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Thomas: No doubts on Warfield



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Ken Warfield stepped up his state Senate campaign Monday by touting a Westland mayoral endorsement and pledging to improve school funding, fix roads, beef up local police departments and make health maintenance organizations more accountable.

Warfield, mayor of Wayne, sought to

The race between state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and challenger Mayor Ken Warfield of Wayne is civil in tone to date. Both men tout their records, with Warfield citing an endorsement by Westland Mayor Bob Thomas.

boost his Democratic campaign against 8th District incumbent Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, by publicly accepting an endorsement from third-term Westland Mayor Robert Thomas.

"Bob Thomas and I have worked together as mayors to fight for the things our cities need," Warfield said. "I am very pleased that he supports my bid to bring that fighting spirit to

Lansing."

Warfield drew applause from nearly 40 supporters who attended a press conference at Democratic Party headquarters in a strip mall near the southwest corner of Ford and Wayne roads.

Contacted Monday afternoon at his office, Bennett said he wasn't surprised by Thomas' endorsement of Warfield.

"It is not something that I will harbor any ill will over, whatsoever," he said. "I understand party politics."

Bennett touted his own accomplishments, such as helping to secure money for Newburgh Road improvements and being highly accessible in Lansing to local government leaders.

Bennett also cited priorities such as fighting to keep imported solid waste out of Michigan and providing equal educational opportunities for students — though not necessarily by throwing more money at schools.

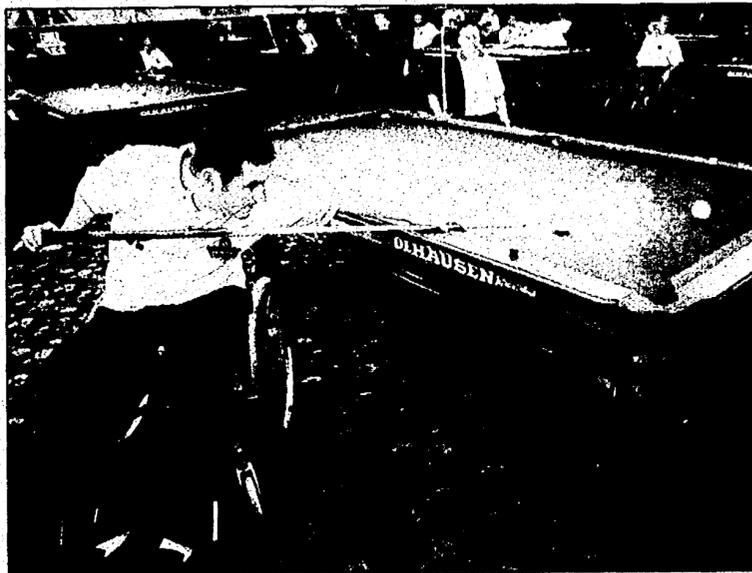
Civil tone

Neither Warfield nor Bennett made direct attacks on each other Monday as they prepared to head into the final two months of the 8th District Senate campaign. Warfield is trying to thwart Bennett's bid for a second four-year term.

The district includes Westland, part

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Shooting cool



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Near and far: Paul Flannighan of Scotland with Team Europe (left) takes a shot in the international wheelchair pool championships. Bqb Calderon of Livonia with Team America takes aim versus Europe at The Electric Stick in Westland.

Pool players know all the right moves

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Dorman came all the way from Glasgow, Scotland, to shoot pool in Westland.

That's 3,495 miles as the crow flies. "It's an experience," he said. More than that, the first-ever Olhausen International Wheelchair

Team 9-Ball Championship drew top players from eight countries and 10 states to The Electric Stick, 6581 N. Wayne Road.

"It's a healthy rivalry is the nicest way to put it," Dorman said. "But it is very competitive. Nobody playing wants to lose."

The three-day international compe-

dition, which was to end late Wednesday, pitted Team Europe against Team America. Twelve top-ranked players made up each team.

That event followed an annual three-day U.S. championship, also at The Electric Stick, that was won this year by Aaron Aragon of Lake Elsinore, Calif.

"This gets us all out of the house and away from the TV," 40-year-old Joe Blankenship of Orange City, Calif., said. "And these people playing are super nice people. We see friends that we haven't seen since the last tournament."

In total, nearly 70 wheelchair pool players participated in the back-to-back championships. And make no mistake — they're good.

"We play all over the United States," said Blankenship, a former

Detroit resident who also restores Chrysler muscle cars — one of which appeared in the movie "My Girl."

Inside The Electric Stick on Monday morning, a hush fell over the pool hall as Team Europe and Team America players challenged each other in one-on-one competition.

Various competitions would be played to see which team accumulated the most points leading up to Wednesday's closing ceremonies, which was to include an international trophy being awarded.

"We could still play with the able-bodied guys and give them a good competition — if not beat them," Blankenship said. "There are some good players here."

ESPN was scheduled to film the

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Team member: Allen Meadows of Pasadena, Md., is a member of the Team America wheelchair pool players.

Program targeting drunken driving earns kudos

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A new Alcohol Enforcement Team that hit Westland streets July 24 appears to be snagging drunken drivers, police officials say.

"Everybody's very happy with it," Police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Westland officers arrested 63 drunken drivers from July 24 through Aug. 30 — more than double the 31 arrests made during the same period last year,

he said.

Those are citywide numbers. But Brokas said 23 of the latest 63 drunken driving arrests can be attributed directly to new Alcohol Enforcement Team patrols.

Those patrols focus primarily on Wayne and Ford roads on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Viewed another way, only two patrol cars were involved in more than a third of the city's drunken driving arrests

between July 24 and Aug. 30.

Each of the two Alcohol Enforcement Team patrol cars has only one officer.

The new program has resulted in other arrests and tickets, too. Altogether, the officers issued 97 tickets to motorists from July 24 to Aug. 30 — for problems ranging from curfew violations to drunken driving.

Mayor Robert Thomas has said he hopes the new program will warn motorists that if they continue to drink

and drive in Westland, then they likely will be caught.

Thomas and police officials launched the program after a study showed that Wayne and Ford roads have more than their share of problem drivers.

Police officials have noted that Wayne and Ford have more liquor establishments than many other Westland roads.

City prosecuting attorneys have

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Local boat business owner faces felony charges

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The 74-year-old owner of a Westland boat-repair business faces criminal charges following a police investigation prompted by customer complaints, police said Tuesday.

Edward Connolly was arraigned on felony charges Tuesday in Westland 18th District Court following a several-month investigation into customer complaints that their property came up missing from Westland Marine, 8630 Middlebelt near Joy, police Sgt. James Ridener said.

Customers reported they had been told that boat motors and other parts they brought to Westland Marine were stolen during break-ins, Ridener said.

One man's entire boat and trailer came up missing, Ridener said.

Connolly's attorney couldn't be reached for comment.

Felony charges against Connolly came after police executed search warrants at his Westland business, his Howell home and a warehouse that he used in St. Joseph in southwestern Michigan, Ridener said.

On Tuesday, Connolly was arraigned on charges of conducting a continuing criminal enterprise, perjury, attempting to obtain money under false pretenses and malicious destruction of property. He was being held in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond.

Connolly is scheduled for a Sept. 10 a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial on the charges — the most serious of which car-

ries a 20-year prison term upon conviction.

"People would bring in their boats for service, and they would be told that the place was broken into and their property was stolen," Ridener said.

"We recovered a lot of those items that had been reported stolen," he added.

Police couldn't confirm that the case involved insurance fraud.

An investigation that started prior to last Christmas was led by the Metro Street Enforcement Team, which includes officers from Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Inkster. The case stems from complaints dating back as far as 1994, Ridener said.

One Redford Township man said his father's boat was taken in for repairs that were repeatedly delayed, and finally the motor was reported stolen.

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pledged intense prosecution of those caught drinking and driving.
Brokas, meanwhile, said the Alcohol Enforcement Team's efforts seem to have sparked new enthusiasm throughout the

police department for cracking down on drunken driving.
"The whole department seems to be doing a better job on drunk drivers," he said. "They all seem to have taken this to heart."

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finals for later airing.
National games drew players from California to Connecticut, and international competition brought players from England, Scotland, Belgium, Ireland, Austria, Germany, Canada and the United States.
Monday evening, wheelchair players challenged local dignitaries in a charity benefit to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, which helps terminally ill children realize

dreams such as traveling to Disney World.
Companies such as Olhausen Billiard Manufacturing Inc. helped pay for this year's tournament.
Bob Calderon, a Livonia resident and president of the national group, has said that wheelchair pool enthusiasts are trying to draw new members to help the organization grow.
He can be reached at (734) 422-2124.

Woman injured

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Garden City doctors placed an unconscious 90-year-old woman on life support following a two-vehicle accident Monday afternoon in Westland.
Mary Zaplany was described as being in critical condition after the car she was riding in apparently pulled in front of a Ford F-150 pickup in the intersection of Warren Road and Central City Parkway, police Officer Jack McIntosh said.
Zaplany suffered internal injuries.
"She's on life support," he said. "She almost died at the scene."
Zaplany was a front-seat passenger in a 1990 Ford Tempo driven by her 75-year-old sister, Nellie Szewchuk, who suffered lesser injuries, McIntosh said.
Both women are from Dearborn Heights, but they have separate residences, he said.

way when it was hit by a pickup headed east on Warren, McIntosh said.
Szewchuk apparently hesitated to make her turn and then pulled into the truck's path in the intersection, McIntosh said.
The truck driver, who was rounding a slight curve on Warren, apparently didn't have enough time to avoid hitting the Tempo on the passenger side, McIntosh said, based on statements from witnesses.
Neither the truck driver nor his 12-year-old daughter was injured, and both were restrained by seat belts, McIntosh said.
The Dearborn Heights sisters were restrained only by a shoulder belt but not a lap belt, the officer said.
Alcohol was not a factor in the accident, he said.
The truck driver isn't expected to face criminal charges following reports from witnesses who said he didn't appear to do anything wrong, McIntosh said.
The investigation is continuing.

Witnesses told police officers that the Tempo was turning from westbound Warren onto southbound Central City Park-

Friendly rivalry aids good works

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

The final score: Westland firefighters, 13; Westland police officers, 11.
No doubt there will be some good-natured jabs in the wake of a Friday golf competition that pitted firefighters against police officers.
It could be said that firefighters have more idle time to practice their golf game.
Or, it could be said that firefighters used their superior golf skills to blaze their way to victory over police officers.
The truth, however, is that the two sides merely had a good time playing golf while raising money to help the city's Youth Assistance Program.
Firefighters and police officers came up with a scoring system for games they played Friday at the Fellows Creek East course in Canton Township.
In the end, a crystal bowl known as the Chief's Cup went to Fire Chief Mark Neal's office, not Police Chief Emery Price's.
"We did this to have fun and to bring the two organizations together," Assistant Fire Chief Bob Fields said. "Everybody had a good time, and it promoted goodwill between the two

departments."
Fields and police Sgt. Tim Kennedy planned the outing, which could become an annual event to help worthy organizations.
"We raised \$400 for Youth Assistance," Kennedy said, and even though the police department lost the contest, "we had a real good time."
This year, a total of \$400 went to the Youth Assistance Program from the Westland Police Officers Association, Westland Firefighters Local 1279, Westland Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, and Westland Firefighters Public Awareness Committee.
Individual players could accumulate as many as three points, Kennedy said, and three people - all firefighters - did just that: Fields, Chief Neal and Neal's son, Scott.
Three from the police department accumulated two points, Kennedy said. They were Sgt. Tom Harris and Officers Jack McIntosh and Brian Sorensen.
Kennedy and firefighter Jeff Pochon also took some medals in individual competition.
Meanwhile, the two sides may try to schedule another event, possibly bowling.
After all, the police department has to settle the score.

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Good times: Steve Nowland of Garden City (left) tries for a strike. Below is Nicole Krull of Livonia, using body language to coax the ball. At right is Scott Shelton of Garden City and below (small photo) is Roger Klein of Westland, cheering after picking up a spare.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Traffic woes surface

A group of Westland women whose children attend Livonia Public Schools are angry over new no-parking signs at the end of their street.

But the couple who live at the corner of Ravine and Joy Road say the signs are needed because the women's vehicles have been encroaching on their property and making it harder to sell.

Judy Bowles, one of the mothers, said her group is concerned for their kids' safety and plans to petition the Westland City Council for the signs' removal.

The signs prohibit parking, standing or stopping within about 150 feet of the corner.

The women, most of whose children attend Garfield Elementary School, drive the youngsters to and from the pickup point at the end of the block two to three times a day, depending on whether the kids attend half or full days.

Renee Gizicki, Bowles' sister, said she and the other women "don't feel safe that our kids have to run 200 feet to the bus," citing the 8 a.m. rush-hour traffic along Joy, where the bus stops, and the vehicles going in and out of the Green Grainger landscaping business located on the west side of Ravine.

But Larry and Peggy Sullivan, who have lived on the corner since 1982 and are trying to sell their house, say the women's vans, pickups and cars have chewed away five feet of their property from the roadside and that some of the kids and vehicles have damaged trees, shrubs and in-ground sprinklers.



Bowlers show their stuff, have fun at the same time

Things were rolling right along at Vision Lanes on a recent Thursday. Therapeutic recreation program participants from Westland Parks and Recreation took to the lanes for their Thursday night bowling.

"We usually have around 40," said Margaret Martin, therapeutic program supervisor for Westland Parks and Recreation. The program draws those ages 15 to 50 or so with developmental disabilities. The year-round program for teens and adults is supplemented by a separate children's bowling program.

"We run about 100 activities a year," Martin said. Recent activities have included a Cedar Point trip, movie nights, camp, shows at the Fox Theatre, arts and crafts and others. There's an upcoming mystery trip.

"We do lots of stuff," said Martin, who has been on the job for nearly five years. "They were doing bowling when I came. We've expanded it quite a bit."

The program is one of the larger of its kind, she said, and draws participants from neighboring communities.

"People who have impairments have the right to have activities just like the rest of us." The supervised program offers fun with friends and the chance to learn a new activity.

The bowlers use adaptive equipment, such as ramps. Bumpers are put in for sessions by the staff at the bowling alley. "Vision Lanes has been very nice to us," Martin said.

For information on the program, call (734) 722-7620.



PLACES & FACES

Busy Friends

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold a mini book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 4-5, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Paperbacks will be sold at eight for \$1. Hardcover books will be sold at 50 cents each.

The Friends will receive proceeds from an appraisal clinic 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the library. The clinic is offered by Frank Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills.

Price for the verbal appraisals is \$3 per item or two items for \$5. Detailed photographs can be used for large unwieldy items, such as armoires.

To reserve a spot, call (734) 522-3918 and leave your name and items you will be bringing. Walk-ins will be taken if time permits.

Lottery winner

Monica Kurtiniatis of Westland won in the fourth drawing of the "Michigan Getaway and Play" travel promotion of the Michigan Lottery. The eight grand-prize winners were announced during the Aug. 22 "Road to Riches" television show.

The prize is a weekend getaway to one of three Michigan destinations: the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Garland Resort in Lewiston and Homestead Resorts in Glen Arbor.

Town Hall

Mayor Robert J. Thomas will hold the next City of Westland Town Hall meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. The meeting will be hosted by Willow Creek Apartments, 1673 Fairwood Drive, off of Newburgh, between Cherry Hill and Ford.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Public Library of Westland will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Fall hours begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. They are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday;

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Writing Workshop, 7-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14. Community Meeting Room A/B. Do your creative juices need stirring? Unlock the stories within you with enjoyable writing exercises. Renowned writer/teacher Kathleen Ripley Leo, president of Detroit Women Writers, will conduct a workshop. There is no fee for the workshop, but space is limited so reservations are required. Call (734) 326-6123.

Leo will also offer an eight-week writing class beginning Sept. 23. Those interested in the class are encouraged to attend the free introductory workshop.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.avma.org/care4pets/de-fault.htm>

The American Veterinary Medical Association's Pet Care Page features pet health in the news, how to deal with the loss of a pet, buying a pet and animal safety.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Registration for Fall Storytime Session II begins Oct. 1 and the session runs from the first week of November until mid-December.

Creation Station, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5. Children's Activity Room. We supply the materials, you supply the creativity. Stop in and participate in our make and take craft. Designed for ages 6-11, you can get as simple or as intricate as you like with your work.

New this fall! At 11 a.m. every other Saturday in the Children's Services Area, **Story Lady Saturdays.** The Story Lady will be reading in the Children's Services Area two Saturdays a month throughout September, October and November. These sessions will feature the Story Lady sharing some of her favorite books for children. Sessions will include Sept. 12 and 26.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library provide support for library programs with various fund-raising activities. If you have fund-raising experience, would like to assist with a program or would just like to find out how you can help your community library, then visit the Friends at one of their meetings. Friends meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, in Community Meeting Room A. See you there!

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OBITUARIES

ROBERT L. STOKFISZ
Funeral services for Robert Stokfisz, 69, of Westland were Aug. 29 in Leonard A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home.

Mr. Stokfisz, who died Aug. 26 in Livonia, was born in Southfield. He lived in this area many years. He was in business management for Cadillac Motor Car Division.

Surviving are: wife, Eileen; sons, Scott and Terry; daughters, Linda, Julie and Sally; brothers, Konrad, Richard and Kenneth; sisters, Donna and Susan; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

CISLAWA LYSAKOWSKI
A funeral Mass for Cislawa "Tessie" Lysakowski, 79, of Westland was Aug. 29 in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lysakowski, who died Aug. 26 in Westland, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband of 63 years, Joseph; son, David of Canton; daughter, Anna Galatian of Westland; sister, Mary Bryk of Detroit; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Lysakowski was preceded in death by: son, Eugene; brother, Eugene Kwiatkowski; sisters, Jean Kwiatkowski and Florence Bykowski.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings to St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland.

ROBERTA J. TALAGA
Funeral services for Roberta "Robbie" Talaga, 35, of Westland were Aug. 31 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded. Officiating was the Rev. Neil C. Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church, Westland.

Mrs. Talaga, who died Aug. 28 in Westland, was

born in Detroit. She was a receptionist for a construction company.

Surviving are: son, Bobbie LaMore of Florida; daughter, Amanda Peurasaari of Stockbridge, Mich.; parents, Robert and Agnes Talaga of Westland; sisters, Vicki Rios of San Antonio, Texas, Debbie Hudson of Westland and Cindy Houston of Grand Rapids.

KATHLEEN R. CAPLIS
A funeral Mass for Kathleen Caplis of Westland was Sept. 2 in St. Theodore's Catholic Church, Westland, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zaleski. Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Mrs. Caplis died Aug. 29.

Surviving are: sons, Thomas and Timothy; siblings, Helen Dwyer and Marion Morasky; and five grandchildren, Jennifer Bortolussi, John, Stacey,

Robert and Shaun.
Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen or Arbor Hospice Residence Garden Fund.

JEAN M. BAKER
Funeral services for Jean Baker, 60, of Westland were Sept. 2 in Timothy Lutheran Church, Livonia, with entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Carla T. Powell of Timothy Lutheran Church. Arrangements were made by Ziomek Funeral Home.

Mrs. Baker died Aug. 31 in Oakwood Hospital. She was a 36-year resident of Westland. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed quilting, cross stitch, painting and bowling.

Surviving are: husband, Robert Sr.; son, Robert Jr.; daughter, Sue Reakoff; sister, Marjorie Wisniewski; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 5 Warfield from page A1

BY JULIE BROWN AND JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITERS

Westland voters won't be faced with local city elections this November. But they will be faced with decisions in state and county races, as well as two statewide ballot issues.

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 general election is by the end of business Monday, Oct. 5, at Westland City Hall, any Michigan Secretary of State office or with a mail-in form -

which must be posted by the deadline - available at the same locations.

"They can come to the city clerk's office," said Pat Gibbons, Westland city clerk. "Or they can register by mail too." For information, call 467-3185

Westland City Hall is at 36801 Ford, at Carlson in Westland. Those wishing to register to vote must be U.S. citizens age 18 or older.

Absentee ballots for Westland voters are due from the county

clerk by Sept. 19, Gibbons said. Those who would like an absentee ballot may come into the city clerk's office in Westland or call 467-3185.

Seniors aren't automatically mailed absentee ballots, and will get them only if requested, she said. "It's of their choosing."

The absentee ballot is due back no later than the Nov. 3 Election Day. Gibbons agreed that registering to vote has become simpler in recent years. "It's very easy now."

Gibbons encourages people to remember to register to vote by Oct. 5 and then to vote. "The polls are open from early in the morning. I would hope everybody would get a chance to vote."

Races that will face voters in Westland include:

■ State Senate, 8th District: Republican Sen. Loren Bennett and Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield, a Democrat.

■ State House, 18th District: Democrat Rep. Eileen DeHart and Steve Conley, a Republican.

■ Wayne County Commission, 12th District: Democrat Kay Beard, commission vice chair,

unopposed.
Local voters will join with voters statewide in casting ballots on three issues:

■ Legalization of physician-assisted suicide, put on the ballot by Merian's Friends. Proposal B would overturn a new law - that takes effect Sept. 1 - making assisting a suicide a felony. The proposal also provides guidelines for assisted suicide.

■ Clean Michigan bond: A \$600 million bond to: clean up urban industrial brownfields, upgrade state park facilities and roads, pollution control runoffs, cleanup sediments in nine rivers, provide for lead contamination abatement, and to provide for clean water to protect rivers, lakes and streams. This is Proposal C.

■ Proposal A deals with changing the word "handicapped" to "disabled" in the state Constitution.

The Michigan Secretary of State has an office at 6090 N. Wayne Road, behind Murray's Auto Parts in Westland. For information, call 721-3813.

of Canton Township, Wayne and several other cities and townships.

During the press conference, Mayor Thomas said Warfield will be "one of the perfect senators" from this area because he will fight in Lansing for issues such as better schools and better roads.

"He's going to know exactly what we need," Thomas said, "and I think that's why we need him in Lansing."

Warfield, former Wayne fire chief, noted that he used to fight fires, "and now I want to fight for the hard-working people of this community."

Warfield said school districts such as Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton are in "dire straits" due to an inequitable state funding system that he wants to improve.

He also called for a statewide mandatory core curriculum and vowed to boot violent students out of schools and place them in a separate program.

Bennett said students should receive an equal education, but he declared that more money isn't necessarily the answer.

"I think we have to be smarter on how we educate our children," he said, adding that new tech-

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nology must be stressed in schools.

"We have to get out of the box that we all sink in and think outside of that box," Bennett said.

Warfield demanded better roads and said "it's time to stop messing around and just get the job done."

He questioned why roadwork has been delayed and why road construction barrels are popping up now, in an election year.

"They call them Michigan flowers," he said.

Warfield also said heavy trucks should have to pay their fair share of taxes to fix roads.

Bennett cited his support for the Newburgh widening project in Westland as evidence that he has been responsive to local officials and their road concerns.

"I have to be accessible and willing to go to bat for them," he said.

Warfield pledged to seek more state money to pay for community policing programs such as those already started in Westland and Wayne.

And he vowed that health maintenance organizations (HMOs) should be held accountable in court if they injure patients by denying medical treatment.

"I will fight to give you that right," Warfield said.

Bennett said he wants to stop the "virtual convoys" of solid waste trucks that bring outside waste to Michigan, although he conceded that federal government approval would be necessary.

Bennett touted a bill he introduced 18 months ago to address the issue, but said the legislation has been held up in the House. He said he'd like to work with other states to change federal rules.

"I don't want Michigan to be a dumping ground, and I want to do something about that," he said.

Both candidates mostly stuck to the issues Monday - Warfield during his press conference and Bennett during a telephone interview.

The closest Warfield came to criticism was when he said Lansing legislators appear to be "too busy taking care of their friends" to address issues such as education, roads, crime and health care. Still, he didn't single out Bennett.

Warfield said after his press conference that voters want to hear about the issues rather than personal attacks.

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The (A) dates listed below are the dates to set out the brush and pay the pickup fee at City Hall. The (B) dates are the dates when the department of Public Services crews will pick up the brush.

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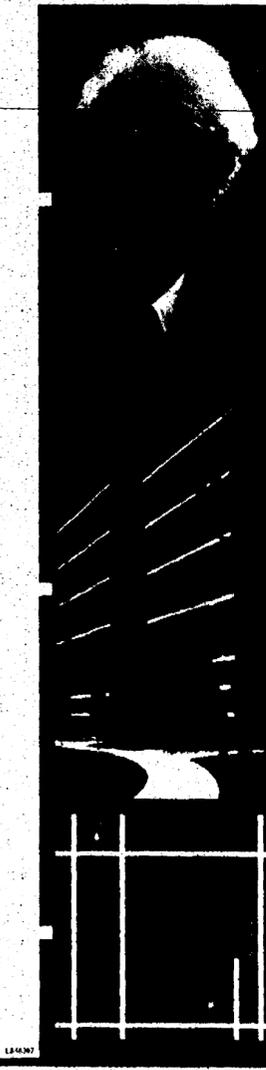
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Granholm wins over delegates at Dems confab

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Granholm, not Geoffrey Fieger, got the movie star treatment at the Democratic state convention — a nominating speech by retiring Attorney General Frank Kelley and a parade led by a drum corps and pom-pom persons.

"That loud welcome is going to shatter another glass ceiling," said Granholm, 39, of Northville Township as she was nominated Aug. 30 by acclamation for attorney general — the first of her sex to be picked by one of the major parties.

"I'll take your case," she said repeatedly as she talked about criminals, polluters and con men.

Kelley, retiring after 37 years and 10 elections, said Granholm "has personally prosecuted and convicted hundreds of criminals. She has won 145 major drug cases. As Wayne County corporation counsel, she administers a budget of \$10 million and has a staff of 70."

"She reorganized her department to make it more efficient and has wonderful morale," said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who appointed her and promoted her candidacy. Prosecutor John O'Hair also praised her work on his staff.

Mildred Jeffrey, grand old lady of the labor movement and the party, seconded her nomination.

Link in chain

Granholm touched delegates with her stories of prosecuting a 50-year-old man who took nude photos of a young girl he had contacted through the Internet, and of unsupervised children playing outside a Detroit crack house where a bust had been made.

"I would have done that job for nothing (because) I worked for the people," she said.

With her were husband Dan Mulvern, a lawyer and administrator of a private high school, and her three children, aged 8, 7 and 1.

The Canadian-born former Republican described Kelley and Jeffrey as "links in a chain that



Jennifer Granholm

extends back to (Gov.) Soapy Williams, (Sen.) Phil Hart and (UAW president) Walter Reuther. I hope to be the next link in that chain. I will take the chain that Frank Kelley helped forge and pull others along."

Granholm was nominated without opposition. All other candidates, including Wayne Sheriff Robert Ficano and Macomb Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, dropped out days earlier.

No upset

Democratic delegates passed up a chance to upset Fieger's apple cart when they agreed to his choice of state Rep. Mary Lou Parks, leader of the House Black Caucus, for secretary of state.

Three-fourths carried signs for John Austin, a Genesee County road commissioner who had been the leading candidate until Fieger decided he needed a black at the top of the ticket.

Austin backed off and made Parks' nominating speech, but clearly his heart wasn't in it. He noted he had been running for the post for 18 months. When he asked those in the delegation who had met him to stand, about two-thirds did so.

"Naturally, I'm very disappointed not to be part of the ticket," said Austin, who then spent less than a minute extolling Parks' virtues.

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Locals say Smietanka has substance

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Two western Wayne County delegates explained why the Republican state convention revolted against Gov. John Engler's choice for attorney general and nominated John Smietanka instead.

"Some of us want qualifica-

tions," said Livonian Dan Piercecchi, a former district party chair and Smietanka supporter. "Scott Romney is a nice guy, but ..."

"Smietanka never stopped campaigning after 1994," added Harry Greenleaf, of Livonia, also a former district chair and Ford Motor retiree. Smietanka spent 12 years in

the Berrien County prosecutor's office and 14 in the U.S. attorney's office for western Michigan. Romney, 57, of Birmingham, is a corporate lawyer with no background in either government or politics.

Smietanka led 1,039 to 950 in the Aug. 29 balloting when Romney conceded in the Grand Rapids convention hall.

Otherwise, GOP delegates rubber-stamped his entire slate for the Nov. 3 statewide ticket.

Romney won majorities in nine of the 16 congressional districts, but his majorities were small — just 55 percent in his home 11th District while

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LOOK NO MORE

DWM, 44, 5'8", red hair, seeks SWPM, 48-58, 6' N/S, who is attractive, fun, romantic and enjoys dancing, movies, theater, travel, spectator sports, quiet times, for friendship, possible relationship. #2963

SHOT IN THE DARK

Attractive, fun, fit, and sincere SWF, 38, 5'8", hard working, honest and financially secure. Enjoys outdoors, water skiing, and canoeing. Seeking LTR with SWM, 37-45, honest, outgoing, responsible and goal-oriented. N/S. #2964

MEN AT WORK?

Beautiful SF, blonde/blue, building a fine structure, needs an attractive SM construction. 30-42, to help finish the plan. It will be worth it. Call. #2965

FUN & FLIRTY

SWF, 28, 5'6", who likes all outdoor sports, 4-wheeling, fast cars, snowmobiling, seeks SF, 25-30, who is fun, outgoing, and fun times. Give me a call. #2966

ARE YOU READY?

Fun-loving SWF, 28, brown/blue, college educated, outgoing, energetic, walks, movie, seeks a SWM, 28-32, who is ready for a relationship. #2967

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE

SWF, 28, 5'7", 120lbs, funny, outgoing, likes to be romantic, dancing, movies, 34, outgoing, seeks a SM, same qualities/interests, for a LTR. #2968

ONLY REAL MEN NEED APPLY

SBF, 28, 5'6", seeks professional male, 30-35, financially secure, who thinks with his head on his shoulders, for friendship, first. Race unimportant. #2970

DARLING BLACK CHERIE

27, seeks passionate, energetic white male, 20, for exciting new experiences. #2972

MOTORCYCLE?

Loves Harley men-it must be something in the jeans! Romantic, passionate brunette, mid-40s, works out, walks, seeks looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland County. #2976

SWEET AND SINCERE

SWF, 29, 5'7", outgoing, enjoys dining, dancing, quiet evenings, fun weekends and playing cards. Looking for SWM, 27-35, who is not afraid of commitment. #2977

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES

SWF, 28, seeks mature, responsible SWM, 28-32, for LTR only, must enjoy music, dancing, and tennis. Serious replies please. #2980

DESIRES SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

Intelligent, passionate, gregarious, honest DWF, 57, 120lbs, beautiful inside and out, willing to learn. Seeking financially secure gentleman, 40-50, who includes sports, dining, theater, spectator sports, for friendship. #2982

FRIENDLY

Pretty, down-to-earth, educated BF, 30, no dependents, financially secure, enjoys the arts, all types of music and food, and travel. Let's just be friends. #2981

GENUINE AND LOVABLE

SWF, 25, 5'7", 120lbs, blue eyes, N/S, seeks a mature, successful, outgoing, fun-loving, single man, who is fun, outgoing, and fun times. Christian male, 24-28, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #2983

LUCK BE A LADY!

Imaginative, educated SWF, mid 50s, 5'6", blonde/blue, slim, sweet disposition, self supported, enjoys baking and cooking. Bakes good loopy/funny cookies. Outdoorsy, fun, and fun conversation. Commitment right. #2973

SELF MADE MAN

Seeking SWPM, secure, average/affluent, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, big guy, 48-52, 5'8"-6'11". No games. I'm busy, classy, and make me laugh. SF, 40, 5'10", N/S. All calls will be answered. #2989

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL

WF, 39, 5'5", slim, long, curly brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys travel, quiet evenings at home. Seeking honest SWM, 37-45, N/S, who is creative, artistic, and fun. Children/pegs okay. #2974

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

This petite, slender, romantic professional DWF, 32, enjoys dancing, movies, theater, dining out and travel. Seeking tall, professional SWM, 35-42, with similar interests. #2979

PRETTY, FUN, FIT, FREE

SWF, 50, slim, red hair, seeks SWPM, 48-58, 6' N/S, who is attractive, fun, romantic and enjoys dancing, movies, theater, travel, spectator sports, quiet times, for friendship, possible relationship. #2983

WOMAN AND ROMANCE

I'm 52, pretty, slender, tall, intelligent, refined yet fun, classy yet eccentric, outspoken yet sensitive and a smoker. I'm a good conversationalist. I'm articulate, classy, confident and into romantic dating. #2925

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 49, 5'8", medium build, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dancing, movies, dining, quiet evenings, quiet dinners, dancing, antique, seeks honest, romantic, financially secure, sensitive male, 48-52, who is fun. #2927

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HARD WORKER

SF, 57, 170lbs, brown/blue, likes hiking, bowling, movies, camping. Seeking an honest, sincere, romantic gentleman, for a LTR. #2915

LOVES BEEHONEY

SWF, 37, attractive, petite single mother, loves classical music, theater, gardening, camping. Seeking single male, 24-35, with similar interests, especially in classical music. #2944

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown, likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, a good conversationalist. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest with a sense of humor. #2945

ONE IN A MILLION

Attractive, college-educated, petite, fit SWF, 37, long brunette hair, great smile, fun-loving attitude, seeks sweet, smart, successful man, for friendship, possibly LTR. #2940

CLASSY LADY

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, 5'6", blonde, enjoys dancing, traveling, shopping, walks, romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50. #2909

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE

SWF, 43, 5'5", medium build, enjoys travel, movies and the beach. Seeking honest, sincere, financially secure SM, 50+, with similar interests, for friendship. #2966

BLACK, BRITISH, CLASSY

BF, 42, British, classy lady of principles, 5'4", 120lbs, new to Michigan, seeks relationship with a gentleman, 40-50, of good moral standards and principals. #2962

LIGHT MY FIRE

Passionate, party DWF, with medium build. Seeking SWM, 36-50, N/S, N/D, for dating, mating, and relating. VM you seek my friendship. #2968

DELTA BURKES SISTER

Southern belle, professional nanny, 50 year-old lady, full figured, enjoys walking, church activities, family-oriented, cooking, gardening, shopping. N/S. Seeking a gentleman, for a LTR. #2960

ARE YOU READY?

For the next chapter? So am I. God was kind to me in the looks department. Looking for a handsome, confident, successful woman, 30+, who is holding out for the best, you may have found her. #2952

R.S.V.P

An invitation to meet this attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive SWM, 38-45, SM, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the best man win. #2971

SPECIAL REQUEST

Petite SWF, 48, red hair, young in attitude and appearance. If you're honest, stable, no game playing gentleman, 40-55, good sense of humor, with a love of life. Looking for friendship and companionship. Northern Oakland County. #2975

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY

European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 60s, 5'3", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 35-55, with similar interests, for friendship. #2949

WISH UPON A STAR

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoys sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 38-54, 5'7", N/S. All calls will be answered. #2988

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive DWF, young, 49, 5'4", blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, movies, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #2912

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Pretty, 54 years young lady loves to travel, oceans, skin, good people. Still believes in kindness. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman, for sharing the wonders of life. #2913

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Are you a nice, kind, considerate, loving, caring, sharing, tall, nice-looking, financially secure, N/S, social drinking man seeking similar qualities in attractive, quality lady with a great personality? #2912

LADY IN WAITING

Good-looking 46, DBPCF, 5'5", 140lbs, N/S, enjoys traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SPCM, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #2125

STARTING OVER

DWF, 42, 5'10", N/S, ND, enjoys easy-going, fun, outgoing, and fun times. Enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, who is fun. #2926

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Married WF, 44, loves the outdoors, dancing and rustic camping. Seeking LTR with SWM, 30-48. Let's get together and see if we click. No games, no emotional baggage. #2973

ORIENTAL BEAUTY

Intelligent, educated SWF, seeks gentleman, 30-40, who is educated, for caring friendship, possible relationship. #2934

LOOKING FOR HONEST COMPANION

DWF, 43, medium build, seeks SWM, 43-50, who is employed, N/S, who is fun, outgoing, active and sports, for possible LTR. #2929

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

SWF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, N/S, seeks a gentleman, 40-50, who is fun, outgoing, and fun times. Seeking a gentleman, for a possible relationship. #2928

BEST FRIEND WANTED

Very classy, attractive, young WF, 45, 5'5", loves travel, day trips, snorkeling, dining, and see if we click. No games, no emotional baggage. #2973

EXCITING CLASSY DWF

Intelligent, attractive SWF, 57, 135lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, many interests, seeks sincere, tall SM, 45+, for monogamous, fun-filled relationship. #2923

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SMART SEXY & STILL SINGLE

SWF, 39, 5'5", 119lbs, who's professional, sophisticated, South Island, similar, between 39-59. I'm adventurous, optimistic, and romantic. You must be fun, outgoing, and value family and friends. #2922

I'M READY, ARE YOU?

Can you relate to my dilemma? Attractive SWF, seeks an open, honest, successful, fun-loving, 40-50, N/S, who loves life and challenges. If this is you, let's start with friendship, explore the possibilities. #2911

WOMAN WILL BOW UP OVER

Catholic DWF, 37, N/S, enjoys bowling, movies, theater, Red Wings, and more. Seeking honest, considerate SWM, N/S, to share interests, friendship, LTR, possible LTR. #2808

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

Honest, average-looking, easygoing SWF, 52 years young, 6', 120lbs, smoker, trying to quit, enjoys walks, talks, motorcycles, good looks, value family and good friends. Seeking similar in a male. #2893

A GREAT BEGINNING

Tall, attractive SWF enjoys movies, football, music and traveling. Seeking SWM, N/S, N/D, no dependents. #2892

60-SOMETHING GEMINI

Humorous, spiritual, spontaneous, outgoing, fun-loving, 60s, who is fun, outgoing, seeks tall, polished, intelligent, honest gentleman into doing things spontaneously, likes theater, music and travel. #2891

OUTGOING WINONA TYPE

...without the singing. Outgoing, fun female seeks somebody, 30-50, with a good sense of humor. #2810

PRETTY NATURE LOVER

SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, fit, fun spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 39-48. #2708

SEEKING SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

Honest, funny SWPM, 27, brown/brown, 6'3", 250lbs, athletic, enjoys sports, music, movies. Seeking an attractive SWF, 23-35, similar interests. Must be sweet, sincere and romantic. #2955

SINGLE IN REDMUD

Intelligent SWM, 5'10", 170lb, enjoys mountain biking, working out, dancing, camping, all sports. Basically fun loving easy going guy. Seeking SWF, HW proportionate, long-hair, likes to talk, interested in possible LTR. #2957

ARE YOU LONELY?

SWM, mid-60s, 5'10", 170lbs, receding gray hairline, green eyes, enjoys good friends, music, movies, intellectual, slow dancing, travel, romancing, getaway weekends. Seeking WF, 58-66, N/S, N/D, no dependents, possible LTR. #2948

HANDSOME BUSINESSMAN

Professional, sincere, romantic DWM, 52, 5'10", seeks honest woman, with sense of humor, for dating out, dancing, plays, weekend getaways, traveling. Seeking special friend to share great times with. #2941

LAVINIA AND FIT

Handsome, athletic, physically fit SWM, 50, 5'10", likes to go, work out, long walks on beach, movies, and travel. Seeking attractive, fit, slender SWF, 43-50, who enjoys life and what it has to offer. #2938

SEEKING ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed. Seeking attractive SWF, 18-35, HW proportionate, who is outgoing and enjoys sports. #2950

MY DAD WANTS

Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWM, 39, 5'7", brown/hazel, outgoing, outgoing, caring, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, possible relationship. West Bloomfield area. #2936

PASSIONATE

Sensual, intelligent, easygoing, gentle, fun, outgoing, SWF, 34, 5'10", who is fun, seeks sweet, attractive, sensual F, for fun times and possible LTR. #2946

CHRIS DRAPER LOOK-ALIKE

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I AM WHAT I AM

DWM, 50, 5'10", 160lbs, blue-collar, enjoys the movies, summer things, football, seeking a faithful SWF, 35-52, who I can talk to, make happy, maybe more. #2956

EMMA PEELE TYPE

Sought by SWPM, 38, 6', 185lbs, spirited, adventuresome, romantic, committed, sincere, sensual, willing to develop a monogamous LTR. #2909

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive, outgoing, intelligent, highly weight, college graduate, gentle, happy fun-loving SWF, 25-40, with sweet disposition. #2936

LOOKING FOR A NICE LADY

Sincere, outgoing, nice DWM, 40, N/D, N/S, enjoys rollerblading, bike riding, movies, relaxing, nice sunsets. Seeking fun-loving SWF, 35+, for friendship and relationship. Plymouth area. #2951

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Attractive, charming, career-minded SWF, 37, working on BA degree, seeks tall, attractive, churning-going, career-minded, fun-loving, 30-40, who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts, and dining. #2945

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ATTN: SWM, MID-20S

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ANY LOVE GOING TO WASTE?

Fun, outgoing, professional, DWF, from the western suburbs enjoys music, travel, canoeing, movies, theater, conversation and N Michigan. Seeks SWM with similar interests. #2910

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Rivers to host public forum

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, will host a public briefing, "Tax Cuts, Social Security and the Budget Surplus," at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. Rivers represents the 13th

District in Congress. The district includes the townships of Plymouth and Canton and the cities of Westland, Plymouth and Garden City. It also includes part of Livonia.

The program is designed to clarify the confusion surrounding the budget surplus, tax cuts

and the Social Security system. Rivers will begin the public briefing by addressing these topics, then she will open the floor for questions and comments from the audience.

For information, call Carrie Auster at Rivers' district office at (734) 741-4210.

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16 and 17, also for six weeks at the college's Livonia campus. Students can brush up on textbook reading, listening skills and memory retention so they can get off to a good start this fall.

Call (734) 462-4436 for information.

Columnist to teach animal behavior class

Schoolcraft College will offer a class in animal behavior this fall.

Taught by Observer Nature Columnist Tim Nowicki through the Department of Continuing Education, Animal Behavior will focus on the basic principles of

behavior in different animals, such as bird song, migration, predator and prey relationships, and communication.

This five-week class meets one night a week starting Monday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m.

For information, call Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Department at (734) 462-4448.

Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Park in Oakland County.

Software bug delays freeway sign system

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Motorists won't be reading messages on freeway overpass signs to aid them through traffic congestion just yet.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has postponed the activation of 54 freeway signs in the metro Detroit area, because software still must be coordinated to interact between the systems, according to a state official. The signs were supposed to be turned on by late August.

The signs are part of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation System, a \$33 million expansion of a 32-mile traffic management system to 148 miles on Detroit area freeways, including I-75, I-96, I-94, I-275 and I-696. The

signs will assist motorists and alert them of construction tie-ups and accidents on these freeways.

Robert Parsons, an MDOT spokesman, said the anticipated activation date of late August was delayed until mid- to late October.

"It's an elaborate system put together on a 'design-build' contract with a number of challenges before it was activated with a number of different technologies featuring fiber optics and a coaxial system," Parsons said.

"Putting it all together requires complex computer programs for two-way reliability."

Parsons said the message information is received by the sign, then posted. Television cameras send pictures

back to MITS so operators know the message is indeed posted.

"There are difficulties in the software side of it, not the hardware side," Parsons said. "They really are at a point that once they fix difficulties with the software, the whole system will be turned on."

MDOT officials demonstrated the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems Center in Detroit, it shares with State Police to reporters in July. Cameras took pictures of traffic at several locations, and signs were activated for the tests at that time.

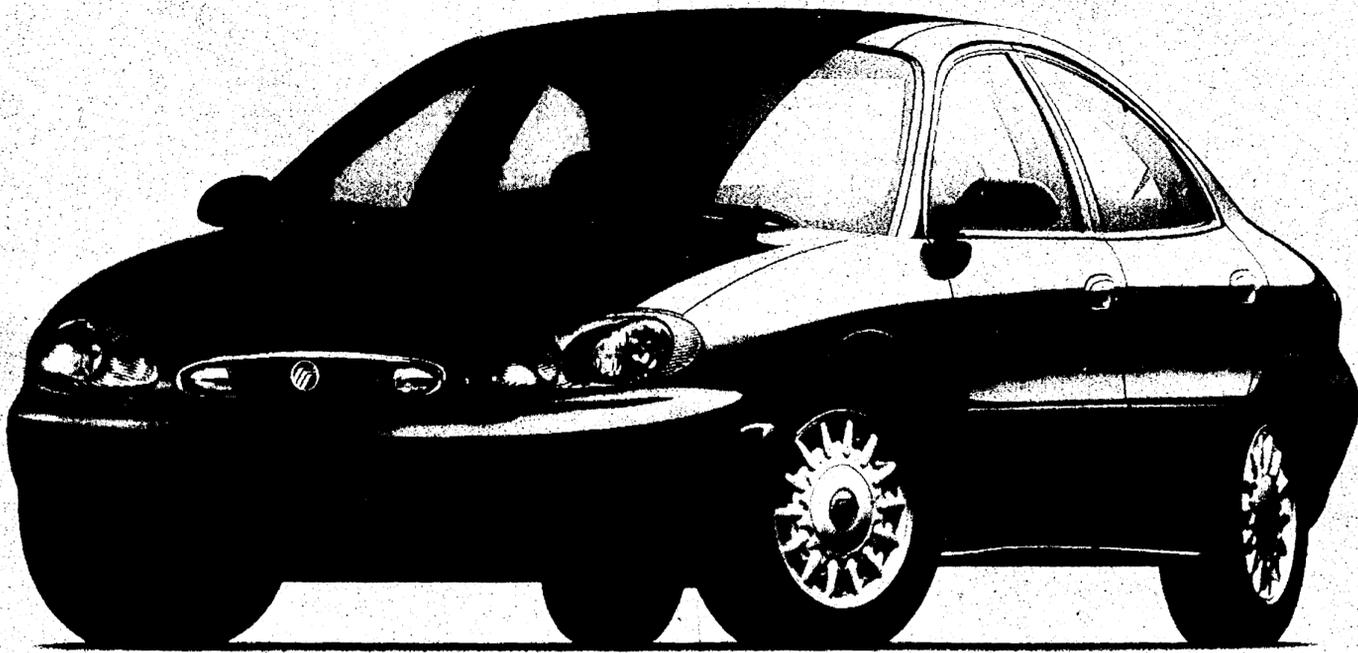
Parsons said it was all a matter of coordinating "all that activity" with the computer software.

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McNamara calls for arbitration in airline strike

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara believes the airline industry needs compulsory arbitration hearings to resolve contract disputes. He favors a system similar to one used by police and firefighter unions in Michigan.

McNamara made his comments on day four — Tuesday — of the strike by Northwest Airlines pilots. The strike has forced the airlines to cancel hundreds of flights and in turn has affected local air travelers at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport.

"Unfortunately, what (the airlines) have is a monopoly," McNamara said. "They are no different from the telephone, water or utility companies. These are things that are necessary to sustain life."

"I don't think they should be allowed to strike. I think it's a horrible mistake."

McNamara said his office has not gauged the strike's economic impact, but knows it hits the area hard. It has silenced the terminals at Detroit Metro, where Northwest runs the hub of traffic there with about 70 percent of Metro's flights.

McNamara talked with White House officials and representatives from Northwest's management and pilots union on Monday in separate conversations. President Clinton has decided at this time not to intervene, but U.S. Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater met with Northwest President and CEO John Dasburg and leaders of the pilots' union Tuesday.

"They said they are monitoring it, but I don't know what the hell that is," McNamara said about the White House. "I think they just want this thing to go away."

McNamara was not taking sides, either.

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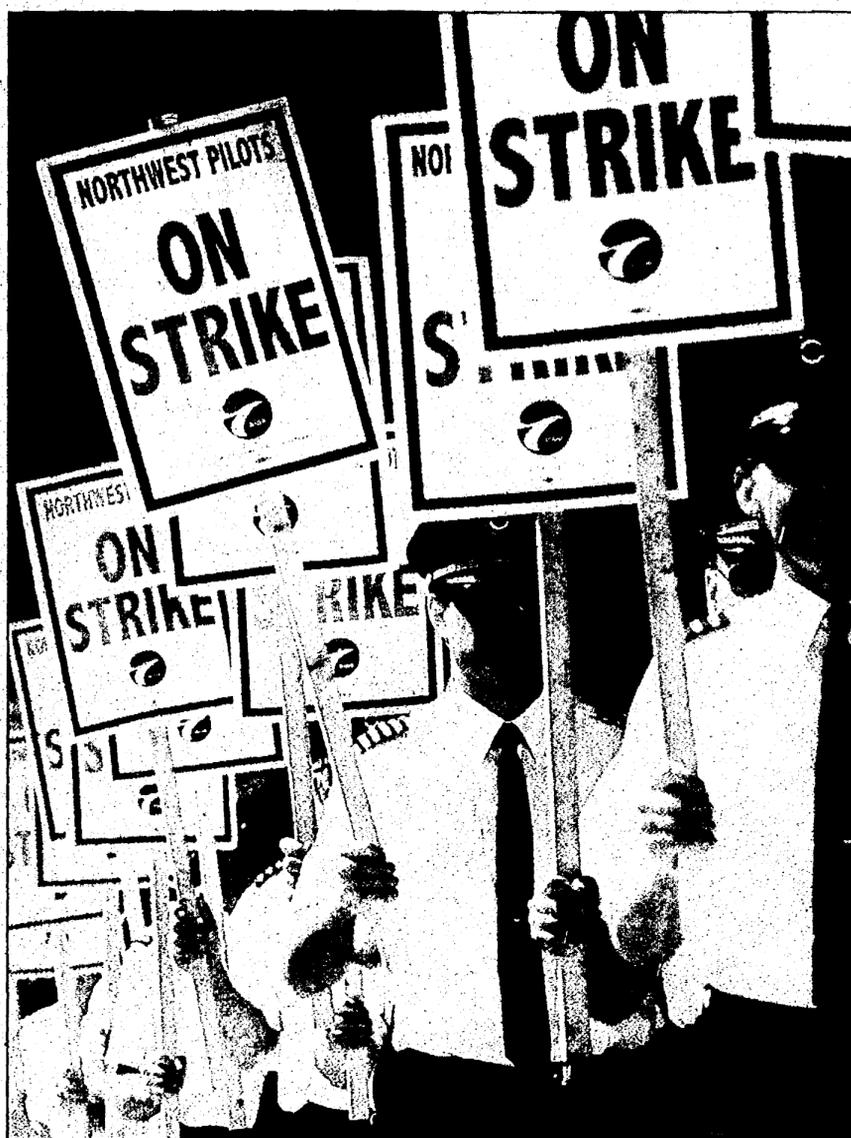
McNamara opposes new regulations on airlines. "That would be foolish. All they would do is build another new building in Washington, fill it with file cabinets and bureaucrats and start to say no to the airlines." If an airline wanted to add a flight between Detroit and a city in Arizona, it would take two years for regulators to reject it, McNamara said.

"Regulation is the wrong answer."

Police and fire unions can obtain a new contract through Act 312 arbitration. An arbitrator rules on one side or the other for each issue of contention between the negotiating parties. "If one side wants a 6 percent wage hike, and the other might want them to work 10 consecutive days under a new contract, they can resolve their differences through arbitration," McNamara said. "That's what we need here."

Despite the labor dispute, McNamara said he has not lost respect for Northwest. "I'm very disappointed with both of them and that this could not have been resolved without a work stoppage."

To prepare for the strike, Wayne County officials set up four passenger assistance coun-



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Grounded: Northwest pilots walk the picket Monday at Detroit Metro Airport.

ters in the terminals to inform travelers about travel options and alternatives. Brochures have been prepared which offer travelers information about other airlines, ground transportation, hotels and restau-

rants.

Strike continues

Travel agents went about their business as usual, even through Northwest's cancellation of flights late last week.

Fred Mena, owner of Westland Travel, said he hadn't felt any effect on his business when contacted just hours before the strike deadline. The airlines

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Airport chief says expansion on target

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

David Katz doesn't believe the Northwest strike will impact the \$2 billion expansion at Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, but he acknowledged it is devastating to this region's economy.

The strike means \$9 million in lost tourism revenue for Michigan, Katz said Wednesday at a lunch with the Canton Economic Club. Gift shops at the airport are down 55-60 percent, along with huge business losses for taxicab companies and restaurants in Romulus. The airport itself brings \$4.2 billion into the area a year. Katz compared the airport's impact to five auto plants.

"Everybody's down. It has a snowballing effect."

The county also is losing \$90,000 a day in passenger facility charges, an approximate \$3 per person surcharge on airline tickets to be dedicated to airport capital improvements. "These are dollars we will never get again," Katz said.

But Katz later said during a question-and-answer session that the airport expansion is financed by \$1 billion in airport bonds. "Those dollars are in the bank. These are revenue-backed bonds."

If one revenue source falls short, "the airlines pick up the difference," Katz said.

Katz wore a green vest to reflect the airport's efforts at improving customer service, particularly during the strike. "These green-vested employees have helped some 6,000 citizens since Friday," Katz said. "We're in the information business right now."

Katz held up a brochure specially printed for the strike with

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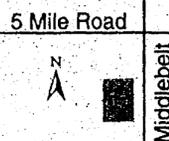
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lists of routes flown by airlines other than Northwest, restaurants, bus and Amtrak schedules.

Airlines generally select a hub from which to operate, Katz said, so Northwest's selection of Detroit is not that unusual. Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago were two examples given by Katz of other hub airports.

"People ask why don't you have another airline come in. Well, they paid billions of dollars to invest in airports in Cleveland and Cincinnati. That (moving the hub) doesn't make a whole lot of economic sense."

On the bright side, Katz highlighted some of the airport expansion improvements. "All 65 rest rooms are scheduled to be renovated by the end of 1998. Twenty have been done so far."

About \$2 million was spent on

a curbfront renovation to triple the parking along Lower Rogell Drive. Electronic and mechanical improvements have been made in security for nearly \$500,000. "Security is very important to us, especially with all of the things going on in the world."

Katz said County Executive Edward McNamara telephoned Northwest's union and management officials every day to get them back to the bargaining table.

"He's telling people that this strike needs to be resolved without hurting the rest of us," Katz said. "He's telling (Clinton) 'please step in, Mister President.'"

Steve Ragan of Plymouth, a former assistant to the airport's deputy director during the 1980s and now employed with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann

Arbor, said Katz has accomplished much in the short time he has directed the airport.

"I think the county has reacted to the strike wonderfully. They have responded well to a difficult situation. Katz has kind of thrown off the mold."

Ragan agrees with the county's efforts to get Clinton to step in. "The effect on our local economy, along with the GM strike, can be devastating. (McNamara's) proposal that there ought to be legislation for binding arbitration in these situations makes a lot of sense."

Jeff Enyeart, vice president and general manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Farmington Hills, said: "(Katz's) numbers are right on."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

On target: Airport Director Dave Katz told guests at the Canton Economic Club Wednesday that the strike won't affect expansion plans at the airport.

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positioned themselves where their clients are left in an "awkward situation," but the "cooling off" period before the strike gave Mena enough time to notify the public about the problem.

"Of course we warned them of a potential strike. People were already taking precautionary steps."

The only ones who would be affected were those who booked

more than 30 days in advance, but for others who booked more recently, they could be directed elsewhere. "Thank goodness we knew about it ahead of time," Mena said.

Suzie Merucci, a travel consultant with All Aboard Travel in Livonia, said about 20 percent of that office's clients booked with another airline before the strike for events such as weddings.

"They are booking whenever

it's possible, but for our corporate travelers, Northwest is the only one that flies nonstop to several business districts."

Travelers can check the status of the strike on its Web site at www.nwa.com or they can call Northwest at (800) 225-2525. They are eligible for refunds or re-accommodations on other airlines.

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Fieger left the crowd cheering with his first major speech since winning the Aug. 3 primary.

'Rockin' the boat'

"Many politicians told me, 'Sit down, Fieger, you're rockin' the boat.' But the people all said, 'Stand up, Fieger, you're rockin' the boat.'"

Fieger - who irritated many in his own party by calling Archbishop Adam Maida a nut, referring to Jesus as "a goofball who got nailed to a cross" and threatening to "kick John Engler's fat ass" - pledged that "you will see a gentler, kinder Geoff Fieger."

When delegates protested, "No, no," Fieger said, "OK, just so I can kick his (Engler's) gluteus maximus all across the state. See, I'm learnin'."

"I never attended the Specs Howard School of Political Doubletalk," Fieger said.

"I'm angry and grieving for those workers in Flushing killed in an accident that could have been prevented had not the governor vetoed a bipartisan bill to protect worker safety. That won't happen during Fieger time."

He referred to the Aug. 25 accident when a wall collapsed

during work on a high school project. Under a 1937 state law, public school construction sites are exempt from state inspections. Four workers died.

"Republicans won't give money to protect job safety, but they'll give millions to corporate executives to learn to speak German or to learn stress-reduction techniques. They're gonna need it with me."

"We'll wean business from government handouts. I will require drug testing of all corporate executives before they get corporate welfare."

"I will not give a penny of money to private education," Fieger said after ripping a voucher plan endorsed by many Republican candidates.

"Nobody owns me, and nobody can buy me out. I will serve without salary."

Fieger promised to end the single business tax and reduce the sales tax, gasoline tax, real estate transfer tax and fees "that are disguised taxes." He promised to fully fund special education.

And he closed on a note that had unionists cheering uproariously:

"Michigan will never become a

'right-to-work' state."

Ticket filled

The party nominated Fieger's choice for lieutenant governor, state Rep. James Agee of Muskegon (see related story), and three Supreme Court candidates:

■ Incumbent Justice Michael Cavanagh, seeking a third term, and Wayne Circuit Judge Susan D. Borman, both seeking full eight-year terms.

■ Wayne Circuit Judge Carole F. Youngblood for the short term challenging Republican incumbent Cliff Taylor.

Youngblood's nominator, U.S. Rep. David Bonior of Macomb County, praised her for certifying a class-action lawsuit against an insurer that had refused to pay for bone-marrow transplants, "ending the insurance company's tactic of divide and delay."

Meanwhile, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce attacked Youngblood for failing to file a pre-convention campaign finance report with the state on time, suggesting she was hiding contributions from lawyers who file personal injury lawsuits.

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Timely issue Child-care woes vex parents

Residents of a Westland neighborhood were very vocal recently with criticism of plans to open a child-care center in their midst.

While we understand the concerns of nearby neighbors as far as safety and noise issues, we do think the issue of the availability of child care was pushed to the side.

The proposal to open a child-care facility for up to 40 children at a time was rejected by the Westland City Council after residents came forward to complain.

We hope Terry Leberle, the Westland woman who proposed the new business at a former medical office at Warren Road at Bison, will consider locating at another Westland site.

Leberle's plan was to provide daytime care as well as evening care for children of parents who work the afternoon shift. She called that type of child-care virtually non-existent, and we think that type of child-care is definitely needed.

For example, in 1990, 7.2 million mothers with 11.7 million children under the age of 15 worked full or part time during non-standard hours, according to Census Bureau statistics.

Leberle's proposal was rejected as many residents felt it wouldn't be a good fit with the neighborhood, and emotions run high sometimes when proposals take on a negative spin.

But, the issue of child care is one that many parents must deal with on a daily basis.

From child-care centers that close during the holiday season to those that aren't open past 6:30 or 7 p.m., working parents must do a

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lot of juggling and rearranging of schedules.

But dual-working parents and their child-care needs is a trend that isn't going away.

Consider:

■ In 1995 there were about 21 million infants, toddlers and preschool children in the United States, more than 12.9 million of these children were in child care, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

■ In 1994, 62 percent of married mothers with a child under age 6 were in the workforce, compared with 30 percent in 1970, according to the center.

■ Eight out of 10 employed mothers with children under 6 are likely to use some form of nonparental child-care arrangement, according to the center.

Since Leberle's plan was rejected, she now must come up with a new proposal to bring before city officials if she hopes to open a business. She has said she will still consider Westland.

We hope that she or another child-care provider can come up with a site and a plan the city and neighbors can find more palatable. A center offering extended child-care services would almost certainly be a draw for working parents from Westland as well as neighboring communities.

Workers deserve recognition

A couple of years ago on Labor Day, we noted how major corporations were playing down the contributions of their workers.

They quit showing employment figures on page 2 of their annual reports and hid them on page 57, almost as an afterthought.

They stopped featuring photos of workers and concentrated instead on pictures of the products. The old notion of a company being a three-legged stool - with management and customers being the other two legs - had gone out the window by 1996. In its place was an unstable two-legged stool, and workers were reduced to a trash heap called "downsizing" or "right-sizing."

What a difference a couple of years have made! Today, there are worker shortages. Companies are being advised to treat research and scientific workers better.

Companies are being driven to improve their employee communications and training efforts, according to R&D Magazine's annual career satisfaction survey, sponsored by Kelly Scientific Resources.

Kelly Scientific Resources is the scientific business unit division of the area company we know as Kelly Services. Kelly Services provides more than 800,000 employees annually in office services, accounting, engineering, information technology, legal, scientific, marketing, light industrial and home care.

The majority of research workers were satisfied in their positions and praised their employers for being more open to new ideas, providing better job performance feedback and providing more opportunities for training and development.

Numerous R&D survey results support these findings. For example:

■ Nearly 58 percent of respondents said

their employers are open to new ideas, versus only 34 percent in 1997.

■ More than 57 percent said employers are providing feedback about job performance, versus only 49 percent last year.

■ Nearly 60 percent said their employer offers them training and professional development opportunities.

Rolf Kleiner, senior vice president and general manager of Kelly Scientific Resources, said, "In today's labor market, retaining employees is especially critical, and employers are getting that message from their employees. When you find good people, you need to work extra hard at keeping them challenged and growing."

The survey results show that company efforts are paying off. More than 35 percent of respondents say that in five years they plan to be in a better job with their current company.

Tim Studt, editor in chief of R&D Magazine, said, "Our research has consistently shown that scientists like what they do and intend to stay with their current companies. However, this year's results point out that today's employers understand that maintaining employee loyalty requires action on their part. Today's managers of research companies are working hard to communicate and listen better."

The R&D survey was sent to 5,000 research and development professionals in the U.S. and Canada. More than 33 percent responded.

Now it's time for all companies to recognize that all workers at all levels deserve recognition for new ideas, feedback and training. And while they're at it, corporate annual reports should recognize growth in employment, not just earnings per share, as a benchmark of corporate success.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

New era slogans

Our mom and pop 401(k) investors have become "true believers" in the new era cult of equities. Unfortunately, this has been encouraged by the Wall Street-Washington elite for many years now.

Like most true believers, mom and pop are a little fuzzy on the theological underpinnings of their new faith. But they know all the slogans.

"Buy the dip." "It always goes up." "I'm in it for the long term."

But there is a problem. The slogans aren't true.

To those who say the stock market always goes up, I humbly suggest a careful study of the 1930s and 1970s.

Technically, and in general, many stocks do go up because they reflect the sum total inputs of billions of people who go to work every morning, and hopefully "add value" to some aspect of the global economy.

But periods of speculative excess do tend to creep in. And it is the extraction of speculative excesses that give the stock market its historically bad name.

Unfortunately, the extractive process is so long and painful that few people can tolerate it over the long term. Sooner or later, they get out. True "bear markets" can last for years and take 40 to 80 percent of a person's invested money.

True bear markets are not these sharp one-day drops followed instantly by an "apology rally" that we have become used to of late.

But, be advised, there is one new era slogan that sadly may accurately describe the recent unpleasantness on Wall Street.

"It's different this time."

Walter Warren
 Westland

Apparently, it did not appreciate the business we had given it over the years to put forth any effort to retain us as customers. Certainly it knew that Americast was courting MediaOne customers, but it sat idly by and let them be drawn away. That makes me wonder if it is or was truly interested in providing service.

Years ago, thanks to government interference, MediaOne's predecessor cable company won a monopoly in Westland. Everyone was in its grasp. It was "take it or leave it." Now, Americast, a new kid allowed to be on the block, won a war without even a battle. That's not competition! That's surrender or cave-in. And another reason why citizens must demand that government remain out of their lives and their choices. We could have had cheaper prices all along without the monopoly imposed on Westland residents.

Beatrice Scalise
 Westland

Analogy falls short

I just didn't get the analogy between choosing your child's school and choosing judges and police officers in Tim Richard's article about "Engler campaign literature" in last Thursday's paper. And labeling School Choice Yes as a "sinister" group is downright silly. The whole point is that the schools got into really bad shape as a monopoly. They've been providing a worse education at a higher price than many private and parochial schools. Competition is already making them more accountable and cost-effective. Tim's clearly biased and poorly thought out article is editorializing, not reporting.

Pamela Boyd
 Clarkston

Monopoly woes

Your front page discussed competition between two cable companies in Westland. Yet I see the term competition as describing two or more agents vying for the same end. When Americast came calling, it came with cheaper prices but fewer premium channels for that price. We heard nothing from MediaOne. Not a letter; not a call; no bartering for price.

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What are your plans for Labor Day weekend?

We asked this question at the Westland post office.



"None whatsoever. Just stay at home with the kids and grand-kids."

Don Petreer



"I'll just stay at home and enjoy the family and take advantage of the good weather."

Bob Picl



"Just whatever my girlfriend tells me to do."

Bob Frenette



"I'm going to my papa's (grandfather's) to visit."

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Vacation fun times also available close to home

The first week of our July vacation, my husband and I headed to Goderich, Ontario, north of Sarnia. We enjoyed our time there, including lazy days on the Lake Huron beach. When we returned home, however, the fun wasn't over.

That second week of time off in mid-July beckoned, and we responded. It started that Sunday with a trip to Toledo with my church group, Geneva Presbyterian in Canton, to see the Mud Hens play baseball. They lost to the Buffalo Bisons, but the loss didn't spoil our fun. That day, we dined with the others from church at Tony Packo's, made famous by Jamie Farr's Klinger on the TV show "M*A*S*H."

The other sports-related highlight of the week was a Wednesday trek to The Palace to see the Detroit Shock take on the Washington Mystics. The Shock won in a game that was not all

that close (scorewise or in distance) but was enjoyable.

I'd never been to The Palace before, but my husband warned me it would be roughly 35 miles each way from our Plymouth Township home. I'd watched women's basketball on TV and was excited about seeing the pros play. In fact, I'd never seen a pro basketball game, only high school and college.

I kept a particularly close eye on Lynette Woodard of the Shock, who at 39 is my age. The Shock tickets were only \$8, which made for an inexpensive evening, too, although the parking was the standard issue \$6 charged when the Pistons play. I couldn't resist another Shock T-shirt, giving me a total of two plus the one I'd bought earlier for my dad. (I figure women wear sports apparel for male teams, so why not the reverse?) Another highlight of the week was



JULIE BROWN

a trip to the Detroit Zoo. I visited the Penguinarium, my favorite, and was surprised to note it had opened in 1968. I remember that well.

The butterfly garden was another pleasant stop at the zoo, and I would have stayed longer but didn't want to let it get too crowded. We also rode the zoo train that day, and didn't mind the 50 cents per person charge. Our vacation also included a "Ply-

mouth culture" day, with visits to the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts (home of the Plymouth Community Arts Council), the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth Historical Museum. At the latter, we enjoyed seeing the Abraham Lincoln collection of Dr. Weldon Petz.

It wasn't during vacation, but our summer months have included two visits to Greenfield Village with friends Phil Setla and Pam Young of Redford. I'd been under the mistaken impression the Dearborn spot hadn't changed much since my school-day visits, and was pleasantly surprised.

This last time we went, on a Sunday, we heard a spirited discussion between two actors portraying Wilbur and Orville Wright as young men. A number of others were there during the weekend celebration emancipation, with men portraying black soldiers of the 19th century and George

Washington Carver.

We also watched a baseball re-enactment from the late 19th century, and it was interesting to see how the game's rules and terminology have changed.

My point is simply that our region has a great deal to offer in terms of fun things to do. I'm glad we got out and did all we did this summer. We have two weeks of vacation coming up, and will spend the second doing fun stuff close to home. Cranbrook, Frankenmuth, who knows? We won't be able to do it all, but we'll certainly enjoy what we can do.

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Loan sharks swim in many waters these days

In American folklore, businessmen - particularly financiers - were fiscally conservative.

They deplored our nation's "tobogganing into the murky valleys of deficit finance," according to a novel of the 1950s. They shrieked at the "sea of red ink" in which the federal government was awash. A Republican joke of that era was about the Gov. Soapy Williams cocktail - "Michigan on the rocks."

"A family can't spend more than it takes in for very long," they used to say, "and neither can the government."

Families, too, were advised to "pay as you go." Conventional consumer wisdom warned against borrowing for anything but the house and car; then maybe for durable consumer goods.

In the 1970s, however, we began hearing that we were an entire nation of squanderers. The government's debt was so large that it was soaking

up all the available new capital.

Results: Young couples couldn't get loans for a new house, or else had to pay interest rates that an earlier generation would have considered usury. People starting businesses couldn't get capital. Women entrepreneurs, in particular, were bitter at the financial system for failing to make capital available for the kinds of service industries women were wont to enter.

Suddenly this year we are seeing an explosion of invitations to go into debt. What's more, the financiers are inviting us to mortgage our homes for non-necessities. I quote from UC Lending's "special offer" to get its MasterCard (R):

"Go out to dinner. Take a vacation," it says beguilingly. "Every time you use it, you access your home equity loan."

Naturally, the company wants to protect itself doubly. When you blow a bundle in Hawaii or Vegas, you put

up your home as security. If you die or change identities, you can "add peace of mind by adding mortgage protection insurance to your UC Lending loan."

In other words, you borrow not to finance the business you are starting to produce your patented invention; you borrow not for the shelter of your family; you mortgage your family's shelter for banquets and vacations.

Metropolitan Financial Inc.'s brochure has a picture of a beach umbrella, a sand castle and an oceanic cloud formation. "Want to pay off all your bills right now? Go on vacation? ... It's easy! With summer here, now is the time to make your dreams happen!" it begins. "We'll custom design a Second Trust Deed home loan up to 125 percent of your home value, no equity required."

One can only shudder at the prospect of naive consumers, who think the good times will roll on fore-

er and Northwest Airlines will never be struck, getting sucked into the morass. In the past, they lost their purchases to the repo man. Now they are invited to lose their houses. It strikes me as a bad way to run a household.

And it's all the more shocking because business is encouraging it.

For some folks with strong eyes, there is a way to keep these invitations to extravagance out of your mailbox. One company, in very tiny, gray type, has put this notice on the bottom of its advertising:

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TIM RICHARD

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That, they say, should keep the loan sharks out of your mailbox.

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Fieger's gifts at the podium could go a long way in governor's race

I attended the Michigan Democratic Party's state convention in Lansing over the weekend.

I wanted to see what Geoffrey Fieger was really like and what kind of ticket he could put together to counter the blizzard of negative publicity he experienced ever since he won the Democratic nomination for governor.

(Let the record also show that I also went to be nominated to run statewide for another term on the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Perceptive readers should be alert for any hint of bias in what follows.)

To my ears at least, Fieger is, indeed, a great speaker. He's passionate, emotional, articulate - sometimes eloquent and sometimes merely loud. He does have the capacity, so rare these days, of truly moving a crowd, especially younger people. If he ever succeeds in getting John Engler onto the same platform with him, watch out!

Fieger also made a smart move in picking state Rep. Jim Agee, a former teacher and school superintendent from Muskegon, to join the ticket as lieutenant governor. Agee is well-respected as a low-key, decent and smart fellow, an expert on education and on the state budget.

Talk in the aisles at the (very nice and new) Lansing convention center was that Fieger intends to meld his rhetorical firepower with Agee's deep knowledge of Lansing minutiae to launch a wholesale assault on the wrongdoings of the Engler administration.

The strategy makes sense.

Harsh ad hominem attacks on John Engler's character and genetic antecedents may have helped Fieger score his big upset win in the Democratic primary. But they won't help him in a general election where he is already regarded by the media, at least, as a bombastic loose cannon. Better merge passion with substance between now and Nov. 3.

And, certainly, any administration that has gone on for eight long years will have plenty of skeletons in the closet that any incumbent governor would prefer not see the light of day. I'd bet there will be much ferocious talk between now and Election Day about school funding, the state Accident Fund, lax oversight over charter schools, lucrative state contracts let to big Republican Party contributors and so forth.

There is some evidence (mostly from Kent and Oakland counties, normally Republican, where Fieger ran unexpectedly well) that the state GOP organized the faithful to cross over and vote for Fieger in the Democratic primary



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on the theory that he would be easiest candidate for John Engler to defeat.

This may prove to be so, but I keep wondering about the old line that you'd better not wish for something too hard or you might wind up actually getting it. If the delegates to the Democratic convention are to be believed, the election for governor might wind up much tighter than the experts think.

Two concluding footnotes from the weekend in Lansing:

1. Jennifer Granholm, Northville Township resident who won nomination as attorney general, could be a real star. She's smart (Harvard Law School), experienced (top civil lawyer for Wayne County), attractive and a good speaker. When the assembled Democrats heard the Republican convention had dumped Scott Romney, Gov. Engler's pick for AG, for John Smetanka, big grins broke out all around the hall.

2. On grounds of the continuing labor dispute between labor and management, the Democrats continued to ban reporters from the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News from covering the convention. For a party desperate to showcase its nominees and ideas, continuing this symbolic feud with the largest circulation newspapers in the state is silly and self-destructive.

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I'm a full-figured, 34, 5'1", SW mom of one, with blonde hair and green eyes. I enjoy animals, outdoor sports, horseback riding and country music. If you are you open-minded and honest D/SWM, then give me a call. Ad# 5564

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DON'T MISS OUT

A down-to-earth, professional, Catholic SW mom of one, 42, 5'7", with blonde hair, has a great sense of humor and she is searching for a tall, fit, handsome, professional SWM, 42-48, for a possible relationship. Ad# 1431

DESERVING

She's an active, professional SWF, 38, 5'11", who enjoys music, art, church activities and is in search of a SWM, age unimportant, to share life with. Ad# 6755

REACH FOR THE STARS

Attractive, professional Catholic DW, 50, 5'9", looking for a retired SWJM, 50-70, 5'9" plus, who is outgoing and has a good sense of humor. I love dancing, walking in the parks and biking. Ad# 4847

IS IT YOU?

She's in search of a SWM, 42-50, for friendship first. She's a DWCF, 46, 5'2", who enjoys movies, dancing and concerts. Ad# 7893

HIGH STANDARDS

Say hello to this shy DW mom, 45, 5'8", seeking an old-fashioned, clean-cut, stable SWM, 45-52, who enjoys family-oriented fun. Ad# 3913

TELL NO TALE

She's a DBCF, 60, 5'6", who enjoys the theatre, Gospel music, walking and is in search of a gentle SM, 55-62, who is in search of Jesus. Ad# 2125

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

Pretty, petite, trim, DWCF, 57, 5'4", 118lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys soft music, dining out, dancing, the theatre and being outdoors, seeking a tall, handsome, romantic, fit SWCM. Ad# 5554

SPECIAL REQUEST

Here is a professional Catholic DW, 50, 5'8", who is seeking a Catholic SWM, 48-60, to spend quality time with. She loves walks on the beach, dining out and antiques. Ad# 3768

SIMPLY PUT

SWCF, 18, 5'4", 115lbs., long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys playing violin, music, dancing, horseback riding and animals, in search of an attractive SWCM, 18-25, with a sense of humor. Ad# 2121

HONESTY COUNTS

She's an attractive SW mom, 49, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, traveling and quiet evenings, in search of a tall, athletic SWM, 49-56, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 1148

BE KIND TO MY HEART

Shy and reserved SWCF, 31, 5'6", full-figured, seeks an understanding, kind, dependable SWCM, 50's, to share moonlit walks, movies, traveling and meaningful conversation. Ad# 3567

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THE TIME IS RIGHT

She's an outgoing, hardworking SWF, 45, 5'10", whose interests are antiques, flea markets and picnics, in search of a SWM, 40-60, to get to know. Ad# 9652

MAGIC IN THE AIR

Here is a sincere, employed SB mom, 25, 5'4", who enjoys going to church, traveling and reading, in search of a hardworking, professional SM, 28-40, for companionship, possible long-term relationship. Ad# 8273

FAMILY-ORIENTED

She is a quiet, reserved SW mom, 28, who enjoys picnics, long walks, coaching sports and is seeking an employed, caring SWM, who likes children. Ad# 8369

LEAVE YOUR NAME

A professional, educated SWCF, 45, enjoys reading, long walks, the theatre and dining out, is seeking a SWCM, with similar interests. Ad# 7646

SPECIAL REQUEST

She's an outgoing, witty SBCF, 42, 5'6", who enjoys outdoor activities, walking and reading, in search of an honorable SM, 46-50, for companionship. Ad# 3154

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Youthful SWF, 38, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, is seeking a handsome, sincere, honest SWM, over 35, to share mutual interests and friendship. Ad# 2356

ENERGIZED

She's an outgoing DW mom, 42, 5'2", with red hair, brown eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, rollerblading and quiet evenings, in search of a SWM, 37-49. Ad# 7623

EASYGOING

Protestant DW, 60, 5'8", with a great personality, enjoys dining out and dancing. She is seeking a tall WWWW, 65, with similar interests. Ad# 1305

WITH HOPE

Catholic SWF, 33, 5'7", is looking for a friendly, sincere, Catholic SWM, 28+, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. She's a Red Wings fan and animal lover. Her hobbies are biking, tennis and walks. Ad# 1211

MISSING YOU

Are you looking for a bright Catholic DW, with a beautiful heart? She is 44, 5'1", with brown hair, who enjoys outdoors, dining out and walks in the park. She is looking for a Catholic SWM, 34-51, to share life. Ad# 3804

FEEL AT EASE...

She's a sweet, active, fun-loving SWF, 60, petite, who enjoys dancing, reading and the theatre, wishes to share interests and companionship with an easy-going SWM, 55-68. Ad# 9972

LOOK NO FURTHER

This Catholic DW mom of one, 26, 5'2", who is shy and reserved at first, enjoys dining out, walks, amusement parks and quiet evenings at home, is looking for a Catholic SWM, 25-35, for a possible relationship. Ad# 6969

MAYBE YOU & ME

She's a shy, never-married SWF, 34, 5'7", who enjoys baseball games, the outdoors and movies, in search of a athletic SWM, 28-39, for friendship first. Ad# 4211

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU

I'm a Catholic DW mom, 37, 5'5", professionally employed, pretty and have a great sense of humor. I'm looking to meet a Catholic SWM, 35-44, who enjoys gardening, the theater, dining out and dancing. Ad# 6644

MOVE QUICKLY

SWCF, 56, 5'2", 122lbs, blonde hair, green eyes, seeking a SWCM, 50-60, who is respectful and appreciates a good woman. Ad# 6258

MAKE THE CONNECTION

SWF, 34, 5'6", full-figured, who is a blue-eyed blonde, enjoys a wide variety of interests, is searching a SWM, 35-45, who has a positive outlook in life. Ad# 3064

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SO HOW ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing SWCF, 41, 5'7", a professional, enjoys outdoor activities, dining out, the theatre and more, seeks a SWCM, 30-45, who is serious about life. Ad# 5656

GET TO KNOW ME

Easygoing SWF, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, employed, enjoys being around family and friends, barbecues, working out, bowling and more, seeks a SWM, over 44. Ad# 1952

WELL-EDUCATED

Outgoing SWF, 62, 5'6", employed, enjoys singing, shopping, reading, traveling and flea markets, seeks an intelligent, active SWM, 55-65, who is a gentleman, for companionship. Ad# 2000

GOD COMES FIRST

Outgoing WWWW, 44, 5'6", employed, enjoys traveling, walking, reading and exercising, seeks a SWJM, 44-58, who loves God, for friendship first. Ad# 7788

THIS IS IT

Outgoing and friendly SWC mom, 38, 5'9", enjoys dining out, movies, casinos, Bible study, seeks SWCM, 38-48, with similar interests. Ad# 1859

MAKE A WISH FOR ME

SWCF, 50, 5'7", brunette, enjoys church and long walks, seeks a SWM, 38+, with good communication skills, for friendship first. Ad# 7454

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE

Personable SWCF, 46, 5', participates in Christian activities, enjoys square dancing, listening to music, playing cards, boat races, singing, going to church and sports, seeking a SWCM, 43-53. Ad# 7328

CIRCLE THIS AD

Catholic, DW, 50, 5'1", outgoing, educated, enjoys sports, reading, traveling, gardening, seeks Catholic, SWM, 46-54, with similar interests. Ad# 1895

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

College-educated DBCF, 42, 5'5", easygoing, gentle, calm, enjoys Bible study, going to movies, learning new things, dining out and good conversation, seeks a SCM, 40-56, to share quiet times with. Ad# 8355

Christian Men Seeking Christian Women

JUST YOU AND I

Catholic SWM, 44, 6', who enjoys youth ministry, seeks a slender, Catholic S/DWF, 25-40, who is marriage-minded, fun-loving and sincere. Ad# 4232

CIRCLE THIS AD

This SWCM, 50, 5'11", 180lbs., with black hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, movies and children, is in search of a SWCF, 40-50, who is marriage-minded. Ad# 3580

IT HAS TO BE YOU

Handsome SWM, 44, 6'1", 190lbs., who enjoys outdoor activities, dining out and quiet times at home, is searching for a slender, romantic SWF, 28-44. Ad# 1313

A TRUE GENTLEMAN

Hardworking Catholic SWM, 29, 6', is searching for a Catholic SWF, over 23, who is romantic and kind, patient with children and the elderly, loves horses and puppies. Ad# 3208

A TRUE ROMANTIC

SWM, 46, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWF, 36-49, who enjoys music, movies, camping, family activities and sports. Ad# 3121

JUST YOU AND I

Handsome SBM, 35, 5'5", 155lbs., seeks a SCF, 25-37, with a great personality. He enjoys Bible study, bowling and playing tennis. Ad# 6989

FRIENDLY NATURE

Professional, Catholic SWM, 36, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, enjoys working out and romantic dinners. He is in search of a fit, Catholic SWF, 23-38, with similar interests. Ad# 7001

WHAT A TREAT

Easygoing SWM, 24, 6'2", who enjoys movies, dining out and spending time with friends, seeks a SWF, 18-28. Ad# 2222

INFINITE AFFECTION

He's an outgoing, attractive, professional Catholic SWM, 38, 6', N/S, who enjoys sports, music, dining out, the rewards of hard work and the theatre, in search of an above-average, loving Catholic SWF, 23-37, with similar interests. Ad# 6769

BORN-AGAIN

An outgoing and friendly, he's a professional DBC dad of two, 42, 6'2", 182lbs., who enjoys Bible study, travel, golf, music and seeks an attractive, fit, mature SCF, 28-40, without children, for fellowship which may lead to more. Ad# 1204

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EASY TO PLEASE

He's an outgoing, friendly SBM, 25, an employed student, who likes barbecues, spending time with family and friends, outdoor sports and is looking to meet a sincere, honest SBF, for good times. Ad# 7000

DEEP BELIEFS

He's a trim, muscular, professional SWM, 26, who is involved in church activities. His hobbies are working around his home, riding his motorcycle, going to church and is looking for a SWF, 22-27, who likes a good conversation. Ad# 1234

THE SEARCH IS OVER

Are you tired of being alone? Well let me keep you company. I'm a self-employed SW dad, 41, 5'11", who enjoys cooking, outdoor activities and is in search of an attractive SWCF, 27-35, children welcome. Ad# 7002

LOVING & CARING

Stable DW dad, 39, 5'5", is looking for a trustworthy SF who cares more about the heart than money. He likes walks, some sports and togetherness. Ad# 8315

RICH IN LOVE

Understanding is what this tall SW dad of two desires. He is seeking friendship with a SWF, 30-43, who enjoys life. Ad# 9882

THE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

He's an outgoing SWM, 32, 5'6", who enjoys hunting, fishing and bowling, in search of an attractive, petite, goal-oriented SWF, 24-36, who is not afraid to try new things. Ad# 1133

LONG-TERM

Take the time to listen to this SWCM, 40, 6'1", slim who is searching for a slender, athletic, attractive SWCF, who enjoys getaway weekends, playing golf and swimming. Ad# 5555

TELL ME ABOUT YOU

Never-married SWM, 31, 5'10", medium build, a Catholic, enjoys biking, rollerblading, going to movies, skiing and playing tennis, seeking a SWF, 24-35, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 7777

LISTEN CLOSELY

SWM, 37, 6'4", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes music, movies, dining out and church activities, is seeking a SWF, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad# 3968

LIGHT UP MY LIFE

Get together with this Catholic SWM, 39, 6'1". He's looking for a family-oriented, petite, romantic, sincere DW mom, 18-38. Ad# 4111

TRUE BLUE

Adventurous Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", hoping to meet a spontaneous, romantic and slender SWF, age unimportant, for friendship first. Ad# 2539

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

See a good movie with this handsome, outgoing DWM, 47, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who hopes to hear from a special SWF, 33-52, who is warm and compassionate. Ad# 8709

THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Open-minded, caring SWM, 22, 5'11", looking to share friendship and to develop a relationship with a SWF, under 25. Ad# 3323

TAKE A LOOK

Self-employed, shy and quiet, SWM, 30, 6'1", looking to share mutual interests, activities and friendship with a SWF, over 25, who enjoys swimming, sunsets and fun times. Ad# 3336

ARE YOU THE ONE?

A professional DWM, 51, 5'6", who is into honesty, spiritual and personal growth, good humor and fitness, is hoping to meet a petite SWF, under 5'4", 38-50, N/S, non-drinker, with the same beliefs. Ad# 6614

I'M LOOKING

SWM, 40, seeks a slender, athletic SWF, age unimportant, who enjoys golf, tennis, the outdoors, taking walks, the theatre and romantic times, to share a long-term relationship. Ad# 8025

TO THE POINT

This athletic SWM, 42, 6', enjoys working out and is seeking a slim DW Catholic F, of any age, to spend time with. Ad# 7287

SMILE WITH ME

I'm an outgoing Born-Again SWCM, 35, 6'3", who enjoys outdoor activities, sports, boating and am in search of a SCF, 24-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 3061

FAMILY-ORIENTED?

This athletic, sincere, professional, fun-loving Catholic SWM, 43, 6'1", has a wide variety of interests, seeks a spontaneous, slender, attractive, romantic SWF, race and age unimportant. Ad# 2613

MUTUAL RESPECT

He's a Catholic SWM, 30, 5'9" (180lbs.), who is athletic, N/S, non-drinker, physically fit and shy at first, seeking a slender, attractive, N/S, SWF, 24-33, who likes the outdoors, motocross,

COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

'Remarried with Kids': no easy task

Jim sat stoned-faced in the marriage counselor's office. His arms were folded tightly over his chest and his demeanor read, "Nothing's going to change this situation."

Becky, on the other hand, nervously rambled on, trying hard to explain to the counselor how Jim's dogmatic, authoritative bark did not endear him to her 16- and 14-year-olds.

"Jim has expected these kids to toe the line from the day we got married. He didn't bother to develop a relationship with them, he just started giving orders. They really resent him and frankly, it's caused so much strain, I'm not sure I want to stay with him."

Jim defended himself with, "I may be wrong, but I think kids need discipline, and Becky is a pushover. I was hoping that I could change that and not let them take advantage of her anymore, but it seems to have backfired. Now, I feel like all three of them are against me."

The "kid" problem in Jim and Becky's reconstituted family isn't unusual in blended families. And there are more remarriages than ever. The grueling statistics tell us that 51 percent of first marriages end in divorce. But a more startling but little-known fact is that 72 percent of second marriages fail, and worse yet, 93 percent of third marriages fail.

Why such dismal statistics? With first marriages, no longer are couples committed to "tough it out" as they did in the early and middle part of the century. As the 3-A's get more exposure and media attention (adultery, addiction, abuse), fewer people are willing to stay in a bad marriage.

Unique to second marriages are two dilemmas. The first is blending (or more truthfully, grinding) two sets of children together. Children never ask to be placed in new setups. It is not their natural desire to have step-parents and possibly step-siblings.

As Neil Kalter puts it: They fantasize about the "divorce fairy tale" which always means that mom and dad will get back together. Children can be an enormous obstacle to "remarriage bliss," if they are not considered in the equation, because frankly, "The Brady Bunch" ain't gonna happen.

Second, the new couple must bring together two households and two financial institutions. This involves working through questions like what to do with your current home and furnishings and how to combine money.

If you are in a remarriage or know someone who is, a free and invaluable workshop series is available to you. The 14-week seminar will address issues like improving communication, how to deal with stepchildren, how to combine money and much more.

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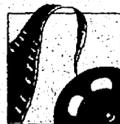
Jacquie Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

From here to L.A.

Salem grad finds film work is a perfect fit



Hard at work: Edmond Goff, 1989 Plymouth Salem High School graduate, works on remastering films at the Spelling Entertainment-owned Image Edit. When he's not at work, he is in pre-production for his first film which he will film in Detroit.



As a kid, Edmond Goff loved the movies, catching the latest release on the silver screen or on video tape. Little did he know then that it was he wanted to do as an adult.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

As an intern for VH1 in London, Edmond Goff worked on shoots with Lisa Stansfield and The Beautiful South, both low-key, adult-oriented pop bands. Having been in the United Kingdom for six months, Goff was admittedly a little homesick for American music.

But when a fellow American came by the VH1 and MTV studios, Goff got a taste of it in person.

"I was sitting there one day and a big huge entourage of black guys were walking down the hallway," Goff explained. "It was Snoop Doggy Dogg. The section that I worked in was really quiet. When he walked by production, everyone was surprised by how tall he is. But then he stopped and said, 'VH1, how come y'all don't play my (music).'"

Goff, a 1989 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, can spew vignettes like this at a drop of a hat. At 26, he's already worked overseas, studied at an experimental school in Washington state and worked for Aaron Spelling. Now, he is set to

begin work on his first film. "There's nothing else really I wanted to do," Goff explained about making a film. "I wasn't good with math or studying in school. I got my college degree and everything was a struggle to get. I always loved movies growing up. I would always rent them or go up to the cinema to see the latest blockbuster. I didn't know until I got older that this was what I wanted to do."

Goff, who now lives in Glendale, Calif., is working on pre-production for a film about his uncle who was shot to death at his workplace. "I'm trying to raise some money and find some investors and find a producer to help me bring this screenplay to the big screen. I haven't started casting yet, but I've talked to a few people from home."

Local actor Jerry Salas of the movie "The Incorporated" has agreed to appear. Other more well-known Michigan actors and actresses round out his wish list. He wants to keep it within Michigan.

"Basically, it's based on experiences that have happened in my life before I actually was able to find my own

way," he said. "Everything is real. Nothing is really fabricated. In keeping with the realism, I'd like to find Michigan people to play these roles."

"I want to do something positive for Detroit and Michigan filmmaking."

Close to the heart

The storyline is one that's close to his and his family's hearts.

"My uncle Rick was murdered while he was working for a trucking company in Detroit. Basically, an employee took his life. It destroyed my family in every possible way. The man who did it was acquitted. It's really a touchy subject," Goff said before pausing. "There was no justice for him. I have written a screenplay based on that. It's about the aftermath of losing this uncle whom he was very close with, coming to terms with things."

"Also in the story, a year passes and he's coming to terms now with the situation. You move on with your life. The world can be cruel but it can't be that bad."

The character travels to the countryside to be with his family for the one-year anniversary of the death of his uncle. When he returns home "everything is completely shattered. His apartment has been robbed. He feels violated again and it goes from there."

Upon graduating from Plymouth

Salem High School, Goff studied film at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. After his fourth year, he traveled to California to do an internship with the now-defunct Savoy Pictures. Goff maintained the script library.

"If we're looking for a rewrite for a specific title, we'll look maybe for a writer with experience writing comedy," he said. "When they're looking to attach a writer to (a project), they'll look through their spec scripts in the library."

By that time he decided that he "hated Ypsilanti and that I wasn't going to come back." He moved to Seattle, earned Washington state residency and enrolled in Evergreen State College in Olympia.

"It started to get too hot (in California)," he said. "I'm not a real tropical person. I like rain and I like moisture."

Evergreen State is a small liberal arts school that boasts alumni such as Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," Michael Richards, who played Kramer on "Seinfeld," and Jonathan Peneman, the founder of SubPop Records.

"It's a really small liberal arts school, something that you don't even think exists; it's a school where you don't have to take any prerequisites," he said. "You take what you want to"

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Mission work gives her new perspective on life



Guest speaker: Lindsay Fuqua of Garden City will speak about her mission work in Ecuador during next weekend's "River Rush" at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Lindsay Fuqua is nestled in her seat on the vine-covered back deck of her parents' Garden City home. The petite 18-year-old girl tucks her green-corduroy clad legs close to her and says something that usually isn't heard.

"I love poverty; I love the simple life. I don't want to be too dependent on that. What I do have is nice. But if I get bogged down and frustrated by it, I'll get rid of it so I can be simple," she explained.

The Garden City High School senior learned about poverty during a her mission work this summer in Ecuador with Compassion International and in Brazil with her church, Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. She was so taken by the Ecuadorian mission that she hopes to move there after graduating from Colorado Christian University.

In Ecuador, she was able to chose a child to sponsor.

"I hadn't sponsored anyone before. When I saw this girl, I said 'This is the one I want to sponsor,' she said. "Her house only had two

rooms, it was really tiny. We read our favorite psalms out of the Bible, and sang songs and colored. I gave her my sweater, which was huge on her."

"We had a relationship based on God. I called her my sister in Christ. It was neat to see someone in another country learn about their relationship with God."

Fuqua and Brian Henderson of Detroit will speak about their experiences in Ecuador as part of "River Rush," a two-day event at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit with Extreme Arena Sports action, world-class communicators training in life skills of leadership for youth and music concerts.

The event, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, features musical guests Steven Curtis Chapman, DC Talk, Jennifer Knapp, Out of Eden and Greg and Rebecca Sparks.

"River Rush is an opportunity for young people to explore their leadership potential. It's a two-day event designed to give them skills that lead to character and skills that lead to the seven marks of a

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young leader," said Steven Thomas, executive producer of Young River Ministries in Farmington Hills and "River Rush."

Fuqua will be joined by guest speakers Dawson McAllister, Stacey Foster, comedian Reggie Dabbs and musician Geoff Moore.

"I'm going to speak about my experiences and say I was there to encourage kids to take a step in your faith and sponsor a kid," she said. "It's not necessarily a promo for Compassion International. I just want kids to know that we have it good and other people don't."

"I sponsored a kid when I was in Ecuador and I want to see other kids take that step, too."

Cutting edge approach

Fuqua and Thomas describe the event as "Sesame Street meets MTV."

"All that means is we take a

cutting edge approach and combine it with a straight-forward approach to the program. 'Sesame Street' may devote a whole show to the letter A, but you like to watch the whole show," Thomas explained.

Musician Moore said he hopes the eight-city event will ward off images of stereotypes of Christian events.

"There's some feeling that sometimes the mainstream thinks these events are filled with people wearing polyester suits and blue hair," said Moore, who grew up in the Flint area.

"That's not true, he added.

"We really want to communicate to people who haven't been exposed to a lot of Christian events and that they're not cheesy," he said. "They're great. Whether somebody would necessarily agree with what's being said or you, you couldn't help but feel like it was being done with a

lot of passion and a lot of heart. That's the core of great art."

Young River Ministries was founded in 1937. As a testament to its success, Thomas pulled an old promotional poster out of a file cabinet in its two-story office. It advertised its 20th anniversary rally in March 1958 at Olympia Stadium, featuring an appearance by a "young hot-shot preacher" - Billy Graham.

Since Thomas came to Young River Ministries in 1993, he has promoted DC Talk and Amy Grant shows at The Palace of Auburn Hills and the Newboys show at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. The organization has left that work behind to do "River Rush."

"We really want to focus on developing young people's hearts and minds and less on entertaining them," he said.

Christian home

Fuqua, the daughter of Keith and Dolores Fuqua, explained that she was raised in a Christian home. Her brother, Jason, 22, has been a camp counselor for Bear Lake Bible Camp near Manistee.

"Since I was 4, my dad always prayed with me before I went to sleep," Fuqua said. "But it didn't become real to me until I was 12 and I went to this seminar in Cincinnati with my church."

"I chose to seek Him; I wanted to see Him; I've had a relationship with Him ever since."

Thomas accompanied Fuqua and other students from around the United States on its mission to Ecuador Aug. 10-16.

Before embarking on her missions, Fuqua and the rest of the group had a \$250 series of inoculations against malaria, yellow fever and hepatitis A, B and C. She has to take medication to ward off malaria for eight weeks

following her return.

"We went with a film crew who basically captured their response as they encountered Third World poverty in Ecuador," Thomas said. "We had a debriefing at night and asked them questions related to these seven marks."

Those marks are based on the book of Ephesians in the Bible - a passionate purpose, unmistakable integrity, a handle on humility, deeper relationships, supernatural access, unshakable knowledge and fearless in communication.

Besides the poverty, Fuqua was also struck by the beauty of the country.

"In Ecuador they had these Indians called Quechuan. They wear dark blue skirts and poofy shirts, hippie shirts almost. They were embroidered," she said. "It was neat to see a different culture. Here I am wearing jeans and T-shirts and they're wearing

elaborate clothes.

"This girl, she was 2 years old. She had the outfit on with a poofy hat because it was kind of cold. She fell asleep in my arms. Her mother came up to me and asked me if I could take her back to America with me, so she could have a better life."

She declined her invitation but quickly commented on the values of modern society.

"Money kind of makes us too dependent on things. We should give it to other people who need it. We don't need money. We want money."

"River Rush" takes place 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joe Louis Arena, Detroit. Tickets are \$49 in advance, \$69 at the door. Tickets are available by calling Young River Ministries at (888) 680-RUSH (7874) or on its Web site at <http://www.riverush.com>

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take and every trimester you change programs. Instead of taking three or four classes, you take one program and meet three times a week."

Grades were not given at the school. Instead, students evalu-

ated themselves as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

"What a student can do as part of their learning is do a contract," he said. "Basically, someone will, say, start a record company, do all those things and

find an instructor to support him in that. SubPop started out as a contract."

His last year of school, Goff exhausted all of the film and production classes that were available, so he worked out a contract to intern for VHI in the United Kingdom.

To boost his resume, he worked on promotional material to advertise special events like the "Artist of the Month," a

weekend dedicated to the Beatles and "Take it to the Bridge," VH1 UK's version of "Unplugged."

When his internship ended in June 1997, he wasn't thrilled about leaving England.

"My girlfriend lives over there," he said. His girlfriend, who is from France, is a stewardess for Eurostar whom he met through his roommates.

"I was hoping when I moved to

London that I'd meet some French people; I'm just a big fan of French new wave," he said. "There's a lot of French directors that I look up to. I came there and I roomed with these two guys, one from Paris. We got along great. They didn't fit the stereotype about the French."

Still, Goff moved to California to work for the Spelling Entertainment-owned Image Edit, which includes the library of Spelling Entertainment television shows and Republic Pictures. He works on remastering films.

"What I do is I work with film and tape. I get orders from all over the world for our programs. The Republic library is massive. It holds quite a few Roy Rogers westerns, John Wayne films, 'It's a Wonderful Life,' a lot of films from the old glory days of Hollywood pictures."

"If the film hasn't been digitally transferred to video, we do that. When we do that, we clean up those little white speckles on the screen. It fills in those little gaps and cleans it up."

Another program he uses cleans up the sound.

"We run the soundtrack through it and it cleans it up just amazingly. They don't like to use it in all things. In some old movies, it's good to keep little crackles in there because it represents an old movie."

There are some of the perks of working for Aaron Spelling, the man responsible for "Beverly Hills 90210," "The Love Boat," and "Charlie's Angels."

"I went to the Spelling Christmas party. There were people there from '90210,' 'Melrose Place,'" he said. "I met Judge Judy. She's just like the person you see on television. That's her personality."

In his spare time, he plays the guitar and sees plenty of independent films. One day, he hopes to see his film on the big screen. In the meantime, he's keeping everything in check.

"I would like to move into sales. I'm trying to maybe do that so if all else fails, I'll have something to fall back on."

Potential investors interested in financing Goff's film can contact him on the Web at www.earthlink.net or at (818) 502-1089.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a 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 17, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following:

- Solicitation of public comments regarding a Special use Permit for a proposed carryout restaurant to be located in an existing Building.

Applicant: Fook Shui Leung
1700 Levan
Livonia, MI 48154

Project Location: 6773 Middlebelt

Legal Description: Lots 2552 through 2557 and the north ten feet of lot 2558, Folker's Garden City Acres No. 17, as recorded in Liber 54, Page 38, WCR.

Zoned: C-1, Local Business District.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

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LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154
6-16 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES
(FOR PAYMENT JULY, 1999)

Bids will be received until 2:30 P.M. on the 21st day of September 1998 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

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 low bidder, with rationale to support such a decision.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Eileen Urick, Purchasing Supervisor at 734-523-9165.

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

VILLAGE PAINTERS

The Village Painters will have their third annual Treasure Chest craft show 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Peggy at (734) 379-3934.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, or table rental, call (248) 426-6227.

ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 426-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ST. AIDAN'S

St. Aidan's Women's Guild will have a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the activity center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. There will be a bake sale, craft raffle and hot lunches. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN

Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 25th annual "Festival of Fashion '98" 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3737.

ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

RAMALLAH CLUB

Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23-25 at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Table rental is \$30 for one day or \$60 for three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its seventh annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7245.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI

Crafters are wanted for a craft show Oct. 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford, sponsored by the St. Jude Circle. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or (313) 522-2963.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile, Livonia. 10-by-10-foot or 6-by-16-foot spaces cost \$50. Chairs are available on request and limited electricity at no additional charge. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (734) 478-2395.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Crafters are wanted for Madonna University's 14th annual arts and crafts showcase from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7-8 in the Activities Center on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, at Levan, Livonia. Booth space (9-by-6 with two chairs and 6-by-8 table) costs \$50 for either Saturday or Sunday, or \$90 for both days. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For an application or more information, call (734) 432-5603.

WESTLAND FREE METHODIST

The Westland Free Methodist Church will have a holiday craft fair and bake sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 1421 Venoy Road, Westland. Eight-foot tables are available to crafters at \$25 per space. For more information, call Tammy Balzer at (734) 595-4163.

ABUNDANT LIFE

Applications are being accepted for table rental at Abundant Life Church of God's annual Angelic Boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 2100 Hannan Road, Canton. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-0011 or Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul's Lutheran Church's 11th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt at Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Tables cost \$25 each. For more information, call (248) 476-0841.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is seeking crafters for its 16th arts and craft boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For information about tables, call (734) 722-8098 or (734) 722-1343.

ST. VALENTINE

Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's seventh annual holiday craft shoppe Nov. 21 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Crafters are needed for the Good Shepherd Reformed Church craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables are available at \$20 each and 8-foot long tables for \$25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA

Crafters are needed for the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA's annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For an application or more information, call (734) 721-7044.



Out for a walk: Members of the Grifka family, including Fred (center) and his nephew Troy (left) participated in last year's "Walk Home" along Hines Drive in Westland.

Stepping out
Organizers get ready for 'Walk Home'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

To say Ron Pritchard was a close friend of the family is a misnomer, according to Melanie Grifka. A close friend of her brother Andrew, Pritchard was an integral part of the family for 10 years.

When he died two years ago, the family wanted to do something in his memory. At the funeral, gifts in lieu of flowers were directed to Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. and the Michigan Humane Society.

The response was "so overwhelming" that CHHCS approached the Grifkas about doing something more, so they put their efforts into organizing Ron Pritchard's "Walk Home," a benefit to raise money for CHHCS which fulfilled Pritchard's last wish to die at home.

"We know what it meant for Ron to be around his home when he died," said the Westland resident who is co-chairing the event with her brother Fred Grifka of Farmington Hills. "I was at the hospital every day and was there when Ron said he wanted to go home. He knew he was dying and knew where he wanted to be."

"We made one call to Community Hospice and they did everything."

The second annual "Walk Home" will be Saturday, Oct. 3, in Hines Park. The benefit will start with registration at 8 a.m. at the Nankin Mills picnic area in Westland. The walk, shaved down from seven to five miles

this year, will begin at 9 a.m.

Participants are asked to gather pledges for their walk. In return, they receive T-shirts and bags filled with assorted giveaways.

As an added incentive and bonus for walkers, there will be a drawing for prizes like gift certificates from Sports Authority and Laurel Park Place after the walk. There also will be a breakfast table with doughnuts, bagels and the like.

Walkers can pre-register by filling out the pledge form and returning to CHHCS, by Sept. 23 or by registering the day of the walk. For more information or a registration form/pledge sheet, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

Lending support

Jerry Millen, on-air personality at WKRK-FM Extreme Radio and voice of the Detroit Lions at the Silverdome, will be the celebrity chair.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Plymouth City Commissioner Ron Loiselle and Westland Mayor Robert Thomas will serve as the honorary chairs.

Helping the Grifkas organize this year's walk are their brother Andrew of Livonia, Marian Fricke of Dearborn Heights, Sue Hibbler of Northville, Cheri Craver of Westland, Paul Jednak of Redford, Judy Martin of Livonia and Sandra Sommer, CHHCS marketing and development coordinator.

Organized in a short period of

time last year, the event attracted 110 walkers and raised \$11,000 for construction of a CHHCS hospice home.

"We've gotten a lot of community involvement this year," said Melanie Grifka. "We only had five sponsors on the T-shirt last year and we have more than 10 this year."

Sponsoring the walk this year are the Robert Jones, Msgr. Hunt and Holy Family Knights of Columbus Councils, Westland Flatlanders Bow and Hunt Club, Village Ford, ReMax, Motor City Harley Davidson, Michigan Mobile Glass, Charisma Salon, Absopur, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Marriott Hotel, Fitness Factory and Mancino's Pizza and Grinders.

The Flatlanders Bow and Hunt Club was the first to respond last year and again this year with a \$1,000 donation, according to Melanie Grifka. Other donations include a day at the Charisma salon for the top pledge getter, an overnight at the Marriott and a twice weekly 10-week Fitness Factory fitness class.

Organizers also have been working with Ken Holland of the Detroit Red Wings to get memorabilia and possibly a few team members, depending on their

schedule, Melanie Grifka said.

More still needed

"We'd like as many sponsors as we can get ... sponsors as well as walkers who get pledges," added Fred Grifka. "We want to bring in the money, so Community Hospice can build a house where people can die with dignity in a home atmosphere."

"The walk will bring in the funds for building the home," said Sommer. "We want to try and make a home setting with 10-12 beds, and we need at least \$1 million to build the house."

Melanie Grifka believes that Pritchard is smiling now, knowing that he "is helping someone else who wants to die at home," that he's "helping with his memory."

"Last year he smiled on us with beautiful weather, this year he's smiling because it's bigger," said Melanie Grifka. "Ron was, is and always will be a special part of this family. He was a brother ... a brother-in-law. He filled a void in our family."

"With the kids, he was like Barney," added Fred Grifka. "When he walked into a room, the kids would flock to him. He took my brother and tamed him and turned him into the sophisticated attorney he is now."

AAUW holds silent auction at meeting

The Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women will begin its new club season with a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Genesis Room of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The business meeting will be followed by a pot luck supper and silent auction.

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Adoption agency holds meeting

People interested in information about international adoptions can attend a meeting, sponsored by Adoption Associates Inc., 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

The meeting will be in the Adoption Associates' office, Suite 110 of the Civic Center Office

Plaza, Orchard Lake and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The focus will be on adoptions from China, Guatemala, the Marshall Islands, Romania, Russia and Poland.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WALK HOME

The second annual Ron Pritchard's Walk Home benefiting Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, in Hines Park. Registration is at 8 a.m. with the five-mile walk at 9 a.m., beginning at the Nankin Mills site. Walkers get T-shirts. Prizes are awarded for the top pledge takers. (734) 522-4244.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

Books and objects on the subject of "Chili and Chili Peppers" from the collection of self-described chili-head Walter Warren of Westland are on display now through Sept. 15 at the Wayne Library.

AT THE LIBRARY

TRAINING

Training is 10:30 a.m. each Saturday for library patrons on the use of the public access catalogs. The computers are the modern-day equivalent of the traditional card catalog. These training sessions take about 15-20 minutes. Library staff will teach the fundamentals of using the public access catalogs and will answer questions. This training is free, and no registration is required.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library meet 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Call (734) 326-6123. Meetings last about one hour and are open to the public. The Friends also hold a Friends Shop Book Sale during regular library hours at the library.

RECREATION

SWIMMING HOURS

Westland Bailey outdoor swimming pool and water slide is open noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, Sept. 4-7. Price is \$5 per day. The pool will then close until Memorial Day weekend next year. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled is the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (734) 722-7620.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an adult introductory precision team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1091.

CHAMBER EVENTS

FIVE-STAR EXPO

A Five-Star Expo will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. The chambers of commerce involved include: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland. More than 70 tables will be available for members of the five chambers of commerce. An exhibition table will include a white tablecloth (skirting not provided) and an opportunity to hold a door prize drawing and offer giveaways. Packages available are: 8-foot or 10-foot table or space, \$100; 10-foot-by-2 1/2 foot (no table) space for free-

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FASHION SHOW

The Nicole's Revival Chamber Fashion Show will be returning Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Joy Manor. Nicole Christ, owner of the designer resale shop Nicole's Revival, is coordinator of the show. Sponsorships of \$100 are needed for the event for runways and equipment. For more information, call (734) 326-7222.

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is holding registration. Morning and afternoon classes are available. Call (734) 729-7222 for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in all classes 18 months through 5 years old. Located in Livonia bordering Westland. Call Michelle at (734) 421-6196.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparky Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, other pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tot's class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708 for more information.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3 and 4-year-olds. Registration for the 1998-99 school year has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 26279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

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Food donation: MediaOne employees (from left) Anne Shelton and Susanne Harwood present Humane Society worker Mary Movak with pet food collected from employees at MediaOne's Beck Road location. The pet food drive was part of the Animal Planet Rescue night hosted by MediaOne and Westland Center. More than 300 pounds of food was collected to benefit the shelter in Westland, with donations coming from Westland residents and MediaOne employees.

guage class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. An open house is planned for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau/Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool at 9601 W. Chicago, has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds. To enroll or for more information, call Donna at (734) 266-8185.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

DRESSES ON DISPLAY

The Westland Historical Museum is currently displaying wedding dresses and accessories. The items are from the 1930s, 1950s and 1960s. The museum is at 857 N. Wayne Road and is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. For more information, (734) 722-7632.

DINNER THEATER

A trip to a performance of "Phantom" at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, \$40 cost including lunch and show, is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 6. Departure from the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Cornwell's 11:30 a.m. for

lunch. Show time is 2 p.m. Return to the center between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Open to the first 19 paid members.

A trip to a performance of "Hooray for the Holidays" at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, \$40 cost including lunch and show, is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 10. Departure from the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Cornwell's 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Show time is 2 p.m. Return to the center between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Open to the first 19 paid members.

CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League for people 50 and older schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

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Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

PET-A-PET

The Pet-A-Pet Club, which offers pet visits to nursing home residents, needs special pets and people. Pets undergo a slight screening and need proof of shots to participate. Local sites include Camelot Hall Convalescent Center (Debbie McDermott, 427-3791, 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month), Garden City Rehab (Stacy Suida, (734) 422-2438, 3 p.m. the second Thursday of the month) and Roosevelt-McGrath School (Lynn Eichbrecht, (734) 591-3347, the last Wednesday of the month). Information is available from Ruth Curry, (313) 535-0410, or Daisy Doran, (313) 565-1981. There is a \$5 membership charge.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and the School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to Farmer Jack in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. Call (734) 326-3323.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh in Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. Call (734) 722-7632.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hot line: (734) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO

The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m.

Call (734) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

PEANUT DAY SALE

The Kiwanis Club of Westland will hold its annual Kiwanis Peanut Day Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during September. The event will be held at the intersections of Wayne and Warren roads and at Wayne and Ford roads.

CRAFT SHOW

Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23, 24 and 25, at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Table rentals are \$30 for one day or \$60 for all three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 622-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly; weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. For information, call Suzanne, (734) 728-8437.

RAILROADIANA

You can buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. To register for tables, call Norm at 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Preregistered tables are \$12, tables at the door (if available) are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419, anytime.

VFW AUXILIARY

Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will ensure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin at (734) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland in Livonia.

MOMS CLUB

The MOMS Club of Westland will meet 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church (east entrance), 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Newburgh in Livonia. Participants will discuss fall activities. Children are welcome at meetings of the group. For information, call Stephanie at (734) 266-2919.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or by fax to 734-592-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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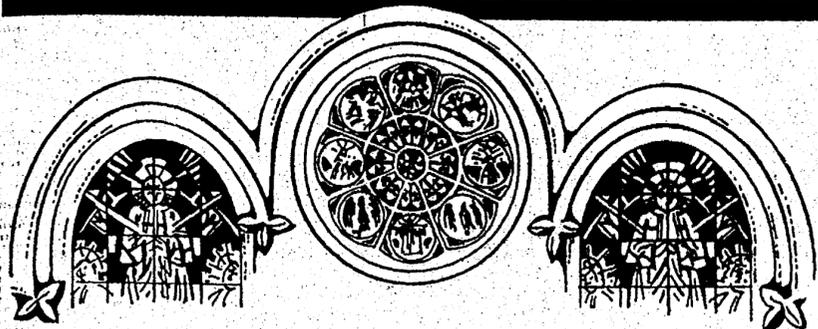
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Krider-Doyle

Robin Krider Kelly of Roseville announces the engagement of her daughter, Denyel Marie, to Larry Timothy Doyle, the son of Joyce E. Doyle of Livonia and the late John E. Doyle.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Center City High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She is employed in the human resources department for J.L. Hudson.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed by the State of Michigan as a civil engineer.



A September wedding is planned at the Michigan State Alumni Chapel.

Fucinari-Ahmet

Pauline Brandenburger of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Tara Lynn, to Joseph Lawrence Ahmet, the son of Jerry and Sandra Ahmet of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in design. She is employed by Workplace Integrators in Bingham Farms as a commercial designer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in telecommunications. He is employed by Compuware Corp. in Farmington Hills in professional services.

A February wedding is



planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.

Burkhart-Putman

Beatrice Burkhart of Livonia and James Burkhart of Norwood, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Marie, to John David Putman, the son of Marilyn Putman of Lake Forest, Calif., and Hugh T. Putman of Plano, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of

Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a senior auditor for Guaranty Federal Bank, FSB, in Dallas, Texas.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas, and a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas. He is employed as a senior auditor at Comerica Bank-Texas in Dallas, Texas.

A September wedding is planned at All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas.

Ebner-Rinehart

Mary Ann Rinehart and Gregory Ralph Ebner were married May 23 at San Carlos Cathedral in Monterey, Calif. The Rev. Jerry Maher performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hobbs of Colorado Springs, Colo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Ebner of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed as a recreation programs coordinator by California State University at Monterey Bay.

The groom is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is a captain in the U.S. Army.

The bride asked Cindy Wangelin, Linda Rinehart, Gillian Egan, Linda Durbin and Jennifer Arvia to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Martin



Ebner, Paul Ebner, Neil Ebner, Rob Rinehart and Capt. Pat Matthews to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Lake Tahoe, Calif. They are making their home in Monterey.

Jeffrey-Dobson

Barbara Jeffrey of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan, to Stanley Dobson of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She is employed as a nurse for Detroit Medical Centers.

Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Pennsylvania State University. He is employed as an engineer for Key Plastics in Novi.

A February wedding is planned in Maui, Hawaii.



Robertson-Connolly

Jim and Bonnie Robertson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lynn, to Christopher John Connolly, the son of Terry and Ellie Connolly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Wayne State University. She is employed at Crowley's corporate office as an assistant buyer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed at UC Lending in Troy.



An October wedding is planned at St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Longwell-Hubbard

Nanci and Chuck Cheseldine of Pell City, Ala., formerly of Livonia, and Gary Longwell announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Longwell, to Grant Roderick Hubbard, the son of Mike and Marilyn Hubbard of Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Franklin High School. She is employed as an assistant manager at Dayton Hudson.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and Eastern Michigan University. He is employed as a technical recruiter at EDP Con-



tract Services. The couple is planning a wedding in Maui, Hawaii.

Sovel-Gergis

James and Donna Sovel of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Catherine, to Terence Ramzi Gergis of Farmington Hills, the son of Ramzi and Mary Gergis of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Northwest Airlines.

Her fiancé is a 1987 Birmingham Groves High School graduate. He is employed in management at Ameritech.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Jacques-Malcomson

Henry and Claudia Jacques of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Ann, to Scott David Malcomson, the son of David and Janet Malcomson of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is employed by St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a bachelor's degree in sports medicine and athletic training.

A September wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.

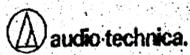


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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's Issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Little Lamba Preschool of Plymouth has openings in its 4-year-olds class. The preschool offers a low student-teacher ratio with experienced Christian teachers in a themed-based, academic program. For more information, call (734) 414-7792.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will feature Wayne Watson in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. The concert is free of charge, however, a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call the Single Point offices at (248) 374-5920.

Single Pointers will be riding to Northville via the 10275 bicycle trail and Hines Drive on Saturday, Sept. 5. The group will meet at the church at 11 a.m. Helmet are mandatory, and water bottles and locks are recommended. Participants should bring money for lunch or a picnic lunch.

Single Point also will offer a seven-week divorce recovery workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17, in Knox Hall. A donation of \$25 for pre-registration or \$30 at the door. Free child care is available. Call the Single Point office for more information.

HOLIDAYS

Rosh Hashanah services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. For Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre will be at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with services at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Calvary Baptist hosts Bobby Michaels

The first Christian artist to be allowed to tour the People's Republic of China in more than 40 years, Bobby Michaels will bring his music ministry to Calvary Baptist Church Sunday, Sept. 13.

Michaels will share in the 11 a.m. worship service, then be in concert at 6 p.m. at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Formerly a backup singer for notable entertainers like Freddy Fender, Linda Ronstadt, B.J. Thomas and John Denver, Michaels had a serious cocaine addiction when he found the truth of God and His gentle voice of forgiveness through

Jesus Christ.

In 1985, he teamed up with producer/arranger Kurt Kaiser in London's Abbey Road Studio to record his debut album, "I Have No Reason." The next album, "Time," produced by Dick Tunney, produced a highly acclaimed project heard in more than 32 countries.

Michaels, who performs more than 200 concerts a year around the world, made his historic concert tour of China in 1986. He now balances his work between national and international ministry, singing to many different nationalities on national television programs and through public

appearances.

His most recent project, a hymn entitled "This Is My Father's World," which appeals to all ages, promises hope and encouragement to all. It is receiving global play.

He is the founder and international director of the International Christian Academy of Performing and Fine Arts in South Africa, a non-racial, short-term seminar-based, interdenominational, equal opportunity school which is training all South African ethnic groups in music, drama and art.

For more information, call the church at (734) 455-0022.



Bobby Michaels

through May to provide support for mothers. The first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11.

Meetings include a devotion relevant to mothering, small-group discussion, crafts and refreshments. There also are periodic guest speakers and special presentations. Child care is provided.

The registration fee is \$20, and there is a \$5 per meeting charge to cover the cost of craft supplies, children's program expenses and paper products. To register or for more information, call Barb Pilat at (734) 953-0381 or (248) 344-1629.

BLOCK PARTY

Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The event was created to give people in the community an opportunity to meet with neighbors and make new friends. The party is free and will include food, live music, classic cars, games and prizes for the children, puppets, clowns and face painting. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

MOM TO MOM SALE

Sacred Heart Church will host a Mom to Mom sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Children's clothing, baby furniture and maternity items will be for sale. Admission will be \$1. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

WOMEN'S AGLOW

Diana Baily will be the speaker when Women's Aglow Westland/Canton Chapter meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 12, in the Community Room of AutoNation, 39600 Ford, Canton. Treasurer of the chapter, Baily is a single mother of a 3-year-old son and knows first-hand what it's like to juggle going to school and working full-time. Her love of the Lord makes her a motivator and encourager for Christ. She will share Biblical truths concerning God's will. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

Tickets for high holiday services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, will be on sale at the synagogue 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 6 and 13. They also are available by calling Marty Diskin at (248) 474-7616 or Jeff Kirsch at (248) 471-7389. Rosh Hashanah services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. For Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre will be at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with services at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization that pro-

vides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a Labor Day picnic, starting at noon, Monday, Sept. 7, in Pavilion No. 3 at Rotary Park, Six Mile west of Merriman, Livonia. Lunch will be at 2 p.m., and participants should bring a dish to pass and their drinks. Hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile west of Beech Daly, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974. For coffee and conversa-

tion at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook south of 13 Mile. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses as well as a Thursday Night Study Group, led by Barbara Cleverger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile west of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit its Web site at http://

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'CARAVAN'

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene will start its "Caravan" Scouting program for youth age 4 through the sixth grade on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, youth do activities with adult guides to achieve spiritual, mental, physical and social development in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Youths in first-sixth grades will earn badges in such areas as camping, cooking, physical fitness, Bible reading, crafts, first aid, personal care and many other topics. Children age 4 through kindergarten will be in the Caravan group called Benson's Buddies where activities and learning Bible verses are offered in a fun and exciting way.

The club meets 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

MOMS

Registration is being accepted for the 1998-99 MOMS (Mothers Out for the Morning) program at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. MOMS meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. two Fridays at month September

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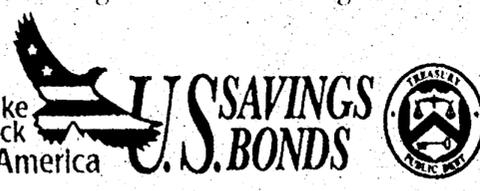
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reserved, little pockets of yesteryear that offer respite from the hustle and bustle of modern life. Anyone who shares our enthusiasm for historic homes would love the abundance in Cape May, N.J. It was one of the earliest Atlantic seashore vacation spots. Vacationers swarmed there in the 1700s even before the U.S. nation. Don and I drove there this August for the first time. Our 3-1/2-hour route from Manhattan along the lush Garden State Parkway was a far cry from travel two centuries ago. For example, it took Philadelphians four days by way of rutted, dirt roads to travel to Cape May. When possible motorists preferred traveling under sail by packet boat along the shore. Advances in 19th-century technology proved a boon to the city's economy. Steamboats brought

larger crowds; railroads were even more convenient. Ironically, though, the automobile drew people away from Cape May to closer and more modern resorts. Disasters also brought change. The Great Fire of 1878 burned the whole center of town, and 30 acres went up in smoke in just one day. Fire department assistance from Camden and Philadelphia, of course, arrived too late to do any good. The cataclysm marked the end of the large wooden hotels and the beginning of the ornate cottages that survive today. **Restoring and asset** Then, in 1962, a nor'easter pounded the New Jersey coast for three days, wreaking havoc on Cape May. We can empathize, having followed with horror the terrible devastation of such hurricanes as Andrew and Hugo. Assessing the extensive storm

damage, the town decided to restore its one remaining asset — the ugly wooden houses which many had been clamoring to tear down in the name of urban renewal. Restoration of the buildings gave Cape May a rebirth. Today, the entire city is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks. Many of Cape May's structures have highly ornate decorative detailing. The introduction of jig and scroll saws made possible the intricate wooden trims for peaks and wide porches, sometimes referred to by the non-technical but very descriptive "carpenter's lace." Some buildings are so elaborate that they are referred to as "wedding cake houses." Nothing is without its drawbacks, though. In Michigan, winters make us contend with the damaging effects of salt on our cars. In Cape May, dampness and salt mist from the sea harm

the wood and paint. Not only are repairs and painting constant companions of home and B&B owners, but multi-color schemes demand painstaking attention. Victorians loved detail; busier was better. A Queen Anne exterior, for example, typically was decked out with three to six colors. Part of Cape May's ambience as a step-back-in-time resort by the sea is that it offers pleasant cafes and shops in a quaint, outdoor pedestrian mall. Mere steps away lie sandy beaches and the Atlantic Ocean. Most of all, Cape May possesses an incredible concentration and mix of yesteryear's styles, which blend influences from both North and South. **A visual treat** It was a treat to visit Cape May, not only to drink in the visual array of historic houses, but also to note what they repre-

sented. We decry that, despite strides in recycling, we are still very much a throw-away society. But that is not true everywhere. Preservationists, homeowners and business people in Cape May worked together to fight the impulse of define progress as "out with the old, in with the new." As in other states, preservation efforts in Michigan are swelling. Individuals, communities, our state Historic Preservation Network all contribute to efforts that preserve our building heritage rather than tear it down. Cape May is a shining example of why historic preservation throughout our country is worth all the trouble. *Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.*

NEW VOICES

James and Barbara Kirtley of Westland announce the birth of Ashley Bryce May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dawson, Paul Kirtley of Romulus, and Shirley Kirtley of Augusta Township. Michael and Elaine Husken of Canton announce the birth of Rachel Lauren June 14 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Roy and Deana Husken of Sterling Heights and Gary and Beverly Bonus of Clinton Township. Nick J. Yarmak of Westland and Crystal D. LeBlanc of Livonia announce the birth of Alexis Marie May 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Michael J. and Patricia J. LeBlanc of Livonia, Alexander J. Yarmak of Wixom and Jane Yarmak of Westland. Great-grandparents are Francis and Deloris LeBlanc of Livonia. Jason and Brandi Ford of Inkster announce the birth of Fantasia Alime June 13 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Norman and Sue Browne of Westland and Ora Morris of Ypsilanti.

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Farmer of Canton announce the birth of Rachel Suzanne May 27 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Farmer of Clinton, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Jan Sharp of Laurel, Miss. David and Toni New of Westland announce the birth of Brandon Troy June 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Maurice and Kerry Sturm of Ohio and Luenda New of Westland. John Parkinson Jr. of Dearborn and Emily Pedersen of Garden City announce the birth of Jonathan William Parkinson May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Les and Marilyn Pedersen and Carol and John Parkinson. Christopher and Genevieve Mills of Wayne announce the birth of William Thomas June 9 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a brother, Jeremy Joseph. Grandparents are Grendon and Annice Mills of Garden City and William and Patricia Brunette of Inkster. Keith and Florence Champagne of Westland announce

the birth of Allyson Marie May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Alex, 3 1/2, and Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Lawrence and Patricia Brown of Wayne and Lillian Champagne of Dearborn Heights. Mark and Lisa Bianchi of South Lyon announce the birth of Ava Monet June 1 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Rico and Joan Bianchi and Chuck and Sharon Parmer, all of Plymouth. Great-grandmothers are Angelina Bianchi of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, and Frances Foster of Garden City. Kevin Przybylowicz and Sandra Murdza of Westland announce the birth of Savannah Bay Przybylowicz May 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Anthony and Anna Murdza of Dearborn Heights and Norbert Przybylowicz of Westland. Lisa and Bill Schultz of Romulus announce the birth of Hailee Ann June 27 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Karen and Walter Schmiede of Romulus, Pat Keller of Whitmore Lake and Bill Schultz of Redford.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

CYO volleyball champs

St. Robert's of Redford recently defeated St. Michael's of Livonia, 15-8, 15-10, to win the 12-team Ladywood Catholic Youth Organization Preseason girls volleyball tournament (grades 7-8).

Members of the St. Robert's squad include: Deana Binford, Becky Bulter, Ashley Cecil, Jackie Green, Kristen Kummer, Calli Lucas, Ginny Mager, Katie McDonald, Sara Robak, Anne Roosevelt, Amy Szymanski, Nikki Yesko.

The team is coached by Debby Karabees-Betts and Cameron Kompoltowicz.

Youth soccer runner-ups

The Livonia YMCA Meteors, an under-15 girls team, recently finished second in the Dearborn Invitational Soccer Tournament (Aug. 28-30), losing only to Birmingham in a championship shootout after two overtime periods.

Members of the Meteors include: Ashley Aja, Elizabeth DiPonio, Jamie Hartwick, Katherine Koch, Jennifer Kupstas, Rebecca Rogozan, Laura Shiskovsky, all of Livonia Stevenson; Jennie Bartkowiak, Elizabeth Obrecht, Livonia Ladywood; Meghan Parnell, Amy Sanders, Livonia Churchhill; Beth Leffingwell, Farmington; Melissa Hoyer, Farmington Hills Mercy; Larisa Fill, Deanna Kowalkowski, Kristy Ward, Northville; and Emily Shollack, Hartland.

The team is coached by Mike Peterson, Wally Kowalkowski and Derrick Steele. The team manager is Tina Bartkowiak.

The under-12 Livonia Y Meteors, coached by Frank Baker, also took second in the Dearborn Invitational.

They outscored their opponents, 13-3, including two shutouts, but lost 2-1 in sudden death overtime.

Members of the Meteors include: Annie Bernacki, Maureen Bielski, Melissa Brais, Kari Coleman, Kelli Godfrey, Danielle Holowecky, Laura Jetke, Kelly Kane, Ele Keeler, Jillian Mallory, Tara Manus, Jennifer Perkins, Tracy Repoz, Lindsay Rowe, Stefanie Stephens and Maggie Vaillancourt.

Westland drop-in hockey

Drop-in hockey will be offered from 10-11:45 a.m., Monday through Friday, Sept. 1, 1998 through April 16, 1999, at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

All players (18 and over) must wear full equipment, including helmets. The cost is \$5 per player (goalies skate free). Limit of 20 players.

Westland Arena also offers skate sharpening during drop-in hockey house for \$4.

For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Westland open skating

Open skating will be offered from noon-1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 1-2:45 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1 through April 19, 1999, at the Westland Sports Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood.

The cost Monday through Friday is \$1.75 for students and senior citizens and \$2.25 for adults; Saturdays and Sundays, \$2.75 and \$3.25, respectively.

Skate rental is available for \$2. Skate sharpening is also available for \$4.

For more information, call (734) 729-4560.

Group skating lessons

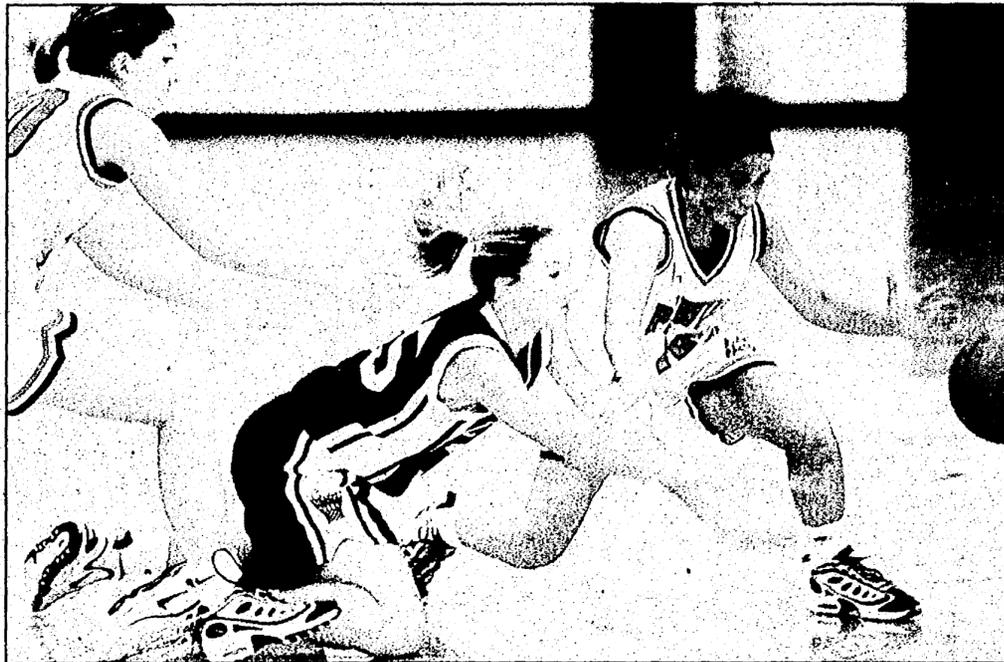
Figure skaters and hockey players can sign up for group lessons, 4:50-5:50 p.m. Mondays and 9-10:30 a.m. Saturdays, at the Westland Sports Arena.

The lessons are geared for beginners.

The cost for the seven-week program is \$36.75 (late registration is \$5 more after Sept. 12).

For more information, call Jenny Walker, figure skating director, at (734) 729-4560.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.



Mad scramble: Livonia Ladywood's Melissa Harakas (center) goes to the floor in pursuit of the ball as Sara Hughes (left) and Mary Wiesen (right) of Flint Powers contest.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Tough to take

Blazers can't hold lead, lose to Powers

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

■ GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday's season-opening loss to state-ranked Flint Powers Catholic may have been accepted by last year's Livonia Ladywood basketball team.

But times have changed. The 53-45 loss at Ladywood was hard to swallow for the Blazers, who let an 11-point third quarter lead disappear to one of Class B's better teams.

"Last year, this may have been a moral victory for us, but I told the team that we have to get past the moral victories," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "The way we lost was also tough because we were stuck on 33 for five minutes in the third quarter."

Actually, the Blazers were stuck on 33 points for 5:49. Powers, looking surprisingly bad for

the game's first 19 minutes, seemed to wake up as it went on a 19-1 run. The Chargers took a 36-33 lead into the fourth quarter and then outscored Ladywood 17-12 in the final eight minutes.

"The entire game was a wake-up call for us," Powers coach Kathy McGee said. "This might have been the best thing to happen to us - to get a wake-up call and still win the game. We are a better team than what we showed."

Part of the reason for Powers' poor play was the performances of several of its starters, according to McGee.

"I took out four of the starters in the third quarter and the result was that we got some fresh legs in the game,"

the Flint coach said. "We started beating them to the loose balls and that set the tone for the rest of the game for us."

Senior forward Marta Joseph led a balanced Powers scoring attack with 12 points. Sophomore center Kelly Koerber came off the bench to contribute 10 points and 12 rebounds.

The Blazers did shut down senior forward Aimee Pearson. The All-Stater finished with just six points on 2-for-12 shooting. She failed to reach double figures just once in 25 games last season.

Sophomore forward Michelle Harakas led Ladywood with a game-high 14 points, while senior guard Erin Hayden added 11. Sophomore forward Melissa Harakas netted 10 points.

The Blazers got off to a good start,

Please see **GAME, C2**

CC star injured during scrimmage

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

■ PREP FOOTBALL

Tuesday was the first day college football coaches, according to NCAA rules, could call high school seniors.

Instead of wishing Redford Catholic Central's two-way standout Casey Rogowski good luck in the upcoming season, the best any recruiters could tell him was to get well.

Rogowski, an all-state candidate at linebacker and fullback who lives in Livonia, broke the fibula bone in his right leg in a four-way scrimmage on Friday at Temperance-Bedford.

Rogowski's knee also was swollen from the injury and he was scheduled to undergo an MRI on Wednesday, he said. The injury will keep him out at least four to six weeks and possibly the season if his knee requires major

surgery, Rogowski said doctors told him.

He started at inside linebacker last year when the Shamrocks completed a 12-1 season with a Class AA state championship, their fourth this decade.

Rogowski, 6-foot-3 and 245 pounds, is a three-sport standout. He was the state's undefeated Division I heavyweight champion last year and in the spring batted over .400, earning All-Observer first-team baseball honors.

Rogowski is the second CC player lost to a major injury in the preseason. Leon Perez, a 6-5, 290-pound junior who was battling for a starting job on the offensive line, will miss the season with a broken ankle.

Rogowski said he'll be behind his team throughout the season even if it means only watching on crutches.

"They want to win and I still think

they're going to do it," he said. "I'll be there to contribute all I can."

Rogowski was taken off on a stretcher after injured on the third play of a scrimmage against Temperance-Bedford.

He was tackled by a Bedford player after receiving a fake hand-off from quarterback Dave Lusky. Rogowski did not have the ball.

"It was a play-action pass and I carried out the fake and the kid went for my knee," Rogowski said. "Either he thought I had the ball or something."

Rogowski said he had trouble sleeping Friday night. Pain was just one of the feelings he experienced since he was counting on his senior year to prove he's a major-college player.

"I was scared, disappointed," Rogowski said. "It felt horrible. I've broken fingers and my nose before, but that's about it."

See grid prognostications, C3.



Casey Rogowski
CC senior



Prep soccer action

Foot soldiers: Livonia Franklin's Dave Moldovan (left) and Westland John Glenn's Corey Dahn collide in going for the ball during Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game. Glenn pulled out a 2-0 victory to raise its early season record to 2-0. Franklin, meanwhile, playing its seventh game in 10 days, falls to 2-4-1. For a complete roundup of high school soccer games, see page C2.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

PRO HOCKEY

Bad knees force out Al Iafrate

Livonian tells Carolina he's done for now

Livonia native Al Iafrate's professional hockey career appears to be all but over.

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound defenseman, who played 12 seasons in the National Hockey League, will not report to the Carolina Hurricanes' training camp because his chronic bad knees have not responded to off-season rehabilitation efforts and treatments.

Reports say the 32-year-old Iafrate agreed to a base salary of \$300,000 with Carolina, a contract laced with incentives for games played along with productivity.

"We share Al's disappointment in having to announce his retirement," Hurricanes President and General Manager Jim Rutherford. "We knew when we signed him that his health may prove to be a question mark, but we had hoped he could contribute to our team this season."

"This is a unique situation, however, and Al should be commended for his decision to retire before coming to camp. He could at least have earned his base salary which we agreed a month ago. Instead, Al has decided to retire and forgo his contract with the Hurricanes."

Iafrate played in just 21 games last year for the San Jose Sharks before being picked by Nashville in the recent expansion draft.

He became a free agent on July 1, and 13 days later the Hurricanes had announced the two parties had agreed to terms.

Iafrate sat out the 1994-95 and 1995-96 seasons because of knee and back problems.

The Bentley High School product, chosen to play for the U.S. in the 1984 Olympics at the age of 16, was drafted in the first round by Toronto and played 6 1/2 seasons with the Leafs before being dealt to Washington in exchange for Bob Rouse and Peter Zezel during the 1990-91 season.

He enjoyed his best year NHL year with the Leafs in 1992-93, scoring a career-high 25 goals with 41 assists for 66 points. He also posted a plus-15 rating.

The following season he was traded to Boston (for Joe Juneau) where he feuded with Bruins management over treatment of his injuries.

That same season the NHL owners locked out the players for more than half the season.

After being out two seasons, the Bruins then traded Iafrate to the Sharks for Jeff Odgers and a 1996 fifth-round draft pick. He played a total of 59 games in San Jose.

Last season Iafrate scored two goals and added seven assists. He played in the first-round of the playoffs, scoring a goal, and later joined Team USA at the World Championships.

In 12 seasons, Iafrate played in 799 games, scoring 152 goals with 311 assists.

He is a four-time NHL All-Star selection with a slap shot clocked at 105 MPH. He won the NHL Skills competition for the hardest shot four different times.

This season, Iafrate was expected to bolster the Hurricanes' power-play.

Iafrate, who was unavailable for comment late Tuesday, could possibly undergo more knee surgery.

"From my understanding, he intends to have another knee operation and take all the necessary time to properly rehabilitate his knee," Rutherford said. "We wish him the best, and if his condition improves to the point where he plans to return to the NHL, the Carolina Hurricanes would be interested."

COLLEGE SOCCER ROUNDUP

Schoolcraft opens season impressively

What a way to start the season.

Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is taking its show on the road to Chicago for the first two weekends, playing four matches in that time before the start of the Region 12 season. The first road trip was last Friday and Saturday, when the Ocelots met — and defeated — junior varsity squads from Lewis University (Ill.) and Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Such a beginning raised SC coach Van Dimitriou's optimism level. It also answered a few questions about his team, although not all of them.

"We're going to be a very versatile team again," said Dimitriou. "I think we're going to be all right."

"We do have a lot of new people on the team. You can see that, instead of playing like a team, that everybody does their own thing for a few seconds when they first get the ball. That's what we're doing this week (in practice), that's what we're going to work on — team

situations."

Two of the positive things the team came away with last weekend were victories: 2-1 against Lewis on Friday and 3-1 over Valparaiso on Saturday.

In the win over Lewis, Naum Popovski (from Livonia Stevenson) knocked in the first goal, converting a pass from defender Aaron O'Neill. The goal came 10 minutes into the match.

Lewis tied it midway through the second half, but Scott Hulbert pounded home the game-winner for SC with 10 minutes left, punching in his own rebound after fielding a pass from Ayman Atwa (Livonia Franklin).

The first half against Valparaiso the following day was action-packed, with all four goals scored prior to the intermission. The Ocelots never trailed, getting a goal from Bart Mays (Livonia Stevenson) just seven minutes into the game when a Valparaiso defender inadvertently headed Mays' shot into his own net. O'Neill made it 2-0 10 minutes later, fielding a pass

from Rob Gumber and finishing it.

A 25-yard blast by Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) completed SC's scoring; Matt Nyholm assisted.

This weekend's trip doesn't figure to be any easier. The Ocelots play in a tournament outside Chicago against Prairie View CC at 1 p.m. Saturday and South Suburban CC at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Lady Ocelots rolling

If it's true that good things happen to good people, geez... SC women's soccer coach Bill Tolstedt must be ready for sainthood.

Tolstedt's Lady Ocelots opened their season by walloping Hillsdale University 7-2 Saturday at Hillsdale, leaving Tolstedt — starting his second season as coach — dumbfounded. "I'm pleasantly perplexed with this team," he said. "I just didn't view us as being this good this soon."

"It was a game we absolutely dominated. The pace was there, the enthusiasm was there. It was a well-played game from all

the way around the field. We're looking forward to heading out to New York (this weekend)."

They should be. SC has 16 goals in their two scrimmages and their first match, and the good news is it's coming from a half-dozen different players. In the win over Hillsdale, Annie Hagenah knocked in four goals and Shannon Konarski, Julie Majewski (Plymouth Canton) and Paola Cereghino got one apiece. Meghan Jannuzzi, Lisa Tolstedt and Hagenah added two assists apiece.

Now if that sounds fabulous, then get this: On Monday, Dawn Koontz, who led SC in scoring the year before Tolstedt took over as coach, came into his office and said she'd like to rejoin the team. Koontz, a Plymouth Canton graduate, netted 17 goals and six assists in '97.

Just what SC needs, going into its first major test of the season, at Monroe College in Rochester, N.Y. The Ocelots play the host team at 1 p.m. Saturday, then meet Genesee CC at noon Sunday.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Crusaders rule Durango

Anyone who might have thought the unexpected loss of some key personnel might knock Madonna University's volleyball team down a notch or two — well, think again.

The Lady Crusaders showed their mettle last weekend at the Skyhawk Volleyball Invitational in Durango, Colo., twice beating both Embury-Riddle and Colorado Mines en route to claiming the tournament title.

Sophomore middle hitter Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) and senior outside hitter Rayna Vert were named to the all-tournament team. Malewski finished with 83 kills in 19 games (3.3 per game), with six solo blocks, 18 block assists and 13 service aces; Vert had 66 kills (3.5 per game), 52 digs and 12 aces.

"We had a wonderful week," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "One thing I liked most — we were able to keep the pressure on. We showed good cohesiveness; we started well and kept going. And we got real good play off the bench."

The Crusaders opened last Friday with wins over Colorado Mines (15-7, 15-9, 15-10) and Fort Lewis (15-8, 13-15, 15-9, 15-9). On Saturday, they beat Embury-Riddle in two tough back-to-back matches (15-13, 15-17, 17-15, 15-9 and 15-5, 10-15, 15-2, 11-15, 15-12) before besting Colorado Mines in the championship match, 15-13, 15-9, 15-5, to finish the tourney with a 5-0 record.

In the final, Madonna showed it was not about to be dominated by one or two players. Nicole Burns led the Crusaders with 15 kills and a .591 kill percentage; Erin Cunningham had 11 kills, and Stephanie Uballe had eight kills and three block assists. Cunningham finished with 54 kills, while Burns had 48 and Uballe 31; Uballe also totaled four solos and 18 block assists in the tournament. Deanne Helsom collected 233 assists to kills (12.3 per game).



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Heads-up: Franklin's Ross Bohler controls the ball.

Glenn nips Franklin; Sicilia's 4 goals spark Chargers

Adam McGahan scored on a cross from Jim McPartlin with only seven minutes to play Monday, leading Westland John Glenn to a 2-1 boys soccer triumph over host Livonia Franklin.

The Rockets improved to 2-0 overall with the victory, while Franklin drops to 2-4-1.

Glenn led 1-0 at halftime on senior Ian Bain's goal in the 37th minute from Corey Dahn.

Franklin's Bill Fischer tied it with 16 minutes to go in the game on an assist from Mike Vega.

On Friday, the host Patriots lost to Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 2-0, in a non-leaguer.

•STEVENSON 7, W.L. WESTERN 1: Seven different players scored Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (3-0 overall) drilled Walled Lake Western.

Sergio Mainella opened the scoring on a penalty kick. He also had two assists.

Tom Eller and Nick Soper each contributed one goal and one assist. Jeff Budd, Martin Kennedy, Mike Thomas and Matt Freeman.

Mike White also drew an assist as the Spartans led 5-1 at intermission.

Joe Suchara (first half) and Joe Zawacki (second half) split time in the nets for Stevenson.

"We have a big game Wednesday at Canton and I was happy to see we didn't look past tonight's opponent," Stevenson first-year

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coach Lars Richters. "We were able to do some things to prepare for Wednesday, and the boys were able to get the job done."

•CHURCHILL 6, N. FARMINGTON 1: Mark Sicilia pumped in four goals and added one assist Monday, leading Livonia Churchill (3-0 overall) past host North Farmington (6-2 overall).

The Chargers led 3-0 at halftime.

George Kithas contributed two goals and two assists.

Rob Sharp, Josh Montheil and Eric Sicilia also drew assists.

Steve Kleczynski (first half) and Brian Druchniak (second half) combined in goal.

North's lone goal was scored by Craig Hearn in the second half.

"Our goal was to stop Hearn and make the rest of their players beat us," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "Our defense did a good job of keeping him in check. And when he went to midfield we pretty much shut him down."

•REDFORD CC 1, AA PIONEER 1: Junior midfielder Pat Griffin scored 15 minutes into the first half Tuesday, converting a pass from senior midfielder Andrew Kogut on a free kick.

"Some of our players made decoy runs to the right, Griffin peeled off to the left and Kogut slipped the ball right next to the wall," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "He was one-on-one with the

keeper, about eight or nine yards out and knocked it past him."

Host Pioneer tied the score about 15 minutes later on a header off a corner kick. The outcome left CC at 2-1-1 overall.

On Aug. 27, CC beat Riverview Gabriel Richard 7-0 in a Catholic League crossover game.

Josh Brooks led the Shamrocks with two goals. Kogut, Chris Podolak, Klai Shirin, Matt Epacs and Mark Sulkowski had one goal each.

Kogut assisted on three goals and Pat Gannon, Show and Podolak contributed one assist each.

•TRUMAN 5, WAYNE 4: Ken Raupp scored a pair of goals Monday, but it wasn't enough as the Wayne Memorial dropped its season opener at Taylor Truman.

Ention Dishnica and Tim Stark also scored goals for the Zebras.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 1, PCA 0: In a non-leaguer Tuesday at Lutheran Westland (1-1), senior co-captain Clint Gowen scored the game-winner with eight minutes to play against visiting Plymouth Christian Academy (1-1).

Senior co-captain Ryan Ollinger, moving up from sweeper to midfield, made the feed on the play.

Goalkeeper Andy Glesman turned in the shutout.

"We played better in the middle than we did in our 1-0 loss to Southfield Christian," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "I was pleased by the effort of everybody."

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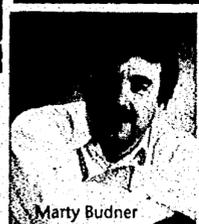
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEWS

CC No. 1; Churchill optimistic

The area boys cross country song has a familiar sound to it. Redford Catholic Central will be good again, but how good is up in the air.

Under coach Tony Magni, CC has won 12 Catholic League championships in 25 seasons, including eight of the last 10. The Shamrocks have done nearly as well in Class A regionals, winning four of six and 10 overall.

But four starters — Matt Shannon (first-team All-Area), Joe Hubert, Wayne Brigee and Mark Coleman — are gone from a team that won a regional championship at Royal Oak Kimball and placed 11th at the state meet.

Shannon was 31st individually at the state meet and the Shamrocks had three others among the top 70.

But they have another big team, some 60 runners competing for spots on the varsity and junior varsity.

Birmingham Brother Rice could be a major threat to end the Shamrocks' latest run, both in the league and at the regional, Magni said. The Warriors' Ben Evans is one of the top runners in the state.

"Our first two runners could beat their number two but after that it'll be a dogfight," Magni said.

The Shamrocks open their season Saturday, Sept. 12 at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

"We're not as deep among the top runners as we were in the past," Magni said. "We're a little thin right now and that might hurt us."

Eight seniors returned led by Dan Jess, Jim Curtiss (first-team All-Area), Mark Repasky and Brian Kuszynski.

Curtiss ran 16:33 at the league meet, finishing eighth, and took 16th at the regional.

Jess put in his miles over the summer despite also putting in time with the CC basketball team at camps.

"I've never really had basketball player runners before," Magni said. "Dan will be one of the best runners around. He is probably the one that stands out more than any other, doing well in both sports."

Another senior, Brian Hannah, had mononucleosis in the spring and had to skip the track season.

Junior John DiGiovanni is "going to be one of the better ones around," according to Magni. "He was a very good sophomore."

A pair of sophomores, Matt Daly and Tim Henderson, have looked impressive in the preseason, according to Magni.

"Hopefully they can step up and be varsity runners sometimes," Magni said.

Livonia Churchill

Coach John McGreevy is in his fourth year of his five-year plan of putting the Chargers back on the cross country map.

He boasts one of the deepest squads in the area with 40 runners, losing only Matt Minor and Chris December to graduation.

"This is the biggest squad I've had," McGreevy said. "Last year we won a meet and now this year we want a winning record."

"I think we're competitive now. We're not a (Plymouth) Salem or Walled Lake Central yet, we're more in the middle of the pack or better."

The Chargers will be led by junior Jason Richmond, who made second-team All-Area a year ago, senior Joe Robinson, and senior John McCallum.

"Those guys have worked real

had since last year, they've been great role models for the young kids."

McCallum is a transfer from Arizona who ran track last spring for the Chargers.

Other returnees include sophomore Phil Johnson, senior Kenny Tseng, junior Bobby Koivunen, senior Ed Rossetto and junior Paul Mercier.

Promising newcomers include freshman Ryan Gall and senior Brandon LaPointe, a track athlete who played football last fall.

"The kids are more aggressive now, they're not afraid," McGreevy said. "We're not as strong as the other division (Lakes), but we have a shot at ours (Western) if we stay healthy."

Livonia Franklin

Veteran coach Bob Holmes says things are looking up for the Patriots.

"We're better than we've been and we're definitely deeper," he said. "We have a group of seniors who have worked pretty hard. We're going to be improved."

The team's stalwart is senior Josh Burt, a 4:26 miler who made first-team All-Area a year ago.

"He's the kind of runner who can be counted on to run his best every day, whether it's a meet or practice," Holmes said. "He's an extremely consistent and tough runner."

The two-time state qualifier and school record holder leads an experience group which also includes sophomore Brian Klotz, senior Chris Jaskot (back from a broken ankle), senior Steve Dudley, sophomore Steve Stewart (a transfer from Garden City), and three juniors — Rich Barnett, Rick Dege and Kevin Schneider.

Stewart's dad Bob ran for Holmes in the early 1970s.

Livonia Stevenson

One runner can't replace a Rob Block, but maybe a bunch of them can.

At least that's what Livonia Stevenson will try to do this cross country season, its first in five years without Block as its leading boys runner.

Top returning cross country runner for the Spartans is senior Joe Verellen, second team All-Area a year ago.

He'll go head-to-head with Eric Bohn on his own team for the honor of leading Stevenson to the finish line.

"They look pretty much to be leading the team this year," coach John Gores of Stevenson said. "Our main goal this year is trying to qualify as a team for the state meet."

"We're pretty dedicated to doing that. Every workout is geared to that. Whatever else comes along is great."

Block is running at Lansing Community College this fall with hopes of getting as high as No. 2 on his team before we see our first snow. He finished 11th last year in the state Class A meet and won the Livonia City Championship four straight falls.

Rounding out the Spartans' squad are Matt Nizol, Eric Mink, Brad Carroll, Steve Keskemeti, Matt Isner and Chris Mills.

Stevenson was 6-3 last season and would hope to better that with balance this year.

"We're trying to pick up Rob's place," Gores said. "After that we've got a pretty tight pack, so we're looking to do something

with that." / Could be they will.

Westland John Glenn

Coach Jess Shough has a 16-member squad, led by brothers Josh and Justin Keyes, both seniors.

"Those two are very competitive and looking good, they should get down below 17 (minutes)," Shough said.

Both the Keyes brothers made second-team All-Observer, but the Rockets lost second-teamer Paul Galbraith to graduation.

Seniors P.J. Wolocko and Kevin Durigon give Glenn a strong quartet.

Spots five-to-seven are up in the air, but looking to fill the void is sophomore Mark Parent, and juniors Matt Wrenn and David Teets.

"I've never had a squad work any harder as far as trying to improve," said Shough, whose team opens Thursday, Sept. 10 in a quad meet at Walled Lake Western.

Wayne Memorial

If the name Kevin Miller is familiar, you're right if it's Wayne Memorial cross country.

Miller, a former Zebra runner, takes over for Bob Lynn as head coach.

"Wayne had distance runners years ago," said Miller, who coached track in the spring. "We're kind of rebuilding the next couple of years."

Wayne lost its top two runners, Andy Preiskorn and Chris Lind, to graduation.

Senior Sam Raub and Steve Daniels, a sophomore with loads of potential according to Miller, lead the nine-man squad.

Steve Baxendale and Shaun McClean, a pair of freshmen, also figure prominently along with junior Jeremy Johnston, a first-year runner who comes over from the swim team.

Lutheran Westland

Is a six-peat in the Metro Conference realistic for the Westland Lutheran cross country team?

Perhaps, according to coach John Gerlach, whose team won its fifth straight league title last season. The Warriors also went on to win their regional.

But Westland will have to compete without its top two runners from last season — Andy Ebendick (third at the conference meet) and All-Area pick Chris Latimer (won the conference meet).

Westland also has no seniors on the squad.

The Warriors do return their next five runners, however. The group of juniors is led by the trio of Steve McFall, Jason McFall and Ken Broge. The three look extremely strong and return more mature runners, according to Gerlach.

The key to the team's success may rest on the feet of juniors Brian Block and Clark Covert, the Westland coach added.

"I really don't know what to expect, but where we go as a team may depend on our fourth and fifth runners," he said. "We have some good juniors who will be running on the team for their third year."

Gerlach said he hopes his 13th season as coach will be a lucky one, but does expect tough competition in the league to come from Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, a traditionally strong team.

State champions Shamrocks, Hawks ready to defend titles

Friday is the kickoff date for a new season in high school football, and the Observer sports editors are ready for another nine weeks of prognostication.

The 1998 season begins with a 16-game slate — 11 games on Friday and five more Saturday.

Indications are the status quo will hold up as defending state champions Farmington Harrison and Redford Catholic Central, along with Westland John Glenn, figure to be the top area teams again.

But that's based on preseason assessments. Will there be a surprise team or two among the other 15 schools fielding a football team? Well, that's why they bother playing the games!

Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons vows to do his best to dethrone colleague Dan O'Meara in the weekly grid predictions contest.

O'Meara, sports editor of the Farmington Observer, is the reigning champion, a title he has held eight of the last 11 seasons.

A year ago, O'Meara ended with a 105-26 record; Emons was 98-33. With that said, let the games (and the predictions) begin:

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

John Glenn at Detroit Cooley, 4 p.m.: The Rockets (7-3) have beaten Murray-Wright and Mackenzie in past years and have a new PSL opponent on the schedule. The Cardinals (4-5) are led by linebacker and college prospect Patrick Lloyd (6-3, 245). Cooley is solid at the skill positions with QB Michael Simmons, a three-year starter who passed for 800 yards and seven touchdowns, WR Rashamon Ferguson, FB Joseph Temple and DB Moses Brooks. Other than Lloyd, an offensive tackle, the Cardinals are inexperienced on the line. **PICK:** The Rockets begin a new season with a successful launch.

Adrian at Wayne, 7 p.m.: The host Zebras (1-8) were one of only two teams the Maples (2-7) beat last year when Adrian claimed a 35-12 victory. The Maples have a lot of players back, many of whom are juniors. QB Matt Kohn (6-1, 160) is the son of Adrian coach, Bill Kohn. He passed for 691 yards and two TDs but also threw 10 interceptions. Junior Lon Garrison (5-11, 165) returns as his top receiver after catching 27 passes for 335 yards, and junior Nick Vanover (6-1, 205) is back at fullback. **PICK:** Adrian spoils Wayne coach Floyd Carter's return.

Liv. Franklin at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.: The Raisplitters (6-3) went on to have a pretty good season after losing the opener to the Patriots last year, 13-8. Coach Rick Lee enters his fifth season at Franklin (4-5) with his youngest and most inexperienced varsity squad, but the Patriots can attach some hope to the fact the JV was 7-2 last year. **PICK:** The Raisplitters act presidential; Lincoln (Park) takes charge.

Liv. Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.: The Pioneers (7-3) lost only to Monroe and Fordson in the regular season and Ypsilanti in the playoffs. One of their wins was a 21-7 victory over the Spartans. Dearborn has a lot of players back from that team, including QB C.J. Kreger and all-purpose back Colin

GRID PICKS

Wilkinson, PICKS: Look for the Pioneers to win again, O'Meara says, but Emons has a hunch it's Stevenson.

Garden City at D.M. Crestwood, 7 p.m.: The Cougars hope to improve on a 1-8 finish, beginning Friday with a victory over the Chargers, who defeated Garden City last year, 20-3. Depth could be a problem for the Cougars since several starters didn't return. Crestwood (3-6) has just 22 players but returns QB Steve Akers and has a promising split end in 6-3 sophomore Sasha Mihailovich. **PICK:** Crestwood comes out ahead.

Ply. Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.: The Rocks (6-3) gave the Tigers (8-2) a good game last year in a 20-7 loss. Belleville is loaded at the skill positions and has lots of speed, but graduation losses were heavy on the offensive and defensive lines. The Tigers are led by RB-LB Cullen Jenkins (6-2, 210), FB-LB Greg Terrell (6-0, 225), QB-DB C.J. Grantham and WR-FS Mark Kroger (6-2, 180). **PICK:** Tony says these Tigers are "Great!!!!"

Farmington at Novi: The Falcons (3-6) clobbered the Wildcats in last year's opener, 24-7. Under first-year coach John Bechtel, Farmington switches to the wing-T offense and hopes to move the ball and scored points with greater ease. Coach John Osborne begins his 31st year at Novi (2-7) with two starters back on offense and three on defense. Novi's strength is a big offensive line that includes bookend tackles Nick Jushkewich (6-4, 270) and Brett Faulkner (6-2, 280). Senior QB Jason Hill runs the double-wing offense. **PICK:** It's Novi's night, Emons says. Hold on, there! O'Meara is on Farmington's side.

Redford Union at Liv. Churchill: The Chargers treated new coach John Filiastru to a 26-7 victory in his Churchill debut last year and will try for a repeat Friday. The Chargers (2-7) are led by senior receivers Ryan Kearney and Ryan Vickers. Redford Union (3-6) is pinning its hopes on varsity veterans such as QB Matt Rigley, lineman Rob Alderton, TB Mike Macek, FB Eric Newton and LB Adrian Beaver. **PICKS:** The Chargers look good in the opener.

Monroe at Plymouth Canton: The Chiefs (1-8) are long overdue for a win over Monroe, which has dominated the series since it started in the late 1980s. The Trojans defeated the Chiefs 41-7 last year en route to an 8-1 regular season and a Class AA playoff berth. Canton makes its debut under 31-year-old coach Tim Baechler, who was 35-19 as a head coach at Dexter and Hudson. **PICK:** The Trojans have their way again.

Farm. Harrison at Oxford: The Wildcats (5-4) gave the Hawks a decent game last year in a 28-15 loss. The 13-point differential was the closest score Harrison (13-0) had all season en route to winning another Class A championship. The Hawks are 4-0 since the series started in 1994, winning at Oxford 42-0 that year and 42-6 in the 1996 opener. One coach says the Hawks are unbelievably fast and — get this — better than last year! We think the '98 Hawks will have to win some games (like, maybe 13, just to pick a number) before we think of saying that. **PICK:** Here's a start. The Hawks win that first one Friday.

B.H. Cranbrook at Clarenceville: Both teams hope to contend for the Metro Conference title. The Trojans (4-5) pin their hopes on senior running back Walter Ragland, who rushed for more than 1,500 yards. Clarenceville was an 18-6 winner last year over Cranbrook, which returns six starters on offense and defense. The Cranes

(5-4) return junior QB Glenn Eddeston and have a big-time prospect in two-way end Adam Partridge (6-4, 255), who is considered Cranbrook's best player in 15 years. **PICKS:** O'Meara says it's the Cranes in a close one, but Emons likes Clarenceville.

Red. Thurston at Taylor Kennedy: It's Eagles vs. Eagles in this game. The Thurston variety started with a 30-0 victory over Kennedy last year, and it was the start of a winless season for those Eagles. Thurston (5-4) is led by senior Scott Genord, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound running back and free safety. Thurston must adjust to not having former star QB Nick Dedulok around anymore but has enough returning talent for another winning season. **PICK:** The Eagles get started on the right track — Thurston Eagles, that is!

SATURDAY GAMES

(all times 1 p.m. unless noted)

Lutheran NW at Luth. Westland: The host Warriors (5-4) jump right into the Metro Conference schedule in Week One, but Lutheran Westland has most likely caught a break with the Crusaders as their first opponent. The Warriors thumped the Crusaders, the perennial conference doormats last year, 29-7. Lutheran Westland returns QB Gordie Engel and RB Scott Archer, but the offensive line must come around early and play well. **PICKS:** Chalk up a W for LW.

Redford St. Agatha at Port Sanilac: We can't talk about what Carsonville-Port Sanilac's team did last year, because the Tigers didn't have a varsity team. The season was canceled due to a lack of interest. But the JV was 5-2 and Port Sanilac has 25 players this year. The Tigers are led by running back Paul Taylor, a state finalist in track, and left-handed QB Buddy Moran. **PICKS:** The Aggies pick up a victory and maybe some roadside veggies on their trip to the Thumb Area.

N. Farmington vs. O.L. St. Mary's, 1 p.m. at Silverdome: The Raiders (6-3) have a tough opener for coach Rich Burrell's North Farmington debut, which takes place in the Silverdome. The Eagles (9-1) won the Catholic League championship but lost to Ortonville-Brandon in the BB playoffs. St. Mary's lost most of its defense that allowed 77 points in the regular season but returns nine starters on offense. Backs Rico Epps and Ty Washington are gone, but the Eagles have the Gonzales brothers back. — QB Jermaine (6-3, 185) and RB James (6-0, 185). **PICKS:** Only the Silverdome roof can contain the soaring Eagles.

Bishop Borgoes vs. Divine Child, 7 p.m. at Crestwood: The Spartans (5-4) routed Ecorse in their opener last year but have taken on a tougher opponent in the Falcons of the Catholic League Central-West. Senior Dan Kalbfleisch takes over for former standout Andrew Kisabeth at QB for Divine Child and will be protected by veteran two-way linemen Greg Kelly, Matt Yoches, Bob Price and Gary Gray. **PICK:** The Falcons are flying high.

Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m. at Silverdome: The Shamrocks (12-1) were dealt a preseason setback when big-time prospect Casey Rogowski was injured Friday in a scrimmage with Temperance Bedford. The senior fullback/linebacker could be out for the season after suffering a broken leg and possible knee damage. While CC would be that much better with Rogowski, the defending AA champion Shamrocks still have the overall talent to succeed again, certainly to pummel Pioneer (6-3), a team they whipped 33-7 last year. **PICK:** The CC juggernaut gets rolling in Week One.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

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scoring the game's first six points. A triple by Melissa Harakas gave Ladywood an 11-4 lead. Powers scored the quarter's final six points to close the deficit to 13-12.

Two jumpers by Hayden and another three-pointer by Melissa Harakas put Ladywood ahead 24-18 at halftime.

The Blazers played much of the first half with a make-shift backcourt as Hayden collected two fouls midway through the second quarter and fellow backcourt mate Kim Keller picked up three fouls.

"It did hurt us when we had to take Erin out of the game in the second quarter because once she came out, there was a quick six-point swing," Gorski said. "We could have had a 12-point lead at the half."

The shooting couldn't get much worse for the Chargers as they made only 5-of-33 first-half shots.

"I told the team they were zero for the world at halftime," McGee said. "We had good shots in the paint that we just weren't hitting. I don't know why we came out so tight."

The second half was a different story as the Chargers made 14-of-24 shots from the floor, making their final eight attempts.

After a Hayden banker with 5:10 remaining in the third quarter gave Ladywood a 33-22 lead, Powers scored the next 14 points. A breakaway lay-up by senior guard Mary Wieson (eight points) gave the Chargers the lead for good with 1:01 left in the quarter.

The Blazers finally got to 34 at 7:21 of the fourth quarter on a Hayden free throw. A jumper by Carly Queen broke an 8:29 drought without a field goal.

Powers dominated the boards, holding a 42-24 advantage including a 15-7 edge on the offensive boards.

"We like to front the post players, but if the second post player doesn't rotate and the guard doesn't come down to help, then we won't get the rebounds," Gorski said. "Being beat on the boards concerns me, especially with a big Bishop Foley team coming in here Thursday."

Dulz, Gusick lift Spartans; Rockets rally by Thurston

Livonia Stevenson's girls basketball team passed a pretty good test Tuesday night.

The Spartans were facing a Milford Lakeland team which was bringing all five starters back from a year ago, a team which defeated Stevenson.

That didn't intimidate coach Wayne Henry's team, though. Stevenson used a 25-10 second quarter to build up enough of a lead to withstand a third quarter Lakeland charge and post a 53-46 victory to improve to 2-1 this season. Lakeland dropped to 1-2.

Stephanie Dulz had 13 points and six rebounds to pace the Spartans, who also got 11 points and six assists from sophomore guard Lindsay Gusick.

Kate LeBlanc scored nine points with Cheryl Fox, Cassie Ehlerdt and Katie King chipping in six apiece.

"We had a great second quarter," Henry said, "where we basically did everything right offensively, defensively and in rebounding."

"But in the third quarter they changed their defense around a little, we made some poor choices with the ball and let them get back into the game."

Lakeland put up a 19-8 third quarter margin to slice Stevenson's halftime lead of 34-19 down to size. But an 11-8 final period helped the Spartans, who rebuilt their lead to as much as 11 points, prevail in the non-conference battle at Stevenson.

Dawn Houck's 16 points paced Lakeland, which also got 12 from Martha Digsby.

•JOHN GLENN 48, THURSTON 43: Westland John Glenn outscored Redford Thurston 36-22 in the second half Tuesday to erase a nine-point halftime deficit and win a non-league game hosted by the Eagles.

Things didn't look promising for Glenn early in the second half when Thurston's Kelly Grenan nailed a three-point shot to go ahead 24-12.

The Rockets unleashed a full-court press, however, and it really showed its effects on the Eagles in the fourth quarter.

Thurston led 36-30 after three quarters but the Rockets took the lead for good when they outscored the Eagles 18-7.

Grenan led the Eagles with a game-high 21 points, scoring seven in the first quarter and seven in the third. She made two shots from three-point range. Freshman guard Erica Cotton had nine points.

"We applied some full-court pressure which led to some turnovers, steals and 10 second calls," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said. "We got some scoring opportunities out of that which we were able to convert."

Junior forward LaToya Chandler had 11 points and eight rebounds to lead Glenn. Sophomore guard Lacey Catarino added 10 points and freshman guard Stephanie Crews had eight.

Glenn is 2-1 overall and Thurston fell to 1-2.

•ST. AGATHA 48, CLARENCEVILLE 47: Redford St. Agatha won its first girls basketball game of the season on Tuesday, 48-17, over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

Sophomore Rhonda Humbarger led St. Agatha (1-2 overall) with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore Kristen Rodgers added eight points, seven rebounds and seven steals.

Senior Danielle Siedz led Clarenceville with seven points while Beth Marlow and Kristina Skreis each contributed five rebounds.

•AGAPE 48, HURON VALLEY 18: Eighth-grader Amy Henry scored 12 points and had four steals Monday, leading host Canton Agape Christian (2-1 overall) to a lopsided win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (0-1).

Sophomore Margie Henry and senior Charla Sexton each contributed eight points for the Wolverines, who led 29-8 at halftime and 39-10 after three quarters.

Margie Henry also had four steals, while Sexton contributed six assists. Sara Chrenko chipped in with six points and six rebounds. Teammate Kim Ther had six assists and five steals.

Jesse Cherundolo led the Hawks, who shot only five of 17 from the free throw line, with eight points.

Stevenson harriers remain formidable despite 3 losses

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

Don't expect Livonia Stevenson to drop off much in girls cross country this season.

The Spartans, four-time defending Western Lakes Activities Association champions and third in last year in Class A, return six of their top nine runners, but will be minus first-team All-Area picks Kelly Travis (UNC-Charlotte), Kelly McNeilance (Hillsdale) and Danielle Harris (UM-Dearborn).

Junior Andrea Parker, however, is one of the state's top five returning runners.

She was sixth best in Class A last November with a 5-kilometer time of 19:32.7. Parker, one of four Spartan runners to break 19 minutes a year ago, also finished sixth at the regional and second in the WLAA.

"Andrea really looks strong and has learned so much from last season," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "I expect her to pick up right where she left off."

First-team All-Observer pick Kim McNeilance, a senior, ran 19:06 last year, fifth fastest ever by a Spartan. She finished fifth in the WLAA and 40th in Class A.

Three second-team All-Area runners also return including junior Leslie Knapp, senior Katie Sherron and senior Christy Tzilos, along with honorable mention pick Julie Sachau.

Holmberg also has a promising freshman class led by Jenna Felczak, Sarah Kearfott, Marissa Montgomery and Florida transfer Tara Tarole.

Montgomery has good Stevenson bloodlines.

Her mother Julie Voyles was an All-Observer runner coached by Holmberg.

"We have 10 to 11 kids who are very capable," Holmberg said. "They're pushing and helping each other."

"I think by the end of the year we'll have a good team. Not quite as good as the last two years, but pretty solid."

Livonia Churchill

If any team looked to challenge Stevenson in the WLAA, it's the Chargers, who finished a strong second a year ago.

But the Chargers were dealt a severe blow in June when incoming junior Renee Kashawic suffered multiple injuries in a car accident.

The first-team All-Area pick, who is lost for the season, broke her femur, pelvis, wrist and nose.

The state qualifier had run under 20 minutes at Cass Benton Park and finished fourth in the WLAA.

Another key figure lost to graduation was first-team All-Observer pick Jenny Duncan.

The top returnee is senior Ashley Fillion, a first-team All-Observer choice who took third in the Western Lakes and qualified for the state meet.

She owns the school record with a time of 18:36 and ran a season best of 19:35 in 1997.

Sister Alison Fillion, a junior, was a second-team All-Area selection.

"We can always count on the Fillions because they have a good work ethic and they're extremely dedicated," said Sue Gembis, 1997 Observerland



Andrea Parker
Livonia Stevenson



Kim McNeilance
Livonia Stevenson



Ashley Fillion
Livonia Churchill

Coach of the Year.

Other returnees include junior Stephanie Skwiers, senior Lillian Cipollone, senior Rochelle Ziegel, junior Christie Smith and junior Becky Sperry.

Promising newcomers include junior Ailese Scott, senior Jenny Ogg, sophomore Melissa Lokken, sophomore Kelly Grigg and junior Becky Rodriguez (a transfer from Adrian).

"If some people step up, we might surprise some of the other teams like we did last year," Gembis said. "Our first four or five are set, they've really been consistent since the beginning of the season. But you never know who else will surface."

Livonia Franklin

The Patriots are thin with only six girls currently on the roster.

Coach Dale Lee's team is led by junior Diana Potter, who made second-team All-Observer last year.

"Diana looks strong and is very competitive," Lee said. "We're trying to get her to take the first mile out quicker and I look for good things from her."

Senior Jenny Furlong also returns.

"She's very steady and she looks like she's ready to have a good senior year," Lee said.

Junior Jill Webber and freshman Christine Wittke should give Franklin a formidable foursome.

"Our front four runners are very competitive," the Franklin coach said. "We'd be a good team if we had a fifth runner. We had five people who ran for us last year that didn't come back. That's what makes it frustrating."

"We can't afford to have any injuries or it will put us out of the scoring."

Westland John Glenn

Third-year coach Pauline Fick lost her two top runners to graduation, sisters Kelly and Colleen Fradette, but is optimistic her Rockets can move up in the WLAA pack this season.

"Our starting seven are way ahead of last year, we're much further along," Fick said.

Sophomores Nicole Bland and Sharon Ryan, along with junior Julie Wilhelmsen, each spent part of their summers training at the Sauk Valley Running Camp.

"Nicole is 10 minutes faster than she was at this time last year and Sharon is five minutes ahead," Fick said.

The team's No. 4 runner so far has been Heidi Villanen, an exchange student from Finland.

Kim Lawrence is the team's lone senior. Sophomores Jocelyn Bovia and Melissa Powers also return.

Kiran Dashairya and Lakisha Locust, both sophomores, have also made impressions on Fick.

Livonia Ladywood

Coach Rod Sorenson lost seven

his top nine harriers from a year ago, including Jessica Hayden and Ann Figurski.

The top returnee is senior Sunni Piotrowski, who was consistently among the top three Blazers last year.

She has been injured, but is expected to run Tuesday in the season opener at Cass Benton Park against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Junior Candace Tatarian also returns, while sophomore Jennifer Koterba moves up from the reserve squad.

"Piotrowski is the known quantity, then we have several freshmen who will be battling it out," said Sorenson, who has a squad of 26.

Ladywood finished third in the Catholic League meet last year behind Dearborn Divine Child and defending champion Farmington Hills Mercy.

"Mercy is the team to beat because they have just about everybody back," Sorenson said.

Wayne Memorial

New coach Bob Lynn's team opens today at home against Garden City.

"The girls are hoping to repeat what they did last year," he said, "when they were 5-1 and tied Gibraltar Carlson for the Mega Blue championship."

"We're hoping to have a similar season this year. But a lot depends on our returning upper classmen."

The Zebras last Linda Beckman from last year's team but seniors include Dawn Daniels, Jenny Boyer and Sayrid Stack.

A fourth senior is Samantha Snabbs but this is her first year of running cross country.

Also on the team are Rose Tooman, Allison Thompson, Angela Bean and Jenny Barber.

Lutheran Westland

Third place might be fine at some high schools, but Lutheran Westland's cross country team is used to better.

The Warriors' goal this season, Coach Dave Brown said, is "to get back to the top of the Metro Conference, where we were for the three years before last."

"And we want to get back to the top of the (state) regionals, too, because we'd been first there for the previous two years."

Gone from last season's third place conference and regional team are Deb Unger and Sarah Voigt.

Leading returnees are Jessica Montgomery, a junior, and sophomore Mary Ebendick, along with sophomore Holly Foreman, senior Jessica Anthony and senior Jenny Latimer.

Brown is sprinkling in three freshmen, Tess Kuehne, Aimee Anthony and Jodi Rolf.

"We've got 18 girls out," Brown said, "which is about six more than I've ever had before. So that's been kind of nice."

Lutheran Westland will be participating in Jamboree-style meets this season, which will take some adjusting on the runners' parts.

Brown pegs Bloomfield Hills Kingswood and Macomb Lutheran North, which both finished ahead of the Warriors last season, as Lutheran Westland's top Metro rivals.

Defending champion Southfield Christian will be the team to watch in the regional.

See boys cross country previews on page C3.

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The Health Care Financing Administration has determined that Wayne Total Living Center has failed to attain substantial compliance with the following Medicare/Medicaid participation requirements: CFR 483.10 Resident Rights, CFR 483.15 Quality of Life, CFR 483.25 Quality of Care, CFR 483.30 Nursing Services, CFR 483.35 Dietary Services, CFR 483.60 Pharmacy Services.

The Medicare program will not make payment for skilled nursing facility services furnished to residents admitted to the facility on or after August 21, 1998. This date is due to a previously imposed denial of payment for new admissions. For Medicare residents admitted prior to August 21, 1998, payment may continue to be made for up to 30 days of covered services furnished on or after September 21, 1998.

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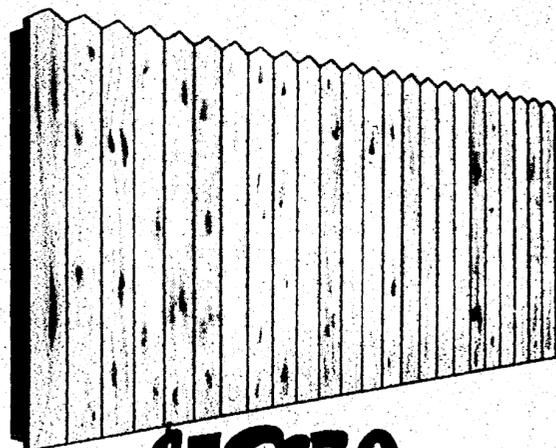


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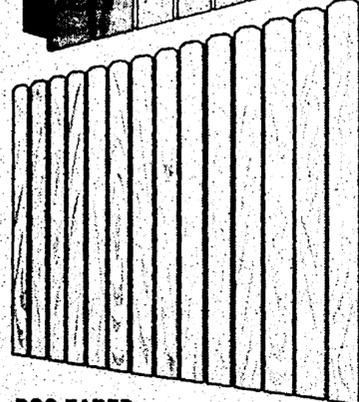
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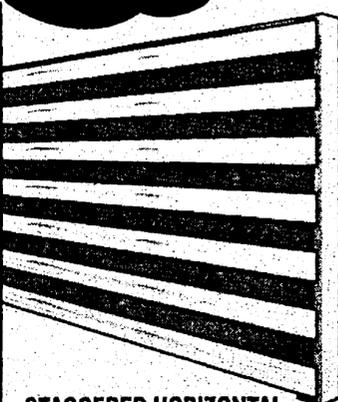
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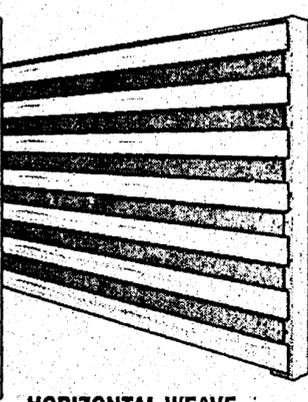
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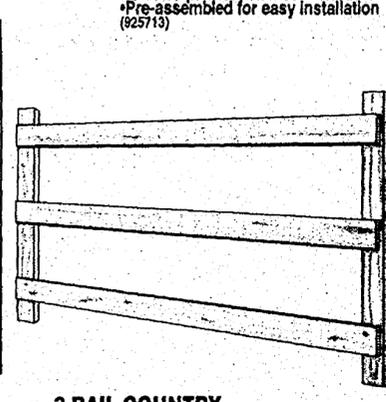
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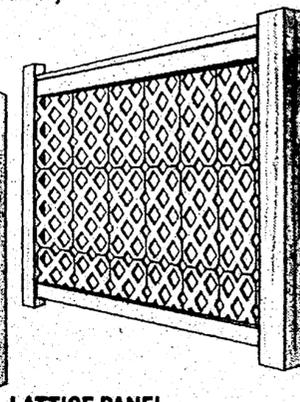
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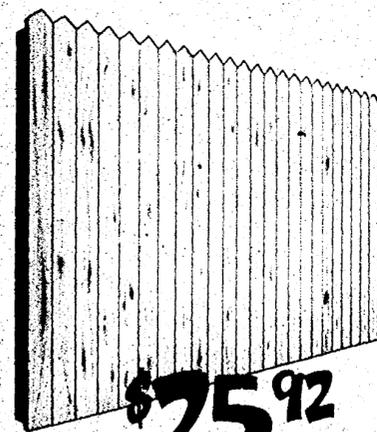
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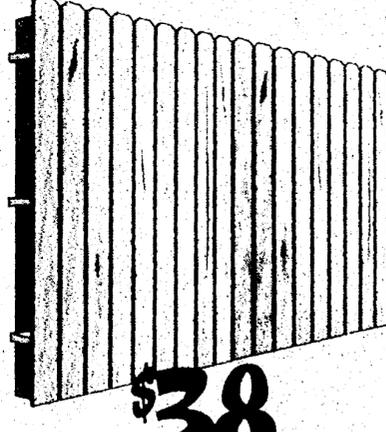
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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 4
 John Glenn at Det. Colley, 4 p.m.
 Adrian at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Dearborn, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Belleville, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Novi, 7:30 p.m.
 RU at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
 Monroe at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
 Farm. Harrison at Oxford, 7:30 p.m.
 Cranbrook at C'ville, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurgton at Taylor Kennedy, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5
 Luth. N'west at Luth. Wsld., 1 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Port Sanitar, 1 p.m.
 N. Farmington vs. O.L. St. Mary's at Pontiac Silverdome, 1 p.m.
 Bishop Borgess vs. Divine Child at D.H. Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Pontiac Silverdome, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 3
 Flat Rock at Luth. Wsld., 6:30 p.m.
 Dondora at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Muron Valley at Warren Zos, 7 p.m.
 Bishop Foley at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
 F.H. Mercy at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Blrm. Marian at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Grosse Ile, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Brighton, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m.
 St. Agatha at St. Alphonsus, TBA.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 3
 Redford CC at U-Desjout, 4 p.m.
 R.O. Shrine at Luth. Wsld., 5 p.m.
 Redford Union at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 4
 S'field Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.

Farmington at RU, 5:30 p.m.
 W. Bloom. at N. Farm., 5:30 p.m.
 Lakeland at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 5
 S'craft at Prairie St. (Ill.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 6
 S'craft at S. Sub. (Ill.), 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 5
 S'craft at Monaca (N.Y.), 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 6
 Schockcraft vs. Genesee at Monaca Tournay, noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 3
 Kellogg CC at Schockcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5
 Madonna at Midway (Ky.), TBA.
 TBA — times to be announced.

GIRLS TENNIS

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 4
 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4
Sept. 1 at Ladywood
 No. 1 singles: Crystal Tomczyk (LC) defeated Amy Elschen, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2; No. 2: Melissa Buckshaw (LL) def. Ashley Mehl, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Julia Arcler (LC) def. Emily Donnelon, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Melissa Winchester (LL) def. Steffi Graber, 6-4, 6-4.
 No. 1 doubles: Jean Wu-Aditi Saxena (LC) def. Kristen Catalgio-Paula Sist, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5); No. 2: Adrienne Mahr-Courtney Satko (LL) def. Lindsay Joslin-Lauren Sneed, 7-6, 8-4; No. 3: Barb Gzembiski-Anne Piontek (LC) def. Gabrielle Gugliemott-Katie Olex, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; No. 4: Monica Anderson-Maggie McGlinchey (LL) def. Jenny Stanick-Lindsay Watch, 6-3, 6-0.
 Dual meet records: Churchill 0-0-1, Ladywood 1-0-1.

PREP BOYS GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 205
 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 208
 (Note: Stevenson won tiebreaker)
Aug. 31 at Whispering Willows
 Stevenson scorers: Mike Byberg and Steve Polanski, 39 each; Chris Thomas and Roy Rabe, 42 each; Kevin Yuhasz, 43; Matt DiPonio, 45.
 Harrison scorers: Kenny Lee, 38 (medalist); Matt Lee, 39; Chris Scott, 41; Brian Grohman, 42; Kevin Geary, 45; Corey Miller, 48.
 Dual meet records: Stevenson 2-0 overall, 1-0 Western Lakes Activities Association; Harrison, 2-1 overall and Wood 1-0-1.
 2-1 WLAA.
 PLYMOUTH CANTON 208
 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 210
Sept. 1 at Fox Creek
 Canton scorers: Jon Johnson, 38 (medalist); Ben Tucker, Justin Allen and Matt Rosol, 41 each; Derek Lineberry, 44.
 Churchill scorers: Mike Lightbody and Will Bashara, 39 each; Tom Fitzstephens, 43; Randall Boboige, 44; Brad Bescoe, 45.
 Dual meet records: Canton, 1-0; Churchill, 0-1.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

DEREK BESCO UPDATE
 Westland John Glenn High product Derek Besco, a right fielder and designated hitter, has appeared in 49 games, hitting .235 for the Jamestown (N.Y.) Jammers, a Detroit Tigers rookie farm club in the New York-Penn League.
 Besco has six homers, 18 RBI and 11 stolen bases.
YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS
 Tryouts (1999) for the Novi Heat Premier travel baseball team (ages 15-16 as of July 31, 1999) will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 at Novi Sports Park (field No. 8), located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.
 For more information, call Dale Haberman at (248) 349-3663.
 •The Novi Youth Baseball League will stage 1999 travel baseball tryouts from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 19 and 29, at Novi Sports Park (field No. 8), located at Eight Mile and Napier roads.
 Age-group teams include: 9-10 (call Dave Blaszcak at 248-380-4972); 11 (call Dave Gillian at 248-348-7222); 12 (call Mike Neville at 248-471-5057); 13 (call Greg Hatcher at 248-347-3338); 14 (call John Ferras at 248-380-8298).
 Tryouts for the 13-year-old team will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Powers Park (Green Field) and Saturday, Sept. 26 at Powers Park (field

No. 1).
JIMMIE'S 2ND IN NSA TOURNAMENT
 After a second place finish in the National Softball Association state tournament last weekend in Hartland, the Westland men's slowpitch softball team sponsored by Jimmie's, Varsity Athletics, Que Sports and Easton heads Friday to Shawnee, Kan. as the No. 1-ranked team in the U.S. Slowpitch Softball Association World Series.
 Three players from Jimmie's made the all-tournament team.
 Catcher John Sampson (formerly of Westland John Glenn High) batted .706 with a .773 on-base percentage. He clubbed six homers and had 16 RBI.
 Second baseman and pitcher Joey Gerdes hit .550 with two homers and 11 RBI, while center fielder Brian Donehue (Westland) hit .810 with 11 RBI.
 Softball World/Raiders of Grand Rapids knocked Jimmie's out of the tournament, 20-19, despite second baseman Ruben Gonzales going 4-for-4 with three RBI.
 Randy Windham went 3-for-3 with two RBI and Jason Riggs was 3-for-4 with two RBI in a losing cause.
 Jimmie's opened with a 23-19 victory over Orbital Engineering of Livonia as Bruce Wood was 4-for-5 with six RBI. Chris Schefter (Westland) added three hits and three RBI.
 In the second round, Jim Harvey and Tom Lengyel each col-

lected four hits and combined for nine RBI in a 31-19 five-inning mercy rule win over Woodworks of Bay City.
 Jimmie's then edged the Raiders in the third round, 21-20, as Donehue went 4-for-4.
 In the fourth round, Jimmie's edged USA Cash of Lapeer, 25-24, as Gerdes, the winningest pitcher went 4-for-5 with six RBI.
FINESSE FASTPITCH TRYOUTS
 The Finesse softball program, winners of two world slowpitch championships the past three years, are converting their program to fastpitch for girls ages 10-18.
 The tryouts will be at Wayne-Ford Civic League fields in Westland.
 Here is a schedule for the upcoming tryouts:
 •12-and-under — 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 (call coach John Tonner at 248-624-3187);
 •14-and-under — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19, and Sunday, Sept. 13 (call coach Duane Anger at 810-254-7125);
 •16-and-under — 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19 (call coach Bob Baço at 734-522-5607);
 •18-and-under — noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 and 19 and Sunday, Sept. 13 (call coach Barry Patterson at 734-487-3964).

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SATURDAY



Phil Lasley Trio plays 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

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Hot Tix: Randy Scott of Southfield is just one of the many outstanding artists performing at this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7, at Hart Plaza, Detroit. See schedule of performers inside.

Sonspiration

Rapper son persuades dad to record first album

STORY BY CHRISTINA FUOCO • STAFF WRITER

With his guitar and cornet in hand, Olu Dara has played with some of the greats during his 57 years. He was one of Art Blakey's Messengers and has backed talents such as Henry Threadgill, Taj Mahal, Brian Eno and Cassandra Wilson.

Now, thanks to his son, the multi-platinum-selling rapper Nas, and Atlantic Records, Dara is a bandleader in his own right having released "In the World: From Natchez to New York."

"He said, 'Dad, I want my peers to know where I come from.

Would you mind?' I said, 'Well, I guess not.' Atlantic, they had been pursuing me for quite a few years ago. They called again on the same day that my son talked to me so that's what did it," Dara explained.

Nas, born Nasir Jones, has released two albums, 1994's "Illmatic," which peaked at No. 12, and 1996's "It Was Written" which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. Because of his son's popularity, Dara said, his audience is ever changing.

"I have a new audience. I

wouldn't say mostly younger, but there is quite a few younger people. There's people of all ages even little ones. I mean 5 or 6 or 7 years old."

Dara calls his debut album "In the World: From Natchez to New York" a mixture of American music. It fuses hip-hop, jazz, a little bit of funk, and be-bop.

"You can't really categorize like we used to. There used to be a nice little box called jazz, rhythm and blues, gospel. There's a good

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Family Influence: The 57-year-old jazz cornet/guitar player Olu Dara had never been inspired to record his own CD until his son, rapper Nas, persuaded him to do it. The result is "In the World: From Natchez to New York." He performs Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival.



WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13, at several locations throughout Ann Arbor. For more information, call (734) 747-9955 or visit <http://a2.blues.jazzfest.org>

LINEUP SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Blues and jazz films will be shown Thursday, Sept. 10. Showtimes and films will be announced this week.

Maceo Parker will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 for reserved seats, and \$35 for gold circle seats. Gene Harris is no longer on the bill.

BIRD OF PARADISE

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Lou Donaldson Quartet performs 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12. Tickets are \$20.

GALLUP PARK

U.S.-23 to the Geddes Road exit, then west on Geddes Road and cross Huron Parkway. Park will be on the left and parking is at Huron High School. Lot will be on right.

11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12:

- Groove Collective
- Olu Dara
- The Atomic Fireballs
- Michael Ray and the Cosmic Krewe
- Rick Roe Quartet
- Poignant Plecostomus

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13:

- Bo Diddley
- Paul deLay
- New Orleans Klezmer All-Stars
- Rosie Ledet - The Zydeco Sweetheart
- Root Doctor
- Robert Jones

There are several packages for Gallup Park performances. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the gate, and \$12.50 in advance for students. Two-day passes are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, and \$22 in advance for students. Kids ages 12 and younger are admitted free to Gallup Park shows. An "All Pass" includes one Maceo Parker ticket, one Lou Donaldson late Saturday show ticket and one two-day pass to Gallup Park. Those are \$55 in advance, or \$75 for Gold Circle seating.

Comedians stand-up for Muscular Dystrophy Association

"Comedy for a Cure"

WHEN: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6
WHERE: Chatters, 7640 N. Wayne Road, (at Cowan) Westland.
ADMISSION: \$3, tickets available in advance, and at the door, call (734) 422-3737 for more information, or www.citylist.com on the web.

Upcoming comedy benefits:

- "Gilda's Club Family Walk and Block Party" - 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Cobo Center, Detroit. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event, call (248) 577-0800.
- Comedy Night 7, For Action Against Hunger - 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Music Hall Theater. Tickets are \$25 per person, sponsorship packages and group discounts available, call (248) 350-FOOD during regular business hours.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Having to work Labor Day weekend is no laughing matter, but if you have to, serious comic relief's available Sunday at Chatters in Westland.

"I think it will be a fun time," said Kevin Zeoli of Garden City who talked about 20 of his funny friends, metro Detroit's hottest stand-up comedians, into presenting "Comedy For A Cure" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association and celebrate the Jerry Lewis Telethon.

"It gives people a chance to get out and

enjoy comedy, and the comedians in metro Detroit a chance to perform," said Zeoli. "It was real easy to get people to do it."

Each comedian will do 7-8 minutes of stand-up. Zeoli's the MC. You can make a donation to be eligible for prize drawings to be held throughout the evening. Prizes include a 19-inch Zenith color TV, home stereo system, gift certificates for dinners, movie passes and Lions' game tickets.

"You can drop in and stay as long as you

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Kevin Zeoli

ARTS, EATS AND BEATS

Festival serves up variety of local bands

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Missy Gibson admits that Los Angeles wasn't exactly her cup of tea the first time around. Still, she forced herself to move there two years ago and she hasn't looked back.

She's jumping into the music industry feet first. L.A. has brought to her a developmental publishing deal, the chance to meet her idol (Rickie Lee Jones), the opportunity to act, contribute to movie soundtracks and a management deal.

"I spent some time out here before when I was working with Fuel

Records," Gibson said via telephone from her L.A. office. "I had decided that I really hated L.A. at the time. I kind of knew, though, that careerwise it would be a good move. So I forced myself begrudgingly to return. The second time, it's been a lot better."

Gibson and her band Breech - including guitarist/co-writer Philip Watts and accordion player Joe McAlevey - will get to talk all about it on Monday, Sept. 7, when they perform on the Pepsi Stage of Arts, Eats, and Beats, a free festival of art, food and music throughout Pontiac-Labor Day weekend, Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7.

The three stages of music - Kmart National, Pepsi and the Heineken stages - will feature more than 70 bands. See sidebar for schedule of performers.

A 1986 Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, Gibson will debut new material on Labor Day. Some of the new tracks were produced by Gabe Moffatt who has also worked with Wilson Phillips.

"We're a far cry from Wilson Phillips, though," she said with a laugh.

Gibson's deal is a co-publishing deal that she signed with Hugo Burnham, a former A&R rep for Qwest Records who

at the time worked for EMI. The contract allows her to keep her royalties and share ownership of the songs.

"It gives EMI administrative rights of the songs. Technically they could go and sell it to a movie or another singer. But a lot of things are understood. They run things by me. For me, it was a point of credibility to sign the deal," Gibson explained.

Adding further credibility to her and Breech was a management contract with Spivak Entertainment, who also represents Tori Amos and Collective

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Soul.
"I'm their only unsigned artist," she said with a sigh. Although she received a "large" advance payment, the credibility is more important than money.
"It seemed like the right thing at the right time for me."
The Breech that reached popularity around here is much different from Gibson's L.A. vision. The songs are lush pop songs, however, Gibson still injects her venomous vocals. Long gone are the days when she tapped her foot on a mic for drums and was accompanied by Thomas Trimble, now of American Mars, on guitar.
Breech's music will be heard in two upcoming independent films. Gibson did the soundtrack for "No. 1 Mom" starring Soleil Moon Frye ("Punky Brewster") and she contributed songs to and played a "Gen-Xer" in "Apartment 8," a short for the American Film Institute.
"I'm a little old to be playing a 'Gen-Xer' but it was fun. Moving out here

was the best thing that ever happened to me."
It's safe to say that success is in the cards for the pop band Brilliant.
"I had a reading done four months ago and he focused on my career and the band. I thought they just say what you want to hear. Like if you ask him, 'Am I going to meet the person I'm going to spend the rest of my life with?' Of course he's going to say yes," said fretless bass player Stephen Vilnius of Ferndale.
"What he was doing was dropping these little chips and watching where they landed on certain spots of his little board. They kept falling between not completely financial success but bordering on serious financial success. Interpret that as you will. He said the lineup was really strong and we had to get over a certain hump which, hopefully, we did or are in the midst of doing. I had him do it three or four times just to make sure."
Singer Steven Cooley predicted that

part of the success will stem from Brilliant's sound, which he called "somewhat different than what you would hear in Detroit." It's not your typical manufactured rock outfit, he added.
Vilnius, 28, and Cooley, 31, are seasoned veterans. Cooley has drummed for the Killer Flamingos (he left the band just prior to it playing Tom Arnold's wedding), and Steve King and the Ditties. Vilnius moved from Michigan to California in the mid-'80s where he was turned on to rockabilly and European pop.
The band - which also includes guitarist David Johnson and keyboardist Daniel Denton, both of Troy, and drummer Bob Gilbert of Oak Park - is influenced by The Cure, Garbage and Peter Murphy. Brilliant is working on its first widely distributed CD.
Robb Roy recently returned to this side of the pond from a European jaunt in support of its second CD "Heroes and Cocktails," due out this month on the London-based Caos Records.

"We did four dates in Scotland, north of Aberdeen, and we played in London at the Rock Garden. The whole city (London) was really wonderful. We were treated like gold there," said guitarist Michael Kudreiko.
Band members also got to bob-nob with some of rock's top musicians and singers. Bassist Kevin Pruett hung out with Liam Gallagher, half of the dueling Gallagher brothers of Oasis. Drummer Duane Huff rubbed elbows with James Brown's band.
Robb Roy got its lucky break after meeting Pravin Mistry of Caos Music, ironically, at Rumors in Royal Oak. Mistry runs an engineering company in Dearborn and, Kudreiko said, he "frequents clubs looking for new talent."
The handshake led to "Cocktails and Heroes," on which the band pays homage to "The Detroit Sound." Robb Roy kept the sound in Detroit, too. The drums and bass were recorded at Harmonie Park Studios, the location of radio station WXDG-FM's "Edge Sessions," while the rest of it was done in Kudreiko's home studio in Dearborn.
"They can say I'm really a perfectionist when it comes to the recording,"

The Arts, Beats and Eats Schedule

When: Friday-Monday, Sept. 4-7. For more information, visit <http://www.artsbeatseats.com> or call (248) 564-4177.

- Kmart National Stage, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre, 2 Water St. Friday, Sept. 4 - Howling Diablos, 6 p.m.; The Jeff Healey Band, 7 p.m.; Johnny Winter, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Spring, 6 p.m.; the Mighty Blue Kings, 7 p.m.; Big Head Todd and the Monsters, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - Lucinda Williams, 6 p.m.; Pieces of a Dream, 7 p.m.; Morris Day and the Time, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Jo Dee Messina, 2 p.m.; Martina McBride, 4 p.m.
- Pepsi Stage, Saginaw Street, just south of Huron Street, will host local bands ranging from jazz to western swing: Friday, Sept. 4 - Sean Blackman and John Arnold, noon; Alberta Adams, 2 p.m.; Bonne Temps Roule, 3 p.m.; Vudu Hipples, 4 p.m.; The Articles, 5 p.m.; American Mars, 6 p.m.; 2 Star Tabernacle, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Eliza, 11 a.m.; Danny Cox, noon; Surfin' Pluto, 1 p.m.; Kung Fu Diesel, 2 p.m.; Michael King, 3 p.m.; Big Barn Combo, 4 p.m.; Dean Fertita, 5 p.m.; Brilliant, 6 p.m.; Robb Roy, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - The Civilians, noon; Fogloves, 1 p.m.; The Volcanos, 2 p.m.; Starlight Drifters, 3 p.m.; Chris Mills, 4 p.m.; Fez, 5 p.m.; Thornetta Davis, 6 p.m.; G.R.R. at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Kerry Grant, noon; Robert Jones, 1 p.m.; Breech, 2 p.m.; Broken Toys, 3 p.m.; Mudpuppy, 4 p.m.; Jill Jack at 6 p.m.
- Heineken Stage will feature classical, country, blues and jazz music: Friday, Sept. 4 - Scandinavian String Quartet, noon; County Legends and Superstars, 1 p.m.; Steele Canyon, 2:30 p.m.; David Myles and Mylestones, 4 p.m.; O.C. Roberts and the Samaritans, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 - Diamondback, 1 p.m.; Tony Phillips, 2:30 p.m.; Lisa Cunningham and 7th Heaven, 4 p.m.; The Edge, 5:30 p.m.; Straight Ahead 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6 - Kristyn Smyth, 1 p.m.; Janis Leigh and Luck of the Draw, 2:30 p.m.; Charles and Gwen Scales, 4 p.m.; Kimmie Horné, 5:30 p.m.; Alexander Zorjic, 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7 - Billy Mack, 1 p.m.; Sassy, 2:30 p.m.; Janice Keegan Quartet, 4 p.m.; Johnny Bessett, 5 p.m.

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mix of music nowadays."
Dara recorded his album in three days, top speed for most major-label artists.
"I was doing a play at the same time. I'd go to rehearsals every day and then go to the studio and play a couple songs and go to bed. The next thing I noticed, the CD was out."
Dara has a storied background. He was raised Charles Jones III in Natchez, Miss. Leaving Tennessee State University in 1969, he joined the U.S. Navy in order to play music and travel. He lent his talents to groups in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean allowing him to venture beyond traditional blues and jazz.

Kudreiko said as singer Graham Strachan rolled his eyes and laughed.

Kudreiko and Strachan both grew up in Livonia.

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like," said Zeoli. "We'll keep the laughter going, and donations flowing. I think it will be a fun time." Food will be offered for sale.
Zeoli said he feels like a kid every time he steps on stage. "It's like the first time you went up to the plate to hit a baseball. There's always a fear, but you learn to calm yourself down. This is what I'm good at, and I believe my stuff is funny. I'm having a blast. It just feels too right."
Jim Hamm of Garden City was one

"Every country I went there were different sounds, sounds I hadn't heard. I hadn't listened to African music at all before that. I found out that there's a definite proximity to Mississippi blues. But that music is very happy," he said.
"Even if they're singing about something sad, you would never know it unless you knew the language. That amazed me. That's why I'm attracted to happy music today. I don't feel I have to make a big statement, an intellectual statement. My thing is to make myself happy and, in turn, make the world happy."
Upon settling in New York in 1963, he met a priest of the traditional

African-originated Yoruba religion who gave him the name Olu Dara, which means "God is Good." Dara further studied jazz by taking in R&B shows, Broadway plays and off-Broadway theater. A "sideman most of my life," Dara toured with Art Blakey and The Messengers and a host of others. His recording history includes working with Material, Taj Mahal and Brian Auger.
He also found live theater intriguing. He wrote the music and performed in Aishah Rahman's "A Tale of Madame Zora," and the Crossroads Theatre Company productions of "To Clean It Around" and "To Show My Shine."

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Don't waste your time in 'Slums of Beverly Hills'

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Perhaps a telling indication of a movie's merit is the extent to which its stars even remember the plot. Last week, co-star and Oscar-winner Marisa Tomei told a national talk show audience that her character in "Slums of Beverly Hills" was "cousin to three kids whose mother has died." Oh, Marisa, you are so cute, but so wrong!

It is clear that her uncle Murray (Alan Arkin) is divorced, not widowed, and his beleaguered custody of the trio is an important reason d'être of the story. It is also understandable why she'd want to put this well-meaning, but-uncomfortably crude telling, of first-time writer/director Tamara Jenkins' youth behind her.

Just inside the city limits of Beverly Hills are rows of low-rent hotels with names such as Belle Vista and Camelot that cater to transients. And in 1976, there's no one more transient than those in the Abramowitz clan, who duck out as soon as the landlord comes knocking, and abandoning their few possessions. As down-on-his-luck dad Murray explains his good but unaffordable intention, "We're here for the school district; furniture is temporary, but education is permanent."

Murray faces his nomadic



Slumming: Eli Marienthal (left), Natasha Lyonne and Marisa Tomei star in "Slums of Beverly Hills."

future with blinders on ("I'm 65. I'm in the best shape of my life."), while the kids seem content to eat a hearty dinner of Trix. Oldest brother Ben (David Krumholtz, a riot as elf Barnaby in Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause") is a wannabe actor who rehearses "Guys and Dolls" in his underwear. Little brother Rickey (Eli Marienthal) doesn't mind sharing a bed with Ben and his nocturnal gas emissions (don't go yet - those are the least objectionable emissions in the film).

In the middle - and the

author's alter ego - is teenager Vivian (a wonderfully fresh-faced Natasha Lyonne), whose developing sexuality and overdeveloped bustline take us into areas that, thank-you, we'd just care not to go. She lets a pot dealer, Charles Manson T-shirt wearing neighbor (Kevin Corrigan) under her blouse for some adolescent exploration, trivializing the episode as a "building thing." At least we're spared meeting the building's less worthy neighbors.

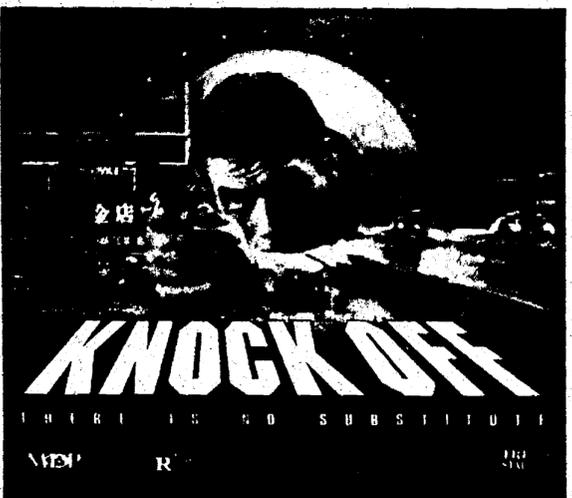
Enter kooky cousin Rita (the memory-impaired Ms. Tomei). She's just escaped from her lat-

est rehab center, and her father (Carl Reiner, slumming himself for just one scene) offers to pay brother Murray to take her in and straighten her out. This allows the family to go movin' on up to an actual furnished apartment ("finally - we're rich!"). It also allows Rita to teach Viv a few things every budding woman should know, like how to disco dance with a vibrator. The scene may have played as groundbreaking in the Fox screening room. It should have been left in the ground.

Viv's anatomy - she whines on about having inherited her mother's breasts and her father's nose - and her bodily functions and fluids are the grist for this coming of age tale. Writer/director Jenkins did what she was taught - she wrote about what she knew. Trouble is, her anger is uninteresting, and her characters are unlikeable. She admits it herself, through Viv: "The whole family is sick. I hate us; we're freaks." Well, as we said in the 1970s, Right On.

Natasha Lyonne has played the daughter of Woody Allen ("Everyone Says I Love You") and Richard Dreyfuss ("Krippendorf's Tribe"), as well as Meryl Streep's niece ("Heartburn"). That's some pedigree, and her performance is the film's highlight. If you really want to see

Alan Arkin and Carl Reiner cook, go rent "The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming." It's been 30 years since they made it, and you'll still laugh your angst off.



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Music producer offers dream list



ANN DELISI

As our summer season rumbles onward, I've been eliciting season previews from our on-camera hosts. But this week I called a behind-the-scenes guy: *Backstage Pass* music producer Ron Pangborn.

Now, we have a lot of top-notch music contributors who advocate all kinds of guests for the show. And it doesn't matter if they're performing jazz, opera, rock or country - Ron has to make it sound amazing. From making most of the calls for music bookings to technical and equipment rundowns to working with our crack crew on the final air mix, week in and week out, it's Ron who brings it all together.

So who better than Ron to give us a musical preview of the upcoming season on

Backstage Pass? Of course, given the fickle nature of music booking, it would be impossible to predict which acts will actually make it onto the Big Show. So I told Ron to consider this an open letter to Santa - what do you wish for in Season Three? "One of my main objectives will be to reintroduce people in Detroit to the master musicians who still live here. We've done fairly well with that with people like Hal McKinney, Russell Green, Marcus Belgrave and some others. I'd like to continue."

Who's on your wish list? "For starters, Chicago Pete. He's a blues guy who will be performing at Montreaux with the Rodney Whitaker Quartet." Rodney appeared last season on *Backstage Pass*. "It should be a rocking show. Rodney is Pete's son-in-law, so there's a family connection there."

"Johnny Bassett is another blues guy. The hook with Johnny is that he was in the Fortune Records rhythm section, an old Mom and Pop, pre-Motown, Detroit-based label that did very well in its day. The Fortune Records building was on Cass Avenue not far from where the Town Pump is now."

"And Beans Bowles was like the horn guy at Motown. What Pistol Allen was to drums and Earl Van Dyke was to keyboards, Beans was to the horns at Motown. He was also involved in the presentation of the acts when they went out on the road. A lot of them were young kids, and he helped them with their touring etiquette. He's a great horn player, and still gigs around."

Hey, wishing's cheap. What else do you want, Ron? "I would like to see us do more of the kind of thing we did with James Carter. More than just booking the act and making sure they sound good, I'd like to help put together the band, discuss repertoire with the artists - to start with concept and build the ensemble out of that." If you

recall Mr. Carter's appearance on the show, the concept was to put together an ensemble of artist who influenced Carter - a fast-rising star in contemporary jazz - during his formative years in Detroit. "So, as opposed to coming in with his regular touring ensemble, maybe we put together some of these Fortune Records guys to play with Johnny Bassett. Some of them are still around. They could give us a perspective on what was going on in Detroit before Berry Gordy made his mark." That would be fascinating!

What else? "Every season we deepen our relationship with major record labels, and they provide us with national touring

and recording acts. I hope that this year we actually have an opportunity to co-sponsor concerts with either radio stations or performance venues. I sense that this year we might try to do more rock. We've always represented it, but we've been bombarded by so many things that we haven't always done as much as we should. I also want to get some contemporary Gospel on the show, plus world music and reggae. And we hope to continue our good relationships with all the players in Detroit's classical scene."

As *Backstage Pass* continues to earn high marks as a showcase for music on television, we can

afford to be ambitious. Like Ron says, "We stand up in comparison to any of the shows that do music - Letterman, Leno, Conan - we're doing as well, often better. We put out a first-rate product in terms of sound."

On tonight's show, Gerry Craig tours the Brodhead Armory, Blair Anderson hosts a performance from last spring's Plovers Theatre production of "Joe Turner's Come and Gone," plus music from Jewel collaborator Steve Poltz and the Arianna String Quartet. That's on *Backstage Pass*, at our new time - 7:30 p.m. tonight, repeated Friday at midnight on Detroit Public Television.

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GEM THEATRE
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COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 11-12, 18-19, 25-26 and Oct. 2-3, 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, special matinee performance 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"Broadway Banned: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, features many great scores from musicals performed with in their intimate barn setting. 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 11-12, 18-19 and 15-16, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 32332 W. 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20. (248) 553-2955

ROSDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
Benefit performances of "Seance at the Upstage," an audience participation murder mystery with a comedic twist by Eileen Moushey, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Detroit. \$10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

SPECIAL EVENTS

"DYEING THE NATURAL WAY"
Take part in the process of dyeing cloth with natural materials such as walnuts, pokeberries and goldenrod flowers, 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, meet at the Pony Barn at the University of Michigan-Deerborn, 4901 Evergreen, Deerborn. (313) 593-5338

MICHIGAN STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP
Applications are being accepted for the championship on Saturday, Sept. 12, during the Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth. The winner of the 20th annual event goes to the 1998 World Championship Chili Cook-Off in Nevada. (734) 455-8838

BENEFITS

LOUIS ANDERSON
Comedian and star of Showtime and HBO specials and "Life with Louie," performs 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$75 reserved seats (\$50 tax deductible), \$25 general admission, benefits HERO - Homeless Empowerment Relationship Organization, an organization that Anderson co-founded. (734) 761-1800 or <http://www.a2ark.com>

PANCAKE DINNER AND CONCERT
Fundraiser dinner for Noelle Rowlett Medical Fund, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 (\$5, \$3 seniors/children), followed by concert by Johnny Rowlett, at Belleville High School Auditorium, 555 W. Columbia. \$5, \$3 seniors/children.

FAMILY EVENTS

CHAUTAUQUA EXPRESS
3-4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, musical open house for the young and young at heart, Congregation Shir Tikvah, 3900 Northfield Parkway, south of Wattles between Crooks and Cooldidge, Troy. (248) 649-4418

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Robot Zoo featuring eight giant robot creatures (housefly, squid, etc.) which demonstrate how muscles, hearts and blood vessels work, through Monday, Sept. 7, at the institute, 1221 North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. \$7, \$4 seniors/children 3-17. (248) 645-3200

DETROIT ZOO
Two of a Kind perform "Animal Memories," a family puppet concert, 11:30 a.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11; storyteller LaRon Williams 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the zoo, Ten Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. Free with zoo admission of \$7.50 adults, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2-7. (248) 398-0903

HARPBEAT
10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at the Rochester Hills Public Library, Rochester. (248) 650-7140

MAYBURY STATE PARK
"Farm Stories" program continues with "Hog Wild!" a series of stories about pigs, 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, farm demonstration building; Horses drawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck



Featured performer: Singer Diane Schuur offers a more traditional approach to jazz. She has been hailed by critics for sustaining the legacy of the great female jazz singers - Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington. She will perform 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, on the Ford/Air Touch Cellular stage with the Duke Ellington Orchestra under the direction of Paul Ellington, the great composer's band leader's grandson.

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6 p.m. Picnic On the Plaza w/The Sun Messengers and Diane Schuur

Friday, Sept. 4

Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Calvin Brooks & Audrey Northington

3 p.m. Malvin McCray and the Jazz Vanguards

4:45 p.m. Alto Reed & The Edge

6:30 p.m. Regina Carter & Lyman Woodard

9 p.m. "The Motor City All Star Celebration" with various artists.

DTE Energy Stage

Noon Tom Saunders' Detroit All Stars

2 p.m. Taslimah Bey Trio

3:30 p.m. Ray Kamalay and the Red Hot Peppers

5 p.m. Franz Jackson w/Hugh Leal's Motown Classic Jazz Band

6:30 p.m. Pam Wise Latin Jazz All Stars w/Adela Dalto

8 p.m. Francisco Mora

9:45 p.m. Ray Barretto and the New World Spirit

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Roseville High School Jazz Ensemble

1:15 p.m. Chesaning Union Jazz

2:45 p.m. Jackson Middle School at Parkside

4 p.m. Divine Child High School Jazz Ensemble

5:15 p.m. Aquinas College Afternoon Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Ensemble

8 p.m. Kathy Kosins & Trio

9:45 p.m. Shawn 'Thunder' Wallace Sextet

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Paul Keller

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Wendell Harrison

6:30 p.m. Student jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Edgar Leony Orquesta Tradicion Latina

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

6 and 7:30 p.m. University of Michigan - Flint Jazz Combo

9 and 10:30 p.m. Pistol Allen Quartet

Saturday, Sept. 5

Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Central Michigan University Percussion Ensemble

1:30 p.m. United States Air Force Night Flight Jazz Ensemble

3 p.m. Regina Carter Electric Quartet

4:45 p.m. White/Margitza Quintet

6:15 p.m. Dennis Rowland & New Breed Bebop Society w/Teddy Harris

8 p.m. Rodney Whittaker Sextet

w/Chicago Pete

9:30 p.m. Ruth Brown

DTE Energy Stage

Noon Boogie Woogie Bash w/ Bob Seelye, Mr. B and Philippe Lejeune

2:15 p.m. Thornetta Davis & Oo Papa Da

4 p.m. Magnificent Seven w/Garfield

5:45 p.m. Astral Project

7:45 p.m. Johnnie Bassett & the Blues Insurgents

9:30 p.m. Eric Person & Meta-Four

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Michigan All State Jazz Combo

1:15 p.m. IAJE Reading Band

2:45 p.m. Michigan All State Big Band

4 p.m. Sterling Heights High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. University of Michigan - Flint Jazz Ensemble

6:45 p.m. Monroe High School Jazz Band

8 p.m. Dan Lewis & Friends w/ David Lieberman and Rick Margitza

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Rick Roe

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Dennis Rowland

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Bart Polot

6:30 p.m. Student jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Roger Tucker and 3/4 Step

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

1:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Combo

5:15 and 7 p.m. Wayne State University Sextet

9 and 10:30 p.m. Tom Brown Quartet

Sunday, Sept. 6

Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon James Tatum Trio Plus

2 p.m. The Brad Mehldau Trio

4 p.m. David Lieberman, Michael Brecker & the University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble

5:45 p.m. Straight Ahead

7:45 p.m. George Benson Quartet

9:30 p.m. Louis Hayes Quintet w/Curtis Fuller

DTE Energy Stage

12:15 p.m. Myron Wahls Trio

1:45 p.m. Northwoods Improvisers

3:15 p.m. Creative Arts Collective Ensemble

5:15 p.m. Scott Cutshall Quartet w/David Lieberman

7 p.m. Ernest Dawkins New Horizons Ensemble

9 p.m. The Sun Ra All Star Project

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Cass Jazz

1:15 p.m. IAJE's Sisters in Jazz

2:45 p.m. Hastings High School Jazz Band

4 p.m. East Kentwood High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. Henry Ford Big Band

6:45 p.m. Heritage High School Jazz

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8 p.m. Bess Bonnier Quartet

9:45 p.m. Schunk/Star/Dryden

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Ellen Rowe

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Louis Hayes & Curtis Fuller

5 p.m. Jazz clinic with Andrew Speight

6:30 p.m. Student jam session

9 and 10:15 p.m. Sugarfoot

Kowalski Riverfront Cafe

1:15 and 2:45 p.m. Northview High School Jazz Combo

4:45 and 6:30 p.m. Oberlin Jazz Septet

8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Vincent York Quartet

Monday, Sept. 7

Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage

Noon Wayne State Jazz Band

1:30 p.m. Chris Collins Quartet

3:15 p.m. Ralphe Armstrong's International Detroiters w/Vernon Reid

5 p.m. A la Carte Brass and Percussion

7 p.m. Diane Shuur & the Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington

9:30 p.m. Regina Carter Quartet w/John Blake

DTE Energy Stage

12:15 p.m. Paul Abler Quartet

2 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones

3:30 p.m. George Goldsmith & Endangered Species Lives!

5 p.m. Henry Cook Band

7 p.m. The David McMurray Show

9 p.m. Houston Person & Etta Jones

Hudson's/Live Jazz Stage

Noon Dearborn Edsel Ford Jazz Band

1:15 p.m. Central Michigan University Jazz Lab Band I

2:45 p.m. Northville High School Jazz Ensemble I

4 p.m. Ann Arbor Community High School Jazz Band

5:15 p.m. Dee Dee McNeil

6:45 p.m. Herold/Gordon Small Band

8:15 p.m. Kenny Cox Sextet

9:45 p.m. Liquid Soul

Pepsi Jam Academy

1 p.m. Jazz clinic with Vincent York

2:45 p.m. Harold McKinney's Jazz for a New Generation

3:45 p.m. Meet the Artist: Paul Ellington

5:15 p.m. Student jam session.

7:45 and 9 p.m. Imperial Swing Orchestra

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8:15 and 10:30 p.m. Dwight Adams Quartet

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CORRINE STAVISH
The well-known story teller entertains with enlightening stories pertaining to the High Holidays, 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Free. (248) 967-4030

CLASSICAL

RALPH VOTAPEK
Piano recital of Moussorgsky and Gershwin presented by Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 dessert 12:15 p.m., at Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. \$7 non-members. (248) 851-4307/(248) 585-0146

POPS/SWING

BLUE MOON BOYS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (swingabilly)

WAYNE NEWTON
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. Persons holding tickets for Newton's Jan. 16 Palace concert should call (248) 377-8601. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS
Auditions for "The Foreigner," a modern farce set in a fishing lodge in rural Georgia, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 14-15, at the playhouse on Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8 and 12-14. Scripts available (not for check-out) at the Rochester Public Library. (248) 608-9077

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE
Auditions for male and female dancers for "The Nutcracker," minimum two years serious dance training, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, formerly St. Barbara's School, 13500 Colson, off Schaefer Road between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Dearborn. For performances with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra Nov. 28-29. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE
Auditions for "Follies," 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. Performances Nov. 5-21. (313) 885-6086/(810) 790-7038/(313) 886-0944

MADISON CHORALE
Auditioning men and women singers Tuesday, Sept. 8, by appointment only. (248) 548-6340

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos, rehearsals for 25th anniversary Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Auditions for concertmaster, second oboe, second clarinet, second French horn, section strings, others may audition for substitute positions. Monday, Sept. 14. (734) 482-3897/(313) 640-1773

RIDGE DALE PLAYERS
Auditions for 15 men and women of varying ages for "Twelve Angry Jurors," a mixed cast version of "Twelve Angry Men," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, actors must give one-minute monologue on any issue they feel strongly about, either original or scripted, for performances Nov. 6-22. (734) 420-2752; open house for children and adults interested in theater, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (248) 988-7049

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR
Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 22, for season including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

VANGUARD VOICES
Auditions for 65-voice mixed choir, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building (Room F-113), Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.

For performances Nov. 29, Dec. 12-14, Feb. 5, March 21, April 11, and May 23. Rehearsals Thursday nights in Dearborn. (313) 845-6474

VILLAGE PLAYERS
Auditions for "She Loves Me," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 10 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, Birmingham. For performances Nov. 12-15, 20-22, 27-28. (248) 644-2075

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
Auditions for children 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 418-4ART

ZAMIR CHORALE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT
Open rehearsals, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sept. 8, Agency for Jewish Education, 21550 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. (313) 861-8990/(248) 851-8560

CHORAL

CHOIR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN, POLAND
1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, as part of the Orchard Lake Schools' "Polish Day" Mass, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, as part of a concert of traditional and contemporary works by Polish and foreign composers, at the schools's shrine-chapel, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. A free-will collection will be taken during the concert. Polish-American meals and campus tours will also be available. (248) 682-1885

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

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BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

GOSPEL

AGAPE POWER
"Lifetime of Praise" concert, ice cream social, child care provided, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham. Free will offering. (810) 646-6100

WORLD MUSIC

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11, 12, Spectadium, 2511 N. Livernois Road, Troy. Cover charge. (248) 362-4030 (reggae)

TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET
6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle. (313) 823-8000

SALLY NYOLO
Former member of Zap Mama, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at Benedetto's Ristorante Italiano, 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (810) 790-1010; 7 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 9-10 and 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Luciano's 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian and Spanish)

THIRD WORLD
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

STEPHEN FEARING
With Ray Bonneville, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

TENNESSEE SCHMALZ
8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (klezmer/jazz)

POETRY

DETROIT WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE SERIES
Michelle Gibbs, poet/artist, Ko Nami Kato Ensemble, Japanese music, Nedra Johnson, national performing artist, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Unitarian Church, red door at Cass and Forest, Detroit. \$7-\$12. (313) 832-5888

DANCE

ANN ARBOR CONTRA
Community and family dance, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of 194; \$4 per person, \$8 family. (734) 769-1052; followed by picnic in Gallup Park 3-7 p.m. (\$4 donation for food) and first Saturday dance, 8-11:30 a.m., at the Pittsfield Grange, \$9. (734) 665-7704. Dance information for Sept. 6 and 8, (734) 332-9024

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Randy Lubas and Tim Rolands. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 3-5; Bill Hildebrandt, Kevin Zeoli and Pauline. Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5). (734) 261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Kirkland Teeple, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 2-3 (\$7); Dean Haglund, who played the "Lone Gunman" on "The X-Files," 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 4-5 (\$12); R. Bruce, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 9-10 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Norm Stulz and Frank G., Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 3-6; Jenny McNulty and

Paul Frisbee, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 9-13, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"
Tour of the Gem Theatre, 6:30 p.m. cash bar/dinner at intermezzo followed by 8 p.m. film clip of the moving of the theater, Friday, Sept. 18, at the theater, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$50 Detroit Historical Society members, \$60 non-members. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroitshistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Exhibits include "Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past" through Sunday, Oct. 25, and "Juke Joint" through Sunday, Oct. 18, at the museum, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. Museum admission, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

"THE A2 HARDCORE HIP-HOP FEST"
With Harms Way, Mob Mentality, Scully, The Howse and Young Guns, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

AURORA
With Sublimation and Lovesick, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

BANTAM ROOSTER
With The Witches, The Go, Glow in the Dark Monsters, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

THE BEACH BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$54, \$48 students and senior citizens, \$60 gold circle. All ages. (810) 286-2222 (pop)

BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 567-4400 (pop)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With The Ledge, Neanderthal, Gravity Well and Offset, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

BLUE SUIT WITH ALBERTA ADAMS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (R&B)

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (bluesy rock)

BILLY BRAGG
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance, benefits striking newspaper workers. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)

BROADZILLA
With The Workhorse Movement and Powerface, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 874-0254 (rock)

BUSTER BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

CIVILIANS
9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, Lili's, 2930

Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

"CLASSIC ROCK ALL STARS"
Featuring Pater Rivera, Jerry Corbetta, Mike Pinera and Dennis Noda, of Rare Earth, Iron Butterfly, Blues Image, Cannibal and the Headhunters, and Sugarloaf, performing hits such as "Get Ready," "I Just Wanna Celebrate" and "Tobacco Road," with special guest The Plants, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15.50 in advance. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

THE CONNELLS
With Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

COWBOY JUNKIES
With Over the Rhine, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$22.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)

A.J. CROCE
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$6. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Knee Deep Shag, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$8. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock/funk)

GLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

FAITH AND DISEASE
With Trance to the Sun, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Ascension U.K., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 961-5333 (goth)

FATHERS OF THE ID
8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays through September Johnson-Charles Gallery, 1345 Division, in Detroit's Eastern Market. Free, donations accepted. All ages. (313) 567-8638 (alternative rock)

STEWART FRANCKE
With Merrle Amsterburg, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8, free for students. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (pop)

FUNKTELLIGENCE
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

H2O
With Madball, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

HILLSIDE STRANGLERS
With The Impaler, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

LISA HUNTER
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Lonestar Coffeehouse, 207 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 642-2233; Hosts open mic,

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790 (acoustic pop)

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Baked Potato, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (funk)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

PETER AND THE TEST-TUBE BABIES
With Bumpin' Uglies, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (punk)

PLUMLOCO
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

POLISH MUSLIMS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (pop)

RHYTHM POSSE
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

ROCKET 455
With Neckbones, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

SAFFIRE - THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN
With Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (blues)

HADDEN SAYERS BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. \$3. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

"SEPTEMBER SLAM '98"
With LA, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)

JO SERRAPERRE
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (blues)

60 SECOND CRUSH
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

SON OF ADAM
10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

SPINANES
With The Lonesome Organist, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

SUBURBAN DELINQUENTS
6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (punk)

STABBING WESTWARD
7-11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, Blind

Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock/industrial)

SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (R&B)

TELEGRAPH
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-POOL (ska)

TRASH BRATS
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (glam rock)

UNCLE BOOBY
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (pop)

VAN HALEN
With the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$40 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

CLAY WALKER
With the Dixie Chicks, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Pine Knob Music Theatre, 1-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 before 9 p.m., \$3 afterward; "Solar" night with Disco D featuring Terrance Parker and G Major of Bang Tech 12, 11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the club. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; "3-D Reunion Party," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegrooveroom.com>

INDUSTRY
Electronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11

p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20, all at the club, 19 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-1999 or <http://www.961melt.com>

MAGIC BAG
"Playhouse," techno dance with resident DJs Terrence Parker, Eric Hintchman, Jeremy Guerin and Cold Crush Rus., 9 p.m. Sundays in June, at the club, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Free before 10 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

MOTOR LOUNGE
"World Wednesdays" featuring DJs Urban Kris and Culture spin world music, 9 p.m. Wednesdays; at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or <http://www.motorde-troit.com>

ONE X
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Alternative Life" with progressive and deep house with DJs Cecil Gibbs and St. Andy, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Tea Dance," with high energy and top 40 dance on the outside patio with DJ Cecil Gibbs, 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; "Evolution" with Family Funktion in the Shelter, live broadcast from The Edge 105.1 in St. Andrew's, and "Go Sound!" with live bands in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress. Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

STATE THEATRE
"Club X," with 89X CIMX, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB
"Latin Dance Night" with free lessons, 8-10 p.m. Thursdays; Dance party featuring club mix, freestyle, house, techno and top 40 dance, 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free. 21 and older; "Pulse" night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays in July. \$7 for those aged 18-20, free for 21 and older; "Swingin' Rockabilly" night with a hot rod and Harley show, 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Free dance lessons 9-10 p.m. 18 and older; Swing dance night with free lessons 9-10 p.m. Wednesdays. 18 and older. The club is located at 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE
Swing, lounge and big band tunes spun by DJ Sonny, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. \$3. 21 and older; Swing, big band and Latin dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$3. 21 and older; "Cute Little House" with house and techno, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays. \$5. 21 and older; Intermediate and advance swing dance lessons, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 18 and older; Beginner swing dance lessons 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. Free. 18 and older; "Ready Steady Go." Brit pop music night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays (\$3), at the club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411

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DINING

Tomatoes Apizza makes an exceptional pie

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Open since mid-July, Tomatoes Apizza is developing a reputation.

"It's really different," said Hien Trinh of Farmington Hills, a student at University of Detroit Mercy Dental School, "I love the crust, it's crunchy. It's definitely like nothing we've had around here. It's not all dough."

Owner Michael Weinstein, 25, and his business partner Jayson Kakos, 24, know "Good Pizza's Hard To Find," and are confident that once people try Tomatoes Apizza, they will order it again, and again. Their location in the Concord Center Plaza isn't the best, it's easy to pass by on busy Halsted Road if you don't know what you're looking for. An umbrella table outside the carry-out restaurant helps draw attention, as does the colorful mural painted by Susan Weinberg, and sign designed by Amy Wybo.

"If you have a good carry-out, and it's exceptional, people will find it," said Kakos. There's seating for 10 people, and soft drinks are offered for sale.

Weinstein and Kakos grew up in the same neighborhood in West Bloomfield. They met in middle school and have been friends ever since. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, Weinstein said he always wanted to be in the fast food

Tomatoes Apizza
Where: 24369 Halsted (just north of Grand River) Farmington Hills, (248) 888-4888
Open: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, 4-11 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: Pizza
Cost: Ranges from \$4.99 for small Red Pizza with crushed tomatoes to \$13.99 for a large White Pizza with fresh tomato and basil.
Credit Cards: All majors accepted

business, "because it works."

He discovered pizza in New York, and it reminded him of the pizza he enjoyed with his father on trips to New Haven, Conn. "My dad grew up in New Haven, and he took me there when I was 10," said Weinstein.

"This is good pizza, it's the way it's supposed to be," he said taking a bite of a fresh-from-the-oven pie. "It's got a thin, crispy crust, it's got character and depth, it has truth, it's real. There are no shortcuts involved in making it. This is not gourmet, everyone should be eating this pie. This pie is for everyone."

Tomatoes Apizza offers three varieties of pizza - Red Pizza, crust topped with crushed tomatoes and seasonings; White Pizza, crust topped with mozzarella cheese, fresh tomatoes, garlic, basil, and seasonings; and Classic pizza with tomato sauce, cheese and your choice of topping.

Weinstein worked at a pizzeria for six months while attending the Culinary Institute of America, and after graduating, he moved to New Haven, Conn., to learn how to make the pizza he loved.

History

New Haven and pizza have a long history. According to Weinstein, in the early 1900s, immigrants from Naples arrived on the Eastern seaboard. One of these immigrants, Frank Pepe, worked in a bakeshop in New Haven. To earn extra money, Pepe bought the bakery's day-old bread, spooned on chopped tomato and spent his mornings and evenings establishing his business on Wooster Street, now considered a mecca by pizza aficionados. This was arguably the first pizza in America.

By the 1920s, Frank Pepe's "Neapolitan Apizzeria" was famous. Other pizza men followed, and these were the men

Weinstein wanted to learn from.

The first place he went was Sally's. "I told them I needed a job and that I had been making pizzas for five years," said Weinstein. "They tried me out, and I did a nice job, so after a day they asked me to fill out an application. They were very nice, and I didn't want to be a sneak, so I told the truth about my background."

Telling the truth cost him the job. "They're real proud of their pizza and probably thought I would steal the recipe."

Determined, Weinstein walked down the street to another pizza maker, Lou Abate. "I asked for a job, and he said 'let me see you make a pizza.' I did, and he said, 'so who are you really?'"

Weinstein told the truth this time - he trained at the Culinary Institute of America, and wanted to open a pizzeria in Michigan that sold pizza like the kind Lou made.

"Lou learned how to make pizza from his father," said Weinstein, "and his father learned from this guy named Johnny Two Fingers, who learned from old man Pepe."

Weinstein worked there for six months, and knew he was ready to go into business on his own when Lou said, "Mike you make a pretty good pie, just like that."

On a trip home to attend his good friend Jayson Kakos' wedding, the two talked about open-



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Making pizza: Jayson Kakos (left) and Michael Weinstein make pizzas with character and depth at Tomatoes Apizza.

ing their own business.

Kakos doesn't have Weinstein's culinary background, but he knows about running businesses. His father owns a liquor store, and his mother a tanning salon. "I've been working for my family since I was a pup," he said. "Mike made us dinner, it was the best food I've ever tasted. After that I was convinced he could cook."

"We take a lot of pride in what we do," said Weinstein. "Everyone who makes a pizza here has to have respect for it. How it's cooked makes a huge difference. We cook it on a seasoned brick and took a lot of care in choosing every ingredient from the flour and yeast to the tomatoes and cheese."

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ Johnny Rockets - home of the Original Hamburger, opened Monday, Aug. 31 at the Star

Southfield, 25333 12 Mile Road. Johnny Rockets captures a time when the corner malt shop was the friendliest place in town.

■ The Pontiac Silverdome's Main Event Restaurant reopened Sept. 1 after extensive interior changes departing from the former sports bar theme and placing the diner in a casual,

comfortable county club setting. With an all-new menu featuring Canadian Baby Back Ribs basted in Big Jack's barbecue sauce, the Main Event is billing itself as the "best place in town for ribs." Other sure-to-be popular items are steaks, seafood and oversized burgers. Hours are Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to

10p.m. Friday until 11p.m. Saturday 5p.m.-11p.m. Closed Sundays. On Detroit Lions game days, the Main Event will offer Game Day Buffet service. For reservations call (248) 858-7888.

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p.m., \$60 per person, tax and gratuity not included, Brancott Vineyards from New Zealand, five-course dinner with wine pairings. Call (248) 305-5210 for reservations.

NEXT WEEK IN DINING

Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 W. Warren, (east of Middlebelt) in Garden City, (734) 762-7756, has a new menu, and attitude.

The white tablecloths are gone, and the restaurant is comfortably casual. Manager Michele Williams of Garden City has been training staff to help create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Chef Calvin Hill's new menu offers pizza, chicken, steaks, Italian dishes, seafood, prime rib and daily specials.

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