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Bus stop sparks controversy

Several parents Monday implored Westland City Council members to help resolve a problem at a Livonia school district bus stop at Joy Road and Ravine. A study session is scheduled for Monday.

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Some parents suggest that a controversial school bus stop should be moved to alleviate a dispute that one Westland woman said "is tearing our neighborhood apart."

Several parents Monday implored Westland City Council members to

help resolve a problem at a Livonia school district bus stop at Joy Road and Ravine.

Parents have been accused of encroaching on a couple's corner property when driving children to the school bus stop. In response, Westland police have posted no-parking signs and issued several tickets, angering parents.

"We have a right to protect our children as they wait for the school bus," Virginia Klein told the council Monday, accompanied by several other parents and children.

In a report to city officials, parents indicated possible support for moving the bus stop to another Joy Road location, although one mother, Judy Bowles, said sidewalks would be needed along the busy road.

The problem is, the concerned parents aren't among the homeowners who would face paying for the sidewalks.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc has suggested that, to address bus stop

problems and ease neighborhood tensions, the city should consider paying the tab.

Council members plan to discuss the bus stop controversy during a study session at 6:30 p.m. Monday on the second floor of Westland City Hall.

In the meantime, parents are circulating petitions seeking removal of the no-parking signs on Ravine. Twenty-three people had signed as of Tuesday, Bowles said.

Parents drive their children to and from the bus stop three times a day — in the mornings, afternoons and in

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Happy homecoming



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HEAVLEY

Under the umbrellas: Weather didn't scare everyone away from attending Wayne Memorial High School's homecoming game and activities last Saturday. The game was successful as Wayne had a last-minute win over Dearborn Edsel Ford, 25-19. See today's Sports section.



Crowning moment: Wayne High School senior Elizabeth Klitch (left) is shocked after being chosen the 1998 homecoming queen for Wayne High School. At right, congratulating Elizabeth is Angela Moran also on the homecoming court.



Carver decision delayed

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Carver subdivision residents say they will work to get more petition signatures opposing a gas station, convenience store and ice cream parlor on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and Annapolis.

They fear the 24-hour business will attract drug dealers and other troublemakers to their neighborhood on Westland's southeast side, even though a businessman said he won't sell any alcohol.

Carver residents already had collected more than 200 signatures opposing the development prior to Monday, when Westland City Council members postponed a series of votes on the issue.

Resident Sherry Mallard said Tuesday that the delay will give opponents

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Summer Fest shows surplus

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Westland Festival Committee members Monday released financial reports for 1998, hoping to be more accountable and to squelch rumors that volunteers get paid.

"Nobody gets paid on this committee," festival chairman Kenneth Mehl said. "It's all volunteer."

The committee spent \$68,012 on the July 1-5 festival and ended the event with a \$39,389 surplus for next year.

"Overall we had the most successful festival we've ever had," Mehl said.

His remarks came during a Westland City Council meeting, on the same night that council members honored festival volunteers and praised them for their tireless efforts.

Councilman Charles Pickering said the festival was among the best he has attended.

"It just seemed like it was larger than before," he said.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said he was impressed by the large

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Construction trucks on Wildwood rattle residents

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Big construction trucks rumbling along Wildwood Road near a development site are rattling houses and residents' nerves, a Westland woman said Monday.

Bess Kunkle, addressing Westland City Council members, also alleged that some construction trucks aren't coming to a halt at stop signs.

"There is potential for bad things to happen, and I'd hate to see it happen," she said.

Another resident, Anita Gronas, also complained about construction trucks going to and from a residential construction site at the former Wilson School on Wildwood, north of Palmer.

Mayor Robert Thomas said trucks are supposed to be coming onto Wildwood only from Palmer to the south — the shortest route to the construction site.

■ 'We can't stop them from building, but we'll see what they're doing.'

Robert Thomas
Westland mayor

He said he would investigate complaints that trucks are traveling north from the construction site. "We can't stop them from building," he said, "but we'll see what they're doing."

Kunkle said one woman had to pull into a driveway to avoid construction trucks on Wildwood. She also said some trucks are moving too fast to stop at intersections.

"They're so heavy they cannot always stop at the stop signs," she said.

Referring to a recent earth tremor felt in Michigan, Kunkle said, "I didn't feel that as much as I do the trucks going by."

She said trucks rattle houses and could cause damages, although city officials don't see an end in sight at the construction zone.

"It could be a year before everything is completed," Richard Dittmar, public services director, said Monday.

City Attorney Angelo Plakas cautioned Kunkle and Gronas that not all trucks appearing to be too heavy are, in fact, violating weight limits.

City police officers have the capability to weigh a truck suspected of carrying a load too heavy for its size, and tickets can be issued.

Kunkle and Gronas are offered to show city officials a copy of a videotape that they said reveal some of the problems they saw.

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between for half-day kindergartners. Most of the students attend Garfield Elementary School.

The issue mushroomed after Larry and Peggy Sullivan, who live on the corner, contacted the city to complain that their property is being eroded by the vehicle traffic. Ravine is a dirt road. "We agree that these people

have a right to protect their property," Klein told the council, adding that other homeowners would complain, too, under similar circumstances.

But Klein said the issue is "tearing our neighborhood apart" because parents also feel that they have a right to protect their children.

Parents said they aren't trying to be trouble-makers.

"We certainly want to work together as neighbors to resolve this issue," she said.

Steven Woodworth, Livonia district transportation supervisor, said there have been "a series of discussions" on how to resolve the problem, but no decisions have been made.

Larry Sullivan, a retired Wayne County sheriff's deputy, has said the parents at times have been rude, refusing to move their vehicles from the end of his drive and letting their children run free. The Sullivans are trying to sell their house.

Parents also have complained that traffic congestion near Joy and Ravine has been compounded by a landscaping business that brings in customers.

Parents said they aren't trying to be trouble-makers for the Sullivans and the landscaping business.

"We hope that an equitable solution can be found which will protect each party's rights and also protect the safety of our children," Klein said in her statement Monday.

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more time to gather even more signatures - as many as 400 - before the council revisits the controversy during a 7 p.m. Oct. 19 meeting at Westland City Hall.

She said residents will "absolutely" continue their fight against commercial plans proposed by businessman Salah Zubaidi.

Zubaidi, who has support from most Westland Planning Commission members, has said his commercial development will help make the neighborhood safer by providing 24-hour lighting and attendants.

But Mallard said his statements are "insulting" and that residents don't believe the commercial development is in the neighborhood's best interest.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli said Monday that the issue was postponed until Oct. 19 because she wanted the full council to discuss Zubaidi's plans. Council members Sharon Scott and Justine Barna didn't attend Monday's meeting.

Zubaidi needs a rezoning (partly from residential to commercial), a special land use permit and site plan approval before he can proceed with his plans.

On Monday, Westland resident Dorothy Smith said the council should halt its practice of rushing to approve so many related items at once - in Zubaidi's case, three.

But Planning Director Ted Kilroy said the proposals have been known since at least June, when planning commissioners started

considering them.

The planning commission in June denied Zubaidi's plans but reversed itself Sept. 22 after he dropped a proposal for a fast-food restaurant with a drive-through lane.

Meanwhile, Mallard raised concerns Monday that the city doesn't enforce ordinance violations in Carver subdivision. She said she has seen abandoned refrigerators, cars, water tanks and other items that get ignored by the city.

"I pay my taxes," she said, "and I think we should have enforcement automatically in our area."

Building Director Robert Fritz told Mallard he would investigate the neighborhood eyesores mentioned by Mallard.

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number of families he saw at the festival.

The new financial report contained 36 separate expenses.

The biggest single cost was \$11,500 for festival fireworks, one of the most popular attractions of the event.

Other expenses that topped \$4,000 included food (\$7,439) festival bands (\$7,050); Westland police security (\$6,095); beer (\$5,081); MediaOne advertising (\$5,000) and stage rental (\$4,240).

But the report accounted for even small expenses, such as \$71.89 for phone bills.

es, such as \$71.89 for phone bills.

In total, committee members had \$107,401 going into the festival.

That came from \$75,034 that they raised on top of what was carried over from the 1997 event.

By leaving a \$39,389 surplus, the committee ensured that money is already available to begin planning for the 1999 festival.

Committee members said planning efforts are already in the works.

OBITUARIES

LUCILLE TACKETT

Funeral services for Lucille Tackett, 73, of Westland were Oct. 5 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton.

Mrs. Tackett, who died Oct. 1 in Wayne, was born in Cobb, Ky. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Michael (Deborah) and David; daughters, Diane Caleja of Westland, Karen Connor of Brighton, Pamela Morton of Eastpointe, Janice (Rick) Smith of Garden City and Nancy Clement of Dearborn Heights; brothers, Robert Mitchell of South Carolina and

Thomas Mitchell of Remus, Mich.; father, Fay Mitchell of Kentucky; 28 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Tackett was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse (July 1998), and son, Kenneth.

WILLIAM J. SHOEMAKER

Funeral services for William Shoemaker, 84, of Westland were Oct. 6 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Shoemaker, who died Oct. 3 in Westland, was born in Iron Mountain, Mich. He was a truck driver.

Surviving are: wife, Emojene; sons, James and Richard; daughter, Sandra Treiber; brother,

Richard; sister, Dell Shoemaker; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

PHYLLIS ANN FRY

Funeral services for Phyllis Fry, 52, of Taylor were Oct. 5 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Bob McDonald.

Mrs. Fry died Oct. 2 in Heritage Hospital. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Rusty (Tami) Fry, Roger Fry and Todd (Julie) Fry; daughters, April (Terry) Mettler of Westland and Darlene (Peter) Kosciolk; companion, Bill Nickles; and seven grandchildren.

K. VIRGINIA WOODRUFF

Funeral services for Virginia Woodruff, 84, of Westland were Oct. 6 in John N. Santeju & Son Funeral Home with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. Lawrence E. Witto of Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Woodruff, who died Oct. 2 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. She was in sales.

Surviving are: sons, Edward of Dearborn Heights and Kenneth (Margaret); and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Woodruff was preceded in death by her husband, Edward "Ted."

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Academy open house



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Finding fossils: Justin Valdez, 8, (left) and Frederick Welch Jr., 7, both second-graders at The Academy of Detroit Westland, look for fossils at a recent school open house. Behind is Stacie Prostell and Frederick Welch Sr.

Meeting with teacher:

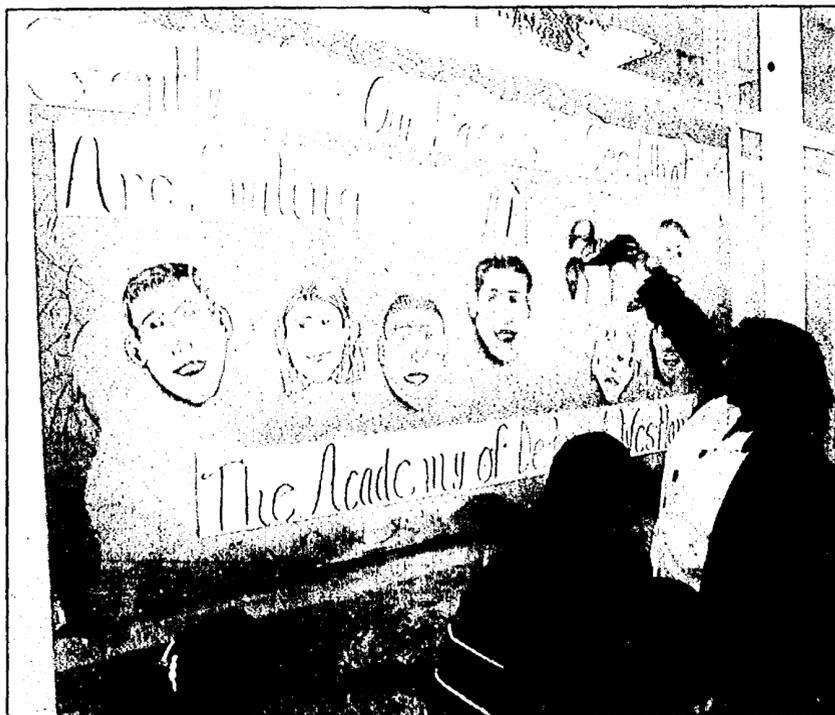
Angela Watkins (center) of Detroit with her two daughters Zun-Quen-vyun Young, 10, (left) a fifth-grader, and Synquis Young, 8, (right) a fourth-grader, talk to Synquis' teacher Venetia Williams.



Family fun: Parents and their families attended The Academy of Detroit Westland spaghetti dinner and open house recently.



Selling: D'Andre Tillman, 7, (left) and Antonio Morris, 7, (right) both in the second grade at The Academy of Detroit Westland, were selling bubbles.



In line: Jeanetta Bryant of Detroit (right) looks at the faces on a poster while waiting in the food line for spaghetti at the open house. The academy is at 300 Henry Ruff in Westland.

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Schoolcraft board splits on union contracts

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Schoolcraft trustees approved contracts with four unions Sept. 30, which will pay the groups' 248 members 3.25 percent annually for four years.

While five trustees supported the contract with the Faculty Forum, the union representing the college's 121 full-time instructors, two trustees abstained, stating they wanted

more time to review the documents.

Supporting the contract were Board President Patricia Watson and trustees Mary Breen, Brian Broderick, Carol Strom and Greg Stempien. Trustees Dick DeVries and Steve Ragan abstained. The three remaining contracts were approved with DeVries joining the same five trustees in support, while Ragan again abstained.

The 13 percent pay hike over

the contract's duration also will be paid to the 59 members of the Schoolcraft College Association of Office Personnel; the 41 physical plant employees of the college's Personnel Association, a part of the Michigan Education Association and National Education Association; and the 27 members of the Schoolcraft College Association of Administrative Personnel.

The agreements include the current fiscal year and last until

2002.

Watson was pleased that the four groups reached four-year agreements, which brings "continued stability" to the college's projected expenses and budgets.

Watson was confident the college's revenue would cover the raises, even with an economic recession. "The administration has demonstrated for many years they are fiscally responsible," Watson said. "I trust their assessment of it. It is a fair and

appropriate settlement."

Ragan abstained because he had "real serious concerns" whether the board could responsibly vote for the contracts. He received a summary sheet that afternoon, hours before the board ratified the agreement. "I don't think it's enough information for something that covers 78 percent of the budget the next four years."

DeVries echoed Ragan's concerns.

Trustees Broderick and Watson believed they had enough time to study the agreement. Watson said the negotiable items and contract issues had been discussed at earlier closed sessions, while Broderick said he didn't believe the two sides would have benefited from delaying the contract.

Broderick said, "The longer you can tie into contracts, then you know where you will go for the next four years."

GOP women honor Sen. Geake

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a farewell luncheon for Sen. Robert Geake who is retiring after 21 years in the Michigan State Senate.



elect officials will honor Geake for his service to Michigan.

Geake, a Northville Township resident, is credited for his strong anti-crime measures, such as Michigan's anti-stalking legislation and tougher penalties for drunken driving. He also sponsored streamlining the unemployment insurance system and supported elimination of Michigan's inheritance tax. Besides the state Senate, Geake has served as a state representative.

Cost of the luncheon is \$15. Reservations are due tomorrow. Call 248-471-5659 for more information.

The luncheon is planned for noon Thursday, Oct. 22, in Bobby's Country House, Five Mile, just east of Levon, Livonia.

Club members, guests and

NAACP hosts scholarship dinner

The Western Wayne County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is sponsoring its annual Fight for Freedom and Scholarship Fund Dinner Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8000 Merriman, Romulus.

A reception is set for 3 p.m. with dinner at 4 p.m. The keynote address will be delivered by Aj D. Jemison, general manager of Fairlane Towne Cen-

ter. Master of ceremonies will be Pamela Morrison Kersey, treasurer, city of Romulus. Honorary chairman is Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano.

Tickets are \$50 per person and including a one-year basic membership in the NAACP. For tickets; contact, Leonard Mungo, president, (313) 963-0407, Eugene Thompson, co-chair, (313) 563-8682, or January Bivens, co-chair, (313) 274-9333.

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A kite-flying event has been scheduled for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Arbor Hills Landfill, 10690 Six Mile in Salem Township, in conjunction with the international One Sky/One World, "Fly a Kite for Peace" day.

BFI will sponsor the event atop the 210-foot-tall landfill, called by organizers "the highest point in southeastern Michigan." Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars to check out the view.

BFI will host Windjammers, a local team of professional kite flyers who will showcase stunt kites and perform synchronized formation flying demonstrations.

Free kites will be distributed while they last. Kite-flying enthusiasts are welcome to bring their own kites and families can pack a picnic lunch. Participants should bring jackets because it is windy at the site.

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Rivers mulls vote on impeachment inquiry

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The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote today on whether the House should launch an impeachment inquiry of President Clinton.

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor, said she hasn't decided how she will vote on an impeachment inquiry recommendation from the Republican-controlled House Judiciary Committee. Rivers, whose 13th District includes part of Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Westland and

Garden City, first wants to read the Democrat's alternative proposal — which had not been completed by early Wednesday afternoon — and listen to the debate expected today on both proposals.

"I would like to see it handled expeditiously," Rivers said. "It has monopolized the attention of Congress for too long."

Rivers believed the Democrat's proposal would allow for a limited scope and limited time.

The Republican plan has no time limit on the inquiry and does not limit its focus to the possible charges recommended

by Starr. Starr dealt with Clinton's attempts to conceal his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Discussions and decisions surrounding Clinton's sex scandal were not partisan when the issue was first discussed a few weeks ago, Rivers said. Rivers supported the release of the entire Starr report, but opposed the release of videotape of Clinton's grand jury testimony.

"Unfortunately the last couple weeks have been partisan."

Debates surrounding both proposals are not expected to last long today. The Democrats' pro-

posal is expected to be introduced under a parliamentary maneuver, where House discussion is limited to one hour.

No matter what she decides, Rivers knows she will not please all her constituents.

"Even if I decided to vote for the impeachment inquiry to decide the issue, there absolutely no consensus with the public."

In a letter to about 1,000 constituents who contacted her office on the inquiry, Rivers said the inquiry process is "not exactly legal and not purely political." Several legal questions must be addressed.

"Did the president perjure himself, suborn perjury in others, and/or tamper with witnesses? These crimes have specific legal definitions which do not necessarily comport with the public's understanding of them and a determination must be made whether crimes were actually committed."

Rivers also said little guidance exists on "high crimes and misdemeanors" committed by presidents because "these types of proceedings are rare occurrences and history gives us scant assistance."



SC's 'Kids on Campus' named best in country

Schoolcraft College's Kids on Campus program received top honors as the best in the country in the community services category from the National Council for Continuing Education & Training.

"In naming Kids on Campus the NCCEET Exemplary Program Award winner, committee chair Dyanne Lyon said, "We received top-notch applications, making the selection extremely competitive."

The program is offered through Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services.

"We are delighted to receive this national honor," said Katrina VanderWoude, assistant dean of continuing education services. "Kids on Campus is a flagship program for the college and it gives the youth in our community the opportunity to have an on-campus experience at an early age."

The program enrolls between 1,600-1,700 children annually, including sessions during the week in the summer and eight consecutive Saturday sessions during both the fall and winter terms. It offers quality enrichment opportunities for children of all ages and talented and gifted classes.

"Kids on Campus opens new doors and exposes children to ideas they may not encounter until much later, such as a botany class or a Japanese language class for 5-year-olds," said Melissa Rensi, program coordinator.

"Our program has received tremendous interest and support from the community as a compliment to children's school experiences."

VanderWoude said the program will expand next summer to include a day camp, combining courses and enrichment activities. She will travel to Portland, Ore., to accept the award Oct. 27.

"For information on the Kids on Campus program, call Rensi at (734) 462-4448.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile.

Karen Newman, Johnny Trudell will headline St. Mary event

There's still time to buy tickets to "Hollywood Nights" Thursday, Oct. 15, featuring Karen Newman and the Johnny Trudell Orchestra.

Guests will enjoy Newman's musical selections and dancing to the Trudell Orchestra.

Proceeds from Hollywood Nights, an annual benefit for St. Mary Hospital, go towards medical and health programs for the community.

The black tie option benefit will be at Laurel Manor, on Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia starting with a cocktail party at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing and entertainment at 8 p.m.

Gene Taylor of radio station Q95 will serve as honor toastmaster while Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey will handle the honorary chair duties.

David and Jan Brandon of Plymouth Township are the honorary co-chairs of the event.

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County parks to host Halloween fest for kids

On Saturday, Oct. 24, otherworldly visitors will arrive at Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area as children come dressed as ghouls, ghosts, monsters and goblins for Wayne County Parks Halloween Fest '98.

From 1-3 p.m. Wayne County will offer free games and activities including magicians, prizes and a candy hunt at 3 p.m. Hayrides will be available for 50 cents per person.

Parents are asked to register their children in advance for the festival by calling (734) 261-1990, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The dead-

line for registration is Monday, Oct. 19.

This year's festival will feature performances by ventriloquist Richard Paul and magical entertainer Chris Linn. From 1:30-2 p.m., Paul will delight children of all ages with side-kicks Headlee Lamar, the Talking Skull, and Wanda, the Absent-Minded Witch. From 2:15 to 2:45 p.m. Linn combines magic, comedy and audience participation.

The Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Commission extends auditor's term

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In 1996, Wayne County voters approved a charter amendment giving the county's auditor general more auditing powers over county departments.

The county charter now requires the auditor general to audit the financial transactions of all county agencies once every two years, or as otherwise directed by the county commission.

On Oct. 1, county commissioners extended the current auditor general's appointment four years which will allow Brendan Dunleavy a chance to continue

expanding his office's auditing duties.

Dunleavy, a Plymouth Township resident, was supported by 12 commissioners present out of the 15, including all four western Wayne County commissioners - Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland; Kathleen Husk, R-Redford; Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia; and Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Prior to the extension, Brendan Dunleavy had two years left on his appointment. Now the extension takes him to 2004.

"I'm very pleased," Dunleavy said. "I believe it will help the office further its independence."

Dunleavy was evaluated by Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park. O'Neil also chairs the commission's Committee on Audit.

O'Neil called Dunleavy "one of the most innovative and creative auditor generals the county has ever had."

"With the approval of the county commission, he combined the current audit staff with outside audit contractors from KPMG Peat Marwick and Alan Young and Associates and is now coordinating more than 20 financial audits concurrently," O'Neil said. "Through this innovation the office will more than double

the number of audits completed in any given year since the office's inception."

Dunleavy also has reconfigured his office to accommodate 19 auditors.

"To complete his objective, he eliminated various vacant positions within the department and established various new positions to enable the office to hire more 'field auditors' and fewer administrators," O'Neil said.

McCotter also serves on the Committee on Audit. "Brendan's done a tremendous job," McCotter said. "The extension helps promote the independence of the office."

S'craft sponsors consumer conference

Consumers lose an estimated \$40 billion each year to fraudulent telemarketers, and more than half of the victims are people 50 years or older.

For a \$5 registration fee, older adults can arm themselves against senior-targeted crime by attending "Scams, Schemes and Swindles: A Consumer Conference for Senior Adults and Those Working with Older Adults."

The conference, sponsored by Schoolcraft College and the Michigan Sheriff's Association, will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia. Esther Shapiro, former director of consumer affairs for the city of Detroit, is the keynote speaker. Topics will include telemarketing scams, door-to-door and home repair schemes, financial exploitation and working with law enforcement agencies.

A recent American Association of Retired Persons survey showed that the majority of older telemarketing fraud victims regularly contact friends and family, remain in the workforce and participate in various social activities. In other words, they are intelligent people who made an unwise decision. While they may have experienced a recent trauma in their lives, they are not socially isolated nor mentally impaired. This conference will offer senior adults

invaluable tools for avoiding becoming victims of fraud.

The \$5 fee includes a continental breakfast, lunch and a free canvas tote bag with resource materials. Preregistration is required and must be completed by Tuesday, Oct. 20.

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BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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A battle over a lane of freeway led to the death of a 51-year-old West Bloomfield man on I-275 near 10 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Around 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, a black Mercury Sable LS traveling south on I-275 crossed the median and then was hit by a Chicago Beef Co. truck, killing the driver of the Sable. The driver of the Sable is identified as Terence Salisbury of West Bloomfield.

The driver of the beef truck suffered minor injuries and was taken to Botsford Hospital, Michigan State Police said.

Witnesses told police the Sable and a blue pickup truck had changed lanes repeatedly on southbound I-275. The pickup then clipped the Sable, causing the driver to lose control and cross the grassy median near the M-5/Grand River entrance.

"Evidently, they got into a cussing match jockeying for some type of lane position," said Michigan State Police Trooper Gregory Stevens.

"(Witnesses) said the two vehicles came in contact with another. His (the pick-up driv-

er's) statement was they had 'stabilized their positions' when contact was made. What you call 'stabilizing your position' I don't know."

The driver of an older model blue Chevy pick-up left the scene but returned an hour-and-a-half later at I-275 and Eight Mile. The Dayton, Ohio man, 30, was taken into custody.

He could face charges ranging from leaving the scene of an accident to murder, police said.

"He said he thought he may have been in an accident and was returning to the scene," Stevens said.

The accident snarled traffic on northbound and southbound I-275 and eastbound I-696 for five hours. Police closed northbound I-275 at Eight Mile until 4:30 p.m. while investigators examined the scene.

The driver of the meat truck told police he saw the Sable veering across the median and tried to brake. A 60-foot-long skid mark on the road led north to the crash, which sheared the front portion of the Sable and caused the meat truck to overturn. Farmington Hills firefight-



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Tragedy: "Road rage" may have been involved in a fatal accident on northbound I-275 south of Ten Mile. A southbound pickup truck and Mercury Sable battled for the same lane. The vehicles clipped each other, the driver of the Mercury lost control and crossed the median, striking a truck. The driver of the Mercury was killed instantly.

ers were on the scene to prevent any explosions from leaking fuel.

Road rage takes numerous forms, and motorists are increasingly concerned, said a AAA of Michigan spokesman.

Drivers should allow plenty

of time to get to their destination, which alleviates the need to be in a hurry.

"What happens is when people are in a hurry, they do things aggressively," said Jerry Basch, manager of AAA Community Safety Services.

"They tailgate, they drive too fast in the passing lane.... All these things irritate other drivers."

Motorists need to realize other drivers make mistakes and not to take it personally, Basch said.

If involved in a conflict, Basch suggests people should drive to a police station or a crowded place.

"Do not get suckered into a situation where you're confronted by a road rage driver," Basch said.

Church to host forum on Proposal B

Deanna Aikman, the 39-year-old leader of Deanna's Friends, the group based in Ann Arbor that is opposing Proposal B, will be a featured speaker at a symposium on assisted suicide at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in St. Michael Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia.

Aikman was diagnosed last year with ALS, a terminal illness known commonly as Lou Gehrig's disease. She now uses a wheelchair. She has joined with

Ann Arbor physicians in forming Deanna's Friends to give talks explaining why they believe Proposal B is bad legislation.

Proposal B would legalize assisted suicide, and was put on the ballot by Merian's Friends. The group is named after Merian Frederick, who also had Lou Gehrig's disease and died with the assistance of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Speaking at this event will be radio talk show host Al Kresta of Catholic Radio in Detroit and Ann Arbor (WDEO and WCAR), U.S. Appeals Court Justice James Ryan, co-chairman of the Michigan Campaign for America,

Dr. Catherine Dowling, an Ann Arbor physician who helped form Deanna's Friends, and the Rev. Alberto Bondy, pastor of St. Michael's Church.

Speakers will explain the legal, medical and moral implications of Proposal B, the Nov. 3 ballot proposal that would legalize assisted suicide in Michigan.

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Lawyers quiz candidates for high court

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Michigan's Supreme Court issues too many "splintered" opinions signed by fewer than four justices. With no clear majority signing any one opinion, the result is that attorneys and the public lack clear legal guidance.

That summed up the feelings of most Supreme Court candidates for the full eight-year term when they were quizzed Sept. 28 by the Oakland County Bar Association. But they had few solutions beyond hard work.

Candidates were asked by Bar Association President Kelly Allen what could be done about it. Candidates are quoted in the order in which they answered.

Justice Michael Cavanagh, a 16-year justice after serving as a Court of Appeals and Lansing District Court judge, said the court needs to make "a conscious, conscious effort by each member to avoid that. Part of the problem is due to the time constraints on ourselves. We try to put out opinions for that term by the end of July. The most difficult and complex cases wind up towards the end. It's sometimes difficult, or impossible, to collate the different points of view," said Cavanagh, a Democratic nominee.

Jeffrey Collins, a challenger

and circuit judge, said that "a diversity of opinion is a good thing in a society with diversity of thought. In an ideal setting, there would be consensus. A vigorous, spirited debate is healthy. It's difficult to get seven lawyers to agree on anything. So it's not surprising to find that condition on the Michigan Supreme Court."

Appeals Judge Maura Corrigan, like Collins a Republican nominee, disagreed. Splintered opinions, she said, "deprive our population of predictability of the opinions. We need to prescribe with greater clarity. The Supreme Court is doing a better job (than in previous years). Remember the words of Mark Twain, 'I didn't have time to write a short letter so I wrote a long one,' but we need to find more consensus. I would bring those skills to the Supreme Court."

"She was brilliant. Justice Cavanagh was brilliant," said attorney Jerry Kaufman, a Libertarian nominee and private practitioner. "What we need to do is very simple. We need to use the technology to hash out the problems. We need to use simple, understandable language - the King's English - in coming up with understandable, common-sense decisions and give a broader sense of what the Supreme Court means to the

Court of Appeals. We have to bring predictability into the system. We need to be more user-friendly in giving guidance..."

Matthew Abel, West Bloomfield attorney with an office in Livonia, said, "Splintered opinions are a problem. A splintered opinion is no opinion whatsoever (as a precedent in deciding future cases). The court should work harder and longer to avoid split opinions. It's not so important to have a prompt decision as it is to have a fair opinion that's understandable to the people."

"I have to agree," said Wayne Circuit Judge Susan Borman, a Democratic nominee. "As a trial judge, I have to scour (Supreme Court) opinions to find some nugget that I can apply. I work very hard as a trial judge to get the parties together (to settle). I'm a good consensus builder. I could bring those skills to the Supreme Court. Part of the problems is (the justices) not spending enough time together. It's important for the court not to widen the opinion. Don't decide more than they have to."

Libertarian candidate David Raaflaub did not attend the forum and did not supply a biography.

Biggest case

Candidates were asked the most significant case they ever

had handled, either as a lawyer or judge, and whether it set any precedent.

Borman (D): "None stands out." She had to rule on the admissibility of an expert witness' testimony in a drug case. The case is pending in the Court of Appeals and should set a precedent.

Cavanagh (D): "Each term the Supreme Court sets precedents. I was on the Court of Appeals in 1978 in the original Durant special education case. We revisited that case in the mid-1990s," ruling the state must pay special education costs it mandated.

Collins (R): "The Belle Isle bridge case, which received international attention." A woman jumped from the bridge and died trying to escape an attacker. At the close of the prosecution's case, the defense moved to dismiss. "I reduced the charge from murder in the first degree to murder in the second degree." Despite the outcry, Collins relied on the words of Judge George Crockett III: "Decisions should not be based on popular opinion."

Corrigan (R): "The public corruption cases I handled in the U.S. attorney's office. It taught me the importance of the public trust. As a judge, I've handled thousands of cases - recently, a horrendously difficult pollution case."

State Supreme Court Candidates

Remember: The highest court in the state has a jurisdiction of about 6,000 cases a year from lower courts, probate, and other state court systems and establishes a record of precedent for the state.

Terms: Seven justices are elected for eight-year terms. Two full-term seats are open Nov. 3 in the nonpartisan ballot. Candidates may be nominated at party conventions or run as independent.

CANDIDATES:

REPUBLICAN

- MAURA CORRIGAN, Grosse Pointe, chief judge of the state Court of Appeals; and Jeffrey Collins, Detroit, judge of the Wayne Circuit Court.

DEMOCRAT

- MICHAEL CAVANAGH, East Lansing, incumbent justice seeking a third term; and Susan Borman, Detroit, judge of the Wayne Circuit Court.

LIBERTARIANS

- JERRY J. KAUFMAN, Berkley, and DAVID RAFLAUB, Ann Arbor, both attorneys in private practice.

INDEPENDENT

- MATTHEW ABEL, West Bloomfield, attorney in private practice.

Kaufman (L): "I've been fortunate to handle a number of national recalls of consumer products that have saved the lives of children and issues of toxicity in the workplace." He handled a case where a woman state retiree was able to get benefits for her spouse although "she died before she filled out the paperwork."

Abel (D): "From a public policy standpoint, I handled the case of a man who was arrested at a city council meeting and charged

with disrupting a public meeting. We tried that case before a jury, and he was found not guilty." Abel also handled Freedom of Information Act cases and recall cases.

Candidates were asked what quality they would bring to the Supreme Court if elected, who was the best judge they ever practiced before and why.

Collins (R): "The work ethic. I'm one of the hardest-working judges." Best judge: George

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Recreation Center's planning important

Feasibility studies are expected to begin soon on plans for a new state-of-the-art recreation center in Westland, but the whole process doesn't seem to be moving in a logical order.

As studies get under way, we hope city officials can finally begin to look at this project in a serious light.

So far, there has been a lot of talk and a little bit of study but very little substance to the plans. The city is looking at plans to use money from taxes collected in a special taxing district to fund the building of a recreation complex.

But those plans started with an expensive trip. In June, a seven-member delegation went to Colorado to visit recreation centers there in an effort to plan one for Westland.

This week, city officials were to interview firms to conduct the feasibility study.

Now there is talk of surveying residents along with the feasibility study. Shouldn't that have been a first step and then a feasibility study and then a trip out West?

The city is talking about building a multi-million dollar complex, and the city's residents have yet to be consulted.

Another area that needs a closer look is the Bailey Center. Talk so far seems to indicate there is a vague plan that it would continue to be used but for some unnamed, undefined programs.

The Bailey Center's pool also seems to have fallen into disrepair and is in need of major renovations to save it. That still raises the

question of what will happen to it.

Will the city pay to keep it usable? Is it really usable but being painted as a shambles to convince people of the need for a new one? If it's closed altogether, then what? Will it sit unused and unusable?

While the idea of a new recreation center for a city the size of Westland doesn't strike us as out of the question, we urge city officials to take a close look before leaping.

If a new pool is needed along with walking tracks, multipurpose rooms and exercise areas, and the residents want it, then moving ahead may be appropriate.

But the cost of maintaining and operating the center must also be studied. Will it support itself or will taxpayers be forced to foot the bill if it doesn't?

If the Bailey Center has fallen into disrepair whose fault is that? Will that be the fate of the new center?

Included in the cost of building is the cost of maintaining. It shouldn't just be an afterthought or planned for only if there's money available.

It should all be part of the plan. And that's what this project needs - careful planning.

Building a center just to keep up with neighboring communities isn't good money management or good government. But building one because it's needed and well-planned would be an asset for Westland. We hope city officials plan to do all their homework.

Proposal C deserves approval

We urge voters to say "yes" to Proposal C, the Clean Michigan Initiative bond issue on the Nov. 3 ballot.

We laud Republicans and Democrats in both chambers of the Legislature and the Engler administration for putting aside partisan posturing and coming up with a proposal to clean up Michigan lands, waters and parks.

Proposal C is a \$675 million bond issue. About half, \$335 million, will go for "brownfield redevelopment and environmental cleanup." The rest will go to the Clean Water Fund, state parks revitalization, local parks and recreation, waterfronts, control of lead hazards and contaminated river sediments.

Just one question has been raised about the package - the "brownfield" portion. Its chief critic, Geoffrey Fieger, and others raise an honest question about whether it's "corporate welfare." We think not. It's in the public interest of cities, suburbs and farmlands. Here's why:

The 1992 Polluter Pay law backfired. It imposed such strict liability standards that anyone who ever had had an interest in the property could have been stuck paying a cleanup bill.

Of course, the real polluter - who may be dead or bankrupt - couldn't be touched. Bankers and other lenders wanted no part of financing a new industrial project on old city land for fear of being stuck with liability.

Result: Business and industrial developers paved over "greenfields," meadows and croplands that used to provide food and recreation. This is known as "urban sprawl," not growth. It's improper stewardship of nature's resources.

So the state amended the law to change it from a "deep pockets" measure to something more nearly resembling true "polluter pay."

It can be used for cleanups, demolitions and treatment where there is no financially viable person to pay for it. That is the people of Michigan stepping into a vacuum and saving old urban land.

The Proposal C bond money will enable the state to help fund cleanups, with local governments and potential developers, so that old land can be redeveloped. Moreover, it can be redeveloped close to people who need jobs.

It can be used for cleanups, demolitions and treatment where there is no financially viable person - human or corporate - to pay for it. Far from being "corporate welfare," that is the people of Michigan stepping into a vacuum and saving old urban land.

And it will result in more and better jobs than casinos or ball parks.

The \$675 million is \$175 million more than Gov. Engler wanted and \$325 million less than some environmentalists wanted. We are reminded of Alistair Cooke's commentary on American history: "The first three rules of politics are: compromise, compromise, compromise."

Finally, we point out that Proposal C asks no new taxes. The bond issue will be paid off at about \$40 million a year from existing state revenues.

Why bond? To get the job done faster. Economists say a bond issue is a valid way of financing a capital project. The Federal Reserve Board has just lowered the rediscount rate, making borrowing cheaper. This is a perfect time to borrow, and a perfect way to use the money.

Proposal C deserves a "yes" vote on Nov. 3.

Community sale



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Helps groups: The Westland Community Garage Sale, which was held in September, benefits two local groups: Westland Youth Assistance and the Westland Therapeutic Recreation Club. Another sale is planned for spring.

LETTERS

City going to pot?

Westland - the place to be. But avoid Hubbard Road near Ann Arbor Trail. There's been a toilet in the road for more than six months now. Not a pleasant sight for the residents, other drivers and the children attending Nankin Mills Elementary School directly across from this sight. Or the churchgoers next door.

Yet his might just be apropos for the neighborhood since the Boulevard Gardens subdivision is the area which was the victim of a sewer backup early last year thanks to the gross negligence of Mayor Robert Thomas' sewer contractors. It may have been left behind as a symbol or a sick message.

The residents of the subdivision can turn this trash into a treasure. They could upright this toilet and transform it into a historical marker. Surrounding the structure are dead branches which can be planted into colorful barrels and decorated by season. At Halloween, a scarecrow can sit on the pot and act as a bogus gatekeeper. At Christmas, a Santa; at Easter, a bunny. This could turn out to be Westland's own Heidelberg Project.

Westland, the place to be if you want to pee for all to see.

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

Cherry tree remembered

Not too long ago every school child knew the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. Confronted with his wrongdoing, the young Washington said: "I cannot tell a lie."

Today's school children seem to be learning a dangerously different lesson from our latter-day president, Bill Clinton. Which is: Lie and deny everything, until you are about to be exposed, then make a pathetic, teary-eyed confession and beg for forgiveness.

Needless to say this sociopathic lesson must be unlearned quickly for the good of the country.

Clinton's aiders, abettors, apologists and enablers must now abandon their partisan positions, and join those who seek to forthwith clean up the White House.

Clinton's biography might be called: "Bill Clinton: a study in narcissism." But, we cannot allow the misplaced ambition of this one man to disgrace the office of Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

Allowing Al Gore to lead the nation into the 21st Century would not be a sign of our disgrace or weakness, but rather an affirmation that we are a government of laws and not of men. It would reset our moral compass, and be a stern lesson to all who seek high elective office in the future.

Walter Warren
Westland

Life deserves respect

A baby is, in essence, the greatest miracle brought into pro-creative being. It ought to be a recipient to complete, unselfish love of two caring people, within a marital union. It deserves the utmost in the best possible environment and highest potential. Yet in some instances, it is conceived in a crime of violence.

Many believe that its life should be aborted. But what we fail to see is a unique presence of a human entity, still innocent, still beautiful, still a wondrous cherub, still a precious life in spite of its conceptive circumstances.

Shouldn't we realize that this tiny helpless and phenomenal life ought to be and deserves to be respected, especially protected and treated with the most compassionate, tender love one can render? Our attitude toward the latter, while at times difficult to understand, can bring about a further, growing potential in the human element instead of abortion.

Further, adoption can be a resolve, having in mind that countless couples possibly would consider this option.

Julianne Pieknik
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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you support or oppose legalized assisted suicides for terminally ill adults?

We asked this question at the Westland public library.



"I oppose it for religious reasons."
Gail Brooks



"I support it. I've been awfully close to some of the situations."
Carol Koons



"I oppose it. I feel there's value to human life. We're put here for a reason, and sometimes we face trials at the end of our lives."
Rebecca Ursem



"If people feel that they want to die and if they're in a lot of pain, go for it."
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Why not minor league baseball in our own back yard?

I got to thinking the other day: Wouldn't it be great if western Wayne County had its very own minor league baseball team?

Some cynics would argue that such baseball is already available at Michigan and Trumbull, but I don't think the Tigers do the job. We need a real live, honest-to-God minor league team.

As one who frequently travels south on U.S. 23 to see the Toledo Mud Hens, I know just how much fun minor league ball can be. My husband and I have also seen the Lugnuts play in Lansing and hope to get to Battle Creek and Grand Rapids to see those teams play. On a trip to see family, we stopped in to see the Binghamton, N.Y., Mets play several years ago.

Toledo is close to our hearts. In fact, we've been down there to Ned

Skeldon Stadium to see five games this summer, compared to two Tiger games. One journey to Toledo's environs involved an overnight stay and two games; another time, we went with my church group, Geneva Presbyterian of Canton, and stopped in afterward at Tony Panko's, the eatery made famous by Jamie Farr's Klinger of M*A*S*H on TV.

Where to locate our mythical western Wayne team is one concern. Some communities, such as Redford and Garden City, are too built-up to house a ballpark. As a Plymouth Township resident, I selfishly suggest that the team locate close to home, perhaps even within walking distance of our house.

Another major issue is what to name this team. It's hard to come up with names quite as distinctive as the



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Mud Hens. Perhaps we could have the Macs, named after Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara. No doubt, some connection to our county's past could be unearthed and put to good use as a name.

My husband and I recently enjoyed another trip to Cooperstown, N.Y., to see the Baseball Hall of Fame and

Museum, which we've seen on three previous visits. One section of the building is devoted to the minor leagues, and I'd be proud to see a western Wayne team listed.

Our region has enjoyed similar hockey success with the Plymouth Whalers in recent years, and it would be great to see that success duplicated with a minor league baseball team. Such a team would give the local economy a shot in the arm as well.

My only regret about minor league baseball is that the season ends so early. Labor Day weekend was our last opportunity to see the Mud Hens this year, so we traveled south that day to see the final game of the season, with the Mud Hens beating the Columbus Clippers 6-1. It would be great to go on fall days and see the

teams play. The Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum also houses a section devoted to youth baseball. If I can't have a minor league team close to home, it's good to know that local boys and girls are out playing. Soccer and other sports are popular these days, too, but I hope there will always be a place for baseball.

The new stadium the Tigers are going to build won't, at least for me, have quite the same appeal as Ned Skeldon. If only I could convince the Mud Hens to move north ...

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Supreme Court to inmates: You should be paying your way

Crime fighters, take heart. The Michigan Supreme Court has upheld the state's right to take 90 percent of a prison inmate's money to help pay the costs of his prison stay.

It seems that James A. Gardner Sr. was sentenced in 1990 for criminal sexual conduct. He had \$370 a month coming in from a long-term disability pension and accumulated \$2,200 in his prison account. Gardner died in 1997.

State Treasurer Doug Roberts sued in Saginaw Circuit Court under the State Correctional Facility Reimbursement Act asking for 90 percent of the stash, and won.

But the Court of Appeals, in a decision by Judge Marilyn Kelly (now on the Supreme Court) and Myron Wahls (running for re-election in the Wayne County area), said no, a 60-percent garnishment was enough.

Kelly & Co. said the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act governed.

Roberts appealed.

The Supreme Court, on a 6-0 vote on Sept. 9, overturned the Court of Appeals and said Roberts could collect 90 percent. Hard-nosed conservative justices like Clifford Taylor and Elizabeth Weaver joined Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr., Michael Cavanagh, Patricia Boyle and James Brickley on this one. They didn't even ask for oral arguments.

The justices said the federal law was meant to protect debtors from bankruptcy and block "predatory extensions of credit. By limiting the amount that can be garnished from a person's earnings, Congress sought to allow a debtor the means to avoid falling further behind," the justices said.

"The present case, by contrast, involves a prisoner who is properly required to compensate the citizenry for the cost of incarceration. He is not the victim of a debtor-creditor relationship gone bad. Rather, he is sim-



TIM RICHARD

ply paying a portion of his current living expenses."

Attorney General Frank Kelley's staff argued the case on behalf of the treasurer.

On a county matter, however, Kelley said a county prosecutor can't require a defendant to pay costs as a condition of plea-bargaining.

His Sept. 16 opinion, requested by Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, draws a line between those who have been convicted and those who are merely

charged. "If a defendant has been found guilty ... the court may place the defendant on probation. As a condition of probation, the court may require the defendant to pay costs.

"Such costs, however, are limited to expenses specifically incurred in prosecuting the defendant, in providing legal assistance to the defendant, and in providing probation supervision of the defendant," Kelley said. But costs can't be imposed before someone is convicted.

"The reason for this is clear. The use of such a power by a prosecutor could give rise to the unseemly appearance that justice was for sale," he said. In other words, a defendant can't agree to pay money in return for reduction or dismissal of criminal charges.

Kelley's legal opinion reveals none of the facts underlying Rep. Lowe's question. But one can use a little imagination and guess that some up-

North prosecutor was putting a price on plea-bargaining down a charge.

Some folks denounce plea-bargaining - the practice of offering to plead guilty to a lesser charge to avoid going to trial and prison on a greater charge. But it's here to stay, the attorney general said.

"This is not to suggest that a prosecutor cannot engage in plea bargaining with a criminal defendant, including negotiations as to what conditions a convicted defendant's sentence might include. The Michigan Supreme Court has acknowledged the prevalence of plea bargaining, its constitutionality, and the reality that a defendant's sentence is the primary focus of such bargaining."

This should provide a reality check for folks who watch too many lawyer shows on TV.

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U-M vital to the state's economy

A couple of weeks ago, Gov. John Engler kicked off the first Governor's Innovation Forum by announcing the results of a survey showing that Michigan's businesses and universities need to find better ways to work together to create high-tech jobs in the state.

"By working together to shape our future, we are guaranteeing the creation of high-tech jobs and increasing the competitiveness of Michigan business," said the governor's prepared remarks. "We have to focus on the importance of technology, and the role our universities and industries play in preparing Michigan for the knowledge-based economy of the 21st century."

A troubling finding from the survey: 64 percent of business and 42 percent of university respondents said non-Michigan universities provide the best research for industry. "The University of Michigan is the No. 1 research university in the country," said Jobs Commission spokeswoman Susan Schafer. "Unfortunately, business and academic leaders in Michigan don't tap that resource enough."

I agree. Ever since I've been on the Board of Regents at the University of Michigan, I've been bothered by the disconnect between U-M's high standing in sponsored research (currently \$495 million, tops among U.S. public universities) and the relatively meager number of spin-offs in southeastern Michigan. The contrast between Michigan and Route 128 around Boston's MIT or California's Silicon Valley around Stanford couldn't be sharper.

(Alert readers may remember that I'm a candidate for re-election to the Board of Regents. So, in addition to being alert for any bias that might slip into this column, readers should realize that I am writing from direct personal experience.)

One potential resolution of the disconnect between the business and university communities is to create an institutional structure that regularly brings together top leadership from both. Many other states, for example, have some version of a business-university roundtable. Attendance is confined to CEOs or presidents, people who can commit their institutions. The agenda is flexible, although usually organized around the theme of business-university collaboration.

There were some hesitant steps toward starting a higher education-business roundtable taken while Jim Duderstadt was president of U-M, but the effort never really got off the ground. Maybe the time has come for another try.

Another more concrete approach is to look hard at the barriers to technology transfer from university labs into the private sector. Many universities, for example, have an academic culture that discourages professors from becoming



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entrepreneurs. Others have conflict of interest rules that hobble researchers from getting into business.

I got interested in this part of the problem back in 1996. U-M interim President Homer Neal (a world-class high-energy physicist) drew my attention to the fact that the U-M bylaw on technology transfer failed to state that moving discoveries out of the lab to the private sector was a proper objective for the university. Moreover, the rules were unclear about whether professors could properly receive royalties from their inventions while still serving as members of the faculty.

So there were few incentives at the U-M, whether financial or cultural, to encourage professors to behave like their counterparts at Stanford or MIT and commercialize their research work.

I had a hand in rewriting that bylaw. Transferring discoveries from the lab to the private sector was set out as an appropriate mission for the U-M, while the disincentives in the policy governing researchers and royalties were reduced. The Board of Regents adopted the new version unanimously.

It seems to have worked. In 1998, revenues related to U-M technology jumped to \$6.8 million, compared to less than \$2 million in previous years. The university granted 43 licenses for companies to use U-M technology discoveries, up from 27 in 1994.

Start-up companies using U-M technology are now a gossip staple in Ann Arbor bars, while the University of Michigan has made it clear that venture capitalists and entrepreneurs are an important and welcome partners.

It likely will take a while, but it's vital to Michigan's economic future to encourage our universities to play a role as an enormous asset in driving the economy of the next century.

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St. Michael's dedication Oct. 11

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Seventh- and eighth-graders at St. Michael's Catholic School now learn math and English in brand new classrooms in their very own wing.

For the first time since the school started 56 years ago, all of the school's students eat lunch in a cafeteria instead of at their desks.

And, in a bow to today's technological world, students now learn computer skills in a 36-station computer lab, instead of climbing down stairs to use computers tucked away in the convent's basement.

St. Michael's school also sports a new, high-school size gymnasium as well as new restrooms, lockers, office space, meeting

rooms and landscaping. The school's new library is just days away from officially opening.

St. Michael's one-year, \$3.5 million, 35,600-square-foot building expansion project ended in early September, just on time for the start of the new school year.

One formal step remains: the Oct. 11 dedication of the new school addition at 11441 Hubbard Road. Both Bishop John Nienstedt, auxiliary bishop of the Detroit diocese, and the Rev. Alberto Bondy, St. Michael pastor, will officiate.

A dedication Mass will be held at the church at noon. A reception in the new addition follows, with Nienstedt blessing the new wing.

"We're grateful for the parents who worked hard to bring this about," said Sister Carolyn,

school principal.

In her nine years at St. Michael's, Sister Carolyn has seen the school's population grow from 600 to today's 845.

Two years ago, school and church leaders saw the student growth, looked at their aging building and began planning the expansion. Plans took root when the Detroit diocese approved a loan. Groundbreaking took place Sept. 24, 1997.

"They were working here while the kids were in school last June," Sister Carolyn said. "It was very tight quarters here."

Once the old gym was demolished, students had to stay in their classrooms on rainy days during gym time. The new gym is dedicated to Ed Day of Livonia, who for more than 50 years has been volunteer athletic director at the school.

Bowl-a-thon aids Salvation Army

Bowling enthusiasts who want to have fun while helping The Salvation Army of Westland may want to sign up for a Saturday, Oct. 10 event.

A third annual bowl-a-thon is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at Westland Bowl, 5940 Wayne Road.

Bowlers are asked to raise pledges to help The Salvation Army pay for a wide array of programs and services for some of the community's less-fortunate residents.

The organization has had to turn to alternative methods of raising money since corporate policies have booted volunteers from many facilities where they used to seek donations from shoppers.

Bowlers face a minimum \$50 pledge, although organizers hope each bowler will be able to raise \$100.

The bowl-a-thon is a team event. To reserve a spot, call Westland Bowl at (734) 722-7570. Pledge forms are available.

The competition is billed as a "mixed doubles, nine-pin, no tap." Radio personalities Dr. Don and Linda Lee from Young Country, WYCD-99.5 FM, are scheduled to serve as emcees. Dr. Don's stint is set for 1:30 to 3 p.m. and Lee's from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Participants are asked to collect all of their pledges prior to the Oct. 10 bowl-a-thon and bring the pledge sheet plus the money to Westland Bowl.

Pledges serve as entry fees to the event. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

"You don't have to be a pro," organizers note in a flier announcing the event. "It's all for good fun and a good cause."

Prizes also will be awarded, including two round-trip tickets to Las Vegas; overnight getaways at hotels such as the Embassy, Fairfield, Hilton and Marriott; Red Wings hockey tickets, and gift certificates to Circuit City, Red Robin restaurant, Belanger Tire, Montana's restaurant and Applebee's restaurant, among other giveaways.

The Salvation Army is located at 2300 Venoy Road and serves people in Westland, Wayne and Romulus with emergency and day-to-day support.

Holiday programs include food baskets, adopt-a-family gifts and new toys for needy children.

For more information on the bowl-a-thon, call Mike Capaldi of Westland Bowl at (734) 722-7570 or The Salvation Army, Lt. Charles Yockey, at (734) 722-3660.

PLACES & FACES

Town hall meeting

The final Town Hall meeting for the year is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, on Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford roads.

Town hall meetings give residents a chance to air concerns to the mayor and his administration.

Flu shots

Oakwood is offering flu shots for \$5.

Anyone who suffers from heart, lung or kidney diseases, severe forms of anemia, chronic diseases or is older than 65 should receive the vaccination.

Immunizations will be given at various locations until Nov. 30.

Call (800) 543-WELL for information.

Mall-O-Ween

Westland Shopping Center will host Scooby-Doo's Mall-O-Ween Oct. 14 through Nov. 1.

The program offers the opportunity to "Become a Cartoon Star" — or at least get a picture taken with one.

High-tech photo equipment will be set up in the East Court.

Shoppers will be able to place themselves in a cartoon scene with Scooby-Doo and his gang. A costumed Scooby-Doo character will be making special appearances Oct. 27 through Nov. 1.

The set will also feature a trivia contest to test shoppers' knowledge of Scooby-Doo.

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Glenn music students sell fruit to raise money

John Glenn High School instrumental music students are selling boxes of fruit to raise money for their department, fund-raiser chairwoman Marge Hensel said.

Students are selling grapefruit

and navel oranges through Oct. 30, she said. Boxes of fruit sell for \$13.

To help the instrumental music department, see a student or call Hensel at (734) 326-5658.



Ann Arbor's St. Joseph Mercy Hospital presents

Women's Health Series in Livonia

The following presentations are free and will be held at the Livonia Health Building, 37595 Seven Mile Rd. at Newburgh Rd.

Tues., Oct. 20 7-8:30 p.m. Why Can't We Get Pregnant? Infertility Issues for Couples

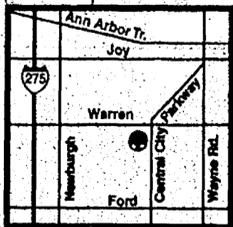
This free presentation will provide an overview of reproductive anatomy; infertility evaluation, including male factor infertility; current reproductive therapies and information to help couples understand the emotional and psychological issues surrounding infertility. Presented by Jonathan Ayers, MD, Reproductive Endocrinologist, and Teresa Gallagher, RN, BSN.

Thurs., Oct. 22 7-8:30 p.m. Women and Heart Disease

Heart disease is the leading killer of women over 40. This informal discussion will cover what's different about heart disease in women and will answer your questions on how you can live a more heart-healthy life. Presented by Cardiologist Barbara Kong, MD.

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Life in burbs: gotta love it

You've just gotta love it. Life in the suburbs. Swing sets and Weber grills in the backyards. Fireplaces and projection TVs in the family rooms. Norman Rockwell America - 1990s style.

A sampling of recent newspaper headlines tells the story:

"Police hit streets in undercover stings"

Farmington Observer

In the city of Farmington, police unleashed a 17-year-old undercover agent to attempt to "sting" 19 businesses that sell alcoholic beverages. None of the places took the bait. The kid couldn't even buy a beer at Luigi's Trattoria. Police said they were happy they didn't have to issue any citations. But they'll try again next year.

In nearby Farmington Hills, however, 18 of 62 businesses that were stung by underage "decoys" were busted for selling cigarettes to the youthful sleuths. One of the agents, a 15-year-old girl working undercover, expressed some remorse after snitching on a drugstore cashier who sold her a pack of Marlboro Lights.

"I feel so bad ... she's somebody's grandma," the teenagent said.

Well, she shouldn't feel bad. Back in the 1950s and '60s, when the John Birch Society was running wild seeking out Communists, The Chad Mitchell Trio recorded a song parodying the witch hunts. One line from the song has always stuck with me:

"If mommy is a Commie, then you gotta turn her in."

And if grandma sells smokes to an undercover teenagent, she's gonna get busted.

"Police to collar truant students"

Westland Observer

Middle school and high school students in the Wayne-Westland school district had better think again before skipping school. Starting this week, they could be the object of police hunts.

Under a plan developed by police and school officials, John Glenn High School and the district's three middle schools can each furnish the police with three names per day of truant students.

"We'll go to their homes or places where they hang out," a Westland police lieutenant said. If a student is "legitimately absent" he'll be left alone, but if he's just skipping school, he'll be given a police escort back to class.

The schools say they are only going after repeat truants or students they've already tried to locate, but the plan for police roundups is just one of several measures planned to provide what Superintendent Greg Baracy called "a safe environment in which all students can learn and have fun in our schools."

Other plans for producing a "safe" and "fun" environment include hot-lines to the Wayne and Westland police departments that will accept "anonymous tips" about students who may be involved with weapons, drugs or gangs and periodic parking lot and locker searches using police dogs.

Like they say, it takes a village to raise a child. And apparently the village needs a good police department.

"22 sites notified of blight law violations"

Farmington Observer

Back in Farmington, those businesses that managed to stay clean during the alcohol and tobacco stings aren't necessarily off the hook. They'd better look clean, too.

According to the city building inspector, 22 commercial properties have violated the local "blight ordinance." The violations included such things as ugly parking lots, overfilled trash bins and broken fences.

If the property owners don't clean up their act (or their property) they'll face court appearances and fines, and if that doesn't work they could be looking at 90 days of jail time.

"Proposed home for girls narrowly rejected"

Please see GLADDEN, B2

ONE SPAWN LEADS TO ANOTHER

■ An office building in Plymouth Township serves as the headquarters for toy manufacturer McFarlane Toys, which has brought such products as Kiss and "The X-Files" dolls to the marketplace.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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McFarlane Toys in Plymouth Township is any cult lover's dream.

Hundreds of "Spawn" dolls, hockey jerseys, coffee mugs, shot glasses, comic books and baseball hats fill the showroom just inside non-descript office building.

The walls are lined with multiple sets of the artist/entrepreneur's "Dark Ages Spawn," "The X-Files," and Kiss dolls. One room in the complex is dedicated to a collection of hockey pucks, another to collectible toys.

"It's a house of junk," said Paul Burke, the co-CEO of McFarlane Toys, with a laugh. "We do so much of it that we're kind of jaded by it. I've been in meetings where I thought we were bootlegged and it turns out it something we've done that I've never seen before."

It's not junk to everyone. Sales of the first line of Kiss dolls burned through toy stores. Now, in conjunction with the release of Kiss's new album "Psycho Circus" (Mercury), a second line has been introduced. They're going just as fast, according to Burke.

"He has the uncanny ability to know what things sell," Burke said about Todd McFarlane.

The action figures capture both the alter-egos of each Kiss member as portrayed in McFarlane's Kiss "Psycho Circus" comic books along with expanding upon the traditional Kiss look. Each package contains two figures, each at least 5 inches tall, and numerous accessories. The four sets of figures include Gene Simmons with Ring Master, Paul Stanley with Jester, Peter Criss with Animal Wrangler and Ace Frehley with Stiltman.

The Kiss-McFarlane collaboration came about after a meeting in Phoenix.

"Gene Simmons is a comic fan and always has been; I made my reputation as a comic book artist," McFarlane explained. "Somewhere along the line, he became aware of my career. Somebody arranged a meeting, so we got together in Phoenix after a concert."

"I gave him the same speech that I give everyone. 'I'm not as big as the other guys. I cannot canvass the planet as thoroughly, but I'll make the best



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toys. Take it for what it's worth. I do a lot of things that are more niche-oriented. I don't believe the big company can understand the market and try to get them out."

The blood-spitting, tongue-wagging Simmons bought it.

Delving into music

McFarlane has continued to delve into the music business. He recently did the animated video for Pearl Jam's "Do the Evolution," its first in six years, and designed the cover art for Korn's top-selling album "Follow the Leader."

"With Kiss, people ask me if I'm a big fan of their music. I say not really in all honesty. I could say the same for Pearl Jam and for Korn. I don't really have the luxury of listening to music during the day. But what I am a fan of is what they represent," McFarlane said. "If you see Kiss up on stage, I think they're brilliant entertainers, we can debate if they're the best musicians on the planet another time."

"The Korn fellas are just about youth and about immortality. You see their crowd and see that they are at a point in their lives where they think a building could fall on them and they still think they could walk away from it."

As for Pearl Jam, he's proud of the Ticketmaster boycott the group created.

"They're the small guy who's fighting against the big systems and there's a

bit of an attitude attached to that," he said. "All the people I kind of hang around with fall into that category."

Up next, Burke said, may be a doll of shock-rocker-turned-glam star Marilyn Manson, who plays the State Theatre in Detroit on Monday, Nov. 16.

"I would definitely be into working more in the future with Todd McFarlane in any capacity," Manson said.

McFarlane owns, writes, draws and publishes "Spawn," which he created in 1992. The character is an avenger from beyond the grave who makes a deal with the devil to be reunited with his wife one last time.

"He's kind of the new wave single character of like what I think they (readers) think Batman should be if he started in the 1990s," McFarlane said.

"Spawn" has sold more than 120 million copies worldwide in more than 120 countries in 15 languages. It consistently outsells "Batman," "Superman" and "Spiderman" comics, according to Carmen Bryant, publicity director for McFarlane Toys.

The comic book line spawned a movie by the same name which made its mark as New Line Cinema's fourth-largest opening ever, No. 1 release in 1997 and exceeded \$50 million in 19 days. A follow-up is tentatively scheduled for the year 2000.

Earlier this year, McFarlane was named the Ernst and Young 1998 Arizona Entrepreneur of the Year in the Communications and Entertainment

Work in progress: Todd McFarlane (below) owns, writes, draws and publishes "Spawn," which he created in 1992, and its popularity has led to a movie and possible sequel and an action figure available from his McFarlane Toys in Plymouth Township.



category. Burke and McFarlane met when Burke was producing the television series "Comic Book Greats." Burke, who had previously owned Stabur and Caliber Press Comics, seemed like a natural choice to head up the toy end of the business, McFarlane explained.

Because Burke lives in Plymouth, McFarlane headquartered the company there.

"When I started the company, I enlisted his help and it didn't really

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Hot Items: In conjunction with their latest release, "Circus Psycho," McFarlane Toys' has come up with a second line of Kiss dolls, featuring Ace Frehley (from left), Paul Stanley, Peter Criss and Gene Simmons.

Volunteers find work with ROW rewarding



Child's play: Karen Smith (wearing a hat) and Noreen Owen found the children in the villages along the Sankuru River eager to join in a game of "Ring Around the Rosie."

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The first thing Noreen Owen did when she got home after her two-week trip was take a shower and put on scented deodorant.

The shower was a far cry from the baths she took in the muddy waters of the Sankuru River in the Congo.

"And we felt clean when we got out," said the Livonia resident. "The things you take for granted here are priceless there. The children beg for pens and pencils to have something to write with."

Owen and Detroit Karen Smith were members of a Rivers of the World mission trip to the former Zaire this past summer. The eight men and three women spent a half day in each of four villages along the Sankuru, where 500-600 people were treated for onchocerciasis, or river blindness.

In addition to Owen and Smith, the team included a pediatrician whose father and grandfather were missionaries and who planned to go back to Africa to

start a medical practice, and a two-person CNN news crew that was doing a piece about ROW, an international exploration and development agency, founded by Ben Mathes.

It was the first time ROW had been to the villages. The agency targets the world's most remote rivers in its drive to eradicate river blindness, a disease caused by the bite of a black fly.

Getting to the villages was an arduous trip for the group which spent much of the two weeks in transit. The team waited in the capital of Kinshasa for two days, while the CNN crew tried to get permission to film in the country. Turned down, they headed home, while the remaining 11 team members flew aboard an aging Congo Airlines plane to Kananga.

The flight was followed by a 10-hour, 120-mile ride to a mission house where they napped for two hours before embarking on an eight-hour, 56-mile boat trip on the Lubi River to the city of Lusambo on the Sankuru River.

"We spent most of our time traveling," said Owen.

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Congo from page B1

We drove 10 hours through the night on something they called roads and I'd call piles of dirt, and the boat was a dugout canoe that had a motor on it."

The team spent another day in Lisambo waiting for permission to go ahead with their mission work before heading up the Sanguru River to the villages.

Spirits were good

"It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be," said Owen of her first impressions of the villages. "The spirit of the people was good. The children were intrigued by white people, and the villagers were very open, welcoming and accepting of our presence."

There's no vaccination or cure

for river blindness, so the team administered the human version of Mectizan, used to treat heartworms in dogs and horses. The drug kills the young parasites, but doesn't kill off the adult worms, which do die off after eight to 10 years. If treated every 12-18 months with the Mectizan, people are less prone to the disease.

Owen and Smith interacted with the children, teaching them how to play "Ring Around the Rosie" and do the "chicken" dance, and spent time with the women who "do about 90 percent of the work."

Smith also had the children sign a banner she had brought on the trip that she took back to her and Owen's home church, St.

Paul's Presbyterian in Livonia.

Owen also spent time with a pregnant woman who would walk up and down the mountain daily to get fire wood and plant food.

"The women were more in shape than the men," Owen said. "They do all the cooking, planting, harvesting and child rearing. I'd say a half percent of American women could do what an African woman does on a daily basis."

What's for dinner?

While the villagers grow pineapples, mangoes, papayas and rice and raise chickens and goats, the team skipped the native cuisine and dined on a lot of rice with palm oil and jessie (a

spinach like leaf) and had stale bread with peanut butter for breakfast.

The food was far different than what they saw in the markets in Kinshasa where vendors sold such things as live bugs and smoked bats, and in bars which served mixed bugs with drinks.

"There's not a lot of malnutrition; they're in the rain forest, so they have a lot of access to food," Owen said. "But the kids' stomachs are puffed out like they're malnourished because they have worms."

"The medicine we give them for river blindness will treat some of the worms, but we need to educate them on sanitation and how to do things, then the medicine would be more effective."

Owen laughs in retelling the story of the "hippos."

The team slept on sand bars in the river and she shared a tent with Smith. One night they were awakened by the sounds of hippopotamuses all around their tent.

Frozen in fear, the two women didn't want to move, but eventually got the courage to peak outside only to find the area hippo-less. The noise was the men snoring.

Traveling with the group to the villages were two men, Oomba and Shamba, who are continuing ROW's mission. And team members have been asked to each raise \$3,000 to support the program for three months.

According to Owen, that money would pay to treat 6,000 cases of river blindness, give 5,000 immunizations, provide public health education and let the people hear about the gospel.

Donations can be sent to Rivers of the World, 5885 Cumming Highway, Box 108-357, Sugar Hill, GA 30518.

The trip was a costly venture for the women who needed some \$10,000 for the equipment and airfare. And in spite of the expense and the delays, Owen said she would do it again.

"I would go back in a minute; I'd love to go back," she said. "It was a real blessing to be with the people in the villages and with a great team."

McFarlane from page B1

matter to me where it was located. He could have worked out of his back yard," McFarlane said.

The two have more in common than just comics.

"We are both hockey nuts," Burke said.

The duo owns a small percentage of the Edmonton Oilers and Hamilton Bulldogs hockey teams.

"We're also the No. 1 sponsor of the Plymouth Whalers and have youth teams that play all

over North America," Burke said. "We hope to get some kind of championship this year."

Hockey was slow to grow on McFarlane. Growing up in southern California, he was reared on baseball. But being Canadian born, he eventually learned to love hockey.

"Being a Canadian and moving back there when I was a little bit older, it seeps into your psyche and you go psycho over it," he said. "It's like a religion there."

"We ended up owning a piece

of the Edmonton Oilers because the Americans are trying to take it away from us. We thought we'd save it from the Yankees."

McFarlane is tentatively scheduled to return to town to appear as part of "Spawn Night" during the Vipers game Saturday, Dec. 5, at Compuware Arena.

Besides the hockey teams, Burke and McFarlane give back to the Plymouth community by donating toys during the holiday season.

But adults seem to be the biggest fans of McFarlane's toys and "Spawn," according to Burke. He explained that several hockey players have been "killed" in Spawn comics and that they consider it an honor.

McFarlane said that he tries to keep the association vague.

"I use last names like Fedorov and Shanahan. Like LaPointe, is that Martin or is it Claude for the Islanders?" he said. "Sometimes I don't actually give the first name. I made probably 20 of

them (comic book characters). Some of them are kind of showy."

About not everyone is crazy about McFarlane toys and comics.

"I'm being sued right now by one of them (hockey players) for defamation. They didn't like being killed. I guess they don't get the joke."

Gladden from page B1

Redford Observer

This is one of those typical NIMBY stories. The folks who run Boyssville submitted a plan to establish a residence for girls who have run afoul of the law, to finish their "correctional program," but don't have a place to live. They wanted to convert a former convent behind Bishop Borgess High School on Plymouth Road, but nearby residents objected and planning commissioners voted 4-5 to reject the application.

I don't particularly blame the people who circulated the petition, for their concerns.

But down in Joliet, Ill., a local resident has collected more than 100 signatures from people in his neighborhood to prevent a zoning change to the house next door to him.

The change would allow four single women to live in the house (three have already moved in) and would also allow three guest

rooms where visitors could stay for up to 30 days.

"Who are these women?" you may ask. Well, they're not what you may be thinking. They're nuns. Members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who work at the nearby St. Joseph Medical Center.

While the order has a convent in Frankfort about 20 miles away, the nuns say the house in Joliet is much more convenient for nuns who work at the hospital.

But Paul Masters, the resident who circulated the petition, said, "This is a single-family residential area, and we just don't like to have any variances."

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Kline-McCabe

Kristin Bond McCabe and Thomas Matthew Kline were married June 5 at Weller's East Garden in Saline. Drs. Bartlett Hess of Dearborn and Billy Howell of Charlotte, N.C., officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Lynne McCabe of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Douglas and Beverly Kline of Canton.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and a 1996 graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas. She attends medical school at the University of Texas in San Antonio.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Operation Desert Storm. He is employed at North Park Lincoln Mercury in San Antonio, Texas.

The bride asked Catherine McCabe to be her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Melissa Solberg and Tara Hechlik. Flower girls were Sophie and Elizabeth



West. The groom asked Danny McEvilly to be his best man. The groomsmen were Douglas Kline Jr. and David Kline.

The couple received guests at Weller's Carriage House in Saline. They are making their home in San Antonio.

Papay-Lawlen

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard G. Papay of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sarah Ann, to David Lawlen, the son of Jilris Lawien of Grand Junction, Colo., and Merrill Lawien of Denver, Colo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cy High School in Casper, Wyo.

An October wedding is planned at the Colorado National Monument.



Hebert-Nowak

Douglas and Carol Hebert announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline Catherine, to Gerald Ted Nowak II, the son of Gerald and Mary Jane Nowak of Holly.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College with an associate's degree in occupational therapy. She is employed by Heartland Rehabilitation Service in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Rochester Adams High School. He is studying computer information systems at Oakland Community College. He is employed by Premiere Health Care.

An October wedding is



planned at St. Michael's Church in Livonia.

Ervans-Hannum

Bruce Ervans of Ellenton, Fla., announces the engagement of his daughter, Lia Lynn, to Scott Robert Hannum, the son of Barbara Croll of Novi and Richard Hannum of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a surgical resident at Garden City Hospital.

A spring wedding is planned in Telluride, Colo.



Marczak-Papciak

Jim Marczak and Sue Papciak were recently married in Scottsdale, Ariz., by the Rev. Matthew Plathottam of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

The bride is the daughter of Ed and Joan Papciak of Novi. The groom is the son of Joe and Teresa Marczak of Schiller Park, Ill.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, a 1989 graduate of the Physician Assistant Program at Western Michigan University and a 1996 graduate of the University of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa. She is employed as a family practice physician in Phoenix.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Ill., a 1991 graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in biology and a 1995 graduate of Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Ill., with a physician assistant degree. He is employed as an emergency department physician assistant in Phoenix and is enrolled in master of business administration degree program at Arizona State University.



The bride asked Kim Klassen, Cheri Crozier, Kelly Randall, Tamar Towne and Brenda Bunch to be her attendants.

The groom asked Tom Horvath, Kurt Klassen, Mike Seal, Joe Marczak and Ed O'beirne to serve as his attendants.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Scottsdale, Radisson Resort. Following a honeymoon trip in St. Lucia and Barbados, the couple is making their home in Phoenix.

Grebeck-Maccani

James and Merle Ann Grebeck of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Marie, to Michael Dino Maccani, the son of Dino and Angeline Maccani of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of St. Agatha High School, a 1989 graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of arts degree. She is employed as a reading recovery teacher by the Lakeview Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Catholic Central High School and a 1990 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a controller for Detroit Technologies Inc.



A November wedding is planned at St. Agatha Catholic Church in Redford.

Palmos-Setlock

Ray and Mary Lou Setlock of Whitmore Lake, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their son, Michael Arthur, to Sarah Ann Palmos, the daughter of Richard and Jan Palmos of Zeeland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. She is employed by Lacks Industries as a human resource coordinator.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School and a 1997 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is regional sales manager for Electric South in Cincinnati, Ohio.



A March wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.

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HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
Wayne County Parks and Recreation will present its Halloween festival 1998 from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Nankin Mills Picnic area in Hines Park, Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The fest offers spook-free fun for children 12 and younger including a costume parade, games, candy hunt, hayride for 50 cents a person and children's entertainment. Food concessions will be available. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 261-1990 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration deadline is Oct. 19.

HAUNTED HOUSE
The Franklin High PTSA Third Annual Haunted House is 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Franklin High School, 61000 Joy Road in Livonia. Cost is \$3 per child for kids kindergarten through sixth grade (must be accompanied by an adult). Costumes are optional. Registration is required. Call Kathy Swan at (734) 261-3672.

AUTHOR TO VISIT
Stephanie Mittman, author of "A Kiss to Dream On," will be at Paperbacks n' Things, 8044 N. Wayne Road, Westland, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25. For information, call (734) 522-8018.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT
The Wayne-Westland YMCA is seeking crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. For an application, call (734) 721-7044.

MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT
A benefit for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is planned for noon Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Bova VFW Post No. 9886, 6440 Hix in Westland. Donation is \$5. For information, call (734) 625-1845.

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Session includes developmentally appropriate story times for children 18 to 36 months old. Movement, singing and stories will keep children interested. All toddlers must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required by phone or at the Children's Desk. **Just for Me Preschool Time**
Choose one: 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays
A session of thematic story times for 3 to 5 year olds intended to be independent experiences for children. Registration required by phone or at the Children's Desk.

AMERICAN GIRL PARTY
Program includes crafts and games that represent the different girls in the book series 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Dress up as your favorite. Advance registration is required by phone or at the Children's Service Desk. Community Meeting Room.

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.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS CLUB
Westland Walkers Club will hold its monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the lower level auditorium of Westland Shopping Center. The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

RECREATION

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) 722-7820.

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.

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 Sparkey 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. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3 and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

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 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) 661-4110.

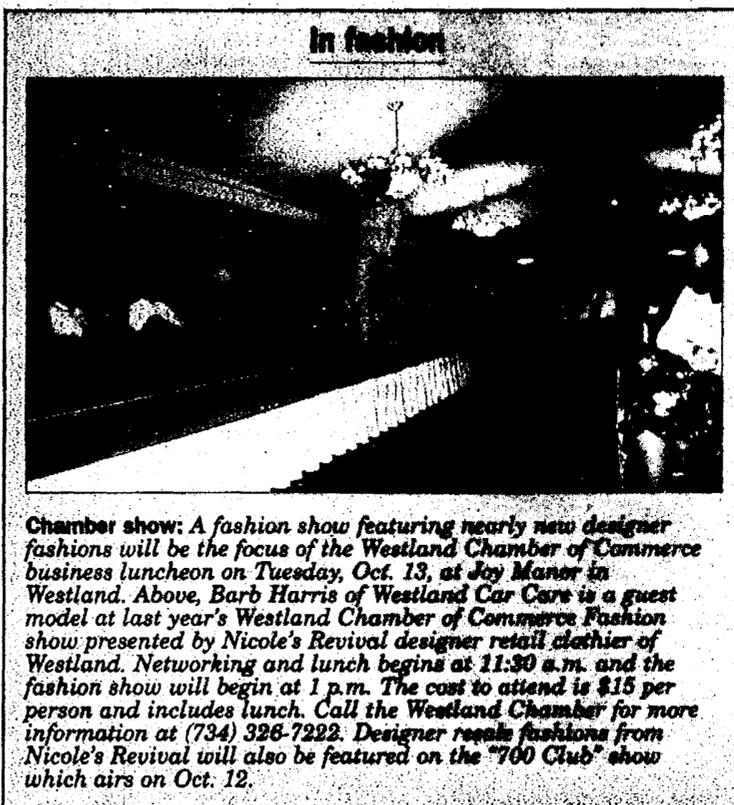
CHARTER SCHOOL
The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer 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. 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.

MOM'S MORNING OUT
Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" from 9-11:30 a.m.



Chamber show: A fashion show featuring nearly new designer fashions will be the focus of the Westland Chamber of Commerce business luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Joy Manor in Westland. Above, Barb Harris of Westland Car Care is a guest model at last year's Westland Chamber of Commerce Fashion show presented by Nicole's Revival designer retail dethier of Westland. Networking and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. and the fashion show will begin at 1 p.m. The cost to attend is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Call the Westland Chamber for more information at (734) 326-7222. Designer resale fashions from Nicole's Revival will also be featured on the "700 Club" show which airs on Oct. 12.

every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG
Limited space is available for individuals and small groups to participate in the archaeological dig at the Westland Historical Museum, at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette. The digs are noon to 5 p.m. Sundays and will run weather permitting to Nov. 15. To participate you must register in advance. For more information or to register, call Daryl Bailey (evenings) at (734) 326-7362 or leave a voice message at the Westland Historical Museum at (734) 326-1110.

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.

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

SENIOR CHOR
A new Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join. The choir meets at 9 a.m. Thursday mornings.

EXERCISE
Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult which improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

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, call (734) 722-7632.

DINNER THEATER
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, yard work, 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
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer 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.

FINANCIAL PLANNING
A free program on investments/financial planning will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Westland

Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh. Attorney Richard Bockoff will discuss investments, interest rates, buying and selling investments, living trusts and medical concerns.

CLUBS IN ACTION

MOMS TO MEET
The MOMS Club of Westland, a nonprofit, non-religious support group for stay-at-home moms, will be holding its next meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, east entrance, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh. The club will be holding an organized discussion group on winter activities. Children are welcome. For information, call Stephanie at (734) 266-2919.

ADD SUPPORT
An Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder parent support group of the Family Resource Center begins 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the ABC Room of the Special Angels at Graham Elementary School, 1255 John Hix, Westland. Cost is \$3 with free child care. Registration required, (734) 595-2279.

CONNECTION CHORUS
The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a group of women singing music arranged in barbershop style, is seeking singers who would like to learn and perform their favorite holiday songs. Rehearsals begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti.

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) 522-4208 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. M163 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.

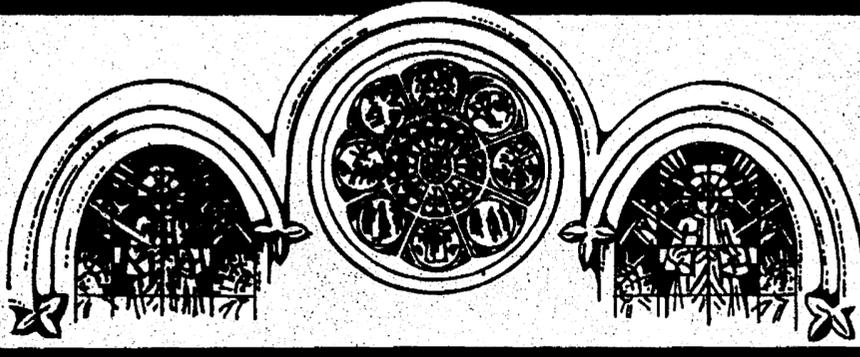
PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. For more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

CALENDAR FOR

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 734-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
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Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

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Trinity hosts Christianity, postmodernism conference

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For moderns, truth is clad in a white lab coat. For postmodernists, it is more likely outfitted in the eclectic style of a rock 'n' roll singer.

The Western world is undergoing a radical cultural shift from modernism to postmodernism, a shift that will be more dramatic than any change seen in the past several centuries.

Among the differences will be radical pluralism in the marketplace of ideas, a skepticism about science having all the answers and a preference for truth in story form rather than rational proofs. In short, most modern people will have more in common philosophically with their great-grandparents than with their own children.

These cultural changes have many people asking if Christian faith can survive in postmodern culture? Should Christians lament the close of the modern age or celebrate the new, uncharted possibilities of the postmodern era? How can the church communicate the gospel within such a different culture?

On Saturday, Oct. 17, professor J. Richard Middleton will address those questions of Christianity and postmodernism in an all-day conference, "Christian Faith in a Postmodern Age: Reading Scripture for a Time of Crisis," at Trinity Church in Livonia.

Registration for the program will be 9 a.m., with the first session, "Discerning the Postmodern Condition," at 9:30 a.m. There also will be two afternoon sessions - "A Case Study in Postmodern Biblical Interpretation" at 1 p.m. and "Reading the Whole Bible in a Postmodern Time" at 2:30 p.m.

The conference will wrap up at 4 p.m. but for those interested, the conversation will continue with a pizza supper at 5 p.m. There's an extra charge for the supper.

Middleton also will preach at the 10:45 a.m. worship service Sunday, Oct. 18, at the church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Middleton teaches Old Testament interpretation at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., and has co-authored several books with Brian J. Walsh, chaplain at the University of Toronto, "The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian World View" and "The Advent of Justice."

Their most recent book, "Truth Is Stranger Than It Used To Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age," received the 1996 Book of the Year award from "Christianity Today" magazine.

Middleton also has published several essays in a variety of journals on biblical creation theology, the genre of lament, the problem of evil and the theology of popular music. One of his

essays, "Let's Put Herod Back into Christmas," was recently awarded the Canadian Church Press prize for best theological reflection.

Before joining the divinity school, he taught at Redeemer College in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto and served as campus minister at four universities in Canada and the United States.

Advance registration for the conference is \$20 and \$15 for students and includes lunch. Tickets at the door will cost \$25 and \$20, respectively. Registration can be completed by calling the Rev. Michael Van Horn, pastor of Trinity Church, at (734) 425-2800.



J. Richard Middleton

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.

KID'S CLUB

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is holding Kid's Club meetings 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. The club is for children in first through the sixth grades. Youngsters do not have to be members of the church to participate. There will be crafts, games, fun and refreshments. For more information, call Dixie Elam at (734) 422-0494.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Service Club of Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi.

CARD PARTY

St. Simon and Jude Church will have a Harvest Gathering card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. There will be

door and table prizes, 50-50 raffle and cards and games of choice. A light meal and snacks will be served. Tickets cost \$6. For more information, call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds will go to the church's building fund.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

St. John Bosco Church will have a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9-10, in Sheltreau Hall, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be games of blackjack, dice and roulette, hourly 50-50 raffles and a Big 6 wheel. Admission will be \$1; additional charge for food and beverages.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries members will bike to the Huron River in Ann Arbor Saturday, Oct. 10. Riders will meet at 11 a.m. at Richardson Center on Oakley Park Road west of Haggerty. Helmets are mandatory. For more information call the Single Point office at (248) 374-5920.

Single Point also offers Talk It Over 7-9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Knox Hall, outdoor tennis 4:30 p.m. until dark Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rotary Park on Six Mile in Livonia and indoor volleyball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

in Knox Hall of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville.

TRINITY HOUSE

Trinity House Theater will present award-winning filmmaker Gary Glaser at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets cost \$5 for non-members and \$4 for members.

Featured will be Glaser's "Forgotten Voices," chronicling the impact of an arts education program on four prisoners serving life sentences at the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, "Borderline: The Story of Eight Mile Road," exploring Detroit's relationship with its suburban neighbors, and "The Hudson's Building," which takes a nostalgic look back at one of the area's favorite places to shop and examines the controversy surrounding its impending demolition.

For more information, call (734) 464-6302.

IN CONCERT

Young Christian recording artist Mary Rice Hopkins and Company will perform at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a family pass. They are available at Dickson's Bible Bookstores,

Family Christian Bookstores or by calling (734) 416-9346.

Hopkins uses catchy lyrics, versatility and hand motions that encourage the audience to participate. Her audio cassettes and CDs will be available for purchase before and after the concert.

FALL SPIRITUAL FESTIVAL

Unity of Livonia Church will have its fall spiritual festival, "Festival of Inner Light," at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the church, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

The speakers will be the Rev. Dr. David Williamson and Dr. Robert Knapp, both of the Unity of Hollywood (Fla.) Church. They will focus their morning discussions on Charles Fillmore's "The Twelve Powers" and the medical perspective on the body's power centers. In the afternoon workshop, Williamson will discuss in more detail the 12 powers of holistic spiritual development and regeneration.

An exact replica of a labyrinth at Chartes Cathedral in France will be available for participants to do a walking meditation. Registration for the festival is \$25 and includes lunch. For more information, call Unity of Livonia Church at (734) 421-1760.

YARD SALE

St. John's Episcopal Church of Westland will have a yard sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the parking lot of the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Space is available. For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-5023.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The closing event for St. Agatha Parish's 50th anniversary celebration will include a Sock Hop will be held at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the parish, Beech Daly and Seven Mile, Redford. Cost will be \$15 per person.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, there will be a closing liturgy at 1 p.m., followed by dinner-dance at the Western Golf and Country Club. Music will be by the Johnny Trudell Band. Proper attire required. For more information, call (313) 531-0371.

'FAMILY SERVE'

"Family Serve: Volunteer Opportunities for Families," a new 60-minute program from the Aid Association for Lutherans, will be presented at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, in the Christian/Education Room of Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Joy at Wayne Road, Livonia. The

program focuses on many unique volunteer opportunities and helps parents and children realize the benefits of volunteering.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church will have the Toledo Vineyard worship group perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. The church also will have two services, a traditional one at 9 a.m. and contemporary one at 11 a.m., on Sunday. For more information, call the church at (734) 458-7301.

RITE OF INITIATION

Adults interested in joining the Catholic church are invited to "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. For more information, call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421. For more information or individual counseling, call (734) 453-4785.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Twisters tame Cougars

The Wayne County Twisters pulled off a mild upset in the Lake Shore Football League with a 20-14 victory Saturday over the league leading Motor City Cougars, ranked 12th nationally by the American Football Association.

Pat Bowie's 1-yard touchdown run with just 44 seconds left provided the final margin of victory. His 44-yard run followed by Eddie Trent's 7-yard carry set up the game-winner in a game played at Academy of Detroit High School Inkster.

Trailing 14-6 in the with four minutes remaining, the Twisters pulled to within two on Brian Kutch's 98-yard TD pass to David Ryan, longest recorded in LSFL history. (The two-point attempt failed.)

The Twisters' defense then forced the Cougars to punt with two minutes remaining.

Trailing 7-0 early in the second period, the Twisters got on the board when 29-year-old linebacker Bob Pensari pounced on a loose ball in the end zone after a Cougar returner mishandled a long punt by Chuck Petipas.

But the Cougars remained on top at halftime, 7-6.

Conditions were less than ideal because of the cold and often heavy rains.

The LSFL playoffs begins Saturday with the Zanesville (Ohio) Fury making a visit to Academy of Detroit field (old Cherry Hill High School), located at 28500 Avondale, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads.

Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.

Squirt A Icers 1st

The Livonia Knights, a Squirt A team, captured the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament, Sept. 25-27, in Cleveland, Ohio by outscoring their opponents 21-1 en route to a 4-0 record.

The Knights blanked the Depew Saints of Buffalo, N.Y. in the championship final, 6-0, on two goals each by Scott Evens and Adam Wagner, along with one each by Jake Wagaman and Vince Bryne.

Goaltender Nathan O'Hare notched the shutout.

In a 6-0 semifinal shutout of Parma Heights (Ohio), goaltender Bobby Zarembo notched the shutout. Evens scored twice, while Evan Anton, Corey Brecht and Jeff Scherrer added one apiece.

The Knights opened with a 4-1 win over the Saints as Wagner scored twice with other goals by Brecht and Anton. Zarembo was in the nets.

The Knights also defeated the Cleveland Skating Club, 5-0, behind O'Hare's shutout and goals by tournament MVP Billy Westerman (2), Scherrer, Brecht and Evens.

Other members of the Knights include; Jeff Anderson, Scott Arcuragi, Ryan Bird, Ross Decker and Brian Linstrom.

The Knights are coached by John Bartle, John Moore and Paul Anderson. The manager is Andrea Anderson.

Team sponsors included Valentino's Pizza, L&L Packaging, Inc., Tri-City Builders and Nagle Paving Co.

Youth baseball tryouts

• Tryouts for two new Little Caesars baseball teams will be Saturday, Oct. 10. The age groups are 10-and-under (Willie Mays) and 12-and-under (Pee Wee Reese). Call Bill Hardin at 562-4687 for times and field assignments.

• The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have tryouts for its Willie Mays (10-and-under) travel baseball team, the 1999 season, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at Don Massey Field (at Haggerty and Plymouth roads). Players birthdates must be between Aug. 1, 1988 and July 31, 1989. For more information, call Mark Glover at (248) 349-3392.

For information regarding other Indians teams, call: Nick Marrone at (734) 459-0896 for Pee Wee Reese level (11-year-olds); Bruce Price at (734) 453-9180 for 12-year-olds; Gary Mancini at (734) 454-1104 for Sandy Koufax division (13-year-olds); Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-0184 for Mickey Mantle division (15-year-olds); and Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793 for 16-year-olds.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emmons, 36261 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Mending well

Rogowski thankful he can play again

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Casey Rogowski wasn't likely to perform an end zone dance at last month's Boys Bowl, even if he was healthy enough to play.

The humble linebacker and fullback prefers to do his footwork between goal lines. Showboating's not his style.

But later that night, after the Shamrocks' 40-14 victory over Detroit St. Martin DePorres at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium, dancing was part of the routine with his date at the annual homecoming dance.

Rogowski, a three-sport standout from Livonia, wasn't going to win any contests but he wanted his teammates to know he's happy for them and close to recovering from a broken leg and

arthroscopic knee surgery.

He shed his crutches days before and a knee brace wasn't quite fitted yet.

"He talked about it a couple weeks before, saying 'I'll be out on the dance floor on crutches if I have to,'" said Derek Anderson, a senior wide receiver/defensive back. "We were joking that he'd have to have his pants custom fitted or wear shorts to fit his brace."

You've heard of Mighty Casey at Bat. This one's on deck.

A night of dancing was fun, even if they played Top 40 more than his favorite classic Rock & Roll songs, but the stage he's really looking forward to will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

That's when Rogowski, a preseason All-State candidate, makes his season

Please see **ROGOWSKI, C3**



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Up to specification: Redford Catholic Central linebacker Casey Rogowski (right) gets measured for a knee brace by certified orthodist Ernie Bastien as mother Kathy Rogowski looks on.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Tee shot: Livonia Churchill's Evan Chall launches a drive during Tuesday's WLAA boys golf tournament. For a roundup, see Westland (C6) and Livonia (C8).

Stevenson beats Churchill in test

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS EDITOR

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BOYS SOCCER

Boys soccer opponents continue to fall like dominoes against Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans, ranked No. 1 in Division I, withstood an early Livonia Churchill offensive onslaught to run their record to 14-1 with a 2-0 victory Wednesday over the host Chargers.

Stevenson now heads into next week's Western Lakes championship game against Plymouth Canton, the only team to put a blemish on the Spartans' record this season. (Game time is 7 p.m. Oct. 14 at Canton.)

"It's been an incredibly fast-paced couple of weeks and we've had some real tests, but I'm proud the way our guys stepped up once again to another challenge," said Stevenson first-year coach Lars Richters.

Churchill threatened early, but Stevenson survived the Chargers' pressure.

The Spartans then scored with 4:24 left in the first half on Jeff Budd's direct free kick, which was directed past Churchill goalkeeper Steve Kleczynski by Tomasso Mainella.

The goal came just after a yellow card was handed out to the Spartans.

From that point on Stevenson appeared to be a different team, seizing momentum and carrying the play to Churchill's end.

"That team (Churchill) poses problems with two dangerous players like (George) Kithas and (Marc) Sicilia," Richters said. "Both usually play together up front, but they kept one back this time and the other staying up. We had prepared a little differently and it caused some problems."

"Plus, Churchill played with a great deal of energy from the start."

Tony Maldonado, off a flicked pass in front of the Churchill net by teammate

Mike White, gave Stevenson a two-goal cushion by scoring with 19:10 left in the match.

"After the way we started the season, it's starting to get frustrating," said Churchill coach Chad Campau, whose team is 9-4-2 overall, but 1-3-1 over the last five games. "The first 30 minutes we had opportunities and gave ourselves chances. We played the ball well."

"But it's those one or two defensive lapses when teams take advantage of you ... and that will kill you."

Stevenson goalkeeper Joe Suchara was sharp when he had to be, making a key stop in each half off shots by Sicilia.

"We went over some things with our back four and we told them to relax and play," Richters said. "I think we were a bit panicky with the ball and we wound up playing in a physical, aggressive match. They had to think before they played the ball."

On Monday, Kithas scored twice and Mike Koivunen had the other goal as Churchill beat host Walled Lake Western, 3-1.

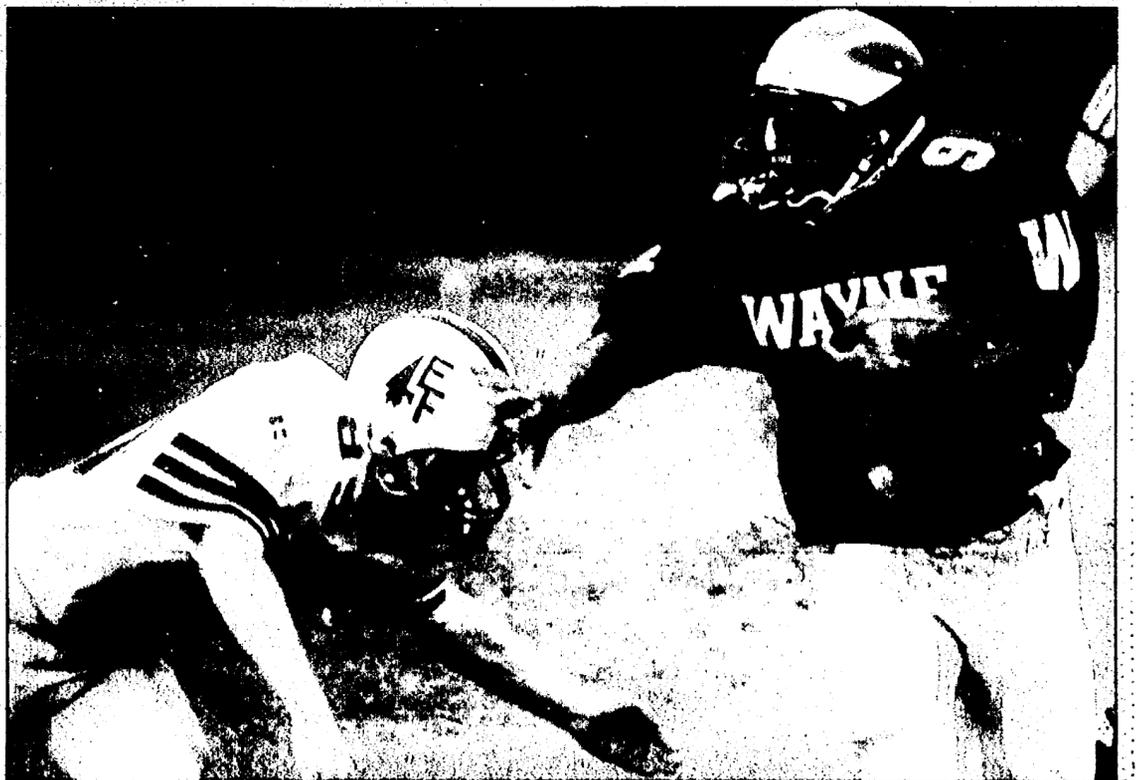
But the Chargers could not find the net against Stevenson.

"I thought we played well for 30 minutes, but you just can't sustain it for 80 minutes, no team can do that," Campau said. "We played pretty well much of the game. Overall I was pleased."

"Hopefully we'll get another shot at Stevenson. I thought we did a nice job of marking Tom Eller, because he's been scoring a lot of their goals for them lately. We brought up Eric Scott from the JV and he did a nice job marking him."

Stiffarm move

Zebra triumph: Wayne Memorial's Cameron Mingo (right) fends off a Dearborn Edsel Ford tackler during Saturday's homecoming game. The host Zebras came from behind with a pair of Mingo touchdowns in the final three minutes to stun the Thunderbirds, 25-19. Wayne, 4-1 overall, will face unbeaten Dearborn in a key Michigan Mega Conference Red Division showdown, 7 p.m. Friday at home. For a roundup of Saturday games, see page C3, along with the grid predictions.



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GIRLS SWIMMING

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 113
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200 medley relay: Churchill (Kristin Derwiche, Angela Simetkoosky, Whitney Green, Adriana Doyle), 2:08.24; 200 freestyle: Carolyn O'Keefe (LC), 2:15.18; 200 IM: Green (LC), 2:35.40; 50 freestyle: Courtney Lim (LC), 27.05; 100 freestyle: Angela Anevoli (LL), 210.75; butterfly: Christina Mocerl (LL), 1:03.27; 100 freestyle: Simetkoosky (LC), 57.05; 200 freestyle: O'Keefe (LC), 6:04.36; 200 freestyle relay: Churchill (Beth Bushley, Green, Doyle, Simetkoosky), 1:50.06; backstroke: Mocerl (LL), 1:03.10; breaststroke: Kelly Stahley (LC), 1:20.58; 400 freestyle relay: Churchill (Trish McGowan, Bushley, O'Keefe, Doyle), 4:09.48.

Churchill's dual meet record: 4-3.

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 Oct. 3 at Stevenson

200 yard medley relay: Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Marti McKenzie, Katie Clark, Jessica Makowski), 1:54.69; 200 freestyle: Katie Ladowski (AAP), 1:57.8; 200 individual medley: Katie Winklerhaus (AAP), 2:09.24; 50 freestyle: Clark (LS), 25.74; 100 freestyle: Elizabeth Godek (AAP), no score available; 100 butterfly: Clark (LS), 59.91; 100 freestyle: Rebecca Godek (AAP), 56.71; 200 freestyle: Winklerhaus (AAP), 5:08.6; 200 freestyle relay: Pioneer, 1:43.54; 100 backstroke: Dolin (LS), 1:04.68; 100 breaststroke: McKelvie (LS), 1:14.33; 400 freestyle relay: Pioneer, 3:42.03.

Dual meet records: Pioneer, 3-0; Stevenson, 4-2.

GIRLS TENNIS

PLYMOUTH CANTON 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
 Oct. 2 at Canton

No. 1 singles: Cherie Berner (LF) def. Liz Eisner, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; No. 2: Jen Leonard (PC) def. Karen Koleczko, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Lizzie Brown (PC) def. Karen Savage, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Christina Sipeck (PC) def. Laura Conrad, 6-2, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Josephine Chang-Lisa Niemiec (PC) def. Abby Wojtowicz-Elizabeth Zatz, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Tracy Robey-Niki Shah (PC) def. Daniela Gapp-Danielle Coleman, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Christina Clutter-Michele Blair (PC) def. Krista Slawski-Elizabeth Sattler, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Chris Koshizawa-Puja Amin (PC) def. Lisa Wiklanski-Trina Szurek, 6-0, 6-0.

top 25 swimming

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Against Cuyahoga Sunday, Michael (JR) Longois used an assist from Joel Wixinsky to put SC on top 10 minutes into the match. Konley's 25-yard blast at the 25-minute mark made it 2-0, which is the way it remained. Dimitriou pulled many of his front-line players after the officials refused to make what he felt were obvious calls to avoid possible repercussions.

Eric O'Neil (Livonia Stevenson) recorded his fifth shutout of the season.

The two wins boosted SC's overall record to 11-3 and to a No. 14 ranking in the NJCAA. Cuyahoga is 5-3.

Last Wednesday, the Ocelots lost to the University of Michigan's club team, 2-1. U-M scored twice in the first half, both goals deflecting in off SC defenders. The Ocelots got one back when Konley nailed a direct kick from close to 30 yards out 15 minutes into the second half.

The Crusaders had to overcome a 2-0 deficit to beat the Blazers in overtime. Bell got the game-winner just two minutes into extra time. The Blazers beat Madonna's WHAC record perfect at 7-0; Spring Arbor is 3-5 in the league, 3-6 overall.

The Crusaders got two goals on the board by the time the match was 18 minutes old. The Crusaders then got to work, with Leah Bryant (Canton) scoring at the 17-minute mark; Scott Emert tying it in the 30th minute; and Vic Rodopoulos (Livonia Franklin) putting Madonna ahead just before the half. James Catlett assisted on the first and third Madonna goals, with Tim Blevins assisting on Emert's.

In the second half, Spring Arbor's Steve Graetz got his third goal of the match in the 72nd minute to tie it, while the Crusaders missed a chance to win it in regulation when they missed a penalty kick. Bell delivered in OT to keep Madonna's win streak alive.

Schoolcraft gain revenge

Schoolcraft College avenged an earlier loss to Cuyahoga CC by beating the host team 2-0 in the Cuyahoga Invitational Sunday.

"We've solidified our defense with the moves we've made lately," said SC coach Van Dimitriou, noting in particular the switch of Rob Gumber (Ply-

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VOLLEYBALL

It didn't come easily, but then again, it wasn't expected to be.

Madonna University's volleyball team had a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference showdown Tuesday against Cornerstone College, both teams 5-0 in the conference entering the match. When the Lady Crusaders, ranked 18th in the NAIA, lost setter Deanne Helsom to a knee injury in the first game, then lost the first game, things weren't looking too good.

Enter freshman Jennie Wind. In her first extended action of the season, Wind collected 42 assists to kills and 10 digs to help Madonna recover for a 12-15, 15-12, 15-8, 15-9 victory. The Crusaders are now 20-4 overall, 6-0 in the WHAC; Cornerstone is 9-10 overall, 5-1 in the WHAC.

Erin Cunningham and Stephanie Uballe each turned in one of their best performances of the season. They had 16 kills apiece, with Cunningham adding three service aces and a team-best 21 digs and Uballe getting one solo block and three block assists.

Brandy Malowski (from Redford Thurston) added 10 kills, one solo block and five block assists; Rayna Vert had five kills, two solo blocks and three block assists; Marylu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) totaled 18 digs; and Jennifer Russell had 16 digs.

McGinty sparks Ocelots

Schoolcraft College got its second-straight Eastern Conference victory in a row Tuesday, defeating visiting Macomb CC 15-10, 15-13, 15-11 at SC. The win pushed the Lady Ocelots' record to 3-4 in the conference, 9-10 overall.

Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill) led the attack with 17 kills; she also had 18 digs, two solo blocks and six block assists. Kelly Johnston (Plymouth Salem) added 15 kills and 13 digs, and Cindy Maloof had six kills and 10 digs. Danielle Wensing finished with 39 assists to kills and eight digs.



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Wayne rallies past Edsel Ford 25-19

The alumni at Wayne Memorial went home happy Saturday as senior Cameron Mingo saved the day.

Mingo scored two touchdowns in the final three minutes to lead the Zebras to a come-from-behind 25-19 victory over Dearborn Edsel Ford on homecoming.

The Mega Conference crossover victory lifted Wayne to 4-1 overall and helped the Zebras escape what could have been an embarrassing loss to the Thunderbirds (1-4).

Mingo scored the winning points with just 40 seconds remaining in the game, after taking a screen pass from quarterback Terry Turner and rambling 48 yards for the TD.

The drive was set up after senior Tony McCarthy intercepted an Edsel Ford pass and returned it to the Thunderbirds' 10-yard line. A clipping penalty brought it back to the Wayne 45.

Mingo had tied the score at 19-19 with three minutes remaining on a 30-yard run off a draw play. Mingo broke several tackles on the exciting run and received two key blocks from linemen Kurt Wenzel and Scott Sheedy.

The point after by Willie Perryman made it 19-19.

The Zebras had opened the scoring in the first quarter on a 15-yard scamper by Junior Kwame Hampton. The point after failed.

The Thunderbirds took a 7-6 lead after Wayne fumbled a punt at its own 15. But the Zebras countered with a 60-yard scoring drive. After runs of 15 and 20 yards, Mingo capped the drive with a 3-yard run. The two-point conversion failed.

Edsel Ford scored late in the second quarter and led 13-12 at halftime. The Thunderbirds also scored the only points in the third quarter after taking advantage of a Wayne fumble on a kickoff to take a 19-12 advantage. Edsel Ford missed a key extra point after the snap was fumbled.

Mingo led the Wayne offense by gaining

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127 yards on 18 carries. The Zebras needed 337 yards of total offense to Edsel Ford's 160 yards.

The defense collected four interceptions — two by Turner and one each by Hampton and McCarthy.

"It was a good team effort, but I wasn't happy with the way we executed offensively and we could have played better defensively," Wayne coach Floyd Carter said. "It was an ugly win and we're thankful to escape with the victory."

"They had a good defensive scheme and were a little tougher than we had thought. But they had previously played several tight games between a couple undefeated teams."

Carter admitted that his team will have to play much better Friday when they host undefeated Dearborn (5-0), which blew out a good and previously undefeated Monroe squad Friday 48-28.

"They have an outstanding quarterback in Kevin Kreger and a very good tailback as well," he said. "They run the option well and they can throw off it. We'll have to make sure we have our defensive people in the right spots and try to shut it down."

"This is the most potent offense we will have faced yet. Belleville had a lot of speed but Dearborn feels it is unstoppable and so far have shown that they might be. They have some very gifted athletes."

Carter added that the mistakes his team made against Edsel Ford will have to be erased.

"We'll have to eliminate the penalties and stop making the turnovers," he said. "We'll have to execute much better offensively and get the wing-T going."

• REDFORD CC 42, NOTRE DAME PREP 0: Redford Catholic Central, the top-ranked team in Class AA, ran its record to 4-0 and 2-0 in the Catholic League Central-West by burying winless Pontiac Notre Dame

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debut against Dearborn Divine Child.

He'll be wearing his familiar No. 45 with an unfamiliar knee brace.

"I don't mind wearing it — as long as it gets me on the field," he said. "I miss the guys."

Rogowski, injured in a pre-season scrimmage in late August, returned to practice on Monday at CC.

The Shamrocks aren't in pads on Mondays. They mostly run sprints and Rogowski was glad to see he not only kept up with most of his teammates, but won once.

"They were saying 'Don't let the gimp win,'" said Rogowski, smiling.

Milt Thackaberry, manager of Botsford Hospital's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center in Novi and Rogowski's therapist, stopped short of recommending dancing but had him working up a sweat most days after school.

Because Rogowski's a senior and hoping to show major college football coaches he's worthy of a scholarship, his rehab was accelerated, Thackaberry said. Rogowski has a couple boxes of letters from major colleges across the country and by the end of the season he's hoping to have some game videotapes he can send them.

"If he was a sophomore, things wouldn't be quite as aggressive, but this is his last shot," Thackaberry said last week. "Casey knows what hard work is, what he's got to do to get ready. We've got the swelling down, now it's just a matter of getting his strength and endurance back."

"The average person may not even get hurt. These guys (athletes), though they're not in constant pain, know what a little discomfort is about. They're already educated that way."

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The joke is she gets up early enough so she can pack the lunches and make it to work in time. Remarkably, the 6-foot-3 Rogowski remains around his playing weight of 235 pounds despite his large appetite.

Rogowski's parents were there when the injury occurred on the third play of a scrimmage against Temperance-Bedford.

"I'm glad I was there," Kathy Rogowski said. "I would have hated to get the phone call because then everything goes through your mind. It's bad enough when you're there."

Rogowski stayed up-beat while sidelined, although the bus ride home from the Boys Bowl was hard on him.

"I went from being happy that we won to sitting on the bus by myself," he said.

What made Rogowski's injury especially agonizing is he's potentially a Division I college prospect in football, wrestling and baseball. After helping the Shamrocks to the Class AA state football championship last fall, he won the Division I state heavyweight championship in wrestling and was a first-team All Observer baseball player, helping CC to a Final Four berth in Class A.

The two things college prospects worry about most have three initials: ACT, which stands for the American College Test, and ACL, which stands for Anterior Cruciate Ligament.

Athletes don't want to screw up either one. While Rogowski knew his ACT was in good shape, scoring a 20 the only time he took it, he wasn't sure about his ACL until his knee scope showed no damage.

His father, Dennis Rogowski, thinks it's part of God's master plan.

"Every sport he played last year was a highlight, too good to be true, maybe," the elder Rogowski, a former star athlete at Wayne St. Mary's, said. "The good Lord said we're going to give you a test, a little detour."

Some friends have suggested Rogowski, a 3.3 student, skip wrestling his senior year but he's decided to return and didn't think twice once he got his prognosis. He has too much loyalty for CC wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez and too much drive to repeat as a state champion.

"A goal of mine is to be the two-time state champion. I can't stop at one," Rogowski said.

Rogowski may have cried himself to sleep some nights after the injury, but now he has pleasant dreams about his return.

His goal prior to the season was to record more than 100 tackles. To come close the Shamrocks would have to play the maximum four playoff games on top of their eight regular season games and Rogowski would have to have some huge games.

"I got 86 (tackles) last year and my goal was to get over 100," he said. "I keep thinking of ways I can get there. I keep having a reoccurring dream that against DC I'm going to have 22."

Kathy Rogowski has a simpler goal, which is why she's his mother.

"My goal is for him to walk off the field every time," she said. "That would make me happy."



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Test run: CC's Casey Rogowski crosses over during an agility drill.

Observerland unbeaten ranks remain at 4

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Four unbeaten remain in Observerland football.

Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Harrison, ranked No. 1 statewide in their respective classes, both won again.

Harrison, by far, had the stiffer test, dumping previously unbeaten Walled Lake Western.

Westland John Glenn, also unbeaten, can set a date with Harrison in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game (Oct. 24) with a win Friday at Plymouth Salem.

The other unbeaten is Redford Union.

But game of the week should be in the Michigan Mega Red Division when unbeaten Dearborn travels to once-beaten Wayne Memorial.

As far as the prediction race, things tightened up a bit.

Yours truly, correctly picking 12 of 15 games last week, moved up one game on counterpart Dan O'Meara, who was 11-4.

O'Meara is 55-18 overall, while Emons is 53-20.

Here is a look at this weekend's action:

FRIDAY GAMES (all at 7:30 unless noted)

Dearborn (5-0, 3-0) at Wayne (4-1, 3-1), 7 p.m.: Dearborn proved it was for real last week by dumping previously unbeaten Monroe, 48-26, as halfback Colin Wilkinson had 165 yards rushing and four TDs, while quarterback Kevin Kreger added 138 yards and one TD. Wayne, a last-minute 25-19 winner over Dearborn Edsel Ford, counters with tailback Cameron Mingo and quarterback Terry Turner. PICKS: Emons says Wayne pulls the upset. O'Meara likes Dearborn.

Highland Park (2-3, 2-2) at Redford Union (5-0, 3-0), 7 p.m.: They're trying to ban pit bulls in Highland Park, but these are the tamer Polar Bears, who

GRID PICKS

are coming off a 22-16 win over winless Woodhaven. RU, which won last week against winless Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 28-6, may be without starting quarterback Jeff Rigley again (injured shoulder). PICKS: RU makes it six straight.

Taylor Truman (1-4, 1-2) at Garden City (1-4, 0-4): Truman posted its first win of the year with a 20-14 victory over winless Taylor Kennedy, while Garden City faced unbeaten Trenton, losing 28-7. This is a Mega-White encounter. PICKS: Flip a coin, both take CC.

Hamtramck (4-1, 3-1) at Clarenceville (4-1, 3-1): The loser will be out of contention for the Metro Conference title, while the winner stays alive. Hamtramck played tough for a half before losing to Metro Conference leader and unbeaten Harper Woods, 32-14. Clarenceville, which fell victim the week before to Harper Woods, 35-6, made it a triumphant homecoming with a 49-12 shellacking of Harper Woods Lutheran East. PICKS: O'Meara says Hamtramck, but I like the Trojans.

Liv. Churchill (2-3, 1-2) at W.L. Western (4-1, 2-1): The Chargers have to be feeling better about themselves after edging rival Livonia Franklin in overtime, 10-7, on Mike King's 36-yard field goal. Western, a playoff-bound team bashed by Farmington Hills Harrison last week 35-13, is led by fullback Dave Johnson, who rushed for 215 yards against the top-ranked Hawks. PICKS: It's Western's night all the way.

Northville (2-3, 1-2) at Liv. Franklin (0-5, 0-3): The Mustangs have to be reeling after being bounced by winless Plymouth Canton, 27-7. But Northville seems to have a hex over the winless Patriots, who suffered a tough 10-7 OT loss to Churchill. Franklin has beaten the Mustangs only once (1996) in the last 10 years. PICKS: Northville finds a way to win.

Farmington (2-3, 1-2) at Liv. Steven-

son (2-3, 1-2): The Falcons and first-year coach John Bechtel are on a mini-roll right now having beaten North Farmington, given unbeaten Westland John Glenn a scare followed by a 14-7 win last week over Walled Lake Central. Stevenson, up-and-down so far in 1998, played a flat three quarters in a 25-6 loss to Glenn. PICKS: It's no walk in the park, but Stevenson wins.

Westland Glenn (5-0, 3-0) at Ply. Salem (3-2, 2-1): Glenn, a 25-6 victor last week over Stevenson, can wrap up another Lakes Division title on enemy turf. The only team so far that has held Glenn tailback Reggie Spearman down is Farmington (125 yards). The Rocks, 39-20 winners last week over North Farmington, got 124 yards from Jason Lukasik. He scored on TD runs of 23 and 75 yards. PICKS: Glenn soars in orbit to another Lakes title.

SATURDAY GAMES (all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

Ply. Canton (1-4, 1-2) at Farm. Hills Harrison (5-0, 3-0): The top-ranked Hawks, 35-13 winners over previously unbeaten Walled Lake Western, got a sterling performance from speedy wide receiver Ricky Bryant (four TDs). Canton, meanwhile, rushed for 300 yards in 59 attempts in steamrolling Northville for coach Tim Baechler's first win with the Chiefs. PICKS: Harrison goes to 6-0.

W.L. Central (1-4, 1-2) at N. Farmington (1-4, 0-3): Central quarterback Cory Heitsch, one of the best in the WLAA, hasn't had much help offensively this season. The Vikings are coming off a 14-7 loss to Farmington. North has proven it has ability to score points, but can its defense rise to the challenge? PICKS: Central gets back on the winning track.

Melvindale (3-2, 2-1) at Red. Thurston (4-1, 2-1): The Cardinals gave up 405 yards rushing in a 42-10 loss to Ypsilanti, while Thurston ran over winless Willow Run, 27-6. This is a Mega-Blue division encounter. The winner stays alive for first place, while the loser will be

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First-year Livonia Stevenson boys soccer coach Lars Richters admitted he was nervous heading into Monday's Lakes Division showdown with Farmington High.

"I hadn't seen them play, but I knew they had some great results after beating (Livonia) Churchill and tying (Plymouth) Canton," he said.

But after Jeff Budd scored just eight seconds into the match and the host Spartans added two more during the next nine minutes, it was evident that it was going to be good night.

The 6-0 win puts top-ranked Stevenson, now 18-1 on the season, in Wednesday's (Oct. 14) Western Lakes Activities Association title match against Western Division champ Canton, the only team to beat the Spartans this season (3-2).

Stevenson finishes Lakes Division play at 5-0, while Farmington, making a bid to earn a spot in the Division II state rankings, falls to 10-4-2 and 2-2 in the Lakes. The loss ended the Falcons' 10-game unbeaten streak.

"Stevenson is very fast in the midfield and up front," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "The first goal set the tone. I expected a closer game, but we never got it going. Those early goals froze our team and we weren't ready to respond."

"It certainly was not one of our best games," Sergio Mainella led Stevenson offensively with one goal and four assists. Tom Eller also had a one goal and one assist, while Brian Brauti, Nick Ziobron, Nick Soper and Budd contributed one goal apiece.

Stevenson dominated, outshooting the Falcons 19-3. Farmington played without injured sweeper Phil Gasparotto. The Falcons' top goal scorer Tim Rais was also kept off the scoreboard.

"Our game plan was to attack and put them on the defensive," Richters said. "And by doing that I thought we had a better chance of controlling Rais."

"Jeff Budd is always assigned the other team's best scorer and having a healthy Jon Mathis back in the first half certainly helped."

"It was also the last game at home for the seniors and it gave us a lot of energy. That was a big help as well."

On Saturday, Stevenson traveled to No. 9-ranked Troy Athens and came away with a 3-1 triumph, overcoming a 1-0 halftime deficit on goals by Mike White (from Eller), Budd (from White) and Mainella unassisted.

Joe Suchara was in goal for the Spartans. "Athens was another big test," Richters said. "It was a very physical game in front of hostile fans. It was certainly a gut-check and in the second half we fortunately responded to every challenge."

"The second half was one of our best halves of the season."

•FRANKLIN 3, W.L. CENTRAL 1: Livonia Franklin's new strategy worked as the host Patriots improved to 4-9-2 overall.

Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit employed a 4-2-4 system and the Patriots responded well.

BOYS SOCCER WRAP

Junior Ross Bohler opened the scoring 10 minutes into the game after tipping in a header by senior Scott Tuggle.

The Patriots made it 2-0 after senior Bill Fischer drilled an 18-yard shot into the net. Bohler recorded the assist.

Leading 2-1, Franklin added an insurance goal 10 minutes into the second half as sophomore Mike Vega scored an unassisted goal.

The Patriots outshot Central 22-7. Sophomore Jeremy Bruckner played the second half in goal for Franklin and held the Vikings scoreless.

•N. FARMINGTON 2, JOHN GLENN 1: Chris Erickson's second-half goal proved to be the difference Monday as host North Farmington (11-4-1, 2-2) came away with the WLAALakes Division triumph over Westland John Glenn (4-7-2, 0-4-1).

North scored first in the opening half on Craig Hearn's 33rd goal of the season, but Glenn's Jeff Shelby tied it later on an assist from John Sterling.

"I thought we contained Hearn quite well," said Glenn coach Jerry Poniatoski, who singled out the defensive efforts of Tony Canfield, Derek Gismond and Kevin Derwich.

•WAYNE 10, RIVER ROUGE 0: Tim Stark scored twice and eight others had goals Monday as host Wayne Memorial (6-4-1, 5-2-1) invoked the mercy rule in a Mega-Blue Division rout of River Rouge.

Matt Arnett, Epton Dishnica, Kingsley Matthew, Ken Raupp, Austin Rowland, Joe Dodds, Jimmy Lewis and Justin Tucker also found the net for the Zebras.

Arnett and Justin Beseler, who split time in the nets, combined on the shutout.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 5, LUTH. N'WEST 1: Derek Blas, Brad Nollar and Brian Woelke each tallied a goal and one assist Tuesday, leading host Lutheran Westland (9-2-2 overall) to a first-round Metro Conference playoff victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Clint Gowen and Ryan Noel each added goals for the victorious Warriors, who will host a semifinal game at 4:30 today against the winner of Hamtramck and Harper Woods Lutheran East.

•HAMTRAMCK 9, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Livonia Clarenceville played well for 40 minutes Monday at Hamtramck before things fell apart in the second half.

The Trojans, still winless in 1998, received their only goal from senior Brian Pankow on a free kick with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Hamtramck led 3-1 at halftime, and ran away with the victory with six unanswered tallies in the second half.

•BROTHER RICE 4, REDFORD CC 2: Birmingham Brother Rice (11-3, 6-2) overcame a two-goal, second-half deficit Tuesday to double up rival Redford Catholic Central (6-7-1, 2-5).

Trailing by a 2-0 count on goals by Andrew Kogut and Pat Griffin of CC, the host Warriors came to life by banging home four goals in a 15-minute span.

Matt Holcomb began the barrage with a header off a Pat Wilson free kick and Anthony Timlin finished it off after taking a feed from teammate Matt Cleary.

In between, Warriors Joe Morelli and Wilson found the back of the CC net.

On Friday, the Shamrocks won Catholic League crossover game against Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 4-1, at Whitman Center in Livonia.

Junior forward Keith Bonnell scored two goals for the Shamrocks. Griffin and Kogut scored one goal each.

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BOYS BASKETBALL
 Thursday, Oct. 8
 Canton vs. Harrison, 1 p.m.
 W.L. Central vs. N. Farm., 1 p.m.
 Melvindale vs. Thurston, 1 p.m.
 Crestbrook vs. Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
 St. Agatha vs. Mount Carmel at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. Divine Child at D.H. Crestwood, 1:30 p.m.
 Borgess vs. Det. Benedictine, 2 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
 Thursday, Oct. 8
 Luth. N'west at Luth. W'ld, 6:30 p.m.
 Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
 Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 9
 Agape at Saline Christian, 5:45 p.m.

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BOYS BASKETBALL
 Saturday, Oct. 10
 Wayne at John Glenn, 10:00 p.m.
 Garden City at Allen Park, 4 p.m.
 PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Agape at Saline Christian, 4:30 p.m.
 Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
 Saturday, Oct. 10
 Harrison at Canton, 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Saturday, Oct. 10
 Lakeland at Schockcraft, 1 p.m.
 Aquinas at Madonna, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Saturday, Oct. 10
 Madonna at Siena Heights, 1:30 p.m.
 Scar at Manchester (Ind.), 3:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Thursday, Oct. 8
 Oakland CC at Schockcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9
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Saturday, Oct. 10
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REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 20
 BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE 20

Oct. 9 at Gene Boston Park
 Top 10 Finishers: 1. Ben Evans (Rice), 16:00; 2. John DiGiovanni (CC), 16:34; 3. Dan Jess (CC), 16:50; 4. Matt Daly (CC), 17:00; 5. Jim Stahnowiek (Rice), 17:08; 6. Bryan Buchanan (CC), 17:30; 7. Jeff Haller (CC), 17:32; 8. Brian Kuszynski (CC), 17:38; 9. Mark Repasky (CC), 17:42; 10. Matt Smith (Rice), 17:50.

HARLETT INVITATIONAL
 Oct. 9 at Harlett

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 45; 2. Howell, 97; 3. Harlett, 106; 4. Stockbridge, 110; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 160; 6. Holt, 173; 7. Easton School, 234; 8. Lansing Catholic Central, 243; 9. Lansing Western, 264; 10. Walled Lake Western, 268; 11. Okemos (B team), 294; 12. Lansing Sexton, 313; 13. Farmington, 327; 14. Jackson Northwest, 333; 15. Lansing Eastern, 356; 16. Hastings, 396; 17. Lansing Everett, 495.

CC Individual Finishers: 1. John DiGiovanni, 16:23; 2. Dan Jess, 16:23; 6. Matt Daly, 16:59; 16. Bryan Buchanan, 17:30; 20. Brian Kuszynski, 17:34; 27. Robert Tymowski, 17:55; 37. Jeff Haller, 18:12.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

DEARBORN HTS. CRESTWOOD
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 Oct. 8 at Dearborn's Ford Field

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth Salem (B team), 41; 2. Lutheran Westland, 62; 3. Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day, 87; Wayne Memorial, 91; 5. Allen Park, 135; 6. Garden City, 144; 7. Redford Thurston, 153; 8. Dearborn Heights Annapolis and Melvindale, no team scores.

Lutheran Westland Finishers: 1. Tess Kuehne, 20:27; 9. Jessica Montgomery, 22:22; 11. Holly Foreman, 22:28; 12. Jenny Letimer, 23:43; 21. Jodi Roff, 23:53; 30. Almee Anthony, 25:03; 38. Karie Azzopardi, 25:44.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Glenn tops Chargers

Westland John Glenn built a 25-12 halftime lead and held off a Livonia Churchill second-half surge Tuesday to earn a 42-38 Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball victory.

Glenn is now 5-4 overall and 2-2 in the WLAA, while Churchill slips to 6-4 and 2-2.

Stephanie Crews, a freshman, led host Glenn and all scorers with 16 points. Sister Samantha Crews, a junior, added eight points and 11 rebounds.

Kersten Conklin, who broke what is believed to be a Churchill single game scoring record (30) last week against Walled Lake Western, finished with a team-high 15 points.

All 15 of her points came in the second half, including 11 in the final period when Churchill outscored the Rockets 17-13.

Stacey Supanich, who added nine points and 11 rebounds, tied it at 38-all with a three-pointer with less than three minutes remaining.

But Glenn's Rola Amad answered with a field goal followed by a pair of free throws by Stephanie Crews to seal the victory.

Churchill had just three field goals over the first three quarters and made only 17 of 33 free throws.

Glenn was eight of 21 from the line.

•**N. FARMINGTON 60, FRANKLIN 28:** Sophomore Samantha McComb scored 28 points and senior Katie Vihtelic netted 23 points Tuesday for the host North Farmington (5-5, 3-1) in a WLAA win over Livonia Franklin (1-7, 0-4).

Junior Brittany Vihtelic added six points. McComb also had seven steals and three steals.

Junior forward Tera Morrill scored 13 points for the Patriots.

•**NORTHVILLE 50, STEVENSON 41:** Sophomore Emily Carbott scored 11 points and freshman Kelly Anderson chipped in with 10 Tuesday, leading the Mustangs (6-3, 4-0) to the WLAA win at Livonia Stevenson (6-4, 1-3).

Stephanie Dutz, a senior forward, led Stevenson with 17 points. Katie LeBlanc added 10 and Lindsay Gusick scored seven.

Stevenson led 12-7 after one quarter, but Northville took control with a 19-2 second-period run.

"Once they started the run they completely outplayed us," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said.

•**DIVINE CHILD 53, LADYWOOD 52:** Chris Brewis poured in 21 points and Marla Jilian added 12 as Dearborn Divine Child (6-5, 2-3) squeezed past host Livonia Ladywood (4-6, 1-4).

Freshman center Liz Obrecht and senior guard Erin Hayden each tallied 11 points in the loss. Senior forward Carly Queen added 10 points.

Obrecht hit one of two free throws with 15 seconds left to pull the Blazers to within two, 53-51. DC held possession and ran out the clock.

Ladywood lost two starters to fouls.

Both teams hit 17 of 28 free throws.

•**WYANDOTTE 48, WAYNE 38:** Tonya Crawford scored 15 points and yanked down 14 rebounds, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as host Wayne Memorial (1-3, 3-7) fell to Wyandotte Roosevelt (1-2, 5-5) in a Mega-Red Division game.

Junior Kelly Lanigan scored 16 points for the winners, while teammate Beth Fortuna contributed 13.

It was 18-all at intermission.

•**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 33, HARPER WOODS 18:** Metro leader Lutheran Westland improved to 8-2 overall and 7-0 in the conference with a win Tuesday against the host Pioneers (2-7, 1-7).

Ten of 12 Warriors scored with senior forward Anna Schwewe leading the way with five.

Junior guard Allison Gonyeau tallied six points.

Lutheran Westland led 12-6 after 16 minutes and broke it open with a 21-12 second-half run.

•**HAMTRAMCK 38, CLARENCEVILLE 32:** Erica Silas scored a game-high 14 points Tuesday as the Cosmos (3-4, 4-5) held off Livonia Clarenceville (1-8, 0-6) in a Metro Conference game.

The Cosmos led from start to finish.

Freshman Beth Marlow scored 10 points to lead the Trojans. Christina Skrela added nine. Danielle Siedz grabbed 10 rebounds.

•**ROEPER 43, HURON VALLEY 23:** Bloomfield Hills Roeper roared out to a 20-6 first-quarter advantage en route to the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-9, 0-4).

Lydia Haines and Danielle Scaglione scored 13 and 12, respectively, for the victorious Roughriders.

Stacie Graves led Huron Valley with eight points. Jessie Cherundolo added six.

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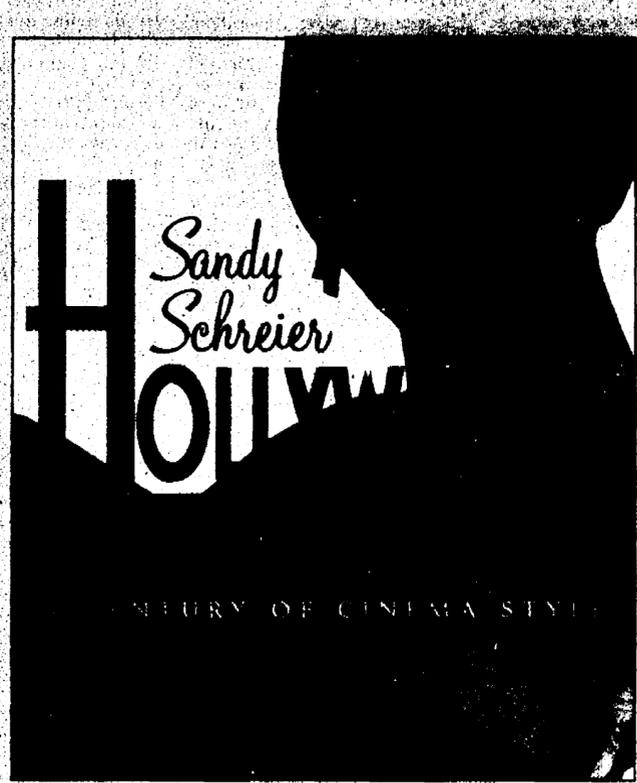


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COLLECTOR STARSTRUCK BY MOVIE FASHION

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

To Diana Ross she was the Feather Lady and to Bette Midler she's been her fashion teacher. Sandy Schreier loves rubbing elbows with celebrities, and she's not ashamed to admit it.

"I've always been starstruck, and I hope I never grow out of it," she said, sitting in the kitchen of her suburban Oakland County home, which has its own theatrical flair.

Schreier, who has a collection of more than 10,000 French Couture, American fashions and Hollywood

costumes, has combined her love for fashion and her love for Hollywood in a new book, "Hollywood Dressed & Undressed: A Century of Cinema Style" (Rizzoli, \$35, large format paperback).

The book combines excellent film photos from the silent days of Theda Bara to Nicole Kidman with pithy comments, inside gossip and brief essays on style by Schreier. Midler, film legend Loretta Young and fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi provide short commentaries.

Please see STARSTRUCK, E2



Retains her elegance: Loretta Young, right, with Sandy Schreier, still retains her beauty into her 80s.



Protege: Bette Midler, left, has been taking fashion lessons from Sandy Schreier.

Dropping names

Sandy Schreier can drop a name or an anecdote at a moment's notice. Here's a sample:

■ **The costumer for "Great Expectations"** clothed Gwyneth Paltrow in fashions by Donna Karan. Schreier said Karan had an overstock of green clothes she hadn't been able to unload, so ...

■ **JEAN HARLOW:** "A total creation of (costume designer) Adrian from head to toe. Not only did he clothe her but controlled her life. The total look was important and he worked with the makeup person and hairdresser and was the first to do that. He created the platinum blonde hair, skinny eyebrows, everything."

■ **CLARK GABLE:** "We think of him as being rugged but we don't think of him as being absorbed with fashion and he was. He had a personal tailor to fit his costumes. Clark Gable and Cary Grant were allowed to wear their own clothes on the screen." Despite designer Walter Plunkett's reputation for detailed authenticity, producer David Selznick allowed Gable to wear his own clothes in "Gone With the Wind" rather than the more historically accurate costumes that Plunkett had designed. Selznick didn't want Gable to look too dated.

■ **CARY GRANT:** "He was more of a perfectionist than Clark Gable. ... A lot of trends started with Cary Grant. He wore stripes and checks that came from English music hall and were never fashionable until he wore them."

■ **ADOLPH MENJOU.** The impeccably dressed Menjou was known for his sense of style: When he was ready to overhaul his wardrobe he was asked to bring his old suits to the studio. He did, complete with price tags. And they weren't cheap.

■ **GINGER ROGERS.** "She was the worst dressed star in the world. Ginger thought more was more. They had to retake scenes where she had added accessories to every outfit."



Title role: Dramatic soprano Alessandra Marc will sing the role of the Princess Turandot in Michigan Opera Theatre's production of "Turandot."

'Turandot' resurrects last song

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

It's the equivalent of rewriting Shakespeare, reworking Beethoven's Fifth, or rearranging the words of a Lennon and McCartney composition.

At the death in 1924 of the pre-eminent opera composer of the day, Giacomo Puccini, the opera that had consumed him in his last years, "Turandot," remained unfinished.

True to the melodramatic operatic tradition - which reads as a tragic play between the gods and mortals - another composer, Franco Alfano, completed the opera's concluding duet based on two-dozen pages of music found at Puccini's death.

Apparently, Alfano's response to the challenge of the operatic gods was inadequate. For the next six decades productions of "Turandot" typically included another version, the abridged ending performed by Toscanini at the opera's premiere at the Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926.

This weekend the Michigan Opera Theatre opens its 1998-99 season with a grand scale production of Alfano's seldom-heard version of the final scene, a duet between lovers.

"This interpretation has only been heard in one other city," said David DiChiera, managing director of MOT. DiChiera is hardly demure about the reason for choosing "Turandot," and Alfano's ending to open the new season.

"We have access to one of the finest directors in the opera world," said DiChiera, referring to conductor Steven Muircurio's rendition. Muircurio has a list of stunning critical achievements at MOT, including last year's productions "Rigoletto," and

What: "Turandot," an opera by Giacomo Puccini, a production by the Michigan Opera Theatre

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12; 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, Oct. 16-17; 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18

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 - **Friday, Oct. 16** - New play reading - "The Outside World"
 - **Saturday, Oct. 24** - Telling Stories with author Hugh Cook
 - **Oct. 30 to Nov. 29** - "Sister Camille's Kaleidoscope Cabaret"
 - **Saturday, Nov. 29** - Dell and the Ruff Cuts live in concert
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Malcom Olson's enthusiasm for Trinity House Theatre's new season pierced the darkened stage of the playhouse.

The 29-year-old artistic director came on board in June and already seems like he's been with the Christian-based theater group for years as he talked non-stop about expanding the theater's offerings. Olson brought with him from St. Paul, Minn., dozens of ideas for hosting art exhibitions, concerts and films in addition to presenting the regular season of plays.

"We're in the process of not only being a theater space but an art gallery and place for concerts," said Olson. "We want to be a good night out, for people to make this a destination place."

Actually, the concept is not new for

Trinity House, a theater that deals with issues of humanity. When Paul Patton and members of the Trinity Baptist Church in Livonia founded the theater in 1981, the space provided a venue for a variety of entertainment.

Olson is well-versed on the history of the space, how the theater started as an offshoot of the church until it was incorporated as a separate entity in 1988. He thinks the intimacy of the space, it seats 85 comfortably, lends itself to informal lectures by authors, documentary films, and acoustic concerts by groups such as Dell and the Ruff Cuts. Twenty-five percent of the box office from this concert of folksy-rock originals goes to Another Way, a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Farmington.

But with all the excitement over the expansion, live theater is still the focus of Trinity House, currently



Transition stage: Thomas Malcom Olson directs Trinity House Theatre down a new path this season.

in the process of rewriting their mission statement.

Opening Friday, Oct. 30, the content of the first fully staged play of the season reflects a new direction for the theater as well. Board president Susan VandenBrink says come

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prepared to think if you plan to attend this world premier.

Written by Canadian playwright Paul Mason, "Sister Camille's Kaleidoscopic Cabaret" deals with a rag-tag bunch of individuals struggling with their lives. Emceeding the cathartic bunch is Sister Camille. Among the cast of characters is Lord Jake, an eccentric guitar player, Jasper the ape and the half-mad German woman, Mrs. Stoker who's dealing with her own personal demons as she denies the existence of the Holocaust.

"Tommy's young, energetic," said VandenBrink. "He's a risk taker. We need him to take us forward. People have to be prepared to be engaged not just entertained. In a sense 'Sister Camille' speaks to issues of our culture. I think it will provoke thought and help people think through some of the issues."

For the first time, Trinity House will introduce a live feed video to a production. Lloyd VandenBrink, Susan's husband and set designer for Trinity House, is in charge of bringing the fractured images to the stage for "Sister Camille."

"The camera will be taking in

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Trinity Board President

images then bouncing them back through a mirror back onto the stage," said VandenBrink. "The multi-media is new for us and something we want to explore."

New season

This year's operating budget of \$49,400 funds a variety of programs from a reading of Westland playwright Gary Brda's "The Outside World" to a staging of Tom Ziegler's "Grace and Glorie," a two character play about a woman in her 40s and another in his 90s who's waiting to die, a Reader's Theatre Festival, "Common Room," a garage-style variety theater, and "Sister Camille."

"We want audiences to experience something they can't get through any other medium—that human presence," said Olson. "The theme for the season is to

reflect and redeem the brokenness of the age through brave, truthful and necessary works of art. All you have to do is read the headlines to see how alien and fragmented our society is and to know we need to do these kind of works."

In the past, Trinity House has relied on a membership fee of \$25 and fundraisers for its operating expenses. Like all nonprofits, the theater struggles to attract audiences and sponsors. To reach patrons, the most direct route though, is letters and phone calls. By painting the white clapboard structure red, they hope to attract attention as cars whiz past on Six Mile. A technical workshop on operating lights and sound is an open invitation for anyone who'd like join the members of Trinity House Theatre, but not necessarily act.

Shakespeare a laugh a minute

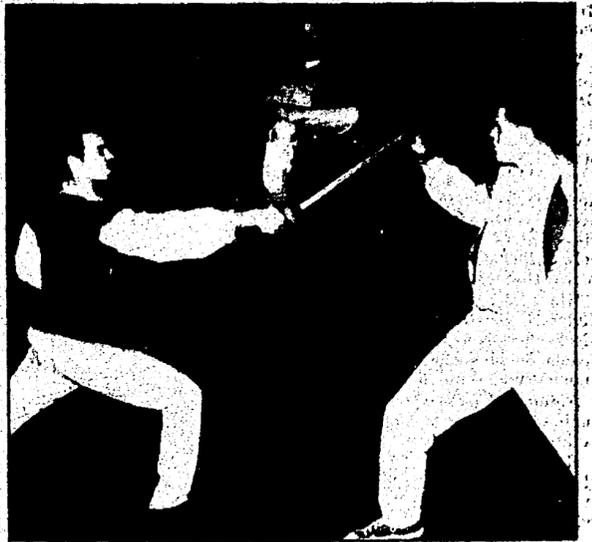
Shadow Theatre Company presents "The Compleat Works of WLLM SHKSPR (abridged)" 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$12, \$9 for students/seniors, and available by calling (734) 971-2228.

This show will make you laugh until your sides hurt as the four Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti actors perform all 37 of the Bard's plays in one sitting.

"You don't have to be familiar with Shakespeare to appreciate the fast-paced silliness of this show, but anyone who has some knowledge of Shakespeare's works will spit their sides," said show director David Blixt.

New sketches have been added so even if you caught the show earlier this year, you're more than likely to have a great evening. "The Compleat Works of WLLM SHKSPR (abridged)" includes Backwards Hamlet, The Titus Adronicus Cooking Show, The Othello Rap, A History Football Game, and more.



Backwards Hamlet: Shadow Theatre Company presents side-splitting comedy "The Compleat Works of WLLM SHKSPR (abridged)" at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.

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"Aida."

Pain in the neck?

For sheer large-scale spectacle and melodrama, the MOT production of Puccini's "Turandot" stands alongside last year's production of Verdi's "Aida," and perhaps at the opposite end of Puccini's intimate "Madame Butterfly."

Like "Aida," expect a huge cast, parades and breathtaking scenery. For all the pomp, however, the music is intended to bridge cultures. There are distinctive Oriental influences, Puccini's irresistible melodies and references to early 20th-century composers, especially Stravinsky.

"Turandot" is the last mainstream opera, written in the 20th century, that's clearly from the romantic tradition of last century," said DiChiera.

For years, Puccini struggled with the structure of the opera. While the story appears as a

simple fairy tale, the composer wanted the melody and movement to make the definitive statement about the power of love.

Set in antiquity, a Chinese princess, Turandot, poses a challenge to prospective suitors: answer three riddles and her heart is theirs. An incorrect answer, however, is terms for a beheading. (There's a whole new meaning for the "headache of love.")

Unexpectedly, an unknown man, Calaf, succeeds in unraveling the conundrums. But there's a rub: if Turandot can find out his name before dawn, he'll concede to "losing his head."

Tragedy is a hair's breadth from blissful love. Who'll win? Who'll be able to live for the day when a hair cut didn't include a chop in the neck?

Like Puccini's other magnificent operas, "Turandot" has powerful melodies and swells that

make even the most cynical feel the warm wind of love brush their cool exteriors. Apparently, even the ice princess Turandot can't refuse the power of Puccini's melody.

The voices will resonant through the Detroit Opera House. "Turandot" is Puccini's largest choral work.

"The adrenaline rush when you're on stage is incredible," said Tony Lynch of Rochester Hills, who performs in the chorus.

By day, Lynch is a salesman for Air Center Inc. of Troy. By night, he sings at the Detroit Opera House, where he's performed in 10 operas.

Three years ago, he went from a production at Avon Players, a community theater, to sharing the stage with Pavarotti at the Opera House grand opening.

That sounds a lot like the typical realm of possibility of the opera world.



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THEATER

FISHER THEATRE
"Chicago - The Musical," through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in the Fisher Building. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. \$35-\$62. (313) 871-1132/(248) 645-6666

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 8 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"The Merry Wives of Windsor," Shakespeare's comic romp set in Elizabethan England moves to Windsor, New Mexico in 1899, through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-MERCY
"The Steward of Christendom," Sebastian Barry brings to life, Thomas Dunne, the last Chief Superintendent of the Dublin Metropolitan police just before the Irish War of Independence in the 1920s, opens Thursday, Oct. 8, to Sunday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the McAuley theater on the Outer Drive campus. \$10. \$8 seniors/students, UDM students free with proper ID. (313) 993-1130

HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE
"I Bet Your Life," Fred Carmichael's play about the plight of a man who discovers he has a fatal disease, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Oct. 15-17 and 22-24, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 18 and 25, in Adray Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$3. (313) 845-8478

COMMUNITY THEATER

EMPATHEATRE
Opens its fifth season of monthly improv, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Merrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$10, \$7. (734) 913-9733

HARTLAND PLAYERS
"The Fantasticks," one of the longest running Broadway musicals of all time, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

JET
"The Last Night of Ballyhoo," by Pulitzer Prize winner Alfred Uhry, this Tony-award winning comedy with substance is set in Atlanta, GA in December of 1939, Oct. 14-Nov. 15, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900

SHADOW THEATRE COMPANY
Presents "The Complete Works of WILL SHKSPR (abridged)," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 15-17, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, 2275 Platt Road, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 971-2228

SRO PRODUCTIONS
Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

STAGECRAFTERS
"Once Upon A Mattress," through Oct. 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-8430

DINNER THEATER

DAVE AND BUSTER'S
"An Act of Murder," a mystery dinner theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10 at Dave and Buster's, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95 per person plus tax and gratuity, includes dinner of Caesar salad, choice of lemon-herb chicken with terragon-lemon cream sauce or prime rib. Not recommended for children ages 13 and younger. "Can You Say Murder?" a mystery dinner theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays Oct. 17-Nov. 21 at the restaurant. (810) 930-1515

FRANZETTI'S
"Pasta to Paczkis," the story of the marriage of an Italian bride and a Polish groom, through October at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, show, tax and



Greatest Show on Earth! Mark Oliver Gebel shines in the spotlight of the 127th edition of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey when he presents a lineup of liberty of horses. Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey, "The Greatest Show on Earth!" continues through Sunday, Oct. 11, at Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. Tickets \$30 ringside, \$17.50, \$14.50 and \$10.50. Numerous discounts available, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6606. For on-line information www.ticketmaster.com. All those holding tickets are invited to come one hour before the performance to experience the Three Ring Adventure at no added cost. The arena floor is transformed into an interactive playground for children of all ages.

gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE
The musical comedy "Annabelle Broom the Unhappy Witch," 7 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at the theater, 135 East Main, Northville. (248) 349-8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. \$7.50, \$6.50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

SHAMELESS RAINBOW YOUTH THEATER
"Glass Slippers and other Reasons to Go Barefoot" explores issues relevant to teenagers lives, as part of a website launch and performance party for Walk & Squawk Performance Project, Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Scarab Club, on Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. (734) 668-0407

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAMPER & RV SHOW
More than 300 models on display ranging in price from \$3,000 to \$200,000, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 8-9, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr., south of I-96 at Novi Road exit. \$6.50, children 12 and under free. (517) 349-8881

GARY GLASER FILMS
"The Hudson's Building," "Forgotten Voices" and "Borderline: The Story of Eight Mile Road," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile at I-275, Livonia. \$5 non-members, \$4 members. (734) 464-6302

"IDOLS OF THE KING"
Elvis Impersonator show, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Mount Clemens. \$26, \$24 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

TONY LEE'S ULTIMATE HYPNOSIS TOUR
8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

"VIRGINIA MARTIN HOWARD LECTURE SERIES"
Michael Montgomery discusses "Louis Elbel and 'The Victors': What Really Happened 100 Years Ago," 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, Britton Recital Hall of University of Michigan School of Music, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-0594

"MOTOR CITY FAST FREIGHT"
North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association presents

its annual railroad convention, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, at the Holiday Inn, I-275 and Six Mile, Livonia. \$40 non-member, \$32 NCR member, \$8 Greenfield Village tour (must be pre-registered). (734) 453-9118/(810) 598-7406

"NEUTOPIA"
A multi-media party featuring fashion, music and food, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10, 21 and older. (248) 333-2362

BENEFITS

ART AND SOUL AUCTION
Very Special Arts Michigan and Special Olympics Michigan host an art and sports memorabilia auction to benefit their organizations, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the Roostertail Club, 100 Marquette, Detroit. \$50 per person, \$100 for patron. (248) 423-1080/(800) 644-6404

FALL FANTASIA FASHION SHOW
To benefit the Longacre House in Farmington Hills, fashions by Liz Clalborne of Novi and Suzanne's Bridal Gallery, Farmington, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Novi Hilton. (248) 477-8404

"RIVERBOAT ARK"
The Ark in Ann Arbor's second annual fall fundraising event featuring James Dapogny's Chicagoans and Banu Gibson, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the club, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Vintage riverboat attire encouraged. \$100 (\$75 tax deductible); \$200 (\$165 tax deductible) for Riverboat Captain tickets, includes table seating, cocktail reception and valet parking. (734) 761-1800

THE HOLLYWOOD SWING
To benefit the Rainbow Connection which grants wishes for children with life-threatening illnesses, party starts at 6:30 p.m., movies at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at the AMC Livonia 20 Theatre, 19500 Haggerty Road, Livonia. \$25. (810) 783-9777

FAMILY EVENTS

MAYBURY STATE PARK
October bird hike, leaving from concession building, 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10; Eighth annual Harvest Festival featuring demonstrations of weaving and spinning, rope making, blacksmithing, cider pressing, grain milling, and corn shelling, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. Horsedrawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in October, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free. state park motor vehicle permit required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390

GORDON RUSS
The magician and his Spooky Monster Magic Show with Frankenstein's Monster, Witchy Poo and spooky rabbit Bunnicula, 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, haunts Tel-Twelve Mall, 28890 Telegraph and 12 Mile, Southfield. Free.

HALLOWEEN

HAUNTED THEATRE
Through Oct. 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, in the Historic Wayne Theatre, 35164 W. Michigan Avenue, east of I-275, west of Wayne Road, Wayne. \$5, \$2.50 children under age 12, proceeds go toward restoration of the theater originally built in 1927 and for the opening of a performing arts center for Western Wayne County. (734) 728-SHOW

HAUNTED WINERY
Michael Meyers and Freddy Krueger visit the 7,500 square foot permanent fixture, Oct. 9-11, 16-18, 22-25, and 28-31, hours are 7-10 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, until 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 31505 Grand River, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington. \$6, \$3 children 12 and under, a portion of proceeds benefit the Farmington Historical Society. (248) 477-8833

SLO X
7:30 p.m. through Oct. 31, Thursdays-Sundays, new this year is 50 foot sound vault, famous crashed helicopter, green fog, and 1,200 foot maze that twists and turns through a missile base of alien atrocities, at C.J. Barrymore's on M-59 (Hall Road), Clinton Twp. \$12. (248) 647-1926

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
Featuring compositions by Ann Marie Kurrasch, also a performance by soprano Caitlin Lynch, Birmingham Musicale Junior Scholarship winner, 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Community House, 360 S. Bates, Birmingham. Free. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Britain's "bad boy of the violin" Kennedy (who's dropped Nigel as his first name), joins the orchestra with conductor Paavo Jarvi, eldest son of DSO music director Nemme Jarvi, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Oct. 8-9, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$17-\$63. (313) 576-5111

NOONTIME CONCERT
The Doree String Quartet perform popular and light classical selections, 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington. Free. (734) 466-2491

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Grand opening concert featuring flute soloist Deborah Rebeck Ash, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Canton Center and Joy roads. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (734) 451-2112

PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY
Season opener features American "Influences," 8:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Pontiac Central High School. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 370-3013

ST. PETERSBURG PHILHARMONIC
Featuring conductor Yuri

Temirkanov, and violinist Gidon Kremer, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$55. (734) 784-2538/(800) 221-1229

JOHN WILLIAMS
Classical guitarist, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Rackham Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. \$22-\$36. (734) 784-2538/(800) 221-1229

CHRISTIAN MUSIC

JARS OF GLAY
The Christian rock group performs 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$20, \$15. (734) 487-1221

POPS/SWING

THE GAYLORDS
Columbus Day Celebration presented by the Italian American Club of Livonia with special tribute to Frank Sinatra, 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. \$55. (248) 347-8829

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Marvin Hamlisch, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, Orchestra Hall, 3663 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$17-\$45 (\$65 box seats) (313) 576-5111 or <http://www.detroitssymphony.com>

AUDITIONS

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Auditions for apprentice dancers with modern dance and ballet experience, dancers will train with the company, understudy roles and be involved with production, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, near Grand Circus Park, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE
Open auditions for the 1998-99 season, auditions consist of an individual meeting with David Wagner, choral director. The choral rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for its Christmas and spring concerts. There is no charge to sing in the choral but academic credit is given to Madonna University students. The choral consists of students and community members. (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smt.punet.edu

PEOPLE'S CREATIVE ENSEMBLE
Open auditions and rehearsals for "Youth for the 21st Century," a touring production dealing with the harmful effect of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays, at First Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 831-1150

RENAISSANCE CHORUS
The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America announces open auditions will be held 7:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month, while helpful, the ability to read music is not a requirement, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Wayne Road. Come enjoy four-part Barbershop harmonies with opportunities to sing in quartets and with the Renaissance Chorus. (313) 438-2364

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
Auditions for young people ages 8-17 for "The Snow Queen," 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 (registration 9-10 a.m.), all auditionees should prepare a short, happy poem, no vocal music involved with this production, there may be some dance, dancing will not be part of the auditions, bring non-returnable photo to the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Dec. 10-13. (248) 541-4832

CHORAL

"SPOOKTACULAR"
The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International show features Showtime, a championship quartet from Florida, also the Dream Catcher's Utica youth show choir, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, south of M-59, Clinton Twp. \$13 advance, \$15 at door, \$11 seniors/students for 3 p.m. show only. (810) 568-5965/(810) 264-1018

JAZZ

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 9 and 16, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass)

BESS BONNIER
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$12. (248) 471-7667/(248) 471-7700

FUNKTELLIGENCE
8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, as part of Mood indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz)

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays at Saturdays at Encore in The Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/plano/bass)

JAZZHEAD
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acid jazz)

SHEILA LANDIS
8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080

LORI LEFEVRE
With Jimmy Lee Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest trumpeter Louis Smith, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, and with guest vocalist Judie Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner (until 9 p.m.), \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-2800

OASIS
Band from Flint performs with Stephanie and Cliff Monear, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

LARRY NOZERO TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 15, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax/plano/bass)

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/plano/bass)

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Edison's, 22 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (piano/bass/drums) (248) 645-2150

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY 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

ALEXANDER ZONIC
9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 9-10, and Oct. 16-17, Bacl, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (Jamaican Jazz)

JUAN D'MARCOS' AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (248) 682-2295 (reggae)

SINEAD LOHAN
8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Irish)

TANNAHILL WEAVERS
8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Scottish)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

FERRON
8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

SI KAHN
8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. \$11.50 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

CHARLIE KING
The singer, songwriter, storyteller performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, presented by Peace Action of Michigan, at Central United Methodist Church, second floor auditorium, 23 E. Adams at Grand Circus Park, Detroit. \$12.50 advance, \$15 at door, \$25 benefac

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(734) 548-3920/(810) 783-5251
DEL MCCOURY BAND
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Oakland Community College's Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 544-4903 (bluegrass)
ELLIS PAUL
 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
ROMANOVSKY AND PHILLIPS
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
CATHIE RYAN
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
RICK STACHURA
 The modern poetic folk-blues sing/songwriter performs, 8-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Angel Caravan Coffeehouse, Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill St., Ann Arbor. Free; suggested donation \$5 adults/students. (734) 327-2041

DANCE

"LORD OF THE DANCE"
 Through Sunday, Oct. 11, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$60. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop)
OAKLAND COUNTY CONTRA DANCING
 Gala Grand Opening, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, with Glen Morningstar and Aunt Lu and the Oakland County All Stars, at the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main, Royal Oak. \$7. (248) 542-2093
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
 Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823
WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
 Country-western dancing, 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

"BACARDI BY NIGHT COMEDY TOUR"
 With Michael Colyar, A.J. Johnson, Bruce Bruce and T.K. Kirkland, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$32.50 and \$25. (248) 433-1515
CAPITOL STOPS
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$32. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
 Bob Golub, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 8-10; Steve McGrew, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 15-17 (\$14), 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
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
 Mike Lukas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 (\$6); T.C. Hatter and Marianne, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$8), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 (\$6), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
 Maryellen Hooper, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10 (\$12); Jim Hamm, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 14-15, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
 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>
SECOND CITY
 "Vigra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays

Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit: \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222
STEVEN WRIGHT
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$29, \$28 students and seniors, \$32 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"
 Tour of the Fox Theatre and lunch at Tres Vite, noon Monday, Oct. 12, at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 Detroit Historical Society members, \$30 non-members. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
 "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>
DHS DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE
 The Detroit Historical Society and the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers' first Showhouse collaboration, an Italian Revival home and grounds designed by Albert Khan and constructed between 1913 and 1915 in Detroit's historic Boston-Edison district, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 25. \$15, \$11 DHS or ASID members, \$12 for groups of 20 or more. (800) 585-3737
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
GREENFIELD VILLAGE
 Harvest Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 8-11, at the village, Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, west of Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 children ages 5-12 years. (313) 271-1620
HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS
 Featuring Our Lady of Rosary, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, First Congregational, Most Holy Trinity Roman, and St. Peter Episcopal churches, Monday, Nov. 2; St. Peter-St. Paul Jesuit, Christ Episcopal, Second Baptist, St. Dominic Roman and St. Paul Cathedral Episcopal churches, Monday, Dec. 7, both leave from the Detroit Historical Museum's parking lot at 10 a.m. \$11 Detroit Historical Society members, \$16 non-members, includes bus, tour and luncheon. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>
"SUNDAY STROLLS"
 Featuring Woodlawn Cemetery and the burial sites of Detroit legends like Grinnell, Pfeiffer, Hudson, Wilson, Ford and Dodge. 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. \$5 Detroit Historical Society members, \$10 non-members. Meeting place will be on ticket. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>
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

ABALON
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (acoustic rock)
ARCHERS OF LOAF
 With Cropper Lagoon, 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140

Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.99music.com> (alternative rock)
BARENAKED LADIES
 With Cowboy Mouth, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Sold out. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (pop)
BUGS BEDDOO BAND
 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 334-7900 (blues)
BENNY AND THE JETS
 9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays through October, New Crow's Nest, 8168 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627 or <http://members.tripod.com/BennyJ> etc
BETTER THAN EZRA
 With Athenaeum and Possum Dixon, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)
BIG BARN COMBO
 With Crown Electric, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rockabilly)
BIHLMAN BROS.
 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)
BLUE ROSE
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, Finish Line, 28121 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Cover charge, 21 and older. (734) 261-1350 (blues)
BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B)
BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE
 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 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)
R.L. BURNSIDE
 With Robert Cage, 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$8. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)
CALLIN MARVIN
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (rock)
DJ SPOOKY
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT (techno)
ELIZA
 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (pop rock)
JOHN ENTWISTLE BAND
 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>
TERRY EVANS
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)
FATBOY SLIM
 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 396-0090 or <http://www.motordetroit.com> (techno DJ)
PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
FIREWATER
 With 12 Rods, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. 18 and older. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

FISHBONE
 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (funk/ska)
G.R.R.
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Memphis

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (rock)
HARPY
 With Hugo, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, Record Collector, 28143 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia. \$5. All ages. (248) 473-8350 (avant rock/jazz)
MICKEY HART
 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$23.50. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)
BRIAN HENKE
 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (pop)
AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)
IDA
 With Velour 100 and Beekeeper, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (alternative rock)
JILL JACK
 With The Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (roots rock)
NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (R&B)
JOURNEY
 Featuring singer Steve Augeri, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$25 in advance. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>
KILLER FLAMINGOS
 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Rochester Mill Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rock)
MIKE KING
 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (acoustic rock)
LENNY KRAVITZ
 With Sean Lennon and Furslidge, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)
JOHN D. LAMB
 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (pop rock)
LEGENDARY PINK DOTS
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)
LIGHTNIN' CREOLE
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B)
MASCHINA
 With Stungun and Kanobliiss, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

THE MOEN-AWESOME BAND
 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older. (248) 852-6433; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, Press Box, 1650 N. Perry Road, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 373-1711 (acoustic rock)
MUDPUPPY
 9:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (R&B)
STEVE NARDELLA
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 965-9500; 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (rockabilly)

NICK STRANGE AND THE BARENAKED
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (rock)
ROBERT NOLL
 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 24 Karat Club,

28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge, 18 and older. (734) 513-6030 (blues)
ROBERT PENN
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400; 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
PURE
 With Full on the Mouth, 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)
REEL BIG FISH
 With Spring Heeled Jack, 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)
SGT. ROCK
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (rock)
KRISTIN SAYER
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (funk/R&B)
SCREAMIN' CHEETAH WHEELIES
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 (rock)
SISTER SEED
 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)
ELLIOTT SMITH
 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (acoustic rock)
STEVE SOMMERS BAND WITH VALERIE BARRYMORE
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)
SOUL COUGHING
 With Los Amigos Invisibles, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron St., Pontiac. \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. All ages. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com> (avant rock)
STRING CHEESE INCIDENT
 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 99-MUSIC or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)
SUN MESSENGERS
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)
THE TRIGGERS
 With Lovesick and Pet-Lover, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge, 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
TRAVIS TRITT
 With Sawyer Brown, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$32.50 Superfan seating, \$22.50 and \$10 reserved. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (country)
RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES
 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
WILDBUNCH
 With The Dirties, 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)
VICTOR WOOTEN
 Legendary bassist, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

CLUB NIGHTS

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 and Deep C (from the Wamdue Kids), 10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the club. \$10. 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; 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.thegroove-room.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>

LUSH
 "Daddy" with host Matt Stoelt and resident DJ Brian Gillespie, 10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 10241 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. Buzz Goree guest DJs Oct. 11. (313) 872-6220

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.motordetroit.com>

ONE X
 "Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Afton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge, 21 and older. (313) 964-7040

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'Clay Pigeons' isn't Vince Vaughn's shot at the A-list

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

I don't know anyone who lives in Montana or Utah, but I have a new-found respect for both states. If the producers of "Clay Pigeons" — a dark comedy set in Montana about a redneck nut case Jack the Ripper wannabe — ever asked to film there, the people in charge apparently and wisely turned them away. Down in Utah, they apparently got permission with the proviso that the story remain set in Montana, thereby escaping any identification with this slasher silliness.

First-time writer Matt Healy and first-time director David Dobkin have a friend in high places in respected filmmaker

Ridley Scott ("Alien," "Thelma and Louise"), who produced. In this case, that's not what friends are for. But let's move along quickly.

Clay Bidwell (Joaquin Phoenix) is an easygoing gas station attendant out there in Mercer County. We know just how far out it is, because its establishments have names like "Doc Holiday's Tavern," "The Golden Spike Motel" and "Mim's Cafe." And the sheriff's deputy is named-sit down, now — Barney. Not only that, this one makes Deputy Fife look like Columbo.

That's the comedy part. Before too long, nice guy Clay finds himself under suspicion in the brutal murders of not one, not two, but

three local ladies. He protests his innocence, but the insightful sheriff (Scott Wilson) explains, "You're sleeping with one victim, you're dating another and you actually find another. We're a little curious."

Not us. We know who dunnit. It's Lester (Vince "Swingers" Vaughn), that hard drinkin', hard belchin', psychotic laughin' cowboy. And he's got a perfectly reasonable reason for his behavior: "There's some folks out there that need killin'." Well even Shakespeare said something similar about lawyers, but this isn't Shakespeare.

And so, when Lester puts another notch on his knife by adding the town slut (Georgina

Cates) to his body count, in rides FBI Agent Shelby (Janeane Garofalo) to put the pieces together — of the mystery, not the bodies.

"Clay Pigeons" will be held up to "Fargo," and deservedly put back down. Whereas the movie citizens of that North Dakota city were comedically quirky, these characters are just plain worthless. As for suspense, there is none, because hero Clay is never in jeopardy. The sheriff is on his side ("He's not the guy"), and we know that Lester's blade only glints for the ladies.

Vince Vaughn is a large screen presence, but he'll have to wait for a better shot at Hollywood's A-List. The late River Phoenix's younger brother Joaquin stretches no acting muscles at all. Versatile Garofalo seems lost entirely, or didn't get enough tips from Jody Foster's "Silence of the Lambs" Agent Starling.

Visual and sound effects are used haphazardly and without



Comedic thriller: Janeane Garofalo (left) and Vince Vaughn star in "Clay Pigeons."

purpose, but the inclusion of "It's Now or Never" to score one murder scene is inspired. About the only element that transcends the film is Utah's gorgeous mountain greenery. But then, we're supposed to think it's Montana, aren't we?

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 9

"ONE TOUGH COP"
Drama of a brutal murder and the dilemma a NYPD police officer must face when he is caught between his mob friends and his loyalty to his partner and the force. Stars Stephen Baldwin.

"HOLY MAN"
Comedy about a materialistic program director of a cable shopping network channel is desperate to stimulate sales and save his own job. Stars Eddie Murphy, Kelly Preston.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 16

"THE MIGHTY"
Based on the acclaimed novel by Rodman Philbrick, a funny, inspiring and adventurous tale of two young outsiders who set off on a mighty "quest." Stars Sharon Stone, Gena Rowlands.

"PRACTICAL MAGIC"
Based on the best-selling novel by Alice Hoffman, a dark and comic fable about two sisters who struggle to use their hereditary gift for guiding fate through practical magic to overcome the obstacles in discovering true love. Stars Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Stockard Channing.

"SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER NEVER CRIES (R)"
FIRELIGHT (R)
THE IMPOSTERS (R)

"BELOVED"
Based on Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize winning novel about an ex-slave who kills her child, only to have its ghost reappear. Stars Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover, Thandie Newton, Kimberly Elise.

"BRIDE OF CHUCKY"
In this fourth installment of the series, Chucky hooks up with Tiffany, a doll possessed by the spirit of a "bad" girl. Stars Jennifer Tilly.

"SLAM"
Drama about a gifted young rapper/poet who, with help, finds salvation in his art. Stars Saul Williams, Sonja Sohn.

"GOLDIER"
An itinerant warrior of the future, trained exclusively for combat, but now



REN REIGAN

Drama: Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover star in "Beloved," based on Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

are bombing New York City targets. As the bombings continue, U.S. troops are deployed and civil liberties are curtailed. Stars Denzel Washington, Annette Bening, Bruce Willis.

"VELVET GOLDMINE"
Set in London in the early '70s during the emergence of the glam-rock scene, the story follows the rise of a mythical rock icon who finds himself at the epicenter of the pleasures and decadence of the day.

"THE WIZARD OF OZ"
Special edition re-release of the beloved classic on the eve of the film's 60th anniversary.

"HOME FRISH"
An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one wants to marry her, the other to kill her. The trio's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara.

"LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL"
Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival, a Chaplinesque fable about the power of imagination set against the stark reality of World War II Europe. Stars Roberto Benigni.

Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 6

THEATER

Hilberry's 'The Mousetrap' is a not-to-be missed mystery

Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" runs in rotating repertory through Dec. 3 at the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. For ticket information, call (313) 577-2972 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

To kick off their new season, Detroit's Hilberry Theatre is staging Agatha Christie's venerable murder mystery, "The Mousetrap."

This must mark about the one-billionth performance of the play that opened in London some 46 years ago. But, let me hasten to stress that there is nothing tired or tiresome about this production. With some astute directing by Edward G. Smith (new this year to the Wayne State University theatre faculty), an able cast, and some first-rate production qualities, it's a theatrical experience not to be missed, especially if you're a fan of the classic British whodunit.

A blood-curdling scream on a darkened stage opens the play, signifying (we will later learn) that a murder-most-foul has taken place. We aren't exactly sure who has been killed; more importantly, we don't know who committed the dastardly deed.

As the lights go up, we find ourselves looking in on an

English inn, called Monkswell manor, run by two rather wide-eyed neophytes, Mollie and Giles Ralston (played with appropriate touches of nervousness and British reserve by Emily Miller and Erik Gratton). Outside, a furious blizzard is worsening. As guests arrive for the evening, we soon discover that the killer intends to strike again. Worse yet, the chosen victim is to be among those snowed in as Monkswell Manor.

The killer, of course, lurks in their midst.

Dame Agatha's crafty dialogue reminds us repeatedly to look beyond surfaces. Nothing may be what it appears. Various characters hide behind various types of "masks." Now and then, genders and sexual preferences are blurry. Names are changed occasionally. Even the food served at dinner is said to be "well-disguised."

Heidi Olson, as the priggish Mrs. Boyle, seems almost at times to have sprung from an odd comic strip somewhere. (Picture Riverdale High's Miss Grundy gone British, and soured on life in general.) As she comes in from the cold, her body language is so stiff we can practically hear her bones rattle, and we just know nothing is going to ever thaw her out. Even the prim little hat she wears seems occasionally to simply quiver with

righteousness.

Fred Shahadi (complete with the world's silliest Italian accent) seems aptly cast as the rouged and powdered Paravicini; Lucas Caleb Rooney is a tight-jawed, teddy bearish Major Metcalf. Cat Shoemaker's Miss Casewell appears a bundle of energy — vibrant and slightly tough.

Tall/dark/good-looking Matt Troyer is utterly charming as the nail-biting, giggly Christopher Wren, making his colorful character both amusing and faintly touching at the same time. This is the actor's third year with the repertory company, and it shows. He seems perfectly assured in his role, and is a fascinating performer to watch, not just when he's delivering his own lines, but when he's reacting to those around him.

As the determined Detective Sgt. Trotter, David Engelman (also marking his third year with the company) could hardly be more impressive. An actor from Michigan, he seems created to play the lead role of this intense Englishman with the Cockney-flavored speech. From the time he first appears onstage, he is absolutely convincing, so that we are caught up over more in the fast-paced drama and growing suspense.

Scenery by Larry Kaushansky and lighting by Thomas H. Schraeder are outstanding.

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STREET BEATS

Better Than Ezra takes its new sounds on tour



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Better Than Ezra has seen some better days.

The New Orleans-based band's bassist Tom Drummond is calling from Tampa, Fla., where he was bracing for Hurricane Georges.

"Right now it's OK but it might be worse tomorrow with the hurricane and all. The last hurricane flooded our studio. Any flooding is bad, but luckily our control room where a lot of our stuff was upstairs," said Drummond who was surprisingly upbeat.

Things are looking up now for Better Than Ezra, whose tour hits hurricane-free Michigan on Thursday, Oct. 15, when the band will play St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit. Better Than Ezra's "How Does Your Garden Grow?" is its best effort yet.

The first single, "One More Murder," brings a Rhodes organ, drum machines, and electronic blips into the mix. The shimmy-inducing "Like It Like That," mixed by Jack Joseph Puig, who remixed The Verve Pipe's "The Freshman," is the highlight of the album.

"Adding the Rhodes piano brought a whole new dimension to the band. That's the thing about this record. We didn't use new sounds to use new sounds. We used them because they worked," Drummond explained.

"What makes this record different from, say, the last U2 record is a lot of the sounds on the U2 record sounded contrived. Working with Malcolm (Burn, producer, engineer), he was able to give these electronic sounds and gadgets an organic feel."

Better Than Ezra, he explained, tried to stay away from the "tricks of the trade" like distortion pedals.

"We tried to get away from what the status quo was. We sort of just wanted to try new ideas and how to arrange songs and make them lift without using a distortion stomp box or the old tricks of the trade. It really paid off."

The musical experimentation on "How Does Your Garden Grow" was, appropriately enough, the result of a growing period for the band.

"We just needed to do some things to reinvigorate ourselves. We've been playing for 10 years and that's a long time. The first two records were based on influ-



'80s Influenced: Athenaeum opens for Better Than Ezra on Thursday, Oct. 15. The band is Nic Brown, Mark Kano, Grey Brewster and Alex McKinney.

ences we had when the band started in 1988. It's just a natural progression. We had to catch up a little bit on this record," Drummond said.

Better Than Ezra's first album, "Deluxe," was written from 1988-1990 and was recorded in 1993. Its second release, "Friction, Baby," was written during the "Deluxe" tour.

"We've covered a lot of ground between then and now. This is the first record where we could sit down and start with a clean slate."

Better Than Ezra will be bringing along keyboardist Jim Payne, credited on "How Does Your Garden Grow" as its spiritual adviser.

"He's been playing with us for awhile. He'll play the Rhodes piano, whereas Kevin (Griffin, guitarist/vocalist) did on the album. We've kind of worked it out where Kevin can go back to where the piano's stationed," he explained.

"The band's philosophy is we wouldn't just want to play to a DAT (tape). We've seen other bands do that, and we're just turned off by it. We're playing everything live except for a few drum loops, which is pretty much normal nowadays."

'80s influenced

Opening for Better than Ezra, besides Possum Dixon, is Athenaeum, whose first single, "What I Didn't Know," from its debut, "Radiance," has been compared to Rick Springfield's sacharin-

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Tom Drummond
Better Than Ezra

reminds them of 'Surrender' by Cheap Trick, which I never heard. We have a very small musical resource pool."

The band members are children of the '80s but didn't form Athenaeum until the early 1990s.

"Mark (Kano, vocalist/guitarist) and I formed the band seven years ago, and we were all pretty young, real young then. We all sort of grew up in the band together. We formed to play my eighth grade Valentine's dance," he said with a laugh.

"Those are our glorious beginnings. It was horrible. We were singing through a karaoke machine. That's all we had to amplify his voice. It was a disaster but pretty cool for eighth grade."

They were also thrilled with the opportunity to work with Gavin MacKillop, who has also worked with Toad the Wet Sprocket.

"He's a great producer. When we first started playing out, they asked us who we wanted to work with. We said Jack Joseph Puig and Gavin. We're all really big

fans of Toad the Wet Sprocket. But we were a new band and we didn't know the names of that many producers."

"He was great as far as taking a song that we thought was done and making it a great song. He would tell us that a song can be great but it just needs some work. We'd say, 'The hell it needs work. It's done.' But by rearranging the song and just adding a part of taking a part away here

or there, he was right. He made a lot of my stuff better."

Better Than Ezra, Athenaeum and Possum Dixon, perform Thursday, Oct. 15, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door for the all-ages show. Call (313) 961-MELT or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

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Zoup! offers comfort in a bowl

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Open since Sept. 28, Zoup! Fresh Soup Company on Northwestern Highway in Southfield is metro Detroit's hottest new eatery.

"We've been open four days and we've seen many people here all four days," said Eric Ersher who owns the restaurant with his cousin, David Elias. "The fax and telephone are ringing off the hook. We've had people waiting in line outside."

Trying to find help is their biggest challenge right now. "Our short term goal is to provide service that's as good as the soup," said Ersher. "We're not there yet."

Behind the counter, Ersher's mom, father, aunts, sisters, friends, and Chef Phil's wife, Coran worked to fill orders. "We're just thrilled it's going so well," said Ersher. Don't worry, the "Soup Nazi" doesn't work at Zoup!, everyone is helpful and happy to answer questions. You won't get yelled at.

Zoup! offers 200 different soups, 12 a day, with at least one offering from each of these categories - Low-Fat (0 to 3 grams of fat per 8 ounce serving); Vegetarian (no meat, poultry, seafood or fish); Dairy-Free (no milk or dairy products); Spicy (with intense, complex or fiery seasonings and flavorings).

On Thursday, Oct. 1, soup choices included Potato Cheddar; Canadian Chicken & Sausage Gumbo, Curried Thai Seafood, Hearty Potato Chicken with Dill, Tomato Julienne, Mediterranean Lentil, Senegalese Peanut, and Cream of Broccoli with Fussily Pasta.

"I'd been fighting a cold and Hearty Potato Chicken with Dill was just what the doctor ordered. The soup was creamy, with flecks of fresh dill, chunks of chicken, and slivers of carrots. It tasted homemade, not salty like something out of a can."

After eating a cup, I had to agree with Ersher who says, "good soup is really hard to find."

Soup is available in three sizes - an 8 ounce cup, 16 ounce bowl, or extra large - 32 ounces. If you can't decide, make yours a

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Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sunday
Menu: Soup served with chunks of fresh baked bread, coffee, tea, soft drinks, some desserts.
Cost: Ranges from \$3.25 for a cup to \$8.65 for a quart of soup.
Seats: 42
Carry-out: Available
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double - two, eight-ounce servings, and save \$1.50 over the single cup price.

At Zoup! you can dine in and sit at one of the comfortable booths or tables, or order your soup to go. Specially designed containers help keep the soup warm, and prevent it from spilling all over your car.

Ersher and Elias own a wholesale spice company and talked about opening a restaurant specializing in soup for about two years.

"We were in a lot of restaurants through the back door, and realized soup was growing in popularity. We're soup fanatics, and like trying new flavors and ingredients."

The cousins were onto to something hot. According to the National Restaurant Association, more than a dozen takeout soup restaurants have opened in Manhattan since 1995, and they're opening up in other cities as well including Washington D.C. and Boston.

National Restaurant Association's "Tables & Trends - 1997 report" showed 21 percent of respondents reported buying more soup than they did in the



"Souper" men: Zoup! co-owner David Elias (left) and Chef Phil Jones have many delicious ways to satisfy your appetite for soup including broccoli-and-leek with risotto, vegetable lasagna, chicken pot pie, chicken roasted garlic and Mulligatawny.

previous two years.

Sure, the Seinfeld "Nazi Soup" episode, which spoofed Al Yaganeh, chef of Soup Kitchen International on New York City's west side, had something to do with making soup trendy, but that's only part of the story.

"Soup is an international comfort food that is being reinvented with a fusion of traditional style, gourmet flare, regional and ethnic ingredients," said Thomas Kershaw, chairman of the National Restaurant Association and president of Hampshire House Corp. and Bull & Finch Enterprises in Boston. "Nearly every region of the world can claim soup as it's own."

The National Restaurant Association reports in the mid-'90s Soup Kitchen International caught the attention of Pak Mel-

wani who wanted to design his own restaurant concept. He and his partners designed Soup Nutzy, which opened in 1996, a year after the famous Seinfeld episode aired. The first Daily Soup restaurant opened in Manhattan in the fall of 1995, the same month the Seinfeld episode aired.

Ersher and Elias imagined a soup restaurant that reflected a world of flavors and choices. "Soup had been a part of many of our warm recollections of childhood and family and of our ethnic and spiritual ties," said Ersher.

In January, the cousins hired Chef Phil Jones to develop Zoup! recipes. "He worked in the kitchen daily, and every weekend we had six people testing 18-20 soups," said Ersher. "We'd evaluate them and decide if we should tweak 'em, kill 'em, or

keep 'em. That's where our 200 soups come from."

Ersher credits Jones with the restaurant's success, "he does a great job." Zoup! tries to cover the soup spectrum offering everything from traditional soups such as Herbed Lemon Chicken with Rice to the more experimental Senegalese Peanut. Zoup! soup creations are made with all natural ingredients and complex "layers" of taste and flavor.

Every order is served with a hunk of freshly baked Country Sour Dough or Multi-Grain Bread that's baked especially for Zoup. "These breads were chosen because they go well

with a large variety of soups," said Ersher. For dessert choose from a chocolate brownie or rice pudding.

Greg Eitelman of Northville designed the warm, comfortable, light-hearted atmosphere, and Laura Hoskins designed the graphics that decorate the walls.

Why the name Zoup!? The owners said they wanted to offer their version of soup, with a little personality. Get on the Zoup! fax list, call (248) 799-2800. They'll fax you an order form with that day's soup offerings. You can share it with your co-workers, and fax the order in for pick up later in the day.

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