from \$144 to \$215 per person, quad occupancy or \$174 to \$239 per person, double occupancy. During the first two weeks of October, golf and cart are optional at a reduced rate of \$22 for 18 holes including cart. Thereafter in October, golf is free with the package. For information, call 1-800-729-9375.

On the western side of the state, The Grand Traverse Resort is offering several fall golf packages, the Niblick, the Mashie and Bed, Breakfast & The Bear. The Niblick, the resort's most popular golf vacation package, includes two nights deluxe accommodations, 36 holes of golf with cart of Spruce Run, choice of breakfast or lunch on two days, a half-hour golf lesson, golf amenity, unlimited range balls and more. The Niblick is priced at \$285 per person, double occupancy.

The Mashie includes the same amenities as the Niblick with 72 holes of golf on either the Spruce Run or the Bear and two dinners instead of breakfast of lunch.



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**Sleeping Bear:** Fall color splashes the trees gold, red and copper on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula near Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore.

The Mashie starts at \$430 per person, double occupancy.

Bed, Breakfast & the Bear offers two nights accommodations, breakfast two days and 18 holes of golf on the Bear. Rates start at \$179 per person, double occupancy. For information, call 1-800-748-0303.

Autumn is also a time for fairs and festivals, cider mills, football games and bicycle tours. Autumn in Michigan is a special time.



**Elk viewing:** The Thunder Bay Resort offers hayrides through autumn-colored forests to view elks. Autumn is the mating season for elk and viewers sometimes catch views of head-butting bucks competing for a cow.

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## OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

### Collegiate notes

•Anne Poglits (Livonia Ladywood) had team-high 10 kills as the University of Michigan women's volleyball team lost to host Washington in the Husky Tournament, 15-7, 8-15, 10-15, 15-13, 15-9 on Aug. 30.

The Wolverines are 1-2 overall. Poglits, an outside hitter, is a junior with sophomore eligibility.

•Alma College junior Jim Townsend (Livonia Stevenson) has been named a preseason All-America pick by College Football Preview '97 magazine. Townsend will start at left guard this season for the Scots.

### Youth soccer champ

•The Michigan Hawks under-12 girls premier soccer team, coached by John Buchanan, captured their division at the Troy Soccer City Classic XII Tournament over Labor Day weekend.

The Hawks won their first three games without being scored upon, then defeated Vardar in a semifinal shootout, 4-2, before winning the title with a 2-0 victory over the Troy Heat.

Members of the Hawks include: Elizabeth Albulou, Colene Brockman, Nicole Cauzillo, Kathryn Cumming, Melissa Dobbyn, Jordan Falcusan, Whitney Guenther, Nikki Hermann, Lindsay Hill, Jil Kehler, Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMann, Sophia Naum, Jamie Poole, Mariessa Sarkesian and Jennifer Szymanski.

•The newly formed Livonia Youth Soccer Club under-11 Wings, reached the boys semifinals of the Troy Soccer City Classic, placing third in the Silver Division.

Members of the Wings, who allowed only seven goals in four games, include: Michael Cook, Grant Dossetto, Cole Dossetto, Bradley Jackson, Daniel Karas, David Kroff, Jamie Luoma, Miles Maloziec, Matthew Morcy, Justin Nalley, Gregory Ostrosky, Brennan Pearson, Ryan Raickovich and Nathan Regan, all of Livonia; Harrison Gilbert, Plymouth; Louis Kissinger, Canton; Brandon Diehl, Plymouth.

The team is coached by Louis Suveg. He is assisted by Jim Morcy and Richard Dossetto.

### Westland Arena skating

•An open skating schedule has been announced Sept. 7 through April 30 at the Westland Sports Arena: noon to 1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1-2:45 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Admission is \$2.75 for students and senior citizens, 4:32 for adults (\$1 off admission Monday through Friday). Skate rental is available for \$2 (legs must be covered).

•Drop-in hockey will be from 10-11:45 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday. All players must wear full equipment, including helmets. The cost is \$5 per player (limit 20 players). Goalies will be admitted free. (The Arena also offers skate sharpening during Drop-in hockey hours.)

•A hockey program for 3- and 4-year-olds, teaching the basics of skating and hockey, will be from 10-10:45 a.m. each Monday. All players are required to wear full equipment.

For more information, call Tammy Homburg at (313) 729-4560 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Youth baseball tryouts

The NFWB Cobras will have tryouts for their travel baseball teams at Pioneer Park according to the following schedule:

Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14 — 8-10 a.m., 13 year olds, coach Dan Petry; 10 a.m. to noon, 12 year olds, coach Roy Phillips; noon to 2 p.m., 11 year olds, coach Mel Borock; 2-4 p.m., 10 year olds, coaches Alan Borson and Jim Tassoni.

Sunday, Sept. 14 and 21 — 4-6 p.m., 15-16 year olds, coaches Chuck Pinkston and Jason Thompson.

Saturday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 21 — 2-4 p.m., 14 year olds, coach Dennis Baltus.

Ages are as of Aug. 1, 1998. Players are asked to arrive a half hour early to sign in. Players should attend both tryout dates.

For more information call Roy Phillips at (248) 489-5924.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (313) 591-7279.

# Sir Winston back in business

## Churchill breaks 28-game drought with 26-8 victory against Panthers

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Friday night football and victory.

First-year Livonia Churchill coach John Filiatraut can learn to like that combination.

Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak and gave Filiatraut a win in his head coaching debut, 26-8, on Friday night over host Redford Union at Howard Kraft Field.

Filiatraut played and later was an assistant coach at Dearborn Divine Child, a Catholic League school that usually plays on Saturdays.

"I didn't think game time would ever get here," said Filiatraut, his shirt still wet from a post-game Gatorade shower given by the players. "I'm used to waking up and playing at 1 O'clock. Jimini Christmas, this is great."

Despite owning a 1-62 record in this decade before Friday, the Chargers didn't forget the words to "The Victors" after the game. The Chargers had a large turnout, filling the bleachers with fans and lining the fence around the track with more.

Many friends and players from DC were there to see Filiatraut's debut and he appreciated the advice he got from the Falcons' head coach John Maltese during the week.

Filiatraut seemed to thank everyone on the way to the bus, starting with the Churchill administrators.

The only one who seemed confused by all the commotion was Filiatraut's 16-month old son John George.

He'll know before long.

"He's already getting in three-point stances," joked his father, who cradled the boy after a hand-off from wife Janice amidst the celebration.

Churchill led 20-0 at halftime and scored on its first possession of the second half before the Panthers scored their only touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Senior fullback David Derigiotis rambled for 143 yards on 22 carries



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDEK

All charged up: Aaron Geddes (No. 33, left photo) tries to break the grasp of a Redford Union tackler during Friday's season-opening 26-8 football victory. The victory snapped a 28-game losing streak for the Chargers dating back to 1993. Meanwhile, first-year coach Churchill coach John Filiatraut (top photo), talks strategy with quarterback Dale Smith during the course of the game.

and scored on runs of 9 and 10 yards. Junior tailback Aaron Geddes scored on a 5-yard run and the other Churchill score came on a 47-yard pass from quarterback Dale Smith to Ryan Kearney.

The Churchill defense, led by gutsy nose guard Nick DePerro, smothered the RU offense. Churchill outgained RU 277-166 in total offense.

"Those are the guys who did it," Filiatraut said, pointing to the players.

"They've worked their butts off every day in practice. Our goal is to have fun and the challenge is to refocus on North Farmington and try to get to 2-0.

We set about seven or eight goals each game and the fifth is to outwit the opponents. Tonight I think we did that."

RU quarterback Matt Rigley completed seven of 11 passes for 67 yards but was rushed most of the night. Rigley capped the Panthers' only scoring drive with a quarterback sneak after a 28-yard pass to Adrian Beaver got the ball to the 2.

Rigley was sacked three times and DePerro, despite only a 5-foot-8, 180-pound frame, was there most of the time.

"I give credit to (defensive coordinator) Arnie Muscat," DePerro said. "He teaches technique, says size has nothing to do with it."

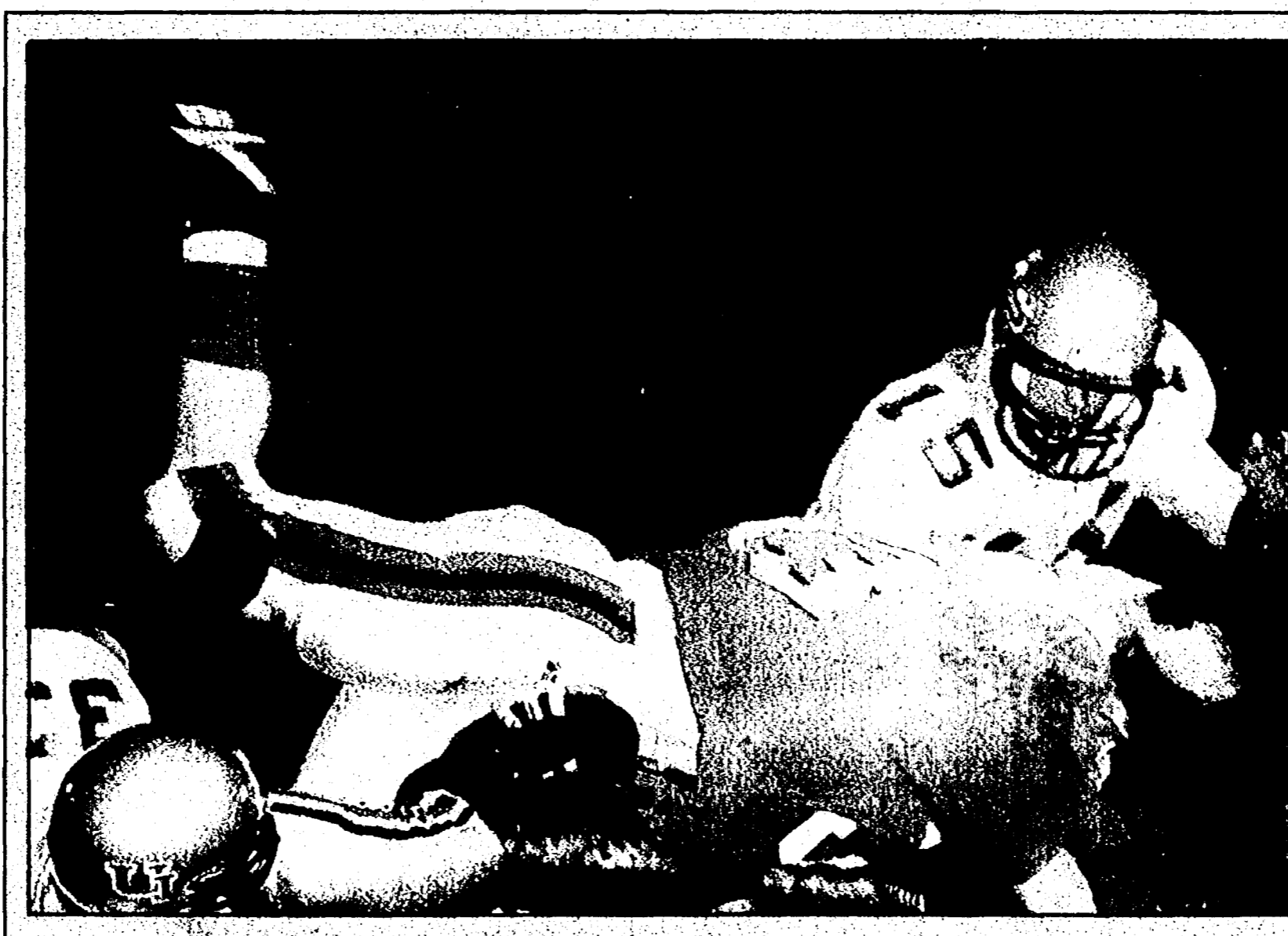
Penalties, including one that negated an RU touchdown, and three turnovers hurt the Panthers. RU also played without a starting offensive lineman who was declared academically ineligible this week.

RU's junior varsity was undefeated a year ago but that was forgotten by halftime.

"John did a real good job preparing his team and I give him a lot of credit," said RU coach Glenn Scala, whose varsity team was 1-8 last year. "I think their quarterback is good, but the most dangerous guy is their fullback. We've got a lot of work to do. I told the young guys at halftime last year is 'Yesterday's news.' That was the opening day for a good coach. He got me this time but next year it'll be my time. I expect it to be."

Churchill opened the scoring with 6:09 left in the first quarter when Derigiotis bulled into the end zone from the

Please see CHARGERS, E2



### Trojans edged 27-26

Dive bomber: Walter Ragland (No. 33) picks up a long gain near the end of the first half to set up a touchdown for Livonia Clarenceville at the end of the first half in a Metro Conference encounter against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett School. A.J. Stachecki (No. 15) tries to make the tackle on the play. It was a see-saw battle throughout the night. The Knights, who came up with several big plays, were led by Kevin Espy. Meanwhile, Ragland rushed for 136 yards and quarterback Craig Rose threw for 189 yards, but it wasn't enough. See Scott Daniel's game report on page E2.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDEK

# Glenn rips Mackenzie without injured QB

Westland John Glenn's season-opening 37-8 football victory over Detroit Mackenzie may prove to be a costly one.

Quarterback Justin Berent, a third-year varsity performer who led the Rockets to an 11-1 record last year and a berth in the state Class AA semifinals, went down with a knee injury in the opening quarter.

The 6-foot-6, 200-pound senior, considered one of the top signal callers in the state, tried to come back for a few plays after the injury, but took himself out the rest of the night.

"He hurt his knee in the first series," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said. "He twisted it or something. We put him back in, but he said he couldn't hold up. We'll know more in the morning. We'll just have to see how it goes."

Junior Nick Hudson took over the QB duties, but it was the running of junior tailback Reggie Spearmon

(182 yards in 27 carries) and senior fullback Antonio Gibson (109 yards in eight carries) that was the story.

In the first quarter, Spearmon scored on an 11-yard run and Rob Mason booted the first of his three extra points.

Hudson then added a 1-yard TD run as the Rockets led 13-0 at intermission.

In the third quarter, Gibson scored the first of his three TDs on a 23-yard run. The Rockets then added a two-point safety when a high snap sailed over the Stags' punter and out of the end zone for a 21-0 lead.

Gibson added a 60-yard TD run and Glenn added another safety for a 30-0 led. Gibson also had a 7-yard TD run in the third quarter.

Mackenzie scored on a 79-yard pass late in the game.

Glenn had 312 yards rushing and 24 passing.

Mackenzie had a total of 131 yards, 124 in the air. Spearmon also had an interception.

•ADRIAN 35, WAYNE 12: New coach Bill Kohn, who spent the last three years at Morenci, leading the Bulldogs to a pair of state finals, made a successful debut Friday at Adrian as the host Maples routed Wayne Memorial.

Matt Louisignaw, who led all rushers with 140 yards in 13 carries, scored on touchdown runs of 33 and 5 yards.

Junior Cameron Mingo returned a third quarter kickoff 85 yards for Wayne's first six points of the year. Senior David Bell recovered an Adrian fumble in the end zone (on a high snap on a punt attempt) for Wayne's two other scores.

Joe Rodriguez added a 2-yard TD run for Adrian in the opening quarter. Cardell King capped the scoring for the Maples with a 68-yard fumble return in the final period.

Adrian had a total of 30 yards total offense to Wayne's 147. The Maples had 12 first downs while the Zebras had nine. Wayne also lost two fumbles in the opening half.





RECREATION

NATURE NOTES



TIM NOWICKI

As the official start of fall approaches, the sounds of insects fill the night.

There is the persistent chirps of crickets, the methodical pulsations of the katydid and some buzzing of the cicada. This is their last fling of the year.

As the daylight length periods shorten, bringing cooler days cooler nights and the impending frost, these and other insects will be dormant until next year.

Even now dragonflies are seen less frequently in the fields and butterflies are waning in numbers. But while in our garden and preparing for a barbecue the other day, I saw some beautiful little flies. They turned out to be long-legged flies. They are not very big, only a quarter of an inch long, but their body is a bright metallic yellow and green.

As their name suggests, they have long thin legs in proportion to their diminutive size. They appear to be walking on stilts.

Their preferred habitats are near streams and wet meadows, but they can range far from these areas. I remember seeing them next to my children's wading pool and some in the water that got too close to the water and drown.

Like many other members of the fly family, long-legged flies are harmless to you and I.

As adults they feed on smaller insects. Their small mouthparts would not be able to inflict any kind of bite into human skin. Larva feed on small organisms in the soil, or in some species, in the water.

Though long-legged flies are small, it is their metallic colored body that draws your attention. In sunlight their shine is striking. This coloration is produced by thousands of small straitions in the hard outer covering of the fly. When sunlight hits those grooves, light reflects back to our eyes in wave lengths we perceive as shiny yellow and green.

Like all flies, the long-legged flies have only two wings - most insects have four. The second or rear pair of wings have been modified into short dumbbell shaped structures that vibrate with the front wings and provide feedback to the insect on the position of their body while flying.

Basically they serve as a gyroscope. If you find a large, one inch body length, long legged fly on your windows check out those modified hind wings. Craneflies are harmless and allow you to see those dumbbell structures called halteres.

TEN PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

It's that time of year again, most bowling leagues are back in action after the Summer hiatus and league scores will be found in the sports pages on a weekly basis beginning with next Sunday's edition.

If you have not bowled during the summer, this is the time to check your equipment.

The usual assortment that might fill up a typical bowling bag would include several items in addition to the ball.

A good idea is to check the shoes, if the soles seem too slick, rough them up with a wire brush or 3M scouring pad to be able to slide properly without sticking on the approaches. Bowling shoes will last many years with proper care, like a little saddle soap on the uppers, and replace any laces that look worn.

If you carry items like alcohol based cleaning products, they may have become dried out and need to be replaced. The same with strips of tape for adjusting finger holes. As for the bowling balls, it may seem that some balls are not fitting just right.

No, the ball didn't change any during the summer recess, but your hand may have. If you have not bowled for awhile, the muscles and tendons and all that good stuff gets tight and until you bowl a few games, the ball may seem not to fit right.

Give it some time for the hand to stretch itself back to full season form, and if this does not happen in a few weeks, it's time to visit your friendly pro shop.

If your ball does not seem to react on the lanes the first few weeks, it may not really be the fault of your ball, rather that the lanes have been used differently the last couple of months and this will surely change as the season progresses.

Some players will panic and rush out to get a new ball to cope with the lanes, only to find that the early season conditions will sometimes change within a few weeks.

One other important item to inspect is the bag itself. Is the zipper working properly, has anything spilled out, leaving a sticky goo on your nice shoes? These items are usually very easy to correct before they become a real problem.

One of this area's most famous star bowlers is leaving town.

A surprise party was thrown last Friday at Bowl One Lanes in Troy for Hall of Famer Gerry Ritter, one of the finest of all women bowlers. She is even more respected for the many years that she has devoted to the teaching of literally thousands of aspiring bowlers, young and old.

Gerry had been inducted into the Detroit Women's Bowlers Association Hall of Fame in 1988-89, and is now retiring to the state of Arizona, to a city called Surprise.

They must have some lanes in Surprise, but our bet is their gain, as Gerry Ritter would most likely continue instructing wherever she goes. Seventy of her former students threw the surprise party (no pun intended) with a cake made in the shape of the state of Michigan and decorated with little bowling pins.

The grand prize winner in the Summer Strike was David Holliday. His name was drawn from several thousand entries in the Blue Ribbon Bowling Group Summer promotion. Holliday won a cash prize on Magnavox TV. His entry was earned by throwing a "red pin strike," Aug. 10 at Cherry Lanes.



Aim and fire: The sport of darts is becoming an increasingly popular recreational activity with the bar crowd. Bar owners sponsor teams to help draw business.

# DARTERS

aim for the mark and hit the bullseye

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While baseball proclaims to be the national pastime, most Americans are choosing darts over the diamond, soccer and tennis as the way they like to have fun.

That's according to the National Sporting Goods Association, which says the number of "darters" more than doubled between 1985 and 1995. That relates to nearly 20-million people who make darts their sport of choice.

That's no surprise to Jeffrey Neumann, who has eleven years of experience in the promotion and organization of dart leagues and tournaments at area bars and drinking establishments.

"It's a social game and easy to learn," explained Neumann. "And it fits most people's schedules. You don't have to go to a specific place like a ballfield or bowling alley to participate. Many people who are already at the bar can have fun."

That is echoed by bar owner Denise Rubaga, who owns Mr. Joe's in Hamtramck, and is a player herself.

"When people go to the bars on Friday or Saturday nights, they want to do more than just sit around and talk," said Rubaga. "The like to play pool, pinball and darts...and the dart board gets as much a workout as the other two."

The Electric Stick in Westland has eight dart boards, and at least half of them are going most of the time.

"We have leagues that play here two days a week, and we get good business on them during other times," said George Marvaso, Jr. "We sponsor a team and it brings us business, so it works out for both parties."

Marvaso says when the billiards tables are busy, even the novices will get up and start playing darts, keeping the machines going for hours at a time.

And the game is one which can be played by both sexes.

"When I first got started I had no clue how to play, but our team needed a substitute so I tried it," said Rubaga. "Now I'm second in our league in points."

"I think darts is like baseball or bowling,

you either like it or you don't...and those that do are into it big time," notes Rubaga. "There are many people who spend hours in a bar and will be playing darts the entire time."

While barflies still account for most of the players across the country, many people are opting to make money while playing. And it doesn't necessarily mean winning local bar tournaments.

The 75,000-member American Darts Organization sanctions 250 tournaments each year, with combined purses of \$1.7-million.

"It's not hard for a player to compete in a couple of tournaments in a weekend, in different parts of the country, and pick up a few thousand dollars," explains Neumann. "There are tournaments with total purses ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000."

Besides the social aspect of darts, Neumann believes the popularity of the sport can be traced to both the inexpensive nature of the sport, and improved equipment.

"Almost any given night at the bar, I venture to say that many men and women have a set of darts in their pocket or purse, ready to pick up a game," said Neumann. "A good set of darts can cost about \$35. Compare that to some of the other sports and it's relatively cheap."

The growing popularity of electronic scoreboards for home play is another reason for darts becoming more popular.

"A good dartboard can cost about \$200," said Neumann. "While that may seem like a lot of money, that's a board that will last for a long time. And, nowadays the dartboard does everything, from changing games to keeping score...making it easy."

Like billiards players who have their own cue sticks, many dart players also tote their own darts. "While the bar may have darts which are one piece, heavy and have no balance, the dart aficionado has darts that change tips and are more lightweight."

"An experienced dart thrower can tell the difference of a couple of grams of weight," adds Neumann.

The new game on the block is the soft-tip dart...as compared to the heavier steel tips. The soft-tipped darts have become especially popular in bars, not only because they are

safer, but because of the 150,000 coin-operated boards in bars nationwide.

"And besides, the point areas on the spider (target) are larger for the soft tip darts than the steel tip, making it easier to score and more fun for the average player," notes Neumann.

Soft-tip darts have been around for about 20-years. The steel-tip variety has been around since 16th century England.

For the novice, the sport is a basic one. The two most popular games are '01 and Cricket. In '01 (pronounced oh-one) players begin with 301, 501 or 701 points and try to reach zero. Cricket players try to hit a number three times and the bull's eye.

Players can "diddle" to begin the contest. Each throws at the bull's eye and the closest decides who starts the game.

While darts has become big time in some areas of the country, there are still sections...including Michigan...where the sport is just beginning to come into its own.

"The Pontiac area and the east side are areas where there are high concentrations of players in metro Detroit," said Neumann. "However, for some reasons I've yet to figure out, the western part of Wayne County still hasn't caught on as much."

Neumann recently organized a dart tournament to benefit the Leukemia Society of America, which was held last month at Ladbroke race track.

"I considered it successful as we had nearly 200 players and raised \$5,947 for charity," notes Neumann. "We're looking at doing it again next year."

While the game is still reaching popularity in Michigan, a Bay City company is the world's largest manufacturer of coin-operated electronic dart boards...the same ones you'll see at the bar.

"We've been in business for 52-years and sell both nationally and internationally," said Scott Schroeder, vice-president of marketing at Valley Recreation. "The popularity of the sport continues to excel, mainly because it's a low cost, interactive activity which many people find easy and fun to play."

Anyone interested in starting a dart league can contact Jeffrey Neumann at Neumann Dart Associates, 313-961-4816.

ON THE RUN



BRAD EMMONS

Catholic Central graduate Jim Keskeny doesn't consider himself disabled even though he has multiple sclerosis.

His motto is: "I'm differently abled."

On Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Free Press/Mazda International Marathon, Patti Soter of Computer Decisions International of Farmington Hills and member of the MSAMS team (Marathon Strides Against MS), is putting together a group of runners to push Keskeny, in his wheelchair, through entire 26.2-mile route.

This will be Keskeny's second Free Press and he's excited about the opportunity.

In 1992, Redford CC boys cross country coach Tony Magni put a team together to push Keskeny through his first Free Press.

"Patti is putting together 25 to 30 people, she's just a dynamite lady and she's got everything under control," Keskeny said. "Right now the plan is for each runner to push me one mile each. It's been cleared by the race committee and it's nice to allow me to be a part of this."

"I'm thankful God is letting me go on for another marathon. My seat has gotten a little wider in my chair. But now I have dual push bars."

Keskeny's team also may see Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, an avid runner, wheel home the Pinckney resident to the finish.

And of course, the purpose of the Keskeny's ride is to raise money and bring awareness to the fight against MS.

"There have been three different drugs which can dramatically alter the disease," said Keskeny, a 1962 CC graduate. "I've talked with some very reputable doctors and they're saying within five to 10 years they could have this thing solved."

With the help of his friend John Peters of Plymouth, Keskeny travelled to France in 1988 for the Paris Marathon where French soccer players participated in the push.

Keskeny, who has done such races as the Dexter to Ann Arbor half marathon (13.1 miles) and the Capitol City 10K in Lansing, is contemplating celebrating his 10th anniversary of his first marathon by travelling again next year to Paris.

"The great thing about it is we've raised a fair amount of money and brought a positive side to MS," Keskeny said.

Upcoming events

Don't miss out on the John Rogucki Memorial Kensington Challenge, featuring a 15K and 5K races along with a fun run, Saturday Sept. 13 with the start at Martindale Beach in Kensington Metropark near Milford and Brighton.

The 15K course winds around Kent Lake. About 1,000 runners are expected.

The fun run starts at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K at 9 a.m. and the 15K at 9:10 a.m. The runs are hosted by Metroparks, and conducted by the Ann

Arbor Track Club.

Sponsorship is provided by Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

Entry fees (through Sept. 9) are \$14 for the 15K and 5K (without shirt) and \$4 (without shirt) for the fun run. Entry fees (Sept. 12 and race day) are \$24 (without shirt) for the two races and \$4 for the fun run (without shirt).

A Metroparks vehicular entry permit is also required - \$3 daily weekends, or \$15 annual regular (\$8 senior citizen).

For more information, call Kensington Metropark at 1-800-477-3178 or Huron Valley-Sinai at (248) 360-3314.

The Island Road Runners will host a 20-mile training run on Sunday, Sept. 28 at Willow Metropark (meet in the pool area parking lot).

Self-serve water and Gatorade will be provided on the course.

The 20-milers will start at 8:30 a.m. and the 10-milers will go off at 10 a.m.

There is no registration fee.

For more information, call Eve Soltesz at (313) 336-1510 (days).

Mark the Michigan Big 10 Run, sponsored by the American Lung Association, on your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 5 in Ann Arbor.

The races include at 10-miler, 10K and 2-mile walk/run.

To get an entry form, call 1-800-LUNG-USA.



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