Family reunion a happy occasion, A3

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Good time: *Best of friends and neighbors Alyssa Brummit, 8, (left) a fourth-grader, and Alyssa Genovese, 7½, a third-grader, walk to Madison Elementary on their first day of school yesterday. Below, nervous on starting her first day as a first-grader, Corey Kelly, 5, holds onto her mother, Chris Kelly.*

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School bell ringing

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Wednesday was the first day of school in Wayne-Westland, and all was well at Madison Elementary.

"It's going to be a great year," said PTA President/parent Fred Weaver, pausing from answering the office phone and greeting visitors shortly before school started. "We've got a lot planned."

Students at Madison got a preview of the school year Tuesday night with a party at school. Elvis Presley stopped by.

"He was here," said Principal Mary Goedert. "He missed Kalamazoo" and came to Madison. The evening included other musical entertainment, and parents could sign up for events and conferences.

The school on Carlson south of Cherry Hill has some 480 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The open house party eased fears of many, Goedert said.

"We're going to have just an outstanding year." The school has new

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Baby in coma; family in grief

■ A Westland infant is in a coma after apparently rolling off a floor mattress and coming close to suffocating. Police don't believe foul play is a factor.

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A 4-week-old Westland girl remained in a coma Wednesday — five days after her mother said she rolled off a floor mattress and nearly died from suffocation, police said.

The baby – a twin – couldn't be revived despite attempts by her mother, Westland police officers and paramedics.

The newborn had stopped breathing when her mother found her about 9 a.m. Friday on the living room floor – her face pressed against a small mattress where she had been sleeping, police Sgt. Michael Terry said.

The incident happened inside the family's residence on Ginger, in the Westland Meadows mobile home park on the city's southeast side.

"The baby, according to the mother, had rolled off the mattress, and its face had become compressed against the side of the mattress," Terry said.

"From the preliminary stages of our investigation, no foul play has been found at this time," he said.

After finding the baby, the 26-year-old mother tried to revive her by calling 911 and following a dispatcher's CPR instructions, Terry said.

Two police officers who arrived at the house also tried to revive the baby, as did four Westland paramedics while rushing the infant to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne.

"There was no noticeable change between the residence and the hospital," Fire Chief Mark Neal said.

The baby was transferred to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where her condition still hadn't improved Wednesday.

"The baby is in critical condition and in a coma," Terry said.

Police described the mother and the 30-year-old father as very distraught.

"It's just an unbelievable tragedy," Terry said. "My heart really goes out to

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Get your motor running for event

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These motorcyclists are HOG wild about helping children.

Hundreds of bikers are expected to join a Sept. 19 "toy run" that starts and ends in Westland, winding through Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Garden City and other communities.

The Motor City Chapter of HOG (Harley Owners Group) hopes to collect hundreds of toys and thousands of dollars for charities it supports.

The group, sponsored by Motor City Harley Davidson of Farmington Hills, has seen its event steadily grow since it started five years ago.

"We started it as a toy run in honor of a couple of our deceased members," chapter director David Higgins, better known as "Mother Dave," said.

Higgins, a Westland resident, earned his nickname some

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Toarmina, 71, remembered as fine family man

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Lou Toarmina doesn't hesitate when asked what he'd like people to remember about his dad, Frank Toarmina.

"That he was a good friend and family man," said the younger Toarmina of his dad, who died at age 71 on Monday. "He had a great laugh and sense of humor." His father loved the grandkids and was "just a nice man that everybody liked."

A funeral Mass was set for Thursday morning at St. Richard's Catholic Church in Westland. The elder Toarmina had founded Mickey's Dairy Twist and later, with son Lou, Toarmina's Pizza. Frank Toarmina and wife Marie, known as Mickey, had eight children. The Toarminas recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

"That's what the ice cream stores were named after," Toarmina said of his mother's nickname. There are now three ice cream stores and 18 pizzerias.

"He was kind of the inspiration behind Toarmina's Pizza." Toarmina's dad helped him establish the business after college.

"It was his lessons that really made it successful."

Frank Toarmina was vice president of his union at Uniroyal Tire Co. He served in the U.S. Army just before the Korean War.

He was an original member of Westland's Downtown Development Author-

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Grandpa: *Frank Toarmina relaxes with granddaughter Sarah.*

Telephone problems vex couple from Westland

Tim and Tina Berczel of Westland are getting some help with ongoing phone problems.

The Berczels had reported other callers' voices bleeding through onto their line; in some cases, they could talk to those people.

Such crosstalk "is such a rare occurrence affecting very, very few customers," said Mary O'Connell Roehr, Ameritech spokeswoman. Trying to identify its source "is particularly difficult."

When Roehr left the Berczel home Friday, Ameritech staffers were still working on the problem. A device at the central office on their line is being used. "That would help us isolate the problem," she said.

Mary Roehr
Ameritech

The Berczels had reported phone problems since April, Roehr said. They also received an AT&T bill with a call for more than $200 they had not made.

"We have been working to help identify where the problem is along the network," Roehr said of the crosstalk. "It's an intermittent problem."

■ 'It's an intermittent problem.'

Mary O'Connell Roehr
Ameritech

Part of history

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Local lore: *Frank Rembisz, Wayne County Office on Aging director, has an office in one of the few remaining buildings that were part of Eloise. The Eloise story is told on Page A7.*

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ity and served on an early commission to study environmental concerns.

Frank Toarmina had had a heart attack in early July and never recovered. He was recently taken off his medication. His family told him it was time to go; he smiled and left. "It was very peaceful."

His son remembers how well he treated others. "He befriended everybody that came up and bought an ice cream cone."

His father emphasized the importance of family and faith in God.

"He loved to be the last one to leave a party." Frank Toarmina wasn't satisfied with the status quo, his son said.

"He was so proud of his kids when they did something well." Lou Toarmina said the family will carry on the traditions of his dad. He envisions Frank in heaven "Looking down, making sure everybody's all right." He'd also meet his parents.

Frank Toarmina was born Dec. 21, 1927, in Detroit.

Survivors include: wife, Marie G.; sons, Peter (Laurie) Toarmina of Saline, Lou (Gina) Toarmina of Westland, Frank Jr. (Amy) Toarmina of Wayne; daughters, Pat (Gary) Root of Canton, Sande (Terry) Spada of Gregory, Mich., Mary-Lynn (Leonard) Sheko of Canton; Dr. Rosemarie (Ron) Tolson of Canton; sister, Rosejune (Don) DeLaurier; and grandchildren, Frank, William, Lisa, Dominic, Tony, Crystal, Barbara, Rebecca, Marie, John, Michael, Zach, Jacob, Sarah and Ryan.

Funeral arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Burial is at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Memorials may be made as Mass offerings or to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia 48154-5010.

'He loved to be the last one to leave a party.'

Lou Toarmina
—son

Man faces more trouble with law

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A Westland man, awaiting sentencing on a stalking charge, returned to the victim's home early Saturday and attacked her and her boyfriend, police said.

The couple subdued the suspect during a "violent struggle" that occurred after he smashed out a living room window and climbed inside the house, Sgt. Michael Terry said.

"They were awakened when they heard a loud crashing noise," he said.

An alert neighbor who saw the man called police, who arrested him shortly after 2 a.m. inside a house on Marquette near Wildwood.

The suspect didn't have a weapon when he broke in on the 33-year-old woman and her 43-year-old boyfriend, Terry said.

The suspect suffered the worst injuries during the scuffle, the sergeant said, but no one was critically hurt.

"He suffered numerous lacerations," Terry said.

The latest incident occurred two days before the suspect was to face sentencing Monday in Wayne County Circuit Court for misdemeanor stalking.

In an earlier incident, the suspect climbed through a window on March 28 and attacked the woman after catching her by surprise when she arrived home, Terry said.

His misdemeanor stalking plea came after prosecutors agreed to reduce an original felony charge of home invasion.

Now, however, 36-year-old Mark Allen Bookout faces a Sept. 9 court hearing on new charges of first-degree home invasion, aggravated stalking and assault.

He is jailed on a $500,000 bond, and a not-guilty plea has been placed on his court record.

The suspect is accused of stalking the woman after they dated for a couple of months about a year ago, Terry said.

Bookout is expected to learn Sept. 9 whether he will face trial on new felony charges. His preliminary hearing is scheduled in Westland 18th District Court.

If convicted as charged, he could face 20 years in prison and a $5,000 fine for first-degree home invasion; five years and $10,000 for aggravated stalking; and 90 days and $100 for assault.

OBITUARIES

CORRINE G. PANKAU

Services for Corrine Pankau, 73, of Westland were Aug. 29 in Vermeulen Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Drex Morton.

Mrs. Pankau was born July 22, 1926, in Detroit and died Aug. 26 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond; son, Greg (Sophie) Gagnon of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; daughters, Lois (Al) Spiter of Highland and Lynne Gagnon of Westland.

Mrs. Pankau was preceded in death by her brother, Ralph Jentsch.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154

SYLVIA E. GREEN

Services for Sylvia Green, 72, of Westland were Aug. 16 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Green was born March 18, 1927, in Highland Park and died Aug. 12 in Howell. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, William (Linda) and Dennis (Debbie); daughter, Kathleen (David) Wesley; brother, Gerald Tretheway; sisters, Margorie Tretheway, Elizabeth Davis and Barbara Makowski; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Green was preceded in death by her husband, Wilfred.

Memorials may be made to Community Baptist Church Garden City.

BERNARD E. WOLCOTT

Services for former Westland resident Bernard Wolcott, 82, of Woodhaven were Aug. 30 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. James Severance.

Mr. Wolcott was born Nov. 26, 1916, in Fowlerville, Mich., and died Aug. 27 in Trenton. He was a truck driver. He served in the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Lula; sons, Eugene (Ruth) Wolcott of Syracuse, N.Y., and Richard (Martha) Wolcott of Bowling Green, Ky.; sister, Edith Reed of Florida; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R, Detroit, MI 48201-9983

HELEN L. MCCULLOUGH

Services for Helen McCullough, 89, of Westland were Aug. 30 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Christian Memorial Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. John Paton from Temple Baptist Church.

Mrs. McCullough was born June 25, 1910, in Woodland Mills, Tenn., and died Aug. 26 at her residence in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her grandchildren, Jacqueline Raymond, Richard Randall, Alan, Deborah, Vickie and Jim; several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McCullough was preceded in death by her husband, William; sons, Travis (Peggy) and William (Carol); grandchildren, Brenda and Bobby.

BENEDICT D. STUCKY

Services for Benedict Stucky, 78, of Westland were Aug. 30 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Kenton Gottschalk from Atonement Lutheran Church.

Mr. Stucky was born June 1, 1921, in Fredericktown, Mo., and died Aug. 26 in Livonia. He was a Detroit police officer.

Surviving are his wife, Helen; son, Charles (Joan); daughters, Sandra (George) Slezsak and Sharon (Jay) Terranella; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

JESSE R. ALBRIGHT JR.

Services for Jesse Albright Jr., 72, of Westland will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Visitation is 2-9 p.m. Thursday at Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Albright was born June 16, 1927, in Pennsylvania and died Aug. 27 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was in management in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; son, Robert (Linda); daughter, Kathleen (Lawrence) Smith; brother, Donald; sisters, Patricia and Arlene; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pulmonary Critical Care Division of the University of Michigan.

Labor Day closings set

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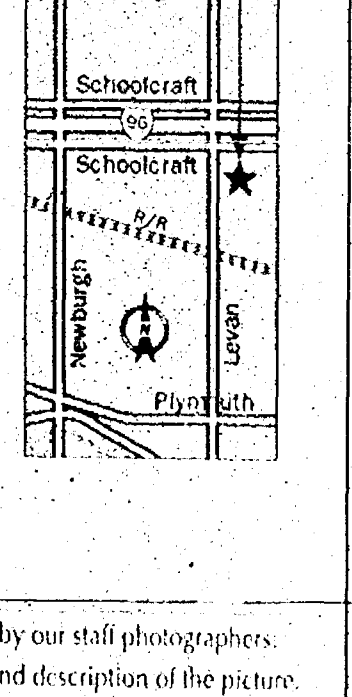

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School

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staff and students. Two veteran students eager to get started Wednesday were Kyle Cameron and Kayla German, both 10-year-old fifth-graders.

"Hopefully a good one," Kyle said when asked about his school year. Kayla anticipates "a good school year" and is excited about going to camp in Jackson later in the school year. Both students are safety patrol members, with Kayla serving as captain.

Someone who's been at Madison awhile is Rene Love, a fifth-grade teacher in her 30th year at the school. "I like to learn right along with the children." She likes to do new things, and said school doesn't get old "if you try new things" and attend workshops.

Wednesday's session, which began late morning and was a half day, saw Madison parents lined up at windows to watch their little ones. Carolyn Robbins held daughter, Danielle, 3, while watching son Corey, 6, start first grade.

Carolyn Robbins didn't have much trouble saying goodbye. "I think if I was home it'd be harder," said the working-outside-the-home mom. The children are used to day care and being with grandparents.

"Just to learn how to read and write" is her goal for her son for the year. He knows little words. She also wants him to play and have fun.

"I thought he'd be a lot more shy," Robbins said. "He's friendly with the kids."

There will be plenty of opportunities to socialize at Madison this year, said Goedert, including a PTA-sponsored haunted house at Halloween. There's a big spring concert in the works, "Liberty," featuring patriotic songs.

"I'm excited about that," Goedert said of the PTA event, which will tie into the social studies curriculum.

Goedert said parents who have concerns about their child in school should first contact the teacher, making an appointment as would be done with any other professional. Usually, it's miscommunication or lack of understanding about the teacher's expectations, and can be resolved by the parent and teacher.

"Then they come to me" if it doesn't work out. "That doesn't happen very often. I think we have a high level of parent satisfaction here."

Working with parents is important to educators, Goedert said. The school's new mission statement talks about the community, including parents, working together to develop each child's academic achievement.

The student motto at Madison is "On Time, On Task and On a Mission."

"Our mission is academics and student achievement," Goedert said.

Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent/general administration, called Wednesday "one of our smoothest starts ever" despite finishing up construction work.

"We believe it was an outstanding first day of school. We're just very pleased with the cooperation" from teachers, parents and others, she said.

People Sherman spoke with were pleased with new construction and changes. Most remaining construction work will be done in the fall during after-school hours, Sherman said.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Safety first: *Safety patrol fifth-graders at Madison Derek Elderkin, 11, (left) and Chelsea Weaver, 10, stop parents and students before crossing the drive into the school. Below, first-graders and parents line up to enter Madison on the first day of school yesterday. At left is substitute first-grade teacher Rachael Thomas.*

School who's who

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Wayne-Westland teachers returned to school this week unburdened by contract problems that plague some districts.

Local teachers still have one year on their last two-year agreement, Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services, said Tuesday.

The biggest problem facing Wayne-Westland teachers will be dealing with ongoing renovation and construction projects.

"The biggest hurdle will be the construction," Slee said.

District officials predicted a few snags as classes resumed Wednesday, but they said schools would be ready for students and employees.

Nearly 60 new teachers will be among the 850-member teaching staff, replacing educators who retired, got jobs elsewhere or went on leave, Slee said.

Only a handful of teaching positions still need to be filled, including three in special education and one in elementary vocal music, he said.

"I think we'll be fine," he said.

School officials also hope to soon hire a new Patchin Elementary School principal after Dennis Genig's departure for a new job in Southgate, where he lives, a secretary said.

Here's a wrap-up of elementary principals and school phone numbers:

- Edison: Barbara Hastings, new to the district. 595-2540.
- Elliott: Johnnye Summerville, returning principal. 595-2545.
- Graham: Al Bejczy, returning. 595-2560.
- Hamilton: Larry Wood, returning. 595-2565.
- Hicks: Sharon Thomas-Brown, new to the school. (313) 563-4310.
- Hoover: Patricia Nicolai, returning. 595-2570.
- Jefferson-Barns: Michael Holuta, new to school. 595-2575.
- Kettering: Paula Hotaling, returning. 595-2580.
- Lincoln: Constance Gray, returning. 595-2585.
- Madison: Mary Goedert, returning. 595-2590.
- Patchin: To be filled. 595-2615.
- Roosevelt-McGrath: Mary Anne Garzon, returning. 595-2620.
- Schweitzer: Diane Nichols, returning. 595-2625.
- Stottlemyer Early Childhood Center: Ron Barratt, returning. 595-2630.
- Taft-Galloway: Mike Hurley, returning. 595-2640.
- Vandenberg: Karen Zokas, returning. 595-2650.
- Walker-Winter: Jim Edwards, returning. 595-2655.
- Wildwood: Kurt Tyszkiewicz, new to the district. 595-2665.

Here's a list of middle school administrators and school phone numbers:

- Adams: Celestine Sanders, returning principal, and Mark Cesarz, new assistant principal. 595-2380.
- Franklin: Darlene Scott, principal, and Michael Shelton, assistant principal, both returning. 595-2403.
- Marshall: Helen DeJiulio, principal, and Larry McConnell, assistant principal, both returning. 595-2447.
- Stevenson: Ginny O'Brien, principal, and Dan Briody, assistant principal, new in their positions. 595-2502.

Here's the high school lineup:

- John Glenn: Neil Thomas, principal, returning along with assistants Lorraine Brickman, Mike Downs and Joan Sedik. 595-2323.
- Wayne Memorial: Don Chastain, principal, returning with assistants Lorri Wanamaker and Christina Bak. The school has one new assistant principal new to the district, Jack Pelon. 595-2206.
- William D. Ford Career/Technical Center: Bill Richardson, principal, and Rick Hamrick, assistant principal, both returning. 595-2106.
- Tinkham Center: Joseph Orban, alternative education director, 595-2436, and Micky Deeg, adult and community education director, 595-2435. Both returning.

Search proves to be fruitful; family is joyfully reunited

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Several months ago, Cindy Miller was living in Spokane, Wash., when she received a telephone call – it was a voice from the past.

"The man said, 'You'll never guess who this is.' Since I didn't recognize the voice, I started to laugh," recalled Miller. "Then he said he was Uncle Junior. My mother only had one brother."

Her uncle, William Clemons of Garden City, had lost touch with Miller and her brother, Jake Potter, after their mother died in a 1966 car accident. Clemons said he had been unsuccessful until recently in trying to locate the youngsters, who had moved to Grand Marais after their father remarried.

"I tried to find him but I never could," said Clemons. "We do a lot of camping up north. I would get telephone books (for names and numbers) but I didn't know they lived in the Upper Peninsula and I was in the Lower Peninsula."

Searches such as one by the Salvation Army were unsuccessful, he said, since information such as Social Security numbers were needed and unavailable to him.

This year, Clemons said he used a search company trying to locate his nephew, figuring his niece was probably using a married name.

"They gave me seven pages of Potters from all over the U.S. There were seven in Michigan and two were up north," said Clemons. "I hit her dad with the first call and he told me where she was at in Spokane. It took me 33 years to track her down."

Miller came for a visit, as did her brother who works as a cook on a fishing boat in Alaska. A short time later, the divorced Miller decided to return to Michigan. She's currently staying with family in Westland, and until she gets a full-time job she is helping care for her great-aunt, Georgie Miller of Westland.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Happy together: *Cindy Miller (center) was recently reunited with uncle William Clemons and his aunt, her great-aunt, Georgie Miller.*

Ironically, Georgie Miller was caring for then-5-year-old Cindy Miller and her 2-year-old brother, Jake, when their mother was killed. A waitress at Bray's, 24-year-old Florence Potter – known to family and friends as Susie – was heading west on Ford Road on her way to pick up her children when the head-on collision occurred near Cardwell.

Over the years, Miller said she had questions about her late mother's family but didn't really get answers.

"My father just didn't keep in touch (with his wife's family). He never really talked about my mother or her family," Miller said. "He just started to open up about it. I don't know if it was hurt over my mother's death."

Over the years, Miller said she hoped someday to meet her mother's family. There have been a lot of reunions since she was located by her uncle.

"Everyone has a little piece of my mother they put away for me – photos, her high school diploma, her graduation book," said Miller. "Her purse that she used to use. It had her little change purse. There is a necklace and a baby book. I've got a lot of her stuff now."

Reunited with her uncle, Miller said she learned no headstone had been placed on her mother's grave in Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery. Miller and Clemons split the cost for a gravestone.

"I've connected with quite a few people," said Miller. "People say I'm a lot like my mother, that I look like or act like her. I like that. That's cool."

Series aim: Aid mourners with coping

A Grief Recovery Series will be offered by the Friendship Center in cooperation with Hospice of Michigan. The purpose of the six-week series is to provide people who are grieving with an understanding of what they may experience and to offer a safe place to express grief.

The group will meet 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, at the Westland Friendship Center conference room.

To sign up or for information, call (734) 722-7632.

O'Hair heads into his last year of 'doing the right thing'

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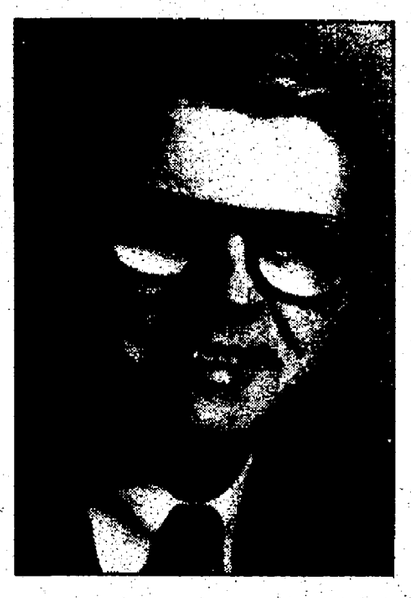

John O'Hair: *Wayne County Prosecutor*

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair doesn't say much publicly about high profile criminal cases.

O'Hair's office has seen plenty: Tonya Harding, William Hart, Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn.

Those cases not only brought media attention and public interest focused on his office, but some of those cases drew criticism directed at his office, from then Detroit Mayor Coleman Young commenting on the accusations leveled against Hart, then the racial divide created by the Nevers and Budzyn cases.

Through it all, O'Hair kept his perspective.

"I'm not here to please people, I'm here to do the right thing," O'Hair said. "You will be criticized anyway, so you should do the right thing anyway."

O'Hair, 69, will be ending his career as leader of 160 county prosecutors in the office next year. He has decided not to seek re-election but seems to have mixed feelings about it.

"When the present term expires, I will be over 71 years of age. I'm in good health. My job is interesting and exciting. My energy level has increased, rather than decreased.

"If I sought another term, I would be in my mid-70s. I think it's time to relinquish the position."

Once he retires, O'Hair hopes to bicycle with his wife, travel, hike, restore old farm tractors and spend time with his family. He would like to sit as a visiting judge.

A legal background

A Detroit native, O'Hair earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., in 1951 and graduated with a juris doctor from Detroit College of Law in 1954.

He practiced law with his father, Walter O'Hair, before entering the U.S. Army, where he served in the Counterintelligence Corps for two years.

He served as assistant corporation counsel for the city of Detroit for eight years before he was elected judge on the Common Pleas Court in Detroit in 1965.

In 1968 O'Hair was appointed and later elected judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court, where he served for 15 years. In September 1983 he was appointed prosecutor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William Cahalan.

A Democrat, O'Hair was elected prosecutor four times.

Prosecuting is a "wonderful job," helping make the community a better place, he says.

"We've been very involved in community affairs and working with youth," O'Hair said, working with public schools and diversion programs to keep youngsters away from a life of crime.

His office has initiated a child and domestic violence unit under Nancy Diehl, that O'Hair said became a model for other domestic violence units.

O'Hair expects the additional attorneys in his department will help establish a vertical homicide unit. The unit is called "vertical" because the same prosecutors work with the case from beginning until its conclusion at trial.

Conducting that process will help prosecutors continue to gain through experience, O'Hair said.

O'Hair called his staff dedicated and looks for that in prospective applicants.

"One of the most important criteria is a general commitment to make it a better world," O'Hair said. "We're looking for caring people who have a fire in their stomach."

Changing criminal rights

O'Hair took office at a time when the general public believed the accused criminals had all the legal rights while the victims had none.

Appeals have been eliminated as a matter of the criminal's right, which was abused in plea bargained cases. "The defendant would plead guilty as part of a plea bargain for a lesser charge, then after that, they would have a right to an appeal," O'Hair said.

That process dragged cases through the circuit court wasting court time and prosecutorial resources, O'Hair said.

"Frank Kelley used to call it 'recreational litigation.' They had nothing to lose."

Juvenile court judges also can sentence youths as adults now, giving those courts with more discretion, O'Hair said.

In reflecting on his career, O'Hair believes the Budzyn and Nevers case were the most difficult cases to prosecute. "They have been the most difficult, and the ones that had the most significant impact in the community," O'Hair said.

For the most part, the case split blacks and whites, cops and the general public.

"I could never ignore what was being said, but my philosophy is to always do the best thing and do the right thing.

"What I'm looking for is the right answer."

SEMCOG names Hunter Advisory Council chair

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has appointed Wayne County Clerk Teola Hunter as the new chair for its Community and Economic Development Advisory Council.

Hunter will review policies that affect southeastern Michigan and residents and seek methods that enhance the quality of life in the region. Hunter will look for ways to address community and economic development issues and submit recommendations to SEMCOG's executive committee.

Hunter also has assisted in developing policy as a state representative. Hunter served as chairperson of the state House Social Services and Youth Committee, chair of an Ad Hoc Committee on children and families and subcommittee chair of the Committee on AIDS.

Electric power competition begins Sept. 20

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Want to start shopping for electricity? By the end of the month, customers will be able to start looking around for better rates on electrical supply under a plan announced last week by Gov. John Engler.

Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy have agreed to launch a "customer choice" or "open access" program beginning Sept. 20.

According to the agreement, the two utilities will allow up to 2-1/2 percent of their customers to buy electricity from "third-party suppliers" and have it delivered to homes or businesses across the utilities' power lines. Every 60 days, the percentage will increase until all customers – 2 million Edison users and 1.6 million Consumers customers – will be allowed to buy power from whomever they want, said Gary Kitts, chief administrative officer for the Michigan Public Service Commission.

"Electricity is electricity, but there can be a great deal of difference in the cost of generation," Kitts explained. Allowing those third-party suppliers to sell power across the utilities' transmission lines may eventually result in a significant savings for users, he said.

At present, Michigan residents would have to go out of state to find such an alternative supplier, but Kitts said a number of companies are interested in setting up generators here and start selling power.

Customers who don't want to be bothered can do nothing, Kitts said, and their services and rates will be unaffected.

Those who do go shopping will likely have to pay two bills under the plan, Kitts said, one for generation and another for delivery. And since the power will flow across the same lines, this plan won't protect customers from the occasional power outage due to downed lines.

But it might protect them from brown-outs or black-outs due to a shortage of generation capacity. Kitts said electrical use loads have been heavy over the past few summers, and Michigan lacks adequate generation facilities. Brown-outs or black-outs are possible in the future for customers deemed "interruptible." So customers might protect themselves from outages by contracting with a company that guarantees against them, Kitts explained.

The plan begins utility deregulation in Michigan, a movement with a long history. State lawmakers have tried in the past two sessions to come up with proposals mandating the change over, but they failed to win enough votes.

So the Public Service Commission took up the issue. In a series of four orders from June 1997 to March 1999, the PSC mandated Edison and Consumers to create "customer choice" programs.

Those orders ended up in court. This summer, the Michigan Supreme Court concluded that the PSC lacks the authority to order deregulation.

Now Edison and Consumers have agreed to launch it of their own accord, leading to Engler's announcement last week.

"They were able to work out a few things with the PSC," Susan Shafer, Engler's deputy press secretary, explained. "What was going to happen next was that we were going to take action legislatively. And I think Consumers and Edison said, 'If it's going to go to the Legislature, why don't we take another look at this? We can volunteer to open competition ourselves and be able to have a little more control. The Legislature could do quite a few different things with it.' This is a good way to open it up under their terms, and work with the PSC on this and not be pigeon-holed into certain things."

But it also leaves utility watchdog organizations such as ABATE and the state Attorney General's office nervous. If the program is voluntary, can the PSC still regulate it? The PSC's answer is yes. Consumers and Edison have filed documents stating their positions are that the PSC can indeed regulate rates and services of the program.

But even in making the announcement last week, Engler echoed the concerns of utility watchdogs saying the Legislature should codify the PSC's orders into law to protect customers.

Technically, the system will operate much the same as it has. Power will be delivered by Edison and Consumer lines. Electricity can't be segregated on those lines, so customers will draw on the power in the transmission network and generators – current utilities as well as the new third-party suppliers – will feed into. They'll settle up accounts later.

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Sanitary sewer overflow into Rouge still a problem

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Communities may have spent millions to separate sewers to stop sanitary sewage overflows into the Rouge River, but they are still a problem for 11 communities in the Rouge River watershed.

They also are still illegal.

Test monitors have found 27 known locations of SSOs in Garden City, Livonia and Westland into the Rouge River.

Other Wayne County communities with SSOS are Allen Park and Dearborn Heights in Wayne County. Oakland County communities include Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, Troy and West Bloomfield Township.

Garden City, Livonia and Westland separated storm and sanitary sewers during the first phase of the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Vyto Kaunelis, director of public works for the Wayne County's Department of Environment, said communities may be limited to access Detroit's sewage system because Wayne County's interceptor (a 72-inch pipe installed along Hines Drive) cannot handle all the communities' capacity to transport to the Detroit sewage treatment plant.

That means sewage flows into the Rouge or, even worse, backs up into basements.

Richard Dittmar, director of Westland's Department of Public Services, doesn't like the fact that the illegal SSOs exist in Westland. "But it's also illegal to 'trespass' into basements (with sewage). Obviously that (SSO) is better than having basements flood," Dittmar said.

Kaunelis expects a new pump station near Evergreen and Ford Road will help communities rid themselves of some of the SSO problem. "That pump station will allow us to contribute to the Detroit system," Kaunelis said.

The Environmental Protection Agency maintains that separate sanitary sewage is required to be treated, as a minimum, to meet the Clean Water Act.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is "generally supportive" of the EPA's position, but one state environmental official has expressed concerns about communities with older sanitary sewers that may carry footing drain flow from homes or groundwater infiltration. Footing drains are created with a perforated collection pipe laid alongside the footing of a house that supports the foundation wall. Water fills the pipe after a rain, then flows into the sewer system.

"We are especially concerned in situations where large sums of federal and state money have been used to separate sewer systems for the purpose of eliminating combined sewer overflows," said Bill McCracken, chief of the permits section of the DEQ's surface water quality division.

"If untreated SSOs continue after separation has been completed, the federal and state funds did not accomplish the goal of preventing the discharge of raw sewage."

State officials acknowledge that it was difficult to measure how much overflow these SSOs contributed.

Dittmar believes seven of the 15 SSOs in Westland will be resolved with the completion of the Merriman Road relief sewer by Oct. 1.

"We've had problems with the hydraulics of the system and sometimes we've not been able to get into the interceptor," Dittmar said.

The relief sewer will cost $800,000, extending from the interceptor in the Lower Rouge area to Parkwood and Merriman.

An overflow at Cavell and Warren — the site of six overflows — was caused by loose joints and roots forcing themselves into the sewers. Those will be removed, then about 2,400-feet of lining will be installed as part of the Cavell street sewer between Cavell and Cardwell. That project costs $200,000 and was completed in July.

Garden City housed six SSO locations. Those flows measured 1 million gallons on March 18, 1998. Another flow measured 495,000 gallons on Jan. 23, 1999.

Jack Barnes, Garden City's DPS director, said that community was conducting smoke-testing to track flows. Barnes expected a report from Wade-Trim soon.

When asked about Garden City spending so much to separate sewers, then have to still deal with SSOs, Barnes said: "This is a very complex issue. The pump station is supposed to help us all get into the North Huron (Rouge Valley sewer) system."

Robert Beckley, director of public works in Livonia, said the system would need evaluation to find out whether the pump station assists Livonia. "But the interceptor (pipe) may not be of sufficient capacity and other (communities) may have more flow than they are contracted."

Beckley said Livonia would develop a plan to correct the SSOs if they continue through the year's end.

Organ donor registry grows

More than 100,000 names have been added to the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in one year.

Secretary of State Candice Miller credited the Michigan Department of State's new organ donor enrollment program. About 15,000 names were on the Gift of Life registry before the enrollment card program began in August 1998.

The Gift of Life Agency's next milestone is to enroll 500,000 names.

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ELOISE

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST

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Marked soles: *Frank Rembisz (above) shows the branded shoes worn by patients at Eloise. (Below) restraints that were used.*

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For many years, the once-massive Wayne County Infirmary, Psychiatric and General Hospital complex on Michigan Avenue between Merriman Road and Henry Ruff in Westland, better known as "Eloise," sent a Dickensian chill down passersby's spines.

If we didn't know exactly what happened at Eloise, at least we knew we didn't want to be there. For more than a century, until the last psychiatric patient left in 1979, thousands of Wayne County's mentally ill, tubercular and indigent residents lived behind its gates.

"A lot of people spent their whole life here. They came and never left," said Frank Rembisz, director of the Wayne County Office on Aging, whose department is located in the Kay Beard Building, one of the few remaining Eloise structures.

FILE PHOTO

Lasting legacy: *On July 20, 1894, a U.S. Post Office was established at the Wayne County House under the name "Eloise." The real Eloise was the 4-year-old daughter of Freeman B. Dickerson, a Detroit postmaster who contributed to improving conditions in institutions for the poor. Mrs. Eloise Dickerson Davock died in 1982 at the age of 93.*

One such resident was Bridgette "Biddy" Hughes, an Irish immigrant and the first "crazy" patient, who was admitted April 4, 1841. She died at Eloise March 8, 1895, and is likely buried in the Eloise cemetery south of Michigan Avenue.

Today's panhandlers would have found a safe haven at Eloise, said Rembisz. "In the state of Michigan it was the greatest humanitarian effort to serve the indigent and mentally incompetent."

An Eloise museum

Rembisz, the county's unofficial historian, is determined to preserve the history of Eloise, which began as a county poorhouse on the corner of Gratiot and Mt. Elliott Avenues in Detroit in 1832.

It moved to its present site in 1839 after the county purchased and enlarged the Black Horse Tavern, a Detroit-Chicago stagecoach stop, for a second county poorhouse. According to historical records, while 35 people were transferred to the new poorhouse, 111 refused to go to the "awful wilderness."

The complex evolved over time, with buildings added, expanded and replaced. During Eloise's heyday in the 1930s and 1940s, 78 buildings sprawled across almost 1,000 acres. It was a self-efficient city with a dairy farm, piggery, greenhouses, bakeries, power plants, a fire department and its own post office.

It also became a medical pioneer. The use of X-rays was perfected as a medical diagnosic tool at Eloise beginning in 1896. Also, in the late 1930s, Eloise initiated the country's first formal music therapy program for mental patients.

And its population grew. The infamous "N" Building, encompassing 382,443 square feet, once housed 7,000 permanent indigent residents. Almost 3,300 patients worked throughout the complex, and the term "POGIE" (Poor Old Gentleman in Eloise) came to refer to the ambulatory, indigent, male patient-worker from N Building.

It was in N Building that Rembisz discovered a cache of old trophies "standing like soldiers on the floor" while scavenging for office equipment back in the 1980s, after most of Eloise's buildings had been closed.

He stored the trophies and other memorabilia – pictures, silverware, reports from the 1870s, and some ancient leather arm restraints – until he acquired display cases once used in the Eloise morgue. The cases now line the first-floor hallway of the Kay Beard Building.

The fledgling museum's most telling artifact may be a pair of black work shoes with ELOISE stamped in white on the soles. Residents with off-grounds privileges often went to bars, said Rembisz, and when their money ran out, they sold their shoes for another drink.

"After that problem, they began branding shoes. Who would want to trade a drink for a pair of Eloise work shoes?"

Ghost town

Besides the Kay Beard Building, which was built in 1931 and used to house the administrative offices and psychiatric treatment wards, little remains of the original structures.

The fire hall, bakery and a power station marked by a 254-foot smokestack bearing a faded "Eloise" still exist but are in disrepair. Wayne County General Hospital, closed in mid-1980s, lies to the north near Proctor Road, separated from the remaining complex by the recently constructed Inkster Valley Golf Course.

Even the top three floors of the Kay Beard Building are deserted. Their barricaded windows and bare, claustrophobic retention rooms with knobless doors evoke stark images of times past.

On the south side of Michigan off Proctor Road, waist-high grass, weeds and wild strawberry vines cover a vast field where 7,145 former Eloise residents and patients are buried. The last burial occurred in January 1948.

Burial in this potter's field was anonymous. A gray concrete brick with a number marks the graves of those without family or whose family was too poor to give them a private burial. Over the years, the markers have sunk deep below the surface.

"There are probably Civil War and Spanish American War veterans buried there," said Rembisz. "There are records that say people are buried there. Can we match a name with a marker in all incidences? We're working on it."

Rembisz is sorting through "thousands of documents and memorabilia" to go on display. He is hoping area residents, as well as former patients, will contribute more things, like Eloise milk bottles and postcards. The history of Eloise, he said, belongs to all Wayne County citizens.

■ Members of the Westland Historical Commission are hosting a "Friends of Eloise" meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the Kay Beard Building, 30712 Michigan Ave., Westland. For more details, contact the commission at (734) 326-1110. Anyone wanting to contribute artifacts to the museum should contact Frank Rembisz at (734) 727-7373.

THE REAL MCCOY

Elijah McCoy, the son of former slaves, may be Eloise's most famous resident.

Born in Ontario, Canada, in 1844, McCoy fled Kentucky before the Civil War. He ended up in Scotland, where he was educated as a mechanical engineer. He settled in Detroit after returning to the United States and began his contributions to the industrial machine industry.

His first invention in 1872 was a lubricator for steam engines. It allowed machines to remain in motion while being oiled. McCoy was responsible for 57 patents.

The term "real McCoy" refers to the oiling device used for industrial machinery. Equipment inspectors came to ask if a machine contained the real McCoy. Gradually, it became an American expression meaning the real thing.

McCoy also invented an ironing board and lawn sprinkler. He died in the Eloise Infirmary Oct. 10, 1929, a year after he was admitted suffering from senile dementia caused by hypertension. He is buried in Detroit.

■ Source: The Faces of Science: African Americans in the Sciences, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

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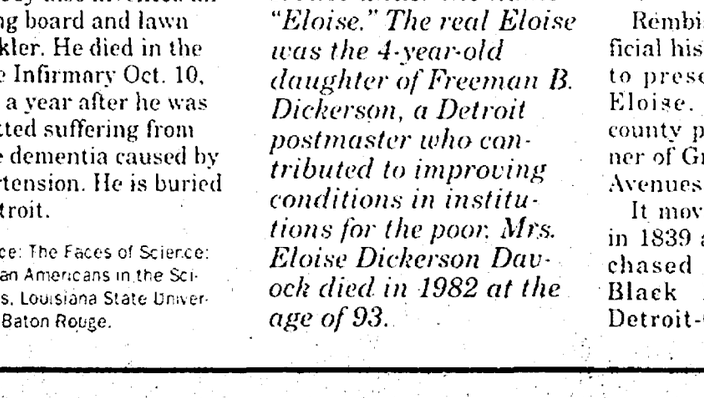

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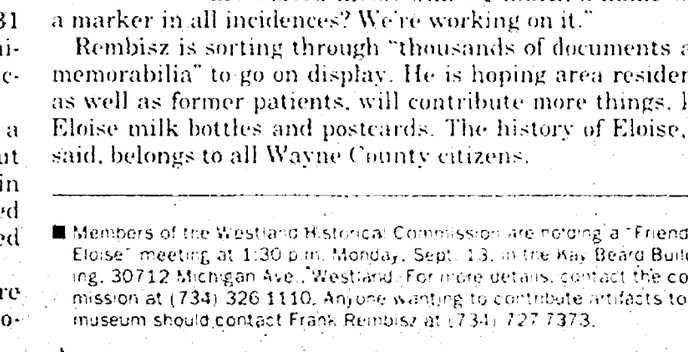

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Levin calls GOP tax cut plan 'deja voodoo economics'

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■ 'I think people want us to do debt reduction. They want us to do Social Security.'

Sen. Carl Levin
on GOP tax plan

Democrats and moderate Republicans will come up with a compromise tax cut once President Bill Clinton vetoes the 10-year, $792 billion plan Congress sent him before the August recess.

That's U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's take on the future of tax relief as the House and Senate prepare to reconvene this month to hammer out appropriations for the next fiscal year, which begins Friday, Oct. 1.

Levin, D-Mich., said the plan headed to Clinton's desk is based on anticipated reductions in domestic spending of 26 percent between now and 2009. Cuts that deep, in areas as varied as Head Start, the FBI and student loans, aren't possible, he said.

"That is a totally unrealistic assumption," Levin said Tuesday during a meeting with editors at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "It is not going to happen."

Thus, overriding Clinton's promised veto of the plan would "put us back in the deficit ditch which we just climbed out of," Levin said. He labeled the thinking behind the plan "Deja Voodoo Economics."

The GOP plan would cut marginal tax rates and individual capital gains tax rates and eliminate the so-called "marriage penalty" by raising the standard deduction for married couples, among other reductions.

Levin's Republican counterpart, Sen. Spencer Abraham, supports the GOP-backed tax-cut plan and voted for it, spokesman Joe Davis said Tuesday. But Abraham also sees room for compromise, Davis said.

To illustrate his contention, Levin pointed out that the anticipated $14.4 billion budget surplus for the next fiscal year has already been spent on drought relief, extra funding for the U.S. Census and Social Security administration.

And in only one of the last 10 federal budgets, adjusted for inflation, has spending been less than it was in the previous year, he said. "We have increased the constant-dollar spending," in several of those budgets, he said.

Levin said he would use budget surpluses to bolster Social Security and Medicare and pay down a $5.6 trillion national debt, and then for a "targeted" tax cut. Polls and anecdotal evidence tell him voters' priorities are similar, Levin said.

"I think people want us to do debt reduction. They want us to do Social Security," he said.

Clinton has proposed a $200 billion tax cut, Levin said. But even the administration's projection of a 6-percent reduction in domestic spending over 10 years is "optimistic," he said.

"Medicare's going to need some additional spending," he said.

Recent cuts in Medicare, which provides health insurance for senior citizens, have been too deep, Levin said. "There's been some real damage done," he said.

Davis, Abraham's spokesman, said the senator also wants budget surpluses used for debt reduction, Social Security and Medicare. But Abraham also sees room for a larger tax cut, Davis said.

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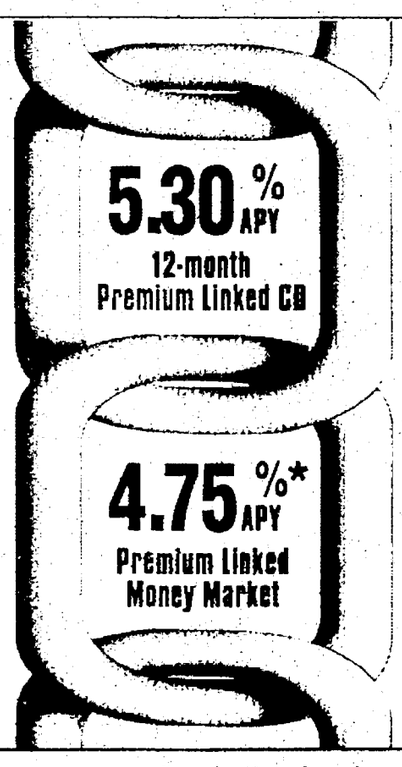
Making a point: *Sen. Carl Levin discusses the Republican tax proposal with Observer & Eccentric editors.*



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Project Zero welfare program extends to all Wayne County

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Project Zero, the state welfare-to-work program that requires and assists those drawing public assistance to have at least some earned income, now moves on to its biggest challenge yet – all of Oakland and Wayne counties.

As of Oct. 1, all of Oakland and the remainder of Wayne County will be declared Project Zero sites, Gov. John Engler announced in late August.

Several areas of Wayne County and Detroit are already in the program, and are making progress, according to Susan Shafer, deputy press secretary to Engler.

"There are some areas in Wayne County and Detroit that have actually hit zero, which is phenomenal," she said. "That's a huge feat to be able to do that in Detroit, where some of the challenges are a little more difficult to overcome."

Engler recently added 49 counties across the state, including Wayne and Oakland, to Project Zero's current roster of 35 sites, effective Oct. 1.

"What we are running into now are the hardest to serve people, the people who have been on welfare all their lives, they don't think that they can find work, or they have kids and they don't know that they can get to work and make sure their kids are taken care of," Shafer said. "Those are the obstacles we are running into and we are looking for ways to break down the barriers and allow people to go to work and have a chance.

"Some of these cases are very unique ... so it is important to tailor the program to them and what is stopping them from going to work and being self-sufficient."

Under Michigan's Work First program, "target cases" among welfare recipients are required to find employment or enroll in job training within 60 days. Disability, childbirth and temporary homelessness can exempt individuals from the requirement, temporarily or permanently.

In any case, Project Zero allows local agencies to design programs specifically for their areas to assist welfare recipients get back to work. In many cases, agency workers can assist recipients on a case-by-case basis.

Critics of the program say efforts to get recipients off the welfare roles have to be permanent solutions, and can't simply move recipients off welfare into poverty. But that is exactly what Project Zero is attempting to do, Shafer contended. And it involves numerous programs to get transportation and childcare for recipients.

Project Zero began in 1996 with six pilot sites. Now, the Legislature allocates $11 million per year for the program.

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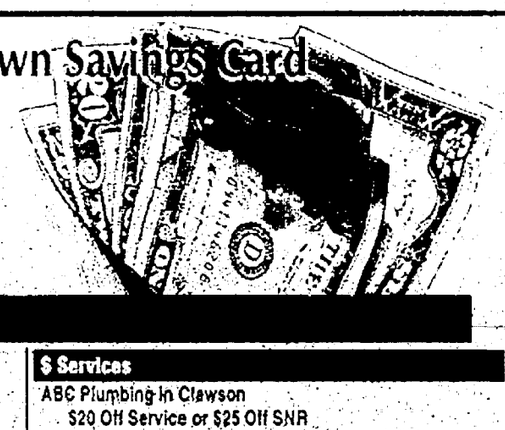

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Cell phone car accidents rise, but legislature unlikely to act

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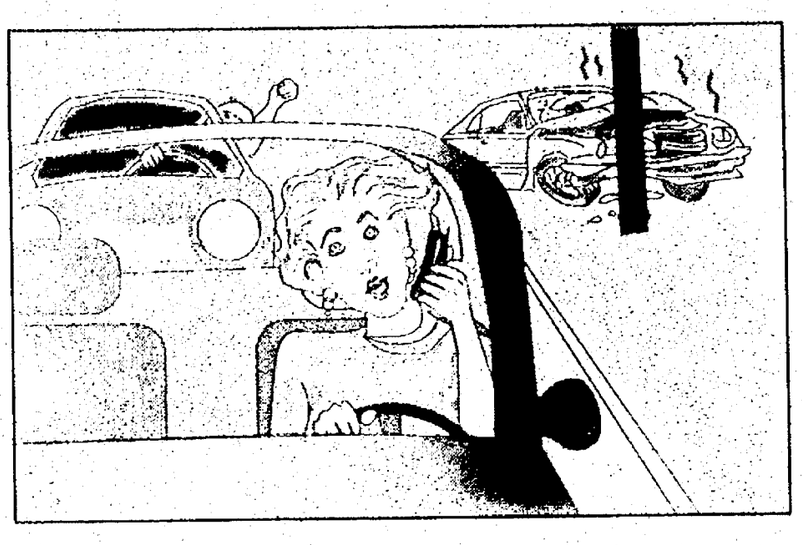

The driver up ahead is weaving back and forth across his lane. He's waving his arms, driving well below the posted speed limit. He's looking one direction and driving in another.

No, he's not drunk. He's talking on a cell phone.

It may make little difference, according to researchers. Studies conducted by the New England Journal of Medicine and the University of Toronto conclude that talking on a cell phone makes a driver four times more likely to have an accident, roughly the same rate of increase experienced by drunken drivers.

Nonetheless, it is unlikely the Michigan Legislature will act any time soon to ban or restrict the use of cell phones while driving. Why? Because about three fourths of state senators and representatives have them and make liberal use of them on those long drives to and from the Capitol, according to Rep. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

"We'd be hard pressed to vote in something on that," she said. "It would be a case of 'Do as I say, not as I do.'"

Toy has a cell phone, although she uses a hands-free unit in her car. She said she finds it a great time saver, allowing her to do business while on the road. She said she tries to make most of her calls from her office or home, not only because of safety but because landline calls are cheaper.

Toy said she would want to see the specific wording of any proposal to limit the use of cell phones while driving before she could decide on a position. There would have be exceptions for emergency calls, such as reporting a drunk driver to police.

Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, has much less patience with the idea of restricting cell phone use while driving. He said he sees little difference between talking on the phone and talking to a passenger in the car.

He says the idea that lawmakers might not want to pass restrictions because they themselves have cell phones "is not only a cynical view, it's idiotic." Schwarz made that comment in an interview he gave over his own cell phone while driving.

State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, R-Farmington Hills, said that while he would consider restrictions, he would always exempt hands-free cellular telephones. He said he simply disagrees with researchers who conclude hands-free phones are no safer than hand-held cellular phones.

Research done by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, however, indicates it is the distraction of the conversation, not the handling of the phone, that increases accidents.

"Contrary to expectations, the majority of drivers were talking on their telephones rather than dialing at the time of the crash ... The overwhelming majority of cellular telephone users were in the striking vehicle, and struck cars or other large objects that were in clear view of the driver," the NHTSA concluded.

Researchers at the University of Toronto concluded drivers were getting "lost in conversation." They speculated the reason phone conversations are more dangerous than chatting with a passenger is that the passengers are likely to be paying attention to traffic conditions as well as the driver and may be subtly passing clues to the driver of trouble up ahead.

Raczkowski said proposed restrictions have been submitted to the Legislative Service Bureau for drafting, but the bill is currently an "orphan," that is no lawmaker has committed to introducing the legislation.

Previous attempts in the Michigan legislature to restrict phone use while driving have failed to get much support.

For its part, the NHTSA has not recommended a ban on chatting on the phone while behind the wheel. It has noted other activities can be just as distracting. Simulator research shows tuning a car radio can be just as distracting to drivers, and car radio tuning has been linked in other studies to increased traffic accidents. Smokers are more likely to commit a violation and get a traffic ticket while having a cigarette, according to the NHTSA.

The NHTSA is recommending better data collection. Only two states record cell phone use on traffic accident reports. No states are presently recording phone gabbing in relation to traffic tickets.

And the NHTSA notes that nearly all states already have laws on the books against careless driving, as does Michigan

Workshop looks at business in Africa

A workshop at Schoolcraft College, "Doing Business in Africa: A Cultural Experience," will examine the cultural aspects of doing business in Africa and feature a gourmet African meal.

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Council primary

Four stand out in city race

Interviewing Westland City Council candidates is hardly an onerous task. Each offers his or her own perspective, with many fresh ideas.

Having interviewed the 10 council candidates whose names will appear on the Sept. 14 primary ballot, we urge voters to consider incumbent **Glenn Anderson**, along with challengers **James Godbout, Michael Rintz** and **Dorothy Smith**.

In the primary, voters will vote for four hopefuls. Two of the 10 candidates receiving the fewest votes will be eliminated, with the remaining eight vying for four seats in the Nov. 2 general election.

Anderson, now finishing his second term on the council, has been a strong presence. "I feel there's a lot yet to be done in the city," Anderson said during his Observer interview. He says there's much more work needed to address city infrastructure needs, such as roads.

"I've tried to do the right thing for the city," Anderson said. "I think I have tried to be a citizen's person on the council."

Anderson's a strong council member; despite his differences with Mayor Robert Thomas, however, we encourage him to listen with an open mind to the mayor's ideas.

James Godbout said, "I think I've got a pretty stable base (of support) and the ability to work with a lot of people." Godbout favors stronger ordinance enforcement and said Westland should move toward a mandatory recycling program. "All the surrounding communities have a mandatory program," he said.

Godbout also favors working with Wayne County to improve the Holliday Park Nature Preserve. His is a fresh face on the political scene and a definite asset.

Another fresh face is that of Michael Rintz, a longtime member of the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. "I think the fact that I am independent is important," said Rintz in his interview. He decided that with Charles Pickering and Justine Barns leaving the council, the time was ripe to run.

Glenn Anderson

James Godbout

Michael Rintz

Dorothy Smith

"I don't owe anybody a favor," said Rintz, also a recycling advocate. "I like it that way." He pledged to put citizens' interest before politics and to listen to all sides of an issue. "I don't care where the idea comes from," he said.

Both Rintz and Godbout seem to be people who would explore all sides of an issue and vote their consciences.

Dorothy Smith has been attending city council meetings regularly since 1981. "I have a track record," she said. Smith cites what she sees as too many complaints about lack of city response to problems, saying city officials need to have "the citizen at heart."

Smith certainly knows local issues and has paid her dues. She would provide a minority voice on the all-white council. We would urge Smith, who is fiercely independent in her political views, to focus on issues of current concern to voters and not dwell on past issues such as the now-thriving library's being built several years ago.

Others are running, and choosing **Anderson, Godbout, Rintz** and **Smith** for endorsement wasn't easy. We encourage all city voters to go to the polls and vote their consciences on Sept. 14. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Students need safety to learn

Usually, accompanying the start of a new school year is unbridled enthusiasm from district officials about the infusion of new teachers, intriguing educational offerings or whether the football team stands a chance in the upcoming season.

But this time, it's different.

Catch phrases that come to mind include having a "comfort zone" for parents, "zero tolerance," "internal and external safety plans" and "staying ahead" of any potentially volatile situations, such as last spring's Columbine High School shootings.

Districts are much more aware now than they were at the beginning of last year that the worries and anger many of today's teenagers carry can erupt – if left unchecked.

But they also stress that campuses are as safe as ever, even though extra security measures are being unveiled by school districts throughout the Observer coverage area.

■ In Farmington Public Schools, uniformed patrol officers made the rounds on Monday morning. And the police liaison officers at Harrison and North will wear their uniforms to school until further notice. On top of that, Farmington High School's police liaison job now is full time.

■ The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have implemented security measures. John Glenn High School will be visited a half-day each week by a Westland police officer who will listen to any problems or concerns that students have, said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration.

■ Hot lines have been set up both in the Livonia and Clarenceville districts. Meanwhile, district employees and paraprofessionals have been briefed about how to remain keenly observant of anything that has the sniff of major trouble.

■ Likewise, at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, police and school officials are paying extra attention to security issues and crisis intervention plans, right down to detailed floor plans and classroom telephones.

"The park is already safe. We just need to keep it that way," said Bruce Siegel, assistant principal of major discipline at PCEP.

Similar comments are being heard from officials all across Observerland, and we couldn't agree more.

But all of the security measures districts are implementing or tweaking must not impede upon why kids are in school to begin with.

It really is a balancing act that police agencies and school districts must perform, particularly in the wake of those Colorado shootings.

Although having detailed security plans and measures ready certainly is the right thing to do, students also must have their own comfort zone if they truly are to learn and grow.

We encourage principals, teachers and parents to foster that by keeping an open, honest dialogue going with the youngsters throughout the year.

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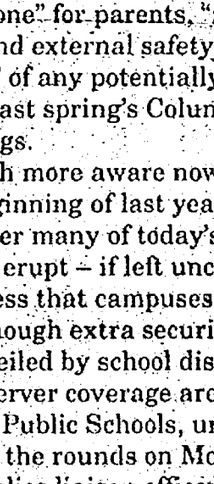
QUESTION:

Do you have any plans for Labor Day weekend?

We asked this question at Kroger on Ford Road.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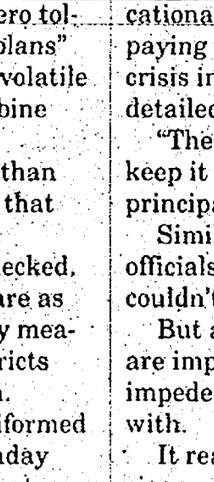
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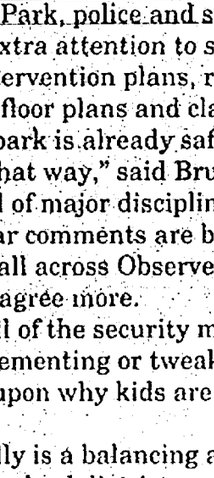
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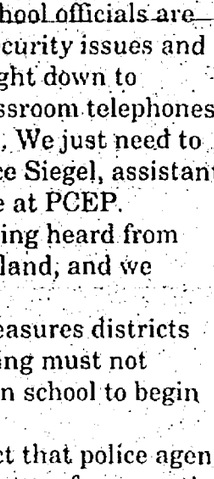
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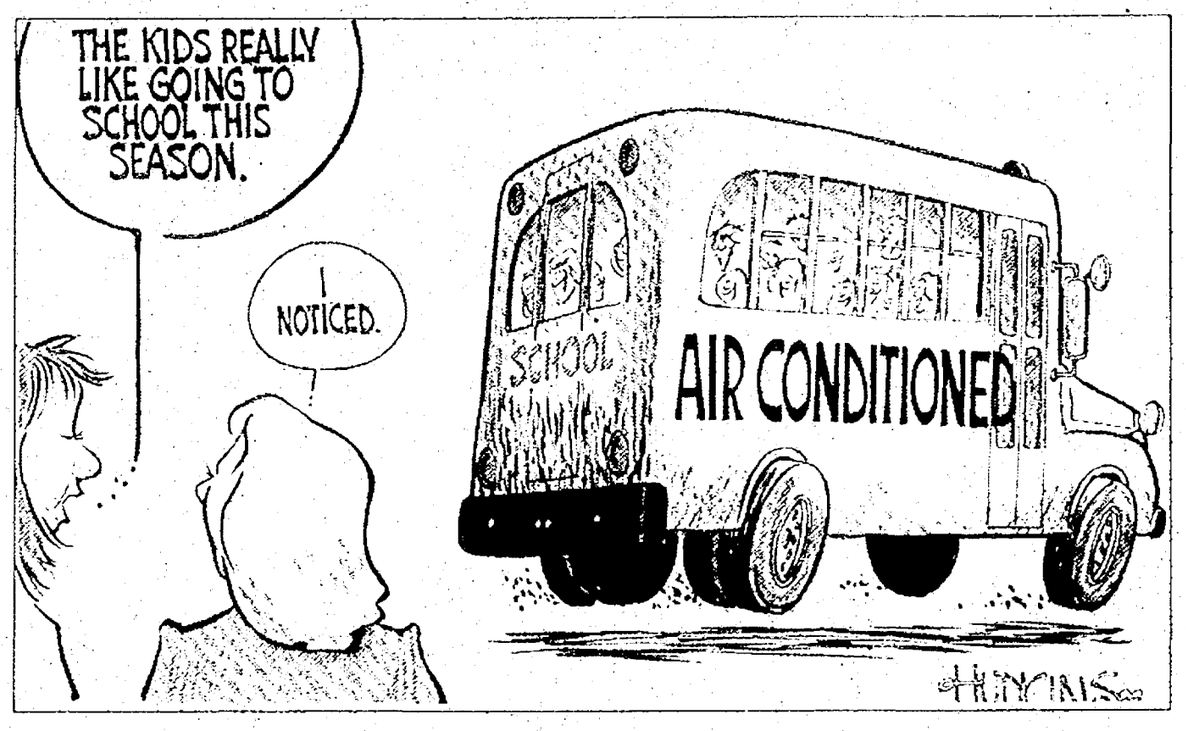

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Concerns on trash

I received a pamphlet from the city with tips to keep the Rouge River clean. I am writing in regards to the tip to keep hazardous waste and animal waste out of the sewer system.

As a resident and animal owner, I am very careful of making sure that I dispose of waste in the proper ways. My concern is the waste that is scattered on the street after the garbagemen collect weekly garbage. It never fails that after they remove the trash, I am picking up remains that have not made it into the truck.

The men hastily throw the bags or cans into the back of the truck and if any garbage does not make it into the trucks, it is left on the road. I have gone to the extent to ask them to pick up the remains and all they do is throw their arms up in the air and continue to collect the garbage.

I end up picking up everything from decayed fruit, wrappers and animal waste, that could be left to go into the sewer system and contaminate our rivers. As I watch from my windows, the waste is not from improper bagging, it is from the collectors not performing their jobs as they should be.

If we as residents are urged to use yard waste receptacles, proper bags and cans, it would seem that the garbage collectors could perform their jobs the correct way, taking a little more time making sure garbage thrown gets into the trucks.

The sewer on my street is in front of my home, therefore whenever it rains excess garbage always accumulates at the sewer. I take pride in my yard, home and neighborhood. Perhaps the city could advise the collectors to please take a few seconds to make sure *all* the garbage makes it into the trucks and, if not, for the men to pick up the remains. After all, there are brooms and pans on the side of the truck for such tasks. It does take everyone to keep our city clean, including the trash.

Diana LeBlanc
Westland

Vote them out

If voters ever needed a good reason to come out and vote in a primary election, it was given to everyone on June 21 when four council members spit in the face of the voters of Westland by putting back on the council David Cox, "who" was voted out by the people.

It all started in March when Chuck Pickering stated that he wouldn't seek re-election to the council and would leave his seat on the council at the end of April.

Somebody knew (or felt) that if David Cox were appointed to the council in May, there could be an uprising among the voters and an increase in people filing to run for council.

So to limit the time for filing petitions for the council, waiting till the start of summer and just before the Fourth of July ... the day to honor our independence as a nation.

And that brings us to where we are ... four council members (as if they are smarter than us) voted to put Mr. Cox back where the voters put him out from.

They are Sandra Cicirelli, Sharon Scott, Justine Barns and Charles "Trav" Griffin ... But 10 names made it so as of now we will have a primary to cut the field from 10 to eight and "if" you are as mad as I am once again, Mr. Cox can say goodbye and so can Mr. Griffin!

People like to count on low voter turnouts to help them stay in office ... "I," however, hope for a larger voter turnout in the primary so we can say "Get lost!"

And if in the primary Sept. 14, Mr. Cox and Mr. Griffin get dumped and anyone else listed on their campaign junk gets tossed on Nov. 2 ... unless a recall petition for Ms. Cicirelli and Ms. Scott this year ... get ready for two years of "Oh, we're so sorry for that vote and, if we knew then what we know now, we wouldn't have voted that way so please forgive us" ... Yeah, sure!

And Justine Barns ... she's stepping down from elected office ... "But" how long do you think it will be before she's appointed to the planning or zoning boards? ...

If you are as mad as I am ... then talk to your friends and family and get them to join you in voting Sept. 14 and let's get rid of these people once and for all!!

James R. Davis
Westland

Remembering vets

When I was in the Army in 1950, I saw many casualties and wounded vets. One in particular was really a great guy; he was a young soldier who was actually half a human being; he apparently had fallen onto a live hand-grenade on his right side, destroying the whole right half of his body entirely. He had a glass eye, prosthesis right arm, prosthesis right leg, and walked with a slight limp.

I used to go into town in a jeep and I always took this lad with me. We had much fun. I tried very hard to show him and myself a good time. We never discussed his injuries.

I'd like everyone to always remember the sacrifices of our brave young folks in the service of our great country. Respect the flag, and be thankful. Remember your veterans.

Leon Schoichit
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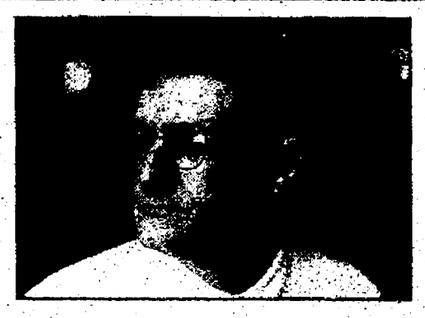
Education includes learning the power of words



HUGH GALLAGHER

Recently the Livonia Board of Education made a split-the-difference decision to pull a prize-winning youth novel from the school reading list while retaining the book in the school library.

That decision has some merit, but the circumstances leading to it raise some interesting and disturbing questions about what is taught in our suburban schools and why.

The board decided to remove Walter Dean Myers' "Fallen Angels" from the school reading list after a mother complained about the vulgarities in the book.

Myers' book was written for young adults, received widely favorable critical reviews and won the 1989 Coretta Scott King award. The story is told in the words of a teenager from Harlem who serves in Vietnam.

The language is tough but thoroughly in keeping with the time and place. It is not as vulgar as the language of real soldiers (or many high school students, for that matter).

Myers tells the story of a group of young, scared soldiers thrown into a violent situation. The narrator is a bright, compassionate young man who chose to enlist so that he could help his mother and his younger brother back in Harlem. As the story progresses, the young man has to deal with cultural conflicts, sexual feelings and brutal deaths.

For high school students, it is sparely written, fast paced and deals with emotions and issues that are foremost in many of their lives. It also provides a serious introduction to the defining issues of their parents' lives – race and the war in Vietnam.

The book was used in a sophomore English class at Franklin High School. A student told her mother about the swear words in the book. The mother read the book and wrote down every vulgarity (allegedly 300 words).

Based on this she complained to school administrators and then the school board, many of whom expressed due shock. School administrators formed a committee to review the book, and that committee recommended that the book remain on the reading list but not as required reading. The administration decided that the precautions suggested by the committee were too cumbersome and advised instead to merely retain the book in the library.

It's good that a mother should take an interest in her child's education and actively express her concerns in the public forum. Far too many parents are indifferent and unaware of what their children are doing.

But the process this mother used to dismiss the book is a sad example of taking words out of their proper context. This book is far from a catalog of obscenities. It offers a wonderful opportunity to discuss issues that matter to young people. It even opens the door for discussing the way we use language, even vulgar language.

The mother complained that the book sent mixed messages since we don't want students to swear and yet let them read this book. We don't want them to kill their stepparents either, but we don't ban "Hamlet."

But I understand how some people are so sensitive to those words that they can never put them into their proper context or see how their use gives reality and depth to a novel. As required reading, perhaps it is too much to expect the schools to continue using the book. But there are students who can handle such a book and would benefit from the humanity that is at the core of what Myers was writing.

It is disturbing to read that a school board member called the book "filthy," which it most certainly is not.

In J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye," another famously controversial book because of its language, Holden Caulfield imagines himself on the edge of a cliff where innocent children romp through a field of rye. He imagines that he is a "catcher" whose job is to keep the children from falling off the cliff (growing up). It's a job without a future.

Later, in the novel's most celebrated scene, he tries to rub a most odious vulgarity from the steps of a museum and suddenly realizes that no matter how hard he rubs, someone will come the next day and scrawl those words again.

Words do have power and meaning and part of education is to learn what that power and meaning conveys. At least more mature and adventurous students will be able to check "Fallen Angels" out at the library.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Parents beckoned by sound of Livonia Youth Choir forming

PAT HUTCHISON

As I reach the end of my fifth decade in this world, I find myself looking back in amazement at the various types of ways I have been privileged to work with Livonia's young people. There has been church music for 28 years and public school teaching in Indianapolis, Garden City and Livonia. As a music educator, I have instructed not one grade, but students from grades kindergarten through 12 in all settings – including special education and accelerated classrooms as well as in the production of high school musicals at Bentley, Stevenson and Churchill. My time has also included a short stint as director for the Livonia Youth Choirs.

Some of you may recall that the Livonia Youth Choirs existed as a parent-run organization for elementary, middle and high school students who wished to receive additional opportunities for choral singing. We traveled, we sang and many of those students created strong bonds of friendship beyond school borders. My time with these students, spent working with singers who wished to succeed at their art and to learn a language which brings so much beauty to so many lives, was quite enjoyable. Although it was a while ago, I still see some of these people, and there are many good memories of my time with these fine Livonia parents and children. (Several have gone on to become spectacular music professionals!)

So why, you ask, would I be thinking about this Livonia Youth Choir now? Well, it all begins with the Livonia Public Schools' new plan for music education in grades five through eight. During the first two of these four years, the students of Livonia will be receiving a "discovery"-type program of music, which will include a smattering of vocal, general, string and wind instruction. (In middle school, the students music training will be hit and miss, depending on their interest.) While this brave new plan for elementary music works well for the students and reinstates instrumental music to our program, the vocal educator in me grieves the great loss of so much vocal music study!

However, there is another way for some to compensate for this loss. I wish to work with interested parents to organize and coordinate a new community choir for youth in grades five through eight. In this way, some talented students will be provided an outlet for their special skills.

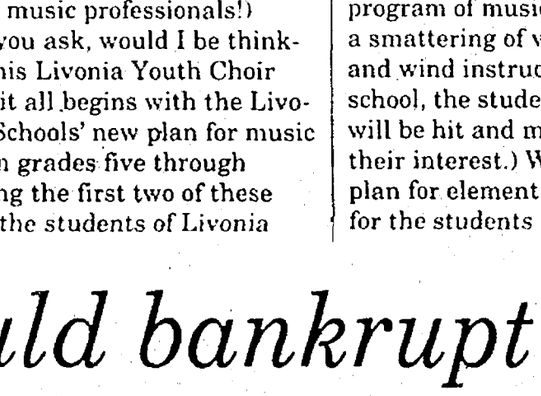
You know, studies tell us that the arts – speech and drama, dance, fine arts, and the study of music – all prepare students to succeed at the highest level. What life skills do we learn in a choir, an orchestra, a band, or a play cast? These endeavors cannot succeed without providing us liberal portions of responsibility and self-discipline, and a knowledge of history and literature in time periods, as we study various types of musical texts.

I am wondering if there are some parents reading this article who might wish to take their fifth- through eighth-graders on such a musical adventure. If you would be interested in having your child participate in an auditioned, tuitioned Livonia Youth Choir (with hopes for scholarships for some), and if you are willing to help organize such a choir, please meet with me for an information period in my classroom (G-25) at Churchill High School at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20. I may be reached for questions at (734) 523-9230.

I will be excited to meet more fine Livonia families, and to search with you for a new way to add the arts to your family's life and song to your child's heart.

Pat Hutchison is the vocal music teacher at Churchill High School.

Big tax cut could bankrupt the Abraham campaign



PHIL POWER

When Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham and his fellow Republicans passed the $792 billion tax cut last month, they thought they had a winner.

After all, there's nothing better than trumpeting your support for a tax cut, especially if you're a first-term GOP senator facing a tough campaign for re-election. And Abraham didn't waste a minute after the final vote, going on a 13-day bus tour through 27 Michigan communities and attacking his opponent, U. S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow, as a liberal whose support for outrageous spending and high taxes led to lost jobs and big government.

Abraham claims the big tax cut will lead to an even bigger government surplus, as lower taxes stimulate economic growth that leads to more tax receipts. And he argues that the government surplus, estimated by some to be as high as $3 trillion over the next 10 years, ought to be returned to the taxpayers.

Stabenow, who favors the more modest $295 billion tax cut, claims the GOP tax cut incorporates a windfall for the rich, threatens destruction of Social Security and Medicare, and risks going back to the billion-dollar deficits of the 1980s. She argues that we have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get our economic house in order, and we shouldn't squander it.

At this point, Stabenow appears to have the advantage in the argument.

On economics, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy estimates the GOP tax bill would bring a $157 average annual tax reduction for the bottom 60 percent of taxpayers, while those earning more than $89,000 a year – the top 10 percent – would reap annual savings of $7,520.

Politically, Ed Sarpolus, vice president of EPIC/MRA, a Lansing polling firm, says his polls show that voters do like the idea of a tax cut. But when given a choice between a big tax cut and protecting Social Security and Medicare or paying down the national debt, most voters change their priorities.

The risk for Abraham is that, contrary to the usual political calculus, he may wind up being placed by the tax cut argument in the worst of all possible worlds: Financially irresponsible; a threat to the stability of Social Security and Medicare; a political panderer out of touch with the feelings of most voters. Getting on the wrong side of an emotional issue like this early on could haunt the rest of the Abraham campaign, even though it will have the support of Gov. John Engler and an enormous war chest.

For months, I've been wondering just how the Senate Republicans got stampeded into supporting such a big tax cut.

After all, the country's big national debt was incurred largely as the result of the big military buildup when President Ronald Reagan essentially challenged the Russians to compete with the world's biggest economy. "We put a mortgage on our future to bankrupt the Soviets" is the way one of my Washington-based Republican friends puts it. And we did exactly that.

Now, with the Russians bankrupted, we have the opportunity to pay off the mortgage by cutting down on the national debt – in effect, paying us all back for the deficits we accepted in order to beat the Russians. More over, the benefits for everybody of reducing the national debt are considerable, running from lower interest rates produced by a reduced national debt to greater flexibility to deal with the problems facing Social Security and Medicare.

There's an old line that provokes musing about the difference between friends and enemies: "With friends like that, who needs enemies?"

I wonder if Spencer Abraham ever thinks about that.

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Livonia teachers on the job

Livonia Public Schools and its 1,200 teachers have another 28 days to hammer out a new contract.

After the old contract expired Aug. 16, both sides gave a little to keep talks going, to ensure that Tuesday's opening day of school in the city remained uneventful.

The district bowed to the teachers' union request and agreed to extend the current contract until Sept. 30, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

And teachers Sunday took their union leadership's advice and unanimously agreed to work in September under the contract extension, said Karen Zyczynski, president of the Livonia Education Association.

Negotiations on reaching a new contract continue today, with sessions scheduled throughout the rest of the month. Zyczynski said mediation was a possibility.

Watson said he is "hopeful" a new contract will be reached by Sept. 30. Contracts for the district's six other unions expired June 30 and have not yet been renegotiated. Teachers and the district have been negotiating since the end of March.

School safety pressing concern

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In Livonia Public Schools, the phone number is (734) 458-8880.

With the new school year getting under way, and with memories of how the last school year ended violently in several schools nationwide, that's the number the Livonia school district want parents and students to dial if they hear any rumors or reports of potentially dangerous situations.

Livonia schools set up its hotline number in May following school shootings in Colorado.

The number will remain. But the district has no plans to put Livonia police officers back in the three high schools, as it did in the wake of the shootings and until school ended in June, said Superintendent Ken Watson.

The district doesn't plan any extra security measures, either high-tech, such as hallway cameras, or low-tech, such as backpack searches.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have also implemented security measures. John Glenn High School will be visited a half-day each week by a Westland police officer who will listen to any problems or concerns that students have, said Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration.

Livonia officials are counting on school-employed security officers, hall monitors and building paras-pros to keep their eyes open and be alert.

School districts nationwide reportedly are turning to extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of students. These include automatic door locks, cameras, random locker searches, uniformed police patrols, metal detectors and universal backpack searches.

Watson said none of these are planned for this year. But Livonia is studying what, if any, security measures or equipment it could install in the future, Watson said.

Before May, the Livonia district had police officers coming into school buildings for various programs. These programs, and the officer presence they provided, will continue, Watson said.

In Livonia, this includes police officers who teach the elementary DARE program and officers who walk the hallways in the four middle schools during the school day, mingling with students. Officers also teach DARE classes in Wayne-Westland.

It also includes a police officer stationed for the entire school year at Churchill High through a pilot program put into the 1999-2000 school budget earlier this year.

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35 years ago for taking care of his Harley friends.

"I watch over them like their mother," he said.

Bikers joining the latest HOG event have to bring a toy – still in its original container – and pay $5.

"Everybody donates $5, and they have a new toy on their bike," Higgins said.

The HOG chapter gives toys to organizations that help needy children, and the money is used to support charities ranging from Redford's Head Start program to Westland's Salvation Army to various police DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programs.

"We gave out $15,000 to charities last year," Higgins said.

Westland Police Chief Emery Price, who assigns several police officers to lead the HOG toy run, praised the event.

"The officers that ride our bikes look forward to it every year," he said during a Westland City Council meeting, in which Higgins gave the Westland DARE program a $400 check.

Many HOG members spent a lot when they buy toys for the upcoming event.

"Last year, we had train sets, bicycles and all kinds of stuff," Higgins said. "And the more people we can get, the higher the proceeds will be."

Higgins can be reached at (734) 421-7614. Riders also can show up the day of the event.

The toy run will leave Westland City Hall on Ford Road near Carlson at noon Sept. 19. The trip takes about an hour and ends at AMVETS Post 171 on Merriman near Palmer in Westland.

The $5 entry fee qualifies participants for an AMVETS hall drawing for a new Harley-Davidson custom sportster, Higgins said.

The post-run fun also will include an auction at the AMVETS hall to raise money for charity.

Potential donors who don't ride motorcycles but still want to help out can donate auction items or toys by calling Higgins.

"Mother Dave" described HOG as "the biggest motorcycle organization in the world" with chapters as far away as France and Japan.

Michigan, alone, has 23 chapters.

HOG members are hopeful the weather will cooperate for the Sept. 19 toy run.

"We had close to 600 people last year, but it all depends on the weather," Higgins said. "With a rainy day we might have less people, but a lot of us diehards will go on, anyway."

For those trying to catch a glimpse of the toy run, here's the route that begins at noon at Westland City Hall:

Bikers will go west on Ford to Newburgh; north to Ann Arbor Trail; west to Ann Arbor Road; west to Main Street in Plymouth; north to Starkweather; north to Northville Road; north to Main Street in Northville; west to Sheldon; south to Seven Mile; east to Edward Hines Drive; east to Inkster Road; south to Ford; west to Merriman; south to the AMVETS post.

Baby from page A1

the parents."

To guard against possible harm to sleeping babies, the following tips have been offered by Dr. Stephen Park, clinical instructor in the University of Michigan Medical School's division of pediatrics:

- Place babies in a proper bassinet or crib so they can't roll off the side of the mattress. "We don't expect that developmentally babies are going to roll," Park said, "but they do sometimes. They're squiggly little things."
- Use cribs that meet current government standards. "Babies falling out of cribs has always been an issue in the past," Park said.
- Babies generally should be placed on their back to sleep, unless doctors have advised otherwise due to medical conditions.
- Mattresses should be in good condition and provide a level surface.
- Beware of extra bedding. "We certainly don't recommend that parents use pillows or excessive bedding," Park said.
- Baby clothing should be snug-fitting. "Things can get over their face, otherwise," the doctor said.
- Keep baby beds simple. "The less decorative and frilly the baby's sleeping place can be, the safer it is," Park said.
- Buy flame-retardant pajamas and other clothing.

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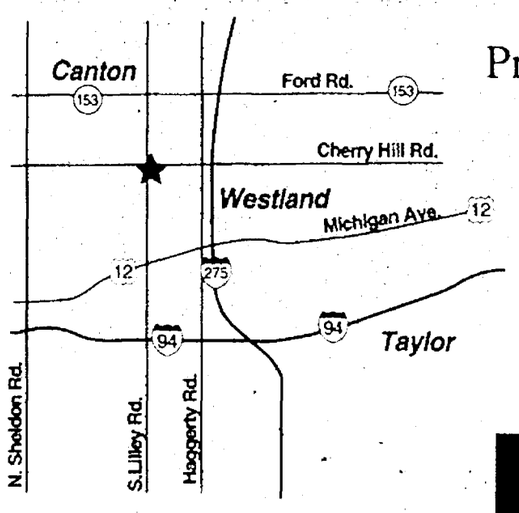

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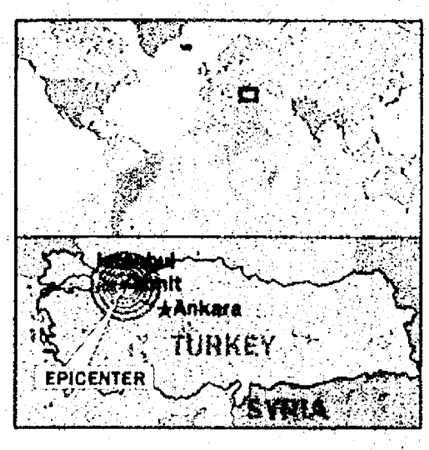

Turkish relief efforts start close to home

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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For Hulia (Yurtcu) Petrillo, the earthquake of the century hit very close to home.

As relief efforts continue in the northwest region of Turkey most devastated by the Aug. 17 earthquake, the impact has struck a chord with local residents, like Petrillo, who lives in Canton. When she received an e-mail message, written in broken English, from a close family friend, she began to understand the far-reaching effects of the disaster.

"It is a long story that I have to tell you when I come back," read the e-mail message. "But being in the middle of the earthquake of the century, sharing the pain with thousands, hoping for the survivors after 80 hours, moving furniture out of destroyed buildings, sharing tents with totally dazed and scared people, giving shoulder to crying family members, remembering loved ones who (have) their lifeless body still under rubbles of their home.

"My close family were very lucky to have a house still standing, but like a million others they were afraid to go inside even to get water or food. A big makeshift tent in front of our house had 23 persons sleeping in it.

"I and my brother who just came from Canada because of the disaster were the only two sleeping in the house, because we did not live their experience we were not terrified like them. It is very hard for me to put all this into words; it does not seem real on paper."

It was that letter and a strong sense of connection to the country of her ancestors that spurred Petrillo into action. Working with the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan (TACAM), Petrillo hopes to spread the word that those affected by the earthquake need help, not only now but in the months to come.

"You don't want people to think that it's over just because the earthquake is over," said Jason Marsa, a Plymouth resident assisting in area relief efforts.

He and his wife, Rana Karakucuk, heard about the earthquake just after

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How to help

The Turkish Earthquake Relief Effort, a campaign of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan (TACAM), is helping people devastated by the Aug. 17 earthquake.

For monetary donations, make checks payable to TACAM (note "Turkish Earthquake Fund" in memo section) and send to 28847 Beck Road, Wixom 48393. All donations are tax-deductible.

Goods needed include non-perishable food, water purification tablets, clothing (undergarments, shoes, coats and baby clothes), blankets, towels, bedding, sleeping bags, medical supplies (antibiotics, disposable syringes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, bandages, gauze), cleaning supplies (antibacterial soaps, sanitizing agents, detergents, insecticides), toiletries and sanitary napkins, disposable cooking and eating utensils, baby formula, diapers, electrical supplies (batteries, 220-volt generators, transistor radios), tents and mobile toilets.

A complete list of goods needed in Turkey, can be found on the Web at www.at a.org. Contacts and e-mail addresses are provided. More information is available on the Web site or call TACAM at (248) 626-8239.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Getting in shape: *Because of the multiple sclerosis, Jeanette Kerwan of Livonia had a difficult time doing exercises until she tried tai chi. Now, she's a regular in Sally Rich's class at Newburg United Methodist Church.*

Tai chi's benefit attracts a crowd

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

To say Sally Rich's class of tai chi students at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia is dedicated is an understatement.

One student had a good portion of his back replaced following injuries in the Korean War. A handful have multiple sclerosis. One student uses her walker to support herself while she does the moves. Another has arthritis and cannot do high-impact exercises.

Typical classes draw about 35 to 40 people, but the recent heat wave caused those numbers to dwindle a bit. On a day when the temperatures soared into the mid 90s, 18 people showed up for class.

They exercised in a room that wasn't air conditioned, with only open windows and fans for ventilation. An icy cold water fountain quenched thirsts during the brief breaks, and some hot exercisers splashed their faces to cool off.

Tai chi is like former President Teddy Roosevelt's famous foreign relations quotation: "Speak softly but carry a big stick." Tai chi's ease is the soft voice but its effectiveness is the big stick, health wise.

"It's a total body workout," Rich said. "Your heart rate gets up to aerobic levels without impact on the bones and muscles."

Some tai chi classes are just for seniors, others for younger people. Rich's classes are open to everyone, and to seniors, that's part of the appeal.

"The seniors like being with younger people," said Rich, adding that the classes attract everyone from 20-somethings to 80-somethings. "We don't segregate classes."

The nonprofit Taoist Tai Chi Society offers the classes 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland and Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Donations cover building rental. The instructors are volunteer.

Started in monasteries

Tai chi got its start in Taoist monasteries in old China. Its characteristic slow, graceful movements are key to the low-impact benefits, practitioners say.

Taoist tai chi arrived in North America in 1970. Master Moy Lin-Shin coined the term "Taoist tai chi," a result of incorporating Taoist internal arts, traditional Chinese medicine and Taoist meditation into the art that is practiced today. Its 108 movements cover nearly every muscle in the body.

Kathy Shipley of Plymouth has multiple sclerosis and uses her walker for balance.

"I'm a relative newcomer to the class," said Shipley who's been attending for just under two months. "It's just an opportunity for me to move around and do the best I can. Physical exercise in general is very good for me."

Jeanette Karwan of Livonia agreed.

"I have MS and I have a hard time doing other exercises," she said, adding that even a stationary bicycle has given her trouble. "Emotionally and physically, I feel more energetic. I use up as

Please see **TAI CHI**, B2

Exercises founded in religious lore

The health-enhancing qualities of tai chi chuan are founded in the lore of religious Taoism. Over a period spanning almost two millennia, various sects of Taoism have developed and perfected health exercises as part of their religious cultivation.

Taoist sage Zhang Sanfeng is generally credited with creating the set of movements referred to as tai chi (taiji) or tai chi chuan (taijiquan).

Most styles of tai chi practiced today are family styles not directly linked to Taoist training, although vestiges of Taoism can still be found in some of the theories and terminology they employ.

Taoist tai chi is the result of a lifelong pursuit of master Moy Lin-Shin, to preserve, restore and pass on the Taoist techniques of cultivating original nature and life.

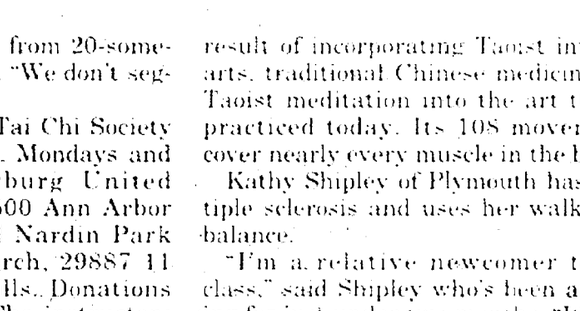
When he came to Canada in 1970, he brought with him a treasure of the Taoist healing arts from China. He sought to make the health benefits of Taoist tai chi available to all.

In Taoist tai chi, movements originally derived from Yang-style tai-chi chuan have been deliberately transformed to maximizing health benefits.

For example, in Taoist tai chi, limbs are extended to the fullest extent of their range of motion, providing a stretch for tendons and ligaments throughout the body, which is believed to be beneficial to the health.

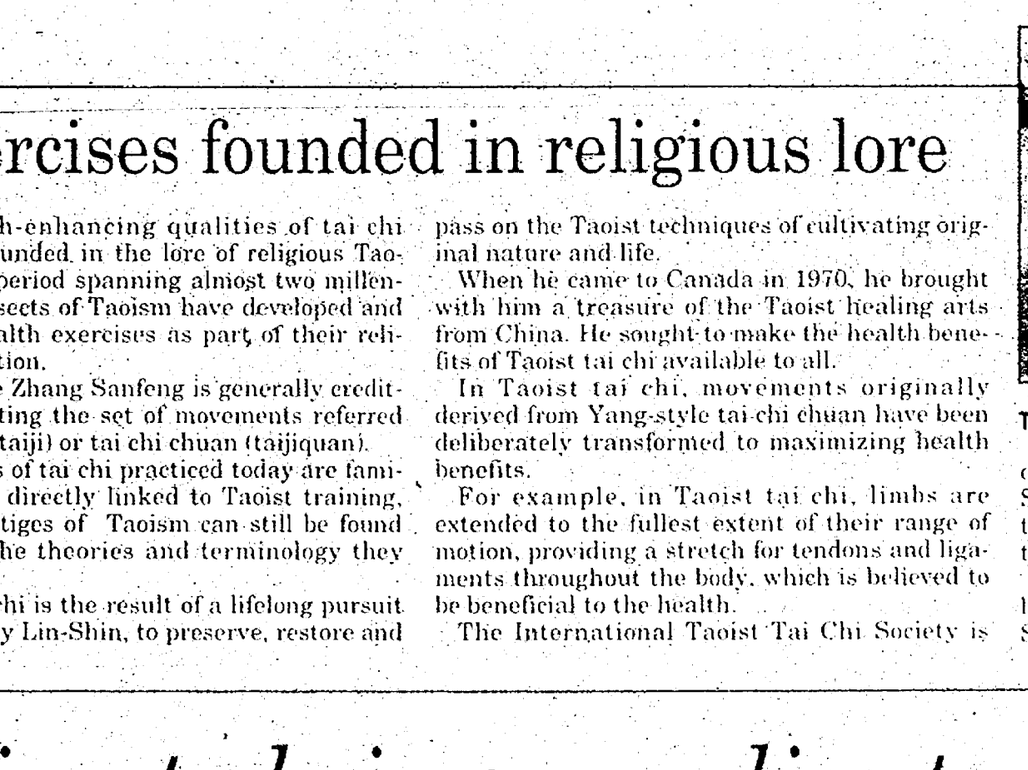
The International Taoist Tai Chi Society is dedicated to helping realize master Moy Lin-Shin's vision. And today, Taoist tai chi is now taught in more than 425 communities around the world.

You can more information about Taoist tai chi by visiting the International Taoist Tai Chi Society's Web site at www.taoist.c g



Tai chi instructor Sally Rich

Mission to bring supplies to Bolivia's poor



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Heading south: *Standing amid boxes of medical supplies being collected for Airline Ambassadors' Bolivia Mission are Jeanett Guzman Henning (left), Autumn Gansler, her mother Linda, Keeley Kielman and Kristian Gansler.*

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It started 15 years ago as a labor of love: a one-woman crusade to help the needy children in her native Bolivia.

Jeanett Guzman Henning and daughter Linda Henning Gansler would collect medical discards to ship to the South American country, where Henning would then distribute them to medical facilities in rural areas.

"I used to think I couldn't change the world," Henning said. "I used to feel bad about it and just did something to help. I never expected anybody to help me.

"But this is like the story of throwing the stone in the pond and the ripples it cause."

The ripples for the two Livonia residents has been getting American Airlines to provide cargo space for their shipments and hooking up with the Nancy Reyard's Airline Ambassadors.

"We've been doing it for years before we hooked up with American Airlines," said Gansler. "The first time they said they didn't think they would have the luggage space, so I climbed up on the palette, made the Sign of the Cross and said I was staying until it was loaded. They found the space."

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Tai chi *from page B1*

many calories as I would walking 3-1/2 miles.

"I think it's just made me feel a lot better."

Conrad Dowel of Westland is a Korean War veteran and has artificial components in his back and an artificial leg. Despite this, he became a black belt in karate and other martial arts. When it became difficult to keep up with karate, he turned to tai chi.

"The exercise is phenomenal," he said. "It strengthens you up. It's an altogether very enlightening exercise."

He said the class' meditative qualities help keep his mind focused and the physical qualities keep his body in shape.

Hooked on tai chi

Dan Duranso of South Lyon turned to tai chi because arthritis made other exercising too difficult. He's been hooked for two years.

"I've been told it's good for arthritis," he said. His doctors also recommended swimming, but he said it's not always easy getting to a pool.

The most striking thing he's noticed about tai chi's benefits is that his arthritis feels better.

"I think my joints have stayed loose which means less pain," he said. "I don't stiffen up as much. I'm tired when I'm done, but I don't ache."

Shirley Thon of Dearborn has diabetes, multiple sclerosis and uses a wheelchair. She showed up at class but decided the heat was too much for her. She has reaped some physical benefits, however.

"My arms are a lot stronger," she said. She attends classes with her husband and caregiver, Robert.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Working out: *Injured in Korea, Conrad Dowel of Westland manages to do tai chi in spite of artificial components in his back and an artificial leg.*

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan's fall season begins 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13. Classes will be offered at Newburg United Methodist, Nardin Park United Methodist and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Bolivia *from page B1*

Sitting at the dining room table in her daughter's Livonia home, Henning is preparing for the next phase in her crusade – a one-week-long Airline Ambassadors mission to the country in early October.

Henning is the coordinator and her daughter is the medical supply coordinator of the mission, which will deliver 80 boxes of medical supplies, clothing and toys to children and adults in La Paz, Sucre, Potosi, Cochabamba and Santa Cruz.

Dr. Jerri Jenista at the University of Michigan Hospital helps gather the discarded medical supplies for the women. Bob and Sue Kearns of Singer and Associates, a toy-selling business, donate their time and toys.

A "blowout garage sale" this weekend at Gansler's Angeline Circle home and a Sept. 12 golf outing at Fox Hills Golf in Salem Township will provided money to buy medical equipment such as the shunts used to treat hydrocephalic infants and dermatone machines to provide burn treatment.

Tee time will be noon for the scrambles event at the Salem Township golf course. The $90 fee includes a round of golf and barbecue dinner. They hope to raise $5,000.

There's room for 75 golfers. Reservations can be made by calling Gansler at (734) 762-7564 or Keeley Kielman at (248) 245-0377.

"If you come and golf, you can save the life of a child," Gansler said. "The money also helps us get everything out of customs. We have to pay the taxes on the things, and we want to buy the shunts and a dermatone machine."

Saving a life

Henning estimates she has helped saved 40 Bolivian infants by delivering shunts to doctors in the country. The downside is 60 infants died because there weren't enough shunts.

"The only bad thing is someone donates the shunts once and then forgets about it," she said.

While the shunts are the main things Henning and Gansler are looking to be donated, their list also includes sutures, hospital gowns, masks, gloves, EKG leads for children, bandages and incubators.

Since Bolivia has an embargo on boxes, mission members will use their luggage to transport the goods into the country. Each member is being told to bring just one change of clothes. The remainder of the 70-pound allotment will be the supplies.

Flight attendants who help deliver Airline Ambassadors shipments to places such as Honduras, Africa, India and Senegal, will get 10 wheelchairs, plastered with Airline Ambassadors stickers, through the airport in La Paz.

"It's frustrating working with the governments," said Gansler. "They're glad to have the supplies, but we have to get through the red tape. We had one shipment to Ecuador we couldn't get off the tarmac because of the red tape. I'm sure it was sold on the black market."

Humanitarian aid

The Airline Ambassadors was founded by Revard, an American Airlines flight attendant, in 1996. Its more than 1,200 members hand-deliver humanitarian aid to children. Many are airline employees who use their luggage space and donate air miles to transport the supplies and escort children to and from medical treatment and to new homes.

Henning and Gansler have been working with Revard for several years. They gathered supplies to ship to Latin American countries devastated by Hurricane Mitch and came up with a U-Haul full of medical supplies for a delivery to Africa with 24-hours notice.

"It's divine intervention; it's incredible how it all falls together," said Gansler. "We'll take two huge grow bags that when completely filled weigh about 200 pounds, to the airport, give it to the flight attendants and they pass it on and the supplies always get to where they're supposed to go."

For the Bolivia mission, Revard has donated tickets for Henning and Gansler, who are honorary Airline Ambassadors. Gansler's five-year-old son Kristian also will go as the youngest ambassador.

Henning will leave Sept. 5 to coordinate the hospitals, doctors and orphanages that will be a part of the mission. She plans to put a spiritual spin on the trip at Lake Titicaca by having the kallawayas, or shamans, bless the mission workers.

"This will be a different trip because others will be involved," said Henning. "I used to feel bad about the conditions and just did what I did. I didn't expect help from anybody."

Tax-deductible donations – checks should be made payable the Airline Ambassadors' Bolivia Program – can be sent to Linda Henning Gansler, 36853 Angeline Circle, Livonia 48150.

Hands Across the Water holds adoption meetings

Hands Across the Water will conduct an adoption information meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in Ann Arbor.

Jerrie Jenesta, a nationally known author, lecturer and adoptive parent, will discuss medical issues families should be aware of when adopting internationally.

The meeting will be held at Hands Across the Water offices at 2300 Washtenaw, Suite 103B. There is a $5 per person charge.

The agency, a licensed private, nonprofit adoption agency, will offer its free monthly information meeting on its adoption programs and services 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8.

In addition to discussing the adoption process, both domestic and international, facilitators for Hands Across the Water's Russian program will be on hand to discuss program specifics and show videos of available children.

To register for either of the programs or for more information, call (734) 913-0831.

Relief *from page B1*

it happened. Watching the devastation on television, they immediately began calling Karakucuk's relatives in Istanbul. They found some relief when they discovered the center of the disaster was not in her hometown although many buildings were destroyed.

"Just being a Turk makes us care," said Karakucuk. "Just the fact that we've been there."

She said she was sure that every person with a connection to the country will discover that someone they know has been affected by the disaster.

Petrillo said it was not only the local people who were in danger.

"The beach is the closest place to go, for even a weekend," she said. "Not just local people were killed, also vacationers."

Because of the close family structure among Turks, the news of the earthquake was emotionally damaging for relatives and friends living in the United States, according to Marsa.

He feels that now is a time for everyone to band together in an effort to relieve the suffering and help provide the estimated 200,000 people, who are now homeless, with the necessities they have lost.

Marsa is urging friends and others interested in helping the cause to donate goods, money or volunteer time. Working with TACAM, Marsa, Karakucuk and Petrillo are contacting businesses who may wish to donate money, or set up matching fund plans among employees.

Karakucuk said in one day of volunteering at TACAM, she received about 25 phone calls inquiring about how to get goods to Turkey. The organization will be shipping goods there this week.

"The biggest problem is the people left homeless," said Marsa. "They don't have any clothes. Imagine if someone kicked you out of the house and said 'Go survive on the street.' That's why we're trying to help with long-term relief."

So far, Marsa estimated that TACAM has raised about $250,000 in donations toward the relief effort. But Petrillo said that amount only accounts for a small portion of the $40 billion in damages estimated by the American Red Cross.

"We need to do as much as we can this week," said Marsa, who is concerned that the public spotlight is slowly moving away from news concerning the earthquake.

Ways to help

Despite the considerable distance between the United States and Turkey, Karakucuk said she's concentrating on ways she can help make a difference. The earthquake has changed the way these three people see the world, they said.

"It's really an awakening process," said Marsa. "The last major relief effort was for people in Kosovo ... This comes even closer to your life."

Karakucuk fought back tears while talking about friends and family she has yet to contact, and those who have been confirmed dead because of the earthquake.

Having lived in Turkey, she can't get the disaster off of her mind. She said she was upset that the disaster had succeeded in destroying so much, after the country had worked so hard to begin a more stable process of development.

"There is nothing you can do about it," she said. But her husband assured her that "that's where our energies stem from."

"I feel fortunate that I have the energy and strength to help other people," he added. "You can't make people who lost their families feel better, but you can make them comfortable."

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE TO THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, for those person that are physically unable to attend the polls or are 60 years of age or older. An application for a ballot must be completed by the voter prior to the issuance of a ballot. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Saturday, September 11, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote absentee may vote in person at the City Clerk's Office up to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 1999.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS, City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

The City of Westland will hold its Public Accuracy Test on the Unilect Patriot voting equipment for the September 14, 1999 Primary Election on Thursday, September 9, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS,
Westland City Clerk

Publish: September 2, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND
PRIMARY ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, September 14, 1999 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Office of Councilman.

List of polling place locations:

PCTS.	LOCATIONS
1 - 19	Madison School, 1075 S. Carlson
2 - 32	Kettering School, 1200 Hubbard
3 - 7	Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette
5 - 29	Edison School, 34505 Hunter
6	Adams Jr. High, 33475 Palmer
8	Patchin School, 6420 Newburgh
9	Jefferson School, 32150 Dorsey
10	Lincoln School, 33800 Grand Traverse
11 - 23	Elliott School, 30800 Bennington
12 - 25 - 35	Whittier School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
13 - 18	Schweitzer School, 2601 Treadwell
14	Marshall Jr. High, 35100 Bayview
15 - 41	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.
16	Holliday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
17 - 37	Graham School, 1255 S. John Hix
20	Wildwood School, 500 N. Wildwood
21	Lowell Jr. High School, 8400 Hix
24	Lutheran High School - Westland, 33300 Cowan
26 - 33	Hamilton School, 1031 Schuman
27	Perrinsville School, 33344 Ann Arbor Trail
28	Church of Christ - Annapolis Park, 30355 Annapolis
30 - 31	Hayes School, 30500 Louise Ct.
34 - 38	Dyer Social Service Center - Senior Wing, 36745 Marquette
36	Nankin Mills School, 8100 Hubbard
39	Landings Apartment Club House, 7000 Lakeview
40	Divine Savior Parish, 39375 Joy
41	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct.

The polls for said Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of Election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the house prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are wheelchair accessible.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS,
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, September 7, 1999, the Westland Police Department will conduct a Public Auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135-2499, (734) 525-8814 on or before **September 17, 1999 at 3:00 P.M.** for the following items:

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

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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ENGAGEMENTS

Barnett-Vitarelli

Graham and Jo Ann Barnett of Rockford, Mich., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Hayley Jo, to Chad Michael Vitarelli, the son of George and Lillian Vitarelli of Livonia.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Grand Valley State University in December with a degree in music education.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1995 graduate of Cedarville College in Ohio and a 1999 graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He is currently employed as a minister of music and worship at Highland

Hills Baptist Church in Grand Rapids.

A September wedding is planned at Highland Hills Baptist Church in Grand Rapids.

Shultz-Kearney

Fred and Barbara Shultz of Stillwater, Okla., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kerri Dawn, to Brett Allen Kearney, the son of Donald and Barbara Kearney of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor of science degree in education and a master of business administration degree. She is employed by MCI Worldcom as a senior management trainer.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Ford Motor Co.'s Visteon Division in Tulsa, Okla., as a mechanical engineer.

A September wedding is planned at Keystone Lake, Okla.

Krolczyk-Croket

Lorraine Samarziya of Lapeer and Joseph Krolczyk of Redford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jeannie Marie, to Mark Douglas Croket, the son of Frank and Virginia Croket of Louisville, Ky.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan. She finishing work on her master of arts degree in psychology, specializing in marriage and family therapy, at Wayne State University.

Her fiancé is a 1984 graduate of North Farmington High School and graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. He is employed by American Axle and

Manufacturing in Detroit as a facilities engineer.

A September wedding in Dearborn is planned.

Gardell-Dutton

Gary and Carol Gardell of Northville announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Emily Christine, to Jeffrey Scott Dutton, the son of Richard and Elizabeth Dutton of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree.

Her fiancé is a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of business administration degree with honors in hospitality management.

A September wedding in Livonia is being planned.

Temple-Riddle

Phillip and Joyce Temple of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Karen Sue, to James "Wayne" Riddle, the son of Sam and Joanne Riddle of Columbia, S.C.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1995 graduate of Taylor University. She is employed by the University of South Carolina Press.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Spring Valley High School in Columbia. He is employed by the State of South Carolina Department of Public Safety.

A September wedding is planned at the Plymouth

Church of the Nazarene.

Foust-Champlin

Brian and Cathy Foust of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiair Kelly, to Christopher Michael Champlin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Young of Jamestown, N.Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Champlin of Tallahassee, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy.

Her fiancé is a 1996 graduate of Jamestown High School.

A June wedding is planned at Bethel Lutheran Church in Jamestown.

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.

NEW ADDITION

Livonia Baptist Church has begun construction of a multipurpose building that will provide facilities for a Family Life Center.

The new building, which will be added to the present sanctuary and educational units, will include a gymnasium, kitchen and garage.

The church also is renovating the inside of the sanctuary. What began as a dream in 1984 should be completed by the first of next year.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Phil Seymour will discuss "Dreams, Visions and Images" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

BIBLE CLASS

Currently representing 16 denominations and 61 congregations, the community Bible class will resume weekly classes at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Pre-class study groups will meet at 9:30 a.m. The class takes participants through the Bible, chapter by chapter, in eight years.

Pam Dodge will begin her fourth year, leading the study. She has been on staff at Ward for 14 years and currently is director of single young adults. Dodge is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is a doctoral degree candidate in biblical studies at the University of Michigan.

To arrange for child care or for more information, call Bonny Romberg at (248) 349-7258.

REMARRIEDS WORKSHOP

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will offer a 14-week workshop, equipping remarried couples with the tools for successful marriages and families, at 7 p.m. beginning Wednesdays, Sept. 8, in Room A102 of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville.

A different topic will be covered each week. There is no cost and child care will be provided.

To register or for more information about the Remarried Ministries, call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Congregation Beit Kodesh will hold High Holiday service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the synagogue, 31840 W Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Rosh Hashanah services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday Sept. 11, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Yom Kippur services will be at 6:30 p.m. (Kol Nidre) Sunday, Sept. 19, and 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20. Tickets will be on sale 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 5 at the synagogue. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

SUCCESS SEMINAR

Men, have you been thinking that there's got to be more to life than this? Are you under pressure? Do you often have the lingering feeling that something just isn't right?

The Success that Matters seminar might be what you're looking for. The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Road, Northville

The seminar costs $30 and includes a continental breakfast at 7 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

YOUTH RALLY

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland will hold a youth rally at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 33031

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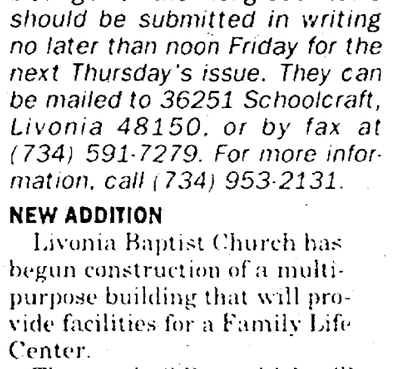

Oakwood Welcomes

Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc
Director, Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program

Oakwood is pleased to welcome Yasser M. Awaad, MD, MSc, and the new Pediatric Neurology and Movement Disorders Program. Dr. Awaad brings his medical expertise and more than 21 years of experience to Oakwood where he will care for infants, children and adolescents with a variety of neurological problems including: headaches, seizures, head trauma, learning disorders, cerebral palsy and many other diseases. Dr. Awaad also specializes in the evaluation and management of children and adults who experience tics, Tourette syndrome, dystonia, spasticity and other movement disorders.

Education and Professional

Dr. Awaad is a member of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Movement Disorders Society and the National and International Child Neurology Associations. He completed his Pediatric residency and Child Neurology fellowship at New York University Medical Center and comes to Oakwood from Children's Hospital of Michigan. He utilizes state-of-the-art therapy to treat children with spastic muscle disorders, including oral medications, Botulinum toxin injections and intrathecal Baclofen pumps.

Practice Information

In Addition to his pediatric neurology practice and role with the Movement Disorders program, Dr. Awaad is also joining Oakwood's new Program for Exceptional Families - a multidisciplinary program that provides comprehensive, coordinated care for children with chronic, complex disorders and disabilities. He is currently seeing patients at his office in the Oakwood Waterworks Building on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. To schedule an appointment today, please call 313-791-4323.

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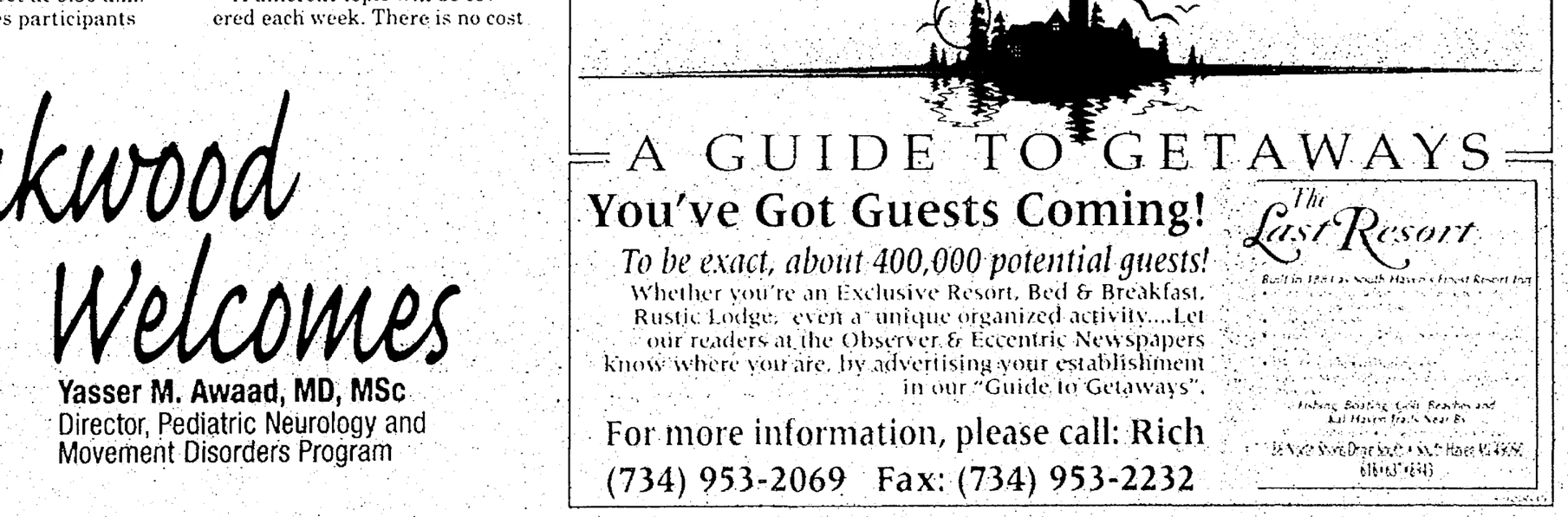

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANIMAL ADOPTION
The Dearborn Animal Shelter will have an Adoption Showcase 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Pet Smart, Ford Road and Mercury Drive in Dearborn. For information, call Jill Smith at (313) 441-3244 or the shelter at (313) 943-2697.

TOWN HALL
Mayor Robert Thomas has scheduled his next Town Hall meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Willow Creek Apartments clubhouse, 1673 Fairwood, off of Newburgh near Marquette.
Residents may take their concerns or comments to the mayor and his administration during the forum.

RAILROADIANA
Those interested can buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For table registration, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Preregistered tables are $12, tables at the door, if available, are $20. Admission is $2 per person, $4 per family.

ROAD RALLY
Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Wayne County Chapter will hold its second annual Road Rally 2:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, starting at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, between Warren Road and Hines Drive in Westland. Price is $40 per couple for the "Not Your Average Road Rally Fund-raiser." An auction will be held at the end. All proceeds will support Wayne County MADD. For information, call (734) 721-8181.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY
The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 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. Friends also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

RECREATION

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

FIGURE SKATING
Figure skaters interested in USFSA Synchronized (Precision) Skating are needed to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint venture teams. Prior team experience not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

BAILEY CENTER POOL
The pool at Westland's Bailey Center is on Ford at Carlson. Regular hours are noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day, is the last day.
For information, call (734) 722-7620.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING
Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

ANGEL CARE
Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc. blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN
Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527.

SCHOOLS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
Applications for the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship program are available at the administrative offices of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. The program is open to high school seniors who live in Wayne or Westland or attend Wayne-Westland schools. The Junior Miss program awards the scholarships, which are raised by donations from local businesses. Criteria are scholastic record, presence and composure, judge's interview, physical fitness and talent. Finalists advance to the Michigan Junior Miss program for additional scholarships. Stephanie Mead, a 1998 finalist, and Courtney Cagnon, a 1999 finalist, both successfully competed at the state level and participated at the America's Junior Miss program in Mobile, Ala.
For information, contact Pat Hermatz at the Wayne Lawn and Garden Center on Wayne Road, or call (734) 721-5220.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

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 meet 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) 561-4110.

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 PEOPLES
Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 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. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP
Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

BUILDING BLOCKS
Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, has morning and afternoon classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. A prekindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information for the 1999-2000 school year.

Pompon winners

We've got spirit: *The Churchill High School squad shows lots of enthusiasm.*

Churchill squad succeeds

Livonia Churchill's varsity pompon squad didn't take off the entire summer, and it paid off.

Twenty-four of the 28 team members recently competed in Mid-American's Pompon and Dance Camp at Grand Valley State University. There, the squad coached by Judy Nouhan and Vickie Middleton, won first-place ribbons all three days at camp and on the last day received trophies for Grand Champs, Overall Best Showmanship, Overall Best Peppy Pom and a third place in Senior Kickline.

Out of the 19 squads that had attended the camp, only one girl received the award for "Smile, Sparkle and Shine" – Dayna Petroskey of Churchill, who is entering her fourth year on the varsity squad.

Mid-American picks an All-Star team during the tournament and each girl has to try out for this select pompon team.

The girls who made the team from Churchill this year are Heather Petres, Sarah Gorski, Carri Miller, Kristin McGowan, Courtney Malo, Kelly Burnett, Melissa Peckham, Dayna Petroskey, Jamina Ramierez, Teresa DeVore, Katie Webster and Shelley Mitchell.

That all-star team will be performing at the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade and the 2000 Orange Bowl halftime show in Florida this year.

FRANKLIN PTSA
The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community. Members need not 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. It will resume Sept. 22. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY
An Adult Literacy program is being offered free at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center starting Sept. 22. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Adult Literacy enrollment or additional information, 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 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. 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.

HISTORIC

GENEALOGY
The Westland Historical Commission and the Westland library are sponsoring a genealogy seminar. There will be six classes 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 13 through Oct. 11 at the library's Conference Room A and B. Included will be a field trip to the Westland Historical Museum and a class on using the Internet. Price is $10. For information, call Steve Keller, (734) 722-6305.

FRIENDS OF ELOISE
The Westland Historical Commission is sponsoring a Friends of Eloise group. The organizing meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the dining room of the Kay Beard Building, on Michigan Avenue between Henry Ruff and Merriman. For information, call Jo Johnson, (734) 522-3918.

PERRINSVILLE
The historic Perrinsville one-room school opens to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriman in Westland.

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. Call President Jim Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS
Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

DEHART VISIT
State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, will visit Marquette House 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, to help kick off festivities for National Assisted Living Week, Sept. 12-18. She will discuss current legislation affecting seniors, state preparation for Y2K and will answer questions. The facility is at 36000 Campus Drive, Westland. The public may attend. For information, call Sally Levay, (734) 326-6685.

TEA, FASHION
Presbyterian Village Westland will present a vintage clothing fashion show and tea 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at 32001 Cherry Hill, Westland. Reservations are required; call (734) 728-5222.

DINNER AND SHOW
A trip to dinner and the play "Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is $85. Arrive at the Friendship Center at 4 p.m., eat at Three Brothers Restaurant at 5 p.m., arrive at Detroit Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Play starts at 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

SENIOR CHOIR
A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE
Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout for the older adult. The exercise 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 1 p.m. two Fridays a month 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 an $8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE
The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 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 nonmembers. 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 elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to work in. 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 Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY
The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

SWEET ADELINES
The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 8975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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. MI28, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.
Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen, (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419.

CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers *welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI. 48150, or by* **fax to 734-591-7279**. *Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.*

Event:

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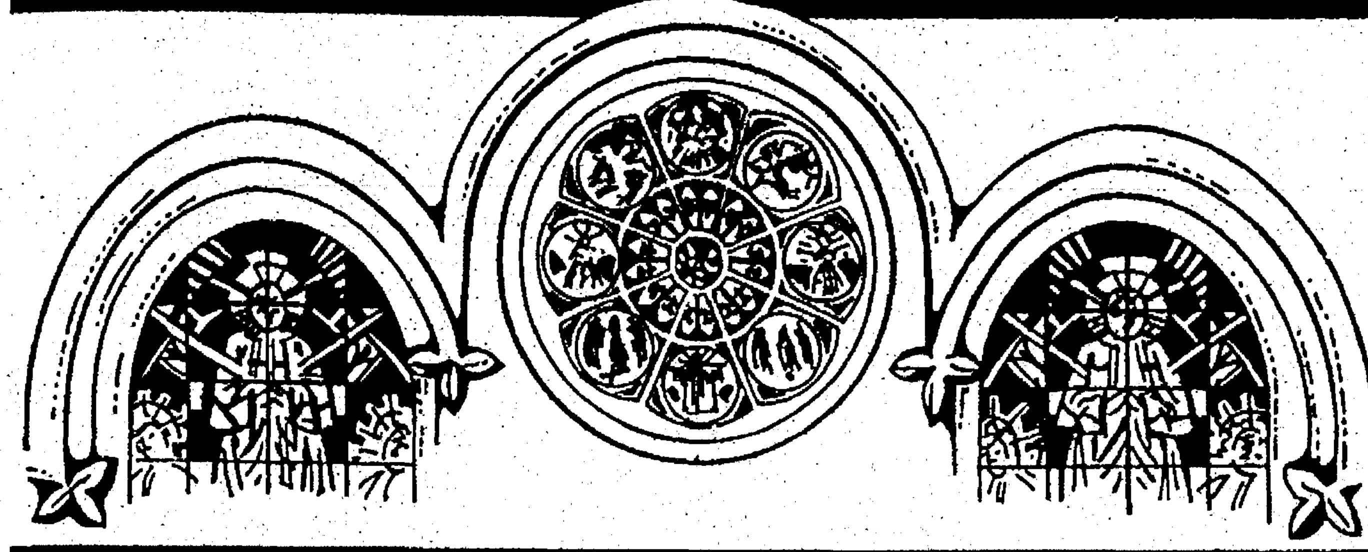

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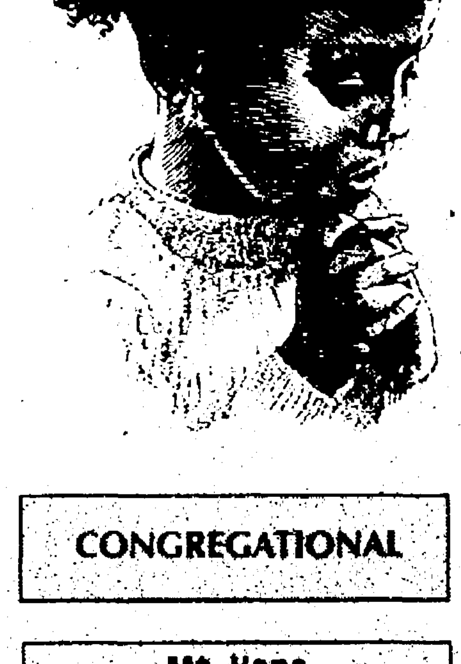

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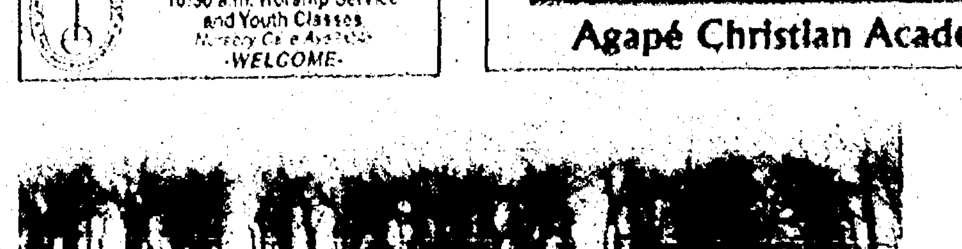

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Cherry Hill Road, between Wayne and Venoy roads. Jimmy Mitchell will be the featured guest speaker. Mitchell is youth pastor at the Sophia Baptist Church in Beckley, W. Va., where he is a police officer.

ADULT DANCE

St. Theodore Parish will have a pre-Family Fun Day Dance 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets cost $10 per person and includes beer, setups and snacks. Food will be available at a nominal cost. Music will be by the Sunrise Band, featuring "Elvis the King" live impersonation floor show. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have a Friendship Festival 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. There will be food, fun, games and entertainment. Craft tables are available at $15 each. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-0260.

GUEST SPEAKER

David Ring of Franklin, Tenn., will present powerful testimony of how the love of Jesus Christ transformed him from "a cerebral palsy victim into a cerebral palsy victor" when he speaks at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Empowered by Jesus Christ, Ring has overcome extreme physical and emotional obstacles to become a messenger of the Gospel. In 1971, God called him into the ministry which he entered full-time in 1973. He has been a guest on "The Old Time Gospel Hour" and the "700 Club" and has spoken at numerous conferences, youth rallies and conventions.

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

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is starting beginner Tai Chi classes at three locations, starting Monday, Sept. 13.

Classes will met 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills,

For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

■ Jeff Smith will teach Tai Chi classes 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 20, in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia.

Smith, who has been practicing Tai Chi since age 15, will teach a Yang form of Tai Chi. The class costs $20 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session. For more information or to sign up, call parish nurse Ida Reifsnyder at (734) 421-5406.

REMARRIED MINISTRIES

The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will offer an informal drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of being a blended family.

The group, hosted by the Rev. Paul Klough, will meet 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, beginning Sept. 14, in Room C309 of the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville.

For more information, call the Remarried Ministries at (248) 374-5912.

BIBLE STUDY

The First Church of the Nazarene will have a ladies' evening Bible study at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 14.

The study, a part of the Creative Living series, will focus on the Book of Acts. There is a $15 registration and materials fee for first semester materials. First Church of the Nazarene is at 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

For more information, call Judy DePoy at (248) 473-5449.

Splish, splash: *The Rev. Wayne Parker, pastor of the Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City, gets an unexpected shower from the church's new "flush chair," a part of a fund raiser to benefit its missionary programs. Church leaders will take turns in the chair at the church-sponsored community block party Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church, 2055 Merriman Road. For more information, call (734) 421-0472.*

Praise Chapel moves to temporary facility

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 5, Praise Chapel Church of God will meet for Sunday morning worship services in the amphitheater at the Novi Hilton Conference Center, Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road, Novi.

Services will start at 10 a.m. under the leadership of the Rev. Ronald Schubert, senior pastor. The children's church, led by Ray and Maryann Coram of Plymouth, nursery program, led by Tina Vinditelli of Westland, and a preschool toddler group for children ages 3-5, led by Suzie Loden of Plymouth, will be available.

"Praise Chapel is moving from a loaned facility in Westland to temporary facilities in the Plymouth-Northville area until permanent quarters can be purchased," Schubert said. "This relocation is part of our plan to expand services in the Plymouth-Northville area.

"We sold our building on Mill Street in Plymouth three years ago as a first step in a long-range plan to obtain larger, more flexible facilities to better accommodate youth activities and other community services."

Midweek services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, across from the hotel.

Sunday evening home study groups will continue to meet in the homes of Ron and Cindy Goins of Livonia and John and Kim Ascensio of Westland.

Other home studies include the college and career group for young adults, led by Ron and Robin Schubert, and a teen youth group, led by John and Jamie Fox of Ypsilanti.

The Foxes were recently hired as the youth pastor in an effort to increase services to teens, according to Schubert. The had been associate youth pastor for seven years at the Church of God in Belleville.

In addition to the adult and teen group, the midweek program includes a pre-teen group for 12-year-old boys and girls led by Nona Wilson of Redford, Boys Club directed by Ray Coram, Girls Club directed by Wanda Parks of Canton and a nursery program for children up to age 4 under the direction of Vindittelli.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Dobrzynski shoots ace

Terry Dobrzynski of Livonia made a hole-in-one Aug. 26 at Idyl Wyld.

Dobrzynski, 45, is a 25-year veteran of golf who recorded his first ace with a pitching wedge on the 127-yard par-3 14th hole.

Dobrzynski shot 46 for nine holes.

Chargers at Oak Pointe

Livonia Churchill's golf team shot 326 Monday to finish 19th in the Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe.

Will Bashara and Lance Antrobus each carded 78s for Churchill. Evan Chall had an 83, Randall Boboige shot an 87 and Jeff Hunter shot 90.

Collegiate notes

•Marie Spaccarotella (Churchill) scored a goal and added an assist Aug. 29 to help the University of Michigan's women's soccer team defeat Oakland University, 4-1.

Spaccarotella scored at 73:26 in the Wolverines' season opener.

•Senior Erin LeSage (Livonia Ladywood) is one of four returning letter winners on the Central Michigan University women's volleyball team. She returns as a starting defensive specialist.

LeSage averaged 2.4 digs per game last season. She is also one of the Chippewas' top servers.

•Freshmen expected to step in and play key roles on the Central Michigan volleyball team include outside hitter Jenny Young (Plymouth, Livonia Ladywood) and redshirt outside hitter Jenny Trott (Plymouth Salem).

Junior Nicole Vondracek (Livonia) is also on the team.

•Luba Steca (Churchill) is expected to play a key role on Siena Heights' volleyball team this fall.

•Junior Lizz Szkrybalo (Churchill) scored Missouri-Rolla's only goal Sunday in a 5-1 loss to St. Joseph's.

Travel baseball tryouts

•Tryouts for a Sandy Koufax travel baseball team, the Livonia L.C. Travel 14s, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 11-12 at Bicentennial Park, Field No. 3.

The competitive travel team will play a 50-60 game schedule. For more information, call Larry Draughn at (734) 422-1388 or Jim Moss at (248) 476-8608.

•Tryouts for the 15- and 16 year-old Michigan Lake Area Rams baseball team will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Madonna University Park. For more information, call Rick Arbogast at (313) 291-8969.

Run Like the Wind 10K

The first Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer race will start at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park (located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail).

The pre-registration fee (received by Aug. 25) is $15 (includes T-shirt). Late registration is $18. Fees (without T-shirt) are $6 (pre-registration) and $8 (late).

Trophies will be awarded to age-group winners, along with the top male and female (open and masters). Medals will go to the second- and third-place finishers.

Proceeds will go to the Michigan Running Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth running in Michigan.

For more information, call Chuck Block at (248) 478-3596.

Friendship Run/Walk

The 50th Anniversary Friendship Festival Run/Walk is slated for Saturday, Sept. 11 at Central City Park in Westland. Sponsor is St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

There will be a 5-kilometer run/walk starting at 3:30 p.m. The one-mile run/walk is set for 3 p.m.

Cost to participate is $10, which includes a T-shirt and drink cup. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 4; race day registration will be 2-2:45 p.m.

Medals will be given to the top three male and female overall finishers in the 5K race. Concessions will be available on race day. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew Lutheran and mailed to Jess Shough, 35680 Fernwood, Westland, Mi., 48186.

For more information, call Jess or Carolyn Shough at (734) 729-4720, or St. Matthew Lutheran Church and school at (734) 425-0261 or (734) 425-0260.

Clarenceville wins Hudkins' debut

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FOOTBALL

Greg Hudkins couldn't have asked for a better start as Livonia Clarenceville football coach.

The former Monroe assistant made a successful debut Saturday night before the home fans with a 23-6 upset victory over Harper Woods, the Metro Conference favorite and perennial league power. It was Clarenceville's first win over the Pioneers since 1994.

Clarenceville held Harper Woods to 118 yards total offense (all on the ground).

"What they did to us is normally what we do to them," Harper Woods 20th-year coach John Moher said. "They just overpowered us."

Tim Shaw, a 6-foot-2, 205-pound sophomore who played in the shadow last year of Clarenceville's all-time leading rusher, Walter Ragland, had his own coming out party. Shaw rushed for a workmanlike 142 yards and two touchdowns in 21 carries.

Many of his holes were provided by 6-5, 265-pound senior tackle Josh Rose and 5-10, 190-pound senior guard Kalen McPherson, along with senior fullback Rob Fillinger.

"Once Tim Shaw goes, he's going forward and he's going hard," said Hudkins, who implemented the Wing-T attack he learned as an assistant coach under Monroe's Ralph Carducci. "We just tell Tim to make the cut and attack the weak spot on the defense.

"After the first quarter, we stopped the isolation plays and traps and just started running behind McPherson and Rose. And Rob Fillinger, who didn't have a carry, did a nice job blocking for Tim."

It was a defensive standoff for much of the first half, but Shaw broke the scoreless deadlock with a 45-yard TD run with 32 seconds left in the half.

Quarterback Tim Riedl then ran for the two-pointer to make it 8-0.

Clarenceville took the second-half kickoff and marched 78 yards in 11 plays, capped by Shaw's 10-yard TD run. Riedl's 31-yard pass to Corey McKendry set up the score.

Battering ram Scott Wion, a 6-4, 226-pound junior wingback, scored on the two-pointer with 6:01 left in the third period to give the Trojans a 16-0 advantage.

Clarenceville's defense held Harper Woods on its third-quarter possession, but the Trojans' only turnover of the game (off a fumbled punt return) set up the Pioneers' lone score, a 28-yard TD run by Justin Dattilio with 1:19 left in the period to make it 16-6.

Clarenceville put it away with 7:17 left in the fourth on Riedl's 27-yard scoring pass to Wion, who wrestled the

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Warriors start hoop season with win

Pretty? Most season-opening basketball games are beautiful only in that they're the first look at the current year's team.

"It's always nice to win ugly," coach Ron Gentz said Tuesday after his Lutheran High Westland team got its girls basketball season off to a successful start with a 52-30 victory over Southfield Christian.

The victory put Lutheran Westland into tonight's finals of the Royal Oak Shrine tournament.

"Sometimes," Gentz said, "you have to be lucky. We don't play summer ball, so after we made our cuts we only worked seven days together as a team.

"And since seven of our 12 faces are new, it's going to take some time."

Katie Walker led the Warriors with 14 points but was the only one in double figures. Cristina Tildon had nine while Anna Rolf scored six.

Lutheran Westland was 8-for-10 at the free throw line while Southfield Christian went to the line 25 times but only made 10 shots.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Warriors jumped out to an 8-4 lead in a slow first quarter but improved that margin to 24-14 by the half. Southfield Christian cut a point off the margin after three periods but ran out of gas and was outscored, 20-7, in the final quarter.

"We rotated 12 girls," Gentz said. "She only had eight.

"It was 26-23 at one point midway through the third quarter. It seemed the last 11-12 minutes we had a little extra energy left.

"Our kids played good defensively, but we turned the ball over too, too many times. I hope we get better at protecting ball. I think we will."

•**FLINT POWERS 67, LADYWOOD 58:** The Blazers got beat up in the middle and, thus, got beat on the scoreboard, too.

Junior forward Michelle Harakas scored 18 points and had eight rebounds Tuesday and senior guard Kristen Barnes added 15 points, but visiting Livonia Ladywood got little else in its season opener.

"They're a good team," Coach Andrea Gorski of Ladywood said. "It was a good first game for us.

"The biggest part of the game, other than Michelle, was that they took away our inside game. Every time we took the ball inside, they had two, three or four players in there. It made it tough to get a shot off.

"We needed to have some guards step up, produce from the outside and penetrate to the inside, so they couldn't pack it in. That didn't happen.

"I think we penetrated inside four times in the entire game. 'We'll work on that. But we did a real good job of handling the press. And they pressed the whole game.

"That was a big question mark for us before the game. But we took care of the ball."

Barnes did step up from the outside, sinking five three-point baskets for her 15 points, but sophomore center Liz Obrecht was held to eight points plus nine rebounds while her junior counterpart for Powers, Kelly Koerber, scored 18. She was dominant in the second half, scoring 14 of her points.

Sophomore guard Rachel Carney scored 12 points.

Powers got out to a 16-10 lead in the first quarter and added another two points to that by intermission, 31-23. The third quarter went Powers' way by a 24-14 margin before Ladywood mopped up at the end.

Free throws were a factor as host Powers went to the line 27 times in the game to just nine times for Ladywood. Powers converted 15 times to just four for Ladywood.

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'Not around here': *Franklin's Kerstin Marshall doesn't want to let Thurston's Onika Joseph take a shot Monday to get the girls prep basketball season under way. The Eagles won, 50-32, but the Patroits beat tournament host Redford Union on Tuesday.*

Spartans, Warriors start on right foot

SOCCER

The soccer season has gotten off to a good start for Livonia Stevenson and Lutheran High Westland.

Stevenson played a scoreless tie with Troy on Saturday, then went to Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday and slapped the River Rats, 4-0.

Lutheran Westland opened at home Tuesday against Southfield Christian, the same team it lost to, 1-0, a year ago in its opener.

This time, though, the Warriors were on the top end of the 1-0 score.

Junior Derek Bias's header off a nice cross from sophomore Jeff Broge from deep in the corner was the only goal of the game. Bias scored at the 37:13 mark of the first half.

All-State Division IV goalie Andy Gliesman made nine saves in recording his 28th career shutout.

"I thought my guys played real tough, especially Gliesman," Coach Rich Block said. "Southfield Christian played real big in the second half.

"They had some good looks. But my team never quit. It was pushed on and bent, but it never broke."

Goalie Joe Zawacki has yet to give up a goal this season for Stevenson.

"It's been very, very encouraging on the defensive side of the ball so far," Coach Lars Richter said. "That's one aspect of our game in which I've been very, very pleased so far.

"We've gotten outstanding goalkeeping from Joe and some solid leadership from Jeff Budd in back. And a guy who's been fantastic the first two games, but someone you seldom hear of is Tommaso Mannella. He's kind of a defensive midfielder for us.

Against Huron, senior center-midfielder Mike White had a goal plus an assist while senior defenseman Budd had a goal. Senior forward Dan Lipon scored, as did freshman forward Nik Djokic. Sophomore forward Ryan Drolet had a pair of assists.

"Troy played us very well," Richter said. "Defensively, I think we were up for the challenge, but offensively I think we weren't quite playing with the type of confidence that we need to have

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Stevenson harriers running strong again

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Despite losing three talented runners to graduation, Livonia Stevenson girls cross country coach Paul Holmberg will just reload.

And it doesn't hurt that the five-time defending Western Lakes Activities Association champions return the area's top runner, senior Andrea Parker.

"If we stay healthy, and that's a big 'if' with a young team, we could be as good as last year," Holmberg said. "We have our best freshman group since Kelly Travis and Kelly McNeilance. We have nine or 10 kids who will rotate, and that makes for good healthy competition."

Kim McNeilance, Christy Tzilos and Katie Sherron helped Stevenson return to the state meet once again, but that trio has moved on to college.

That leaves Parker, who again should lead the pack in most major meets. The two-time All-Stater was first again in the WLAA and won the regional. She finished ninth in the state and posted a best time of 18:35 for 5,000 meters.

"Andrea looks good, she should have another good year," Holmberg said.

Who will fill in the gaps?

Holmberg is counting on senior returnees Leslie Knapp and Julie Sachau, along with sophomores Marissa Montgomery, Tara Tarole and Jenna Felczak. Junior Megan Landry could also break into the lineup.

Three freshmen will also figure prominently — Tessa Tarole, Steffanie Rousseau and Sara Pilon.

"Those freshman are really pushing people," Holmberg said. "Right now we have about 11 or 12 kids who are really running well."

Livonia Churchill

Fourth-year coach Sue Tatigian is optimistic and confident about her team's chances of moving up this season in the WLAA.

The Chargers, sixth at the regional, lost honorable mention All-Area pick Ashley Fillion to Miami of Ohio and Liliana Cipollone to graduation.

But first-team All-Observer performer Alison Fillion, a state qualifier and All-WLAA honor winner, returns along with second-team All-Area selection Stephanie Skwiers.

Both are seniors and will serve as tri-captains along with senior Christy Smith.

"Those three seniors are providing good team leadership and they will be the backbone of this team," Tatigian said. "They are setting a good example and have worked extremely hard."

Other returnees include sophomore Susan Duncan, junior Colleen Hayden, senior Ailese Scott, junior Kelly Grigg and junior Meghan McEacheran.

But Tatigian believes two promising freshmen, Sarah Westrick and Michelle Phillips, "should have an immediate impact.

"I think we have more depth and we're better than last year," said Tatigian, whose Chargers were second in the Western Division last year. "I think some kids have stepped it up a notch. They've been working extremely hard this summer."

Junior Mandy Hein could also contribute.

Andrea Parker
Livonia Stevenson

Alison Fillion
Livonia Churchill

Tess Kuehne
Lutheran Westland

Livonia Franklin

Fourth-year coach Dale Lee can't hide his excitement.

"We have a pretty good crop of freshmen," said Lee, who has a 16-member squad. "We have a lot of inexperienced runners, but they are all mentally tough, they love to run and they do have talent."

Last year Franklin was 10th out of 12 teams in the WLAA, but this season Lee expects marked improvement.

The only major loss to graduation was Jenny Furlong (now at Schoolcraft College).

Three seniors return including Diana Potter, Jill Webber and Michelle Ledesma.

But freshman Monica Nakonezny and sophomore Christine Witte finished one-two in Franklin's most recent time trial leading up to today's city meet at Cass Benton Park.

Four other freshmen will make bids for varsity spots including Erica Johnson, Katie Wint, Amanda Bowmer and Katie Brown.

"There's so much more competition, we're three times the team we were last year," Lee said. "I think we'll finish higher than 10th. This group ran all summer long and this group feeds off each other. I'm pretty excited."

Livonia Ladywood

New coach Lee Shaw has a very young team at Livonia Ladywood.

"We have just one senior, co-captain Candice Tatarion," Shaw said. "Jennifer Koterba, our other co-captain, is a junior.

"The bulk of our team are freshman and sophomores. Our best freshman is Anna Plagany and the best of our sophomores coming back is Stacey Schroeder.

"From what I've seen so far, it looks like the bulk of our team is going to come out of our freshmen and sophomores.

"We're real young. We're looking for the future. Everybody on the team is working hard and they know what's expected of them."

Shaw is working with a 15-girl squad as only eight members of last year's 20-girl team returned.

Two new team members who have impressed Shaw thus far are Stephanie Stachura, who also plays soccer, and Rachel Andersen, who played golf and basketball last year.

"Right now," Shaw said, "we feel we've got 12 girls who could make varsity. The other three are catching up real quick."

Shaw has been a runner himself since the age of seven. He was recruited to run at Siena Heights in 1995 and transferred to Eastern Michigan, where he ran for four years and made All-America.

Westland John Glenn

Cathy German was just your basic high school science teacher who ran — until this year.

"A lot of the kids on the cross country team are in my class," she said. "They knew I run to keep in shape.

"So they asked me if I'd take over coaching them. We've been running all summer.

"Two of the girls beat me all the time. But it's great for both of us. It's good for me and it's good for them.

"I'm having a great time. I'm really enjoying it."

Westland John Glenn ran second in a quadrangular team in Ann Arbor last week. Very impressive since the Rockets have no seniors.

Junior Sharon Ryan was second out of the 38 meet participants, junior Nicole Blan ran fourth and junior Laura Mikedis finished eighth.

"And," German said, "we had a freshman, Crystal Kilgore, run a 26:51 in her first race ever. She finished 11th and looks like a great prospect."

■ GIRLS PREVIEW

German had to attend a school open house Tuesday to meet her incoming students. Good thing she did — four more girls indicated they'd like to join the team.

That would make it 17. And growing.

"This is a great group of kids, athletically and academically. I'm looking foward to great year."

Lutheran Westland

Coach Dave Brown is excited, too.

"I'm looking forward to this season," the Lutheran High Westland coach said. "This could be one of better seasons I've ever had."

Leading the Warriors back is sophomore Tess Kuehne, the team's No. 1 runner as a freshman and one of two state qualifiers Lutheran Westland had.

The other was senior Jessica Montgomery.

"Then we have a pack of about seven all battling for the last five varsity spots," Brown said. "Those nine are pretty solid."

They include junior Holly Foreman, senior Chelsea Romero, junior Mary Ebendick, sophomore Jodi Rolf, sophomore Aimee Anthony plus newcomers Angie Matthews, a sophomore, and Tara Braun, a freshman.

"Those nine are pretty solid," Brown said. "Our top two are solid and our other seven are good, too."

The Warriors qualified for the state meet from 1994 through 1997 but "last year we kind of disappeared to sixth place. We want to get back to the state meet.

"Last year we had problems with injuries. But if you're good, your depth should help you overcome that.

"Last year we were Metro Conference champion, though. And hopefully, we're going to defend that. I think it's going to be a good year."

SC falls in volleyball

Well, one thing's for certain: The Schoolcraft College volleyball team is getting a workout.

Through last weekend's tournament at Kellogg Community College and at Lansing CC Tuesday, the Lady Ocelots have gone the limit in six of their seven matches, playing all three games in each of their six best-of-three-games matches at Kellogg.

At Lansing CC Tuesday, SC played a best-of-five-games match — and took it four games before bowing, 15-17, 15-2, 16-14, 15-12.

The loss left the Ocelots with a 3-4 match record.

The top attackers for SC were Nicole Boyd, with 24 kills, and Lauren Ruprecht (from Livonia Churchill), with 17. Ruprecht also had 11 digs on defense. Danielle Wensing and Jenni Laidlaw divided the setting duties, Wensing getting 24 assists-to-kills and Laidlaw accumulating 20. Each also had 12 digs.

Cindy Maloof led the defense with 17 digs; she also had three kills, three service aces and two block assists. Amanda Yaklin had 14 digs and two aces.

At Kellogg last Friday, the Ocelots beat Kankakee CC 9-15, 15-6, 15-12 in their opener, then defeated Lake Michigan CC 16-17, 16-14, 15-9. Their last match Friday was against Grand Rapids CC, and they lost 14-16, 15-5, 15-12.

Saturday started out the way Friday ended. SC lost to both Lakeland CC 15-3, 10-15, 15-9, and to Lansing CC 13-15, 15-7, 15-4. The Ocelots won their final match of the tournament against Muskegon CC 7-15, 15-7, 15-11.

Top hitter in the tournament for SC was Boyd with 82 kills. She also had 27 digs. Ruprecht added 67 kills, six service aces and 53 digs, while Maloof collected 16 kills, seven aces and 76 digs.

Laidlaw had 104 assists to kills and 53 digs, and Wensing totaled 62 assists to kills, 11 aces and 51 digs.

The Ocelots have their alumni match Tuesday at SC, then travel to St. Clair County CC Thursday.

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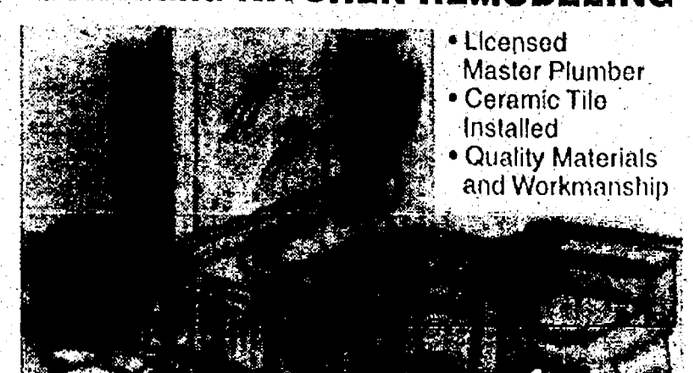

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Trojans tumble in hoop season opener

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BASKETBALL

Optimism runs wild through any team — prior to the opening tipoff of the opening game of the season. After that, it's up to the respective coaches to use the outcome of that first game the best way possible.

With the conclusion of Monday's opener of the Eagle Kickoff Classic girls basketball tournament, between Canton Agape Christian and Livonia Clarenceville, no doubt Agape coach Chuck Henry was telling his team they were good but there was still plenty of work to do.

At the same time, Clarenceville coach Jamie Clark was probably driving home the thought that it wasn't as bad as all that.

These are two teams coming from opposite directions. Last season, Agape lost just two games: in the Eagle Classic final to host Plymouth Christian Academy and in the state district final to, once again, PCA.

Clarenceville, on the other hand, won just two games a year ago. That was something coach Jamie Clark had hoped to alter.

Monday's result did nothing to reinforce her hopes: 58-14, Agape.

"We're still really inexperienced," said Clark. "I'm still trying to put my team together . . . girls are still asking me if they can come out, and I don't want to turn girls away, not when you're trying to build a program. I still have some girls on vacation."

Still, Clark had hoped for something more against Agape. "I would say frustration, at least from my point of view," she said in describing her feelings about the game. "And (for the players) intimidation. They always seem to think they can't win."

Changing a belief can be a difficult battle to wage. "We have girls who can shoot. We have girls who can dribble. We have some great rebounders. We just couldn't put it together Monday."

Indeed, the Trojans had problems with all those facets of the game, but a lot of the credit for that goes to Agape. A young team in its own right, the Wolverines — with only two seniors — are hardly inexperienced. Eight players with varsity experience return, and their coach is Chuck Henry, the long-time coach of Wayne Memorial's boys team.

Henry takes over for Alvin Cook, the Agape coach until last season, when he became ill. Cook passed away last December.

The four Wolverines with the most experience are seniors Sara Chrenko and Allie Major, and two of Henry's siblings: Margie, a junior, and Amy, a freshman. All four started last season (including Amy, as an eighth-grader).

The two losses to graduation are Kim Ther and Charla Sexton.

As far as Monday's lopsided win over Clarenceville, Henry — as expected — downplayed it. "As you know, everything is relative to your opponent's strength," he noted.

There never seemed to be any doubt which team was the stronger in this game. Agape scored the game's first eight points and led 22-4 after one quarter. The Wolverines forced 22 Clarenceville turovers in the first half alone and led 34-7 at the intermission.

Henry, who filled in for Cook last season when he became ill, has taken steps to try and take Agape to the next level. "I don't think Agape has ever won a (state) district title in any sport," Henry said. "I know they've never beaten PCA in girls basketball."

If they were hoping for a chance to do just that in Saturday's Eagle Classic final, they'll be disappointed. PCA was beaten by Warren Zoe Christian Academy, 37-27, in Monday's second game.

The championship game — Agape vs. Zoe Christian — will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday. The consolation final, between PCA and Clarenceville, will be at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"We've toughened our schedule," said Henry. "And we petitioned the (Michigan Independent Athletic Conference) to join it. We're going to play six of their teams this year."

Amy Henry paced Agape against Clarenceville with 14 points, 10 of those coming in the first quarter. Chrenko added 12 points. Felicia Hernandez topped the Trojans with six points.

"We're equal right now to where we were at the end of last season," said Clark. "By midseason we'll have things sorted out."

It should translate into a better season for Clarenceville. Which is what the Wolverines are gunning for, too.

CC routs Pioneer, Richard in soccer

PREPS

The season is only two games old, but Detroit Catholic Central senior Ken Toporek is making coach Dana Orsucci look good.

Orsucci moved Toporek from marking back to forward and the result has been seven goals in the first two games, including all five in a 5-0 season opening win Saturday over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The Shamrocks beat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-0, on Tuesday at Whitman Field in Livonia, improving to 2-0 heading into today's game against Observerland power Livonia Churchill.

Game time for the Shamrocks and Chargers is 4 p.m. at Whitman Field in Livonia.

"Ken was just incredible, had the game of his life (Saturday)," Orsucci said. "He pretty much did whatever he wanted to do out there. All were great goals, highly skilled. One was on a header, one on a breakaway, another on a header, one from 20 yards out, another from 12. We had nice buildups, nice crosses, nice touches, and he just finished everything that came his way. It was utter domination on his part."

Earning assists were Patrick Griffin, Matt Epacs, Skylar Swicki and Jason Waterstradt.

In the win over Pioneer, Griffin and Toporek scored two goals each. Josh Brooks and Sean Lanigan contributed one goal apiece and three players collected one assist each: Brooks, Griffin and Lanigan.

Eric Sullivan, who played 65 minutes in net, and Ryan Koet combined on the shutout.

"It was a great effort overall, we played with intensity and heart and wanted it from the get-go," Orsucci said. "Eric Sullivan was absolutely phenomenal. He was covering the net extremely well. It's going to be a competitive, hard-fought game with Churchill."

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"They have a good team," Gorski said. "They're going to go far."

•**FRANKLIN 45, REDFORD UNION 35:** The Patriots bounced back Tuesday from a loss in the opener of the Redford Union tournament to defeat the host team.

"We tried a few different things that worked out pretty good for us," Coach Gary Warner of Franklin said. "We cut down on our turnovers from the previous game.

"And we went there to play, as compared to the first game."

Franklin lost to Redford Thurston in the tournament opener Monday night, 50-32, although Tera Morrill scored 20 points.

Warner changed his opening lineup from that game but went back to it quickly after the Patriots fell behind the Panthers, 10-6.

Franklin posted a 19-11 second quarter to turn the game, and maybe its season, around. It held scoring edges of 10-9 and 10-5 over the final two quarters.

Morrill scored 17 points and Lisa Balko added 10 for Franklin while Redford Union got 12 from Bernie Merriman and 10 from Amy Walker. The Patriots were 14-for-24 at the free throw line while the Panthers were 7-for-21.

•**LAKELAND 48, STEVENSON 42:** The Spartans came up short Tuesday in Amy Rozman's debut as coach.

"We got off to a slow start in the first half," Rozman said, "but we really came on strong in the second half. The girls never quit. Unfortunately, we missed quite a few open shots, threes and layups."

Milford Lakeland zipped out in front, 14-4, in the opening quarter of both teams' seasons and was ahead, 24-13, at the half. Livonia Stevenson posted a 17-9 third quarter but fell back by another three at the end.

Lindsay Gusick scored 17 points, including three triples, and senior forward Katie King scored 12. Guard Cheryl Fox had seven steals and Gusick added six.

Martha Digsby scored 14 for Lakeland, Jaclyn Evenson had 11 and Kristin Roubie 10.

• **SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP 48, CHURCHILL 32:** The visiting Chargers got blown out in the fourth quarter Tuesday in their season opener.

Southfield-Lathrup, which got 23 points from sophomore Chris Pittman, led 6-3 after one quarter, 18-12 at the half and 27-19 heading into the final eight minutes.

"We were in the ballgame until the last four minutes or so," Coach Dave Balog said. "Then they got some easy layups. That Pittman's a player."

Livonia Churchill didn't place a player in double figures but Stacey Selleck and Deanna Deroo each scored nine. Meagan Sheehan scored eight. Deroo and Selleck snared seven rebounds apiece.

Host Lathrup made half its 16 free throws while Churchill was 3-for-4.

"My kids played hard," Balog said. "They didn't give up. I think we're going to get better the more we play. We're learning."

MOTT 45, N. FARMINGTON 39: Junior Samantha McComb scored a game-high 25 points Tuesday, but visiting Waterford Mott still walked off with the win at Sorrows School.

McComb, who made two threes and 11 of 12 free throws, also had 10 rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Staci Russell was 5-of-5 at the line and added seven points. Catherine Audette had nine rebounds and Christina Colombo six. Jehan Hindo and Russell had four steals each.

Kristi Harrison scored 12 points to lead the Corsairs.

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and which I hope that we'll have later in the season."

Richters isn't as concerned with the scores and outcomes at this time of year as he is with how the team develops.

"I understand and I'm trying to get the players to understand that this is all a process," he said. "Early season results are nice, but we'll trade those off for development. That will get us better results later.

"But it was still nice to see a few balls go in back of the net at Huron. I'm hopeful that will lead to more confidence in scoring in games to come."

Livonia Franklin was a winner, rebounding from a season opening loss to defeat Mount Clemens, 1-0, on a goal by Mike Vega from Ryan Kracht.

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FOOTBALL

Shamrocks stop post-game traffic, too

GRID PICKS

DAN O'MEARA

Yours truly was leaving the Silverdome Saturday night when he was suddenly confronted by a large group of young men wearing their colors.

A street gang, you say? Oh, no! It was the Catholic Central High School marching band.

No need to fret for Danny O. Besides, I was safely inside my ride, trying to make a quick dash for the nearest exit, or so I thought.

Neither was there any danger for the boys in the band. I had wisely applied the brakes moments earlier and given way to the CC football team.

Now a collision with those guys definitely would have meant a visit to the bump shop for me *and* my vehicle.

The average for a CC offensive lineman is 6-foot-3 and 260 pounds, and there's little variance in that average. I mean, they're all 6-3 and 260!

Twenty-five years ago not even Bo Schembechler's University of Michigan offensive line was that big.

So, the Shamrocks in pads (as if they needed them) had barely cleared a lane when here comes the CC band, turning in formation from the tunnel exit right into a set of headlights. Mine!

The band major thought he would direct traffic, too, and motioned for Danny O to cut outside and around right end.

But I'm no Barry Sanders behind the wheel; I couldn't do that without putting a few band members on the DL and you know who in court.

I had no choice but to stay put while the band was forced to part on both sides of me. Sorry for the inconvenience, guys.

Anyway, I was impressed (and pleased) at how the band was able to improvise and maneuver in limited space without so much as putting a scratch on the new Jeep. Thanks, guys.

And, to show my appreciation, next year, I'll just go around the other side of the Silverdome and use a different exit.

Now, we have this matter of grid predictions to address.

How did the experts do in the first week of the season? 11-6? Yeah, it's a winning record but, gosh, how long have these guys been doing this?

Yours truly and colleague Brad Emons were wrong on all three Farmington games and three of the four involving Livonia teams. Churchill, Franklin and Clarenceville — to their credit — pulled off some surprising wins.

We'll try to sort things out and do a better job in Week 2. Here goes:

FRIDAY GAMES

(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Divine Child (1-0) at Bishop Borgess (1-0), 4: Darryl Robinson had a big day (116 yards on 19 carries) as Borgess opened with a 24-0 win over East Catholic, but the Spartans have a bigger challenge this week. The Falcons, who defeated Borgess last year 38-19, crushed Warren Cousino in their debut, 41-14. They have a potent running game. Brent Scheffler rushed for 165 yards and four touchdowns and Royce McKinney 125 yards. **PICKS:** The Spartans need divine intervention; the Falcons soar to victory.

Clarenceville at Lutheran N'west, 5: How about those Trojans? Just when you think they've slipped after losing all-time leading rusher Walter Ragland off last year's playoff team, they start by thumping defending Metro Conference champ Harper Woods, 23-6. The Crusaders fared pretty well in their opener, too, even if they didn't win. Northwest lost in overtime to always-tough Lutheran North, 20-14. **PICKS:** Clarenceville made quick believers of the Observer sports staff.

St. Florian (0-1) vs. St. Agatha (1-0) at Kraft Field, 7: The Aggies had another big start, amassing 632 yards in total offense and blasting Carsonville-Port Sanilac again, 30-6. Maurice Payne rushed for 196 yards and Dan Boulter 164. Both backs scored two touchdowns each. St. Agatha routed St. Florian last year, 35-6. The Lancers opened with an 8-0 loss to Ecorse, never known for its gridiron prowess. **PICKS:** The Aggies stay undefeated.

Dearborn Fordson (0-1) at Wayne (0-1), 7: In one of the biggest surprises anywhere in the state last week, mighty Fordson was upset by Detroit Kettering, 23-6. The Tractors, who gave CC a good game in the playoffs last year, were supposed to be one of the state's best teams and still might before it's all done. The Zebras will try to rebound from a 21-12 loss to Romulus, a playoff team last year. **PICKS:** The Tractors get back on track.

Allen Park (1-0) at Garden City (1-0), 7: The Cougars had another good start when they whipped Crestwood in the opener, 35-14, behind the running of junior Mike Sparks, who had 210 yards and two touchdowns. But Garden City's second opponent is perennial power Allen Park, which crushed Southgate Anderson, 42-12, as junior quarterback Bobby Marten passed for 132 yards and two touchdowns. **PICKS:** The Jaguars win the battle of the big cats.

Redford Union (0-1) at Edsel Ford (0-1), 7: The Panthers, coming off a playoff appearance last year, were stunned by Churchill in the opener, 15-13, despite All-Observer back Mike Macek having 200-plus yards in total offense and catching two touchdown passes. The Thunderbirds are looking to even their record, too, after losing to Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 21-17. **PICKS:** No need to invoke the lemon law. Edsel makes a comeback.

Redford Thurston (1-0) at Gibraltar Carlson (1-0): The Thurston Eagles blanked Willow Run in their first game, 10-0, while the Carlson Marauders defeated Taylor Truman, 27-21. Senior Silvio Barile did all the scoring and was a standout on defense for the Eagles. These teams didn't play last year as Thurston put together a 6-3 season. **PICKS:** Neither team defeated a gridiron power last week, so it's a tough call. We give the edge to Carlson.

Westland John Glenn (1-0) at Liv. Churchill (1-0): The Chargers have some momentum going into the Western Lakes crossover week, and they'll need it against another good Glenn ballclub. Senior Rob Wilson scored both touchdowns in the 15-13 win over RU. Glenn didn't score many points in its 17-6 defeat of Detroit Cooley, but senior Eric Jones had 155 yards and two touchdowns. **PICKS:** The Rockets rock and roll for a second week.

Liv. Stevenson (1-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-0): Both teams were impressive in their openers. The Spartans pounded an always-tough Dearborn team, a Class A regional finalist last year, 26-7. Dan Wilson and John VanBuren scored two touchdowns each. The Patriots had one of the first-week upsets when they trumped Lincoln Park, 28-13. Joe Meier was the big gun for Franklin, rushing for 210 yards and a pair of TDs. **PICKS:** Franklin's win means it should be a better game than we expected, but look for Stevenson to still win the game.

Farmington (0-1) at Ply. Canton (1-0): The Chiefs won their opener for the first time since 1991 by defeating Ypsilanti, 14-8, as quarterback Oliver Wolcott passed for both touchdowns and Nick Stonebrook rushed for more than 100 yards. The Falcons suffered a disappointing, 20-17 loss to Novi in their debut, a game they might just as easily have won if they could've stopped Novi quarterback Mitch Maier's option runs. Grant Weber had a good game at quarterback for Farmington, too. The last time these teams played Canton won 42-0 in 1996. **PICKS:** Either way, don't look for a lopsided score like that this time. In fact, the Falcons will rebound with a victory.

Ply. Salem (0-1) at W.L. Western (1-0): After absorbing a 40-13 loss to Port Huron Northern, the Rocks must face the Western Lakes preseason favorite at Walled Lake. The Warriors, who blanked Lakeland 47-0, are coached by former defensive coordinator Mike Zdebski, who replaces longtime coach Chuck Apap. Defense is still the key word for Western, which was 8-1 last year but failed to make the playoffs. The Warriors have nine starters back on defense and a lot of speed on offense, led by quarterback Chris Payton, Cody Cargill and Lorenzo Parker. **PICKS:** The Warriors make life difficult for the pilgrims.

North Farmington (1-0) at Northville (0-1): Hooray for the Raiders! We couldn't be happier to see North and coach Rich Burrell win last week over Roseville, 31-30. It was the first actual win for the Raiders scine the end of the 1997 season. North found a quarterback in Blair Weiss to replace injured Eric Wilder, and running back Todd Weiss is a bonafide offensive threat. Can the Raiders remain the only unbeaten team in Farmington when they meet the Mustangs, who lost to state-ranked Brighton, 31-3? **PICKS:** There's a big difference between the Roseville and Brighton programs. The coin, please! Northville ekes out a victory.

W.L. Central (0-1) at Harrison (0-1): The Hawks had their 26-game winning streak broken in a 17-14, overtime loss to Oxford. It might have been 27 in a row if not for a controversial call on a goal-line fumble in OT. Senior back Kevin Woods picked up where he left off last season, and Harrison, while not the juggernaut of recent years, should be in contention for a playoff berth. The Vikings, who were 3-6 last year, lost their first game to Milford, 28-13. **PICKS:** The Hawks begin a new win streak.

SATURDAY GAMES

G.P. Liggett (1-0) at Lutheran Westland (0-1), 1: It looks as if the Metro Conference title could be up for grabs based on first-week results. Some of the middle-of-the-road teams won impressively while some of the usual powers struggled. Liggett, one of the former, crushed Harper Woods Lutheran East, 41-12. The Warriors lost to Wyandotte Mount Carmel, 28-16. **PICKS:** The Knights' armor continues to shine.

Redford CC (1-0) vs. London (Ontario) CC at Kraft Field, 7: We just hope the Shamrocks are good hosts to their Canadian visitors. CC was idle for a week last season when Windsor Holy Name backed out due to a teachers strike. We all know the Shamrocks don't like it when they don't get to play! They did that very well in the second half Saturday at the Silverdome against Ann Arbor Pioneer. CC trailed at halftime, 15-12, but ended up winning, 32-15. Danny O has been to London several times. His great aunt lived there during her 95 years. But, hey, those connections can't help the Canadian club! **PICKS:** It's do or die for CC High, and it's the home team that has the do part.

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Injured Aggies roll over Carsonville-Port Sanilac gridders

FOOTBALL

Redford St. Agatha's football team may be depleted by injuries but it still had more than enough to handle Carsonville-Port Sanilac in the season opener for both teams Saturday at Redford Union's Hilbert Junior High.

The Aggies, who lost four players to injury in a preseason scrimmage against Redford Bishop Borgess, won the non-league game, 30-6.

The Aggies' sophomore tailback David Jones injured his knee against Borgess and is expected to miss the season. Also suffering possible season-ending injuries against Borgess were linebacker/offensive tackle Vino Lousia, who broke his wrist, and offensive end/linebacker Scott Sanderson, who broke his ankle.

First-year Aggies coach Bernie McMahon said the scrimmage with Borgess was good for his team, despite the injuries.

"We needed to toughen up the kids," McMahon said. "We have a young squad and have to find out what they can do. The only way to find out is to play tough competition."

It was feared Jones, who had a splendid freshman season, would need surgery, but it wasn't known as of Monday.

"He's going to be a tough one to replace," McMahon said. "He's the real deal. It was not as bad as it sounded or looked."

The Aggies had enough depth to dominate, collecting an incredible 632 yards in total offense. Senior running back Maurice Payne rushed for 213 yards in 13 carries, including touchdown runs of 40 and 10 yards.

Sophomore running back Dan Boulter, who wasn't feeling well and sat out much of the game because of the intense heat, had three carries for 127 yards, scoring twice.

He scored on a 37-yard screen pass from Jeff Smith, making his starting quarterback debut, and also rushed 79 yards for a touchdown.

Smith finished four of 8 through the air for 108 yards and alsu rushed six times for 48 yards with a touchdown. Senior Greg Russell had three catches for 33 yards.

"I'm real happy with Smith, he's going to be a good one for years to come," McMahon said. "He made young mistakes, nothing he won't be able to overcome."

Their depth was so remarkable because it was so hot, McMahon said.

"The referees were very helpful, calling a couple timeouts for water," McMahon said. "We went through 93 gallons of water on the sidelines for 23 participants! We've never had to fill them up at halftime before Saturday."

Senior tackle Brandon Posh led the blocking on the offensive line. Senior wide receiver Jason Pelty blocked well downfield. Junior wingback Mike Law, who gained 48 yards in five carries, and sophomore Pat Arbulu, who had 111 yards in 10 attempts, were sometimes the recipients.

The Aggies held Port Sanilac to 15 total yards and recorded six sacks, led by senior Chris Hogan with two.

Shamrocks get kick out of rushing past Pioneers in opener

FOOTBALL

Detroit Catholic Central junior Mike Sgroi is proud of his school-record 49-yard field goal Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome, but he'll be the first to suggest putting an asterisk by it.

Sgroi's heroics as the first half expired cut CC's deficit to 15-12 and the Shamrocks added three second-half touchdowns to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 32-15, in the season-opener for both teams.

Sgroi's night also included a 41-yard field goal and five of six kickoffs into the end zone but he wants to see how he'll kick outdoors. When he thinks of great moments in CC history, the 47-yard field goal by Eron Kosmowski to beat Birmingham Brother Rice in the 1995 Boys Bowl at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium ranks near the top.

"It's just one game and there are many more games to come," said Sgroi, also a starter at strong safety who missed much of his sophomore year with a leg injury. "I've got to do this outside now. I did this without any wind. Now I've got to fight nature."

His record-setting kick, which followed runs of 15 and 24 yards by CC tailback John Kava, had enough distance to clear 55 yards.

"I went out there calm and didn't think 'There is no time on the clock,' " Sgroi said. "I kept my head down, went straight through the ball, actually didn't get all the contact I wanted. It seemed to go too high, then it went straight through. It was a good accomplishment for myself but we were still down."

Sgroi has attended kicking camps the last several summers, including those at Notre Dame and Michigan State University last summer. In the summer of 1998 he kicked a career best 60-yard field goal at Eddie Murray's Kicking Camp.

Sgroi, who says he has 55-yard range under game conditions, has a special interest in Notre Dame but he's also a fan of his dad's alma mater, MSU.

Then there's his brother, Joe, a CC graduate who has walked on at University of Michigan. Joe has a chance of someday being the Wolverines' long snapper.

"It's a dream and it would be a lot of fun being on the field with him," Mike said.

CC finished with 261 total yards, all on the ground. Senior John Kava had 171 yards in 20 carries, scoring two touchdowns. Mike Wilk added 73 yards in 16 carries, also scoring twice.

Pioneer had 183 yards rushing and nine passing. Quarterback Peter Thomahefski completed one of nine passes with two interceptions, one each by Matt Loridas and Matt Markowicz, both leading to CC points.

Loridas also recovered a fumble leading to a score. CC had no turnovers.

Pioneer scored first, with 1:57 left in the first quarter, as Thomahefski's quarterback sneak finished a 10-play drive that started at the CC 36.

CC cut the deficit to 7-6 with a one-yard run by Wilk following an interception return by Loridas to the Pioneer 23. The extra point was no good after holder Anthony Coratti fielded a bad snap and couldn't find an open receiver in the end zone.

The Shamrocks took their first lead when Sgroi nailed a 41-yard field goal with 5:12 left in the half to end a possession that started with Loridas' fumble recovery at Pioneer's 28.

The Pioneers responded with an 80-yard 10-play drive that ended with Steve Shipman's 11-yard touchdown run on fourth and two. The two-point conversion pass made the Pioneer lead 15-9 late in the half, just before Sgroi's booming field goal.

The Shamrocks took the opening drive of the second half and drove 65 yards in 13 plays, capped by Wilk's two-yard run. Sgroi's extra point gave CC its first lead 19-15.

The Shamrocks went ahead 26-15 on a 45-yard run by Kava on third and one with 1:56 left in the third, capping a five-play, 69-yard drive.

Markowicz's interception gave the Shamrocks possession at the Pioneer 19 and Kava finished the scoring with a two-yard run.

The CC defense was led by tackle Jeremiah Hicks with 8 1/2 tackles, who shared a sack with Jeff Moore. Loridas had eight stops and Jeff Potts seven.

Sgroi's last extra point attempt, ironically, hit the crossbar and was no good.

"I was getting excited – we got a big lead again," Sgroi said. "Every kick has to be the same, like a state championship winning kick. I started too late, then tried to rush it and that's what happened."

FOOTBALL

Twisters rebound with 21-0 victory

You can't say the Wayne County Twisters didn't learn anything.

After being blanked by the Lorain (Ohio) Steelmen a week earlier, the Twisters returned the favor by shutting down the Lima (Ohio) Thunder 21-0 Saturday at the Academy of Detroit in Inkster.

The win pushed the Twisters' record to 5-1.

A Rob Elswick-to-Reggie Brandon pass play in the first quarter covered 72 yards and resulted in the Twisters' first touchdown of the day, in the opening quarter.

A 19-yard sack by Cory McClelland and the ensuing fumble set up the Twisters' next TD, in the third quarter. Damon Green scored it, bulling his way into the end zone from 8 yards out.

Lamar Spalding (from Westland), who led a potent Twisters' running game (249 yards) with 92 yards on 10 carries, scored the final touchdown. Eddie Trent (Westland) added 45 yards on the ground on four carries, and Damon Frendo (Garden City) had 44 yards on seven tries.

The defense was led by Bob Pensari (Canton) and Aaron Brothers with six tackles apiece.

The Twisters are idle this weekend. They resume action with a tough assignment, traveling to play the Central (Ohio) Lions in Columbus Sept. 11. The Lions lead the Southern Division of the Lake Shore Football League with a 6-0 record.

The next Twisters home game is against the Black Swamp (Ohio) Patriots at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Academy of Detroit (formerly Cherry Hill HS).

GIRLS TENNIS

REDFORD UNION 4
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Aug. 30 at Claude Allison Park

No. 1 singles: Alexis Gay (RU) def. Beth Winger, 6-0, 6-4; **No. 2:** Lauren Kuzmanovich (LF) def. Lisa Keller, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4); **No. 3:** Daniela Gapp (RU) def. Laurie Parks, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 4:** Jennifer Maxwell (RU) def. Diana Stupcak, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Elizabeth Zarb-Michele Blair (RU) def. Emily Petty-Fran Deering, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; **No. 2:** Sarah Garbutt-Jenny Tocco (LF) def. Maggie Malenfant-Kim Sayenga, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; **No. 3:** Michelle Lupu-Christina Mayorchak (LF) def. Nicole Erikson-Renee Stupcak, 6-1, 7-6; **No. 4:** Laura Savage-Andrea Mazeppa (LF) def. Megan Scanlon-Sarah Reohr, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

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ball away from two Harper Woods defenders in the end zone. Wion added the extra point to give Clarenceville a 17-point cushion.

Meanwhile, Harper Woods quarterback Ryan Wise did not complete a pass in seven attempts and was intercepted by Fillinger with 6:01 remaining.

"We're weak at tailback this year, and that's been a staple of our offense," Moher said. "We just couldn't run the plays we normally like to run."

Clarenceville, meanwhile, had 219 total yards.

The abbreviated preseason practice schedule limited Hudkins' playbook.

"We spent half of our time on fundamentals," he said. "It was probably the best thing for us, because we ended up playing a pretty sound game. We worked hard on cutting down our mistakes.

"I probably used only half of our plays."

The win was certainly an eye opener in the Metro. Harper Woods, the odds-on favorite, had won the title three of the past four years.

"After seeing some of the results the first week, I'd say the league is in a lot of turmoil; it's up for grabs," Moher said.

As for Clarenceville, coming off a 7-3 playoff season with a new coach, the Trojans couldn't be more pleased.

"I don't think it's kicked in yet," Hudkins said. "Those kids came out so hard. We're trying to instill 'Trojan Pride' and we've got the kids believing in it.

"We sold our kids on believing they could win this game. They've done everything I've asked, and they just kept going hard. It was a good win."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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A new Livingston County girls fastpitch softball team will have tryouts Sept. 19, 25 and 26 at Howell High School (1200 West Grand River). Ages 8-16 are welcome.

The times are 1-3 p.m. for under-16, 3-5 p.m. for under-14 and 5-7 p.m. for under-12. Registration is 30 minutes prior to the starting time.

For more information, call Susan Bushong at (517) 546-1789 or Kelly Kollar at (517) 546-6025.

BEYDOUN A WINNER

Jason Beydoun of Westland took the Boys 14 singles title at the Schoolcraft College End of Summer Open on Aug. 28.

The top-seeded Beydoun, an eighth-grader at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, took all four matches he played.

He defeated Gary Ismet of Brighton, 6-0, 6-2, in the first round; trimmed Ugene Furman of Farmington Hills, 6-1, 6-2, in the quarterfinals; sidelined Mario Pulido of West Bloomfield, 6-4, 6-3, in the semifinals; and took the finals, 6-4, 6-3, from Kyle Rouch of Adrian.

He also won an Aug. 22 tournament in Northville.

AAU TRYOUTS

Tryouts for AABC-AAU 12- and 14-and-under travel baseball clubs in Wayne County will be conducted each Sunday (weather permitting). For more information call William Lewis at (313) 839-6872.

SOCCER COACH WANTED

Plymouth Salem has officially posted a job opening for varsity girls soccer coach, to fill the vacancy created by Doug Landefeld's resignation. Landefeld left after last season when his wife, who's a doctor in the U.S. Air Force, was reassigned to a base outside Kansas City.

Applicants must be high school graduates, must have experience coaching at the high school level or have played at the collegiate level, and must have a schedule compatible with that of the high school.

The girls soccer season begins in March, 2000.

Deadline for application is 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Those interested should address a letter of intent to the Athletic Office; those working outside the school system must file a coaching application as well. The address of the Athletic Office is 46181 Joy, Canton, 48187.

For further information, call (734) 416-7774.

SPORTS ACADEMY PROGRAMS

The Sports Academy is signing up teams for baseball and softball hitting leagues. Teams of four players each will test their abilities in indoor cages.

There will be two age groups for baseball and softball — 18-and-under and 15-and-under. The leagues are in action from Sept. 13 to Oct. 11.

The 18-and-under teams will participate 4-9 p.m. on Sundays, the 15-and-under 4-9 p.m. on Mondays.

The fee is $125 per team. Awards will be given to league champions and batting champions.

Register by phone at (248) 380-0800, ext. 112, or by mail at 22515 Heslip Drive, Novi, MI 48375.

The Sports Academy is also offering two basketball programs entitled Little Dribblers and Big Shooters.

In the first, instructors will teach the fundamentals of dribbling, passing and shooting to ages 4-7 on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Session I is Sept. 13-Oct. 12, session II Oct. 26-Nov. 23.

The fee is $60 per player ($40 for an additional family member).

The Big Shooters program is for experienced players, ages 8-12, who will learn advanced drills and techniques for shooting, passing, dribbling and rebounding.

The class meets 6:30-7:15 p.m. Tuesdays. The session dates are the same as for the Little Dribblers program. Register by phone or mail the same way.

HOCKEY GOALIES NEEDED

The Farmington Hills Adult Hockey Association is in need of goalies for its 40-and-over age division. Any interested goalies should contact Ray Klimas at (734) 453-4570.

The 44-game regular season starts Tuesday, Sept. 7. Games will be played at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena and the Suburban Training Center.

SOCCERZONE SIGNUP

SoccerZone is accepting walk-in and mail-in registrations for its first sessions of indoor soccer and inline hockey starting Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Soccer registration continues through Oct. 13. The session begins Oct. 21 and runs through Dec. 17. The team fee is $750; the fee or individuals in need of a team is $70.

Hockey registration continues through Sept. 26. The sessions begins Oct. 10 and runs through Dec. 11. The team fee is $795 for youths and $825 for adults.

For individuals the fee is $75 for players who have played at SoccerZone previously and $90 for those who have not.

For more information call SoccerZone at (248) 374-0500.

OCC WANTS ATHLETES

The Oakland Community College cross country, women's volleyball and women's tennis teams are looking for athletes to compete in 1999-2000. All athletes must be full time students at OCC during the fall semester.

Students should call cross country coach Bernie Little at (248) 360-3155, the volleyball coach at (248) 363-1904 or tennis coach Kim Jackson at (248) 360-3159.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 3

Divine Child at Borgess, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. N'west, 5 p.m.
St. Florian vs. St. Agatha at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m.
Fordson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Gib. Carlson, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4

Liggett at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. London (Ont.) CC at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 2

Shrine Tourney, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Dondero, 6 p.m.
Immac. Concept. at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
G.P. North at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Mercy, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Flat Rock, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Canton at Marian, 7 p.m.
Andover at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Novi, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3

Huron Valley vs. Inter-City at Marshall M.S., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4

PCA Eagle Classic, 6 & 8 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 2

Churchill vs. Redford CC at Whitman Field, 4 p.m.
John Glenn at Adrian, 4:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3

Huron Valley at Taylor Bapt., 4:30 p.m.
Farmington at RU (Kraft), 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 3

Madonna at Tri-State (Ind.), 5 p.m. (EST)

Saturday, Sept. 4

Madonna vs. Geneva at Tri-State (Ind.), 1 p.m. (EST)
Schoolcraft at Monroe (N.Y.), 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 5

Schoolcraft at Herkimer (N.Y.), 1:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Madonna at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4

Schoolcraft at Prairie St. (Ill.), 11 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 5

Madonna vs. Findlay (Ohio) at Tri-State (Ind.), 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Schoolcraft at Lansing, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3

Alma College at Madonna, 7 p.m.

Brighton wins prep golf meet

A goal has been established.

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem golf teams ventured north to play in the 24-team Brighton Invitational Monday at Oak Pointe. The result gives both squads an idea of what it will take when they make a return trip — Oct. 8-9 for the state regional tournament.

"This was a pretty good field," said Salem coach Rick Wilson after his team tied for ninth. "I thought Canton was improved.

"We were pretty solid. Looking at who's in that regional, we'll have to shoot under 310 to qualify for state. I look at this and figure we could have gone a little lower. It was a good tuneup."

Brighton's A team finished first in the tournament with a 296 — an average of 74 per man. Birmingham Brother Rice was second with 298, followed by Traverse City Central (299), Cranbrook (303), Linden (304), Howell (308), Grosse Ile and Traverse City West (312), Salem and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (313), Ann Arbor Pioneer (314), Ann Arbor Huron (315), Adrian (316), Redford Catholic Central (318), Canton (320), Walled Lake Western and Dearborn (323), Saline (324), Livonia Churchill (326) and Country Day (332).

Salem's top finisher was Mark Doughty (74), who tied for fifth. Churchill's Will Bashara and Lance Antrobus shot 78s. Evan Chall had 83, Randall Boboige 87 and Jeff Hunter 90.

S'craft women start with win

Schoolcraft College opened its women's soccer season with a pair of victories, beating Northwood University 2-1 last Wednesday (Aug. 25) and Alma College 3-2 last Saturday.

In the win at Northwood, Danielle Shaffer scored both SC goals. "It was a very physical game," said Lady Ocelot coach Bill Tolstedt. "It was a very quick team we played against.

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"We missed on some point-blank opportunities right in front of their net. We need to work on finishing."

In the victory over Alma, the same kinds of problems were exposed. "We outshot them something like 39-12," noted Tolstedt. "We missed on some good opportunities. "But finishing on offense is still something we need to work on."

There was plenty of good things that came out of the match, however. "We hit the corners well, and we crossed the ball well," the third-year coach said. "It was well-played. We were aggressive and we performed our set plays well. The defense came through while the offense gets on track."

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

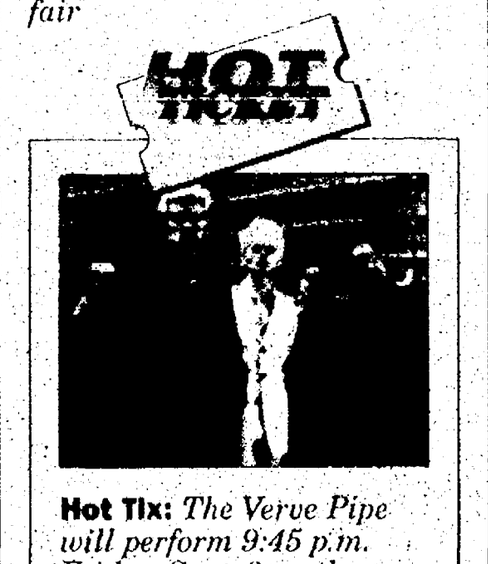
Skeet Ulrich (left) and Cuba Gooding, Jr. star in the high-octane action film, "Chill Factor" now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY

The Motor City Boogie Woogie Fest, 8 p.m. at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale, will showcase the talent of Johnnie Johnson (pictured), Harold McKinney, Bob Seeley of Troy, and others. Tickets $20 at the door, or call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. For more information call (248) 544-3030.

SUNDAY

Ann Livermore introduces a newborn lamb to visitors at the Miracle of Life Exhibit at the Michigan State Fair. There's lots to see and do at the fair, on the corner of Eight Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, in Detroit. The fair is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is $9 adults, $2 children under age 11; children under 2 free. Parking is $5. Call (313) 369-8250 for information, or www.mda.state.mi.us/statefair



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No laughing matter

19-year-old comedian aims for stardom

Check out one of Michigan's youngest comedians, Jason Douglas, when he emcees comedy shows Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 2-4, at Joey's Comedy Club, 3607 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Douglas will present featured performer Pat Dixon and headliner Keith Ruff. The show begins at 8 p.m. Thursday, and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Dinner and show packages are $16.95. Admission to the performance only is $10. Call ahead for reservations; the shows are expected to sell out (734) 261-0555.

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While conversing with Jason Douglas, you can't help but laugh.

The 19-year-old Augres, Mich., resident may be one of the youngest comics working the club circuit in Michigan, but in a short time he's managed to turn his natural sense of humor into a career.

Douglas has only been working as a comedian for about 15 months, but he's booked about four days a week for gigs in clubs across the state.

"We were all really surprised to find out how old he was," said Tember Shea, manager of Joey's Comedy Club in Livonia. "He's really mature."

Shea said she's really impressed with his work. While he's still new to the funny business, Shea said she's seen comedians come a long way in a year-and-a-half. "He has a great career ahead of him," she said.

While Douglas said he's not exactly sure how he got into comedy, he's always enjoyed watching other comedians on television. He had never

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In the free-form world of jazz, the notion of a legend might seem as an oddity. Jazz is, after all, an uncompromising attitude whereby musical – and societal – convention is tossed aside for the sake of originality.

This weekend, one of the forerunners of jazz and experimentation, Dave Brubeck, will make what could be his last appearance in Detroit at the Montreux Jazz Festival, held Friday through Monday at Hart Plaza, along the Detroit riverfront.

Like Duke, Ella, Bird, Dizzy and Miles, Brubeck is among the royalty of the American jazz tradition.

Dave Brubeck

Brubeck, 79, is at the top of an impressive list of headliners of musicians with a Detroit connection, including Yusef Lateef, Elvin Jones, Charles McPherson, Tommy Flanagan, Bob James, Alexander Zonjic, Kenny Garrett, Bob Hurst, Geri Allen and Marcus Belgrave.

In total, 120 professional and student musical acts will perform on five stages in and around Hart Plaza.

Appropriately, Brubeck, who began recording in 1948, represents both the past and the future of jazz.

For a brief time in the 1940s, Brubeck studied with Arnold Schoenberg, one of the century's most controversial composers who helped invent serialism, a style that moved away from traditional composition in major and minor keys.

Despite his recording breakthrough, "Take Five," Brubeck's harmonies often reflect unrhythmatic, highly experimental patterns. As much as any musician, he has kept alive the spirit of innovation central to jazz.

Other headliners who have had a major influence on contemporary jazz include Elvin Jones, who provided the rhythmic background for John Coltrane; Charles McPherson, whose phrasing sounds remarkably like Charlie Parker; Bob James, who combines traditional with more mainstream harmonies; and saxophonist Kenny Garrett, who played with Miles Davis in the last years of his life.

WHAT: The 1999 Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, featuring more than 120 free jazz events on five stages.

WHEN: Noon to 11 p.m. Friday-Monday, Sept. 3-6.

WHERE: Hart Plaza on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit.

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HEADLINERS: 6:45 p.m. Friday – Bob James Quartet; 2:35 p.m. Saturday – Charles McPherson Quartet; 8 p.m. Saturday – Kenny Garrett; 9:15 p.m. Saturday Tommy Flanagan; 2:45 p.m. Sunday – Tribute to Marcus Belgrave; 9:45 p.m. Sunday – Elvin Jones Jazz Machine; 8 p.m. Monday – Dave Brubeck; 9:45 p.m. Monday – Yusef Lateef.

Marquis Theatre's 'Rumplestiltskin' worth seeing

Marquis Theatre presents "Rumplestiltskin," 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, Sept. 18-19 and Sept. 25-26 at the theater, 135 E. Main St., in downtown Northville. Tickets $6, call (248) 349-8110. No shows Labor Day weekend.

BY EMILY J. PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

"He" might have a funny name, but "she" sure is a good actor. Yes, the main role of "Rumplestiltskin," currently being presented by the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville, is performed by a woman, Irene Hublick. She has been performing since she was 8 years old, and is an adult-guest performer in this favorite children's story. In addition to numerous local roles, this talented actress has performed in New York and Chicago.

As the title character, who is traditionally male, this experienced actress makes the audience believe that eccentric and odd beings do exist. She joins another adult-guest performer, Debbie Lannen of Walled lake, who does a fine job as the selfish and self-centered Queen Avaricious. Acting isn't the only role Lannen serves in this production. She's also the director.

"Rumplestiltskin" also has experienced performers in the youth category, including Laurie Kuhlman, a seventh grade student at Frost Middle School in Livonia. Laurie, who is performing in her 13th Marquis production, creates a believable and trusting Jenny.

Even novice performers add to this production, including Megan Giovanni, a fourth grade student at Hillside Elementary School in Farmington Hills. Playing "Dionysian," this is her first Marquis appearance. Other first-timers in the 15-member cast are two second grade students, Tony Lannen of Walled Lake (Englebert), and Spencer Francis (Hubert). These performers enthusiastically add to this overall worthwhile youth production.

The acting combined with excellent scenery – the throne room of Queen Avaricious really looks like it belongs in a queen's palace – and the simple and realistic costumes make this production worth seeing. The catchy and great musical numbers, such as "We're in the Money," make it worth hearing.

All and all, "Rumplestiltskin" is a great way for the family to spend a weekend afternoon!

Emily Prysby, who has appeared in both school and community theatrical productions, is a junior at Birmingham Groves High School.

CHRISTINA ZAVIS

On stage: *Laurie Kuhlman of Livonia (left to right), Irene Hublick and Richard Dziuban of Canton, in a scene from "Rumplestiltskin."*

SCREEN SCENE

Fall exhibits at DIA encourage visitors to explore

BACKSTAGE PASS

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Ever since the dawn of creative expression, which happened sometime between the etchings in prehistoric cave dwellings and the making of "Blair Witch Project," man determined that the best way to celebrate the arts was to make them accessible and affordable.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Fortunately for us in the Detroit area, some of the best attractions are convenient, inexpensive, and downright welcoming. This "stand on our heads to please you" approach is working for some of Detroit's most venerable institutions.

For example, the Detroit Institute of Arts may generate its greatest attention with blockbuster exhibits like the memorable "Splendors of Ancient Egypt" and next year's "Van Gogh: Face to Face." But, it's refreshing to see what's being done on an on-going basis to make this tremendous cultural resource an inviting venue for families.

Consider the DIA's new 20th Century Galleries, a modern approach which is visited in the Sept. 5 edition of Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS program. Then there's the always-fascinating First Friday program, which, on Sept. 3, offers a tour of the Ben Shahn exhibit, music, an origami workshop, along with the new exhibit, "Where the Girls Are." With more incentives than a Ron Popeil commercial to attend, it remains an incredible value – free, with museum donation.

I especially like an idea the DIA cooked up for this fall. The rare black and white etchings of 17th century Dutch master Rembrandt are, literally and figuratively, centuries removed from the brilliant colors and provocative shapes in the paintings of 1960s artist Bob Thompson. Why would the DIA schedule two exceptional but dissimilar exhibits for the same period Sunday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Jan. 2 and offer a discounted, joint ticket? It's to encourage visitors to explore art they might not otherwise see.

Eighty-five etchings – on loan for the first time – were selected for "Rembrandt: Masterpieces in Etching from the Morgan Library, New York."

"The exhibit will offer an opportunity for our visitors to experience Rembrandt's work and witness how he developed the images that demonstrate his great innovations as a printmaker. He's like Picasso in that he took a standard process and did it his own way," said Ellen Sharp, the DIA's curator of graphic arts.

Rediscovery

A recent rediscovery of the late Bob Thompson's work was the catalyst for the other featured exhibit, which includes several pieces from area collectors. Inspired by Goya and other masters of Abstract Expressionism, Thompson borrowed from the improvisational, bohemian approach of the beat generation to become, in the words of the late poet Allen Ginsberg, "the most original visionary painter of his days."

So, there is plenty to look forward to after the Labor Day weekend festivals. The always affordable and accessible BACKSTAGE PASS takes you inside the DIA, presents the amazing story of Detroit's Gem Theatre, and offers music with Jonatha Brooke, in an edition airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept.

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Stardom from page E1

seen a comedian in a live setting before he gathered the nerve to hop up on-stage himself.

Douglas's first gig was an amateur night at Shooters in Saginaw. Thinking back to his first performances, he said he remembered audience members walking up to other, more established comedians, and telling them how funny they were, while just looking over at beginners – such as himself – and saying, "Don't worry, you'll get better."

And he did.

Even daily conversation with Douglas includes a punchline. These days, he is the one getting the laughs, giggles and post-show congratulations. He's graduated from amateur night status to be featured at places like Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. While he may be content working in Michigan for now, Douglas has one particular goal in mind – to be featured on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" by age 25. He watches the show every night and strives to make that dream a reality.

"I think every comic deep down wants to do 'The Tonight Show,'" he said. "I think it's every comic's dream."

But Douglas stills needs to hone his skills.

"There's no sense going out until I'm ready," he said of touring outside Michigan. He still hasn't quite settled on a signature style, a niche in his comedic routine. He looks up to famous comedians like Rodney Dangerfield and Louie Anderson, who never fail to evoke laughter.

"(Dangerfield's) got those one-liners, that whole 'no-respect' thing," said Douglas. "He always plays that."

For now Douglas uses his youth to his advantage. For someone who's teased by older comedians and brings his father to all of his shows, Douglas doesn't see his age as a hindrance, but rather an asset.

"I try to talk about my age," he said. "You don't see too many young comics. I try to stay as clean as possible."

His "clean" show and youthful attitude make him a target within the comic community. "A lot of comics razz on me because I try to stay clean."

In general you won't hear Douglas swear on-stage. He draws most of his material from his hometown, his family and even his experience driving a Ford Festiva. Douglas tends to spend his time writing jokes while working at his dad's car dealership.

"Right now I'm just trying to develop my own style," he said.

At Joey's Comedy Club, he'll have time to tell a few jokes while presenting other comics this weekend.

"Since he's hosting the show for us, his act is a bit different," said Shea. "He really sets it up for the other (comics)."

Shea's advice to new comedians, like Douglas, is to "keep working on it, for as long as they have the fire." She said she believes "there's not enough laughter in the world," but Douglas is trying to change all that.

This may not be a lifelong career for the young hopeful. He said if he hasn't made it in show business by age 30, he'll probably get out of comedy altogether.

"I may not be good, I just want to be famous," he joked about the idea of stardom.

MUSIC

Scottish rockers visit Detroit

Mogwai, Scottish indie rockers whose experiment with sound has caught the fickle ears of college kids across the U.S., will take their show to the Magic Stick in Detroit, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Tickets are $8 in advance. Call (313) 833-9700 for more information.

Just preparing to leave, Stuart Braithwaite — or rather his alter-ego pLasmatroN — took time out of his hectic schedule to answer a few of our questions by e-mail. Writing from his hometown, Glasgow, Scotland, pLasmatroN plays guitars, keyboards and percussion for the mostly-instrumental band. In his own unusual way, here's what he had to say:

Something different: *Mogwai will perform Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Magic Stick in Detroit, bringing its brand of indie rock straight from Glasgow, Scotland.*

O&E: Why do you feel Mogwai has been so well-received by college-age crowds?

pLasmatroN: "(It's) mirthful and fearful, like a plant with intelligence."

O&E: Describe your sound and what you try to achieve through your music?

pLasmatroN: "Two chord drones with quiet/loud bits. A bit like Sonic Youth."

O&E: How (if at all) has Mogwai changed or grown musically since the release of your debut album "Mogwai Young Team," and how is the new release "Come On Die Young" different?

pLasmatroN: "We've got a bit better. CODY has a more consistent feel than MYT. Although this could account for all the songs sounding the same."

O&E: Explain the significance of the title "Come On Die Young."

pLasmatroN: "It is the first testament of a new age of rock. You will live by it in future years as it will govern and control your children."

O&E: How do audiences in the States differ from audiences in the U.K. (if at all)?

pLasmatroN: "Less deformities, yet larger feet."

O&E: What can fans expect to see at a Mogwai show?

pLasmatroN: "Nothing. We stipulate blindfolds so that the audience aren't put off by our vile appearances!"

It's time to Boogie Woogie in Ferndale

Somewhere nestled between blues and rock and roll lies a sound called boogie.

It's the sort of music that moves your feet, steals your attention, touches your heart and spoils your ears. And on Saturday, Sept. 4, four distinctive boogie legends will come to share that sound, and have it documented for all time.

The Motor City Boogie Woogie Fest, held at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, will showcase the talent of Johnnie Johnson, Big Joe Duskin, Harold McKinney, Uncle Jesse White, Mark Braun, Axel Zwingenberger and Bob Seeley, a Troy resident.

Johnson is known best for his work with guitarist Chuck Berry and called the "father of rock and roll." Duskin, Zwingenberger and Seeley are classic boogie artists, while McKinney has a Detroit be-bop influenced sound. White offers a more southern, country style. Braun is considered to be an artist who represents the boogie woogie music of years to come.

Together their performances will be recorded by a crew of audio and video technicians and the footage will be included in a documentary titled "Masters of the Boogie Woogie — The History of America's Industrial Strength Music." Producer Ron Harwood promises "the piano will be smokin'."

Check out The Motor City Boogie Woogie Fest 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 at The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are $20 at the door or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666. 18 and over are welcome. For more information call (248) 544-3030.

STREET SCENE

Once in a 'blue moon' a rockabilly band proves it can rock

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Anyone who hasn't seen The Blue Moon Boys can grasp the next chance when they return to the metro area for Arts, Beats and Eats, in downtown Pontiac on Labor Day weekend. It may be the last chance to catch the boys before they hit the West Coast. Look for The Blue Moon Boys 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 on the Dodge Americana Stage.

If Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley and John Lennon happened to peer down from Rock and Roll Heaven and see the Blue Moon Boys in action, they would surely be proud.

The Blue Moon Boys are a group of four wildly energetic rockabilly legends-in-the-making from Fort Wayne, Ind. The Boys worked their way up from playing old Elvis cover songs in the legion halls of Midwest America to performing steamy rockabilly originals and sharing a stage with bands like The Brian Setzer Orchestra and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Fresh from a performance in Atlanta for "Elvis's Death Day Spectacular," bandmates Nic Roulette, Kenny Taylor, Flava P. Coltrane and Jumpin' Jerry Sparkman headed north to Fifth Avenue Billiards in Royal Oak, where they filled in on Aug. 22 for the Twistin Tarantulas.

Fifth Avenue is the band's favorite spot in the metro area to perform, said Sparkman. And the staff seems to return that sentiment. Don Davenport, sound engineer at the club, said whenever The Blue Moon Boys there, they get the crowd moving. All eyes focus on the stage. "They make the crowd part of the show," he said. "They captivate that audience and get everyone's attention."

Showing off

From the first beat of the upright bass, pound of the drum, or strum of guitar, Roulette comes to life as if he were possessed by The King himself. One song ends and — without a chance for the audience to catch a breath — the band dives into another. All the while Roulette hasn't stopped dancing, jumping and popping about the stage as if the music's stuck inside him and just itching to get out. He even combs his hair in unison with that swinging beat.

Compared to other rockabilly bands that perform in the area, Davenport said the boys put on more of a show. "It's entertaining. It's something to see. We look forward to them coming in here all the time."

Steven Marjieh looks forward to Blue Moon Boys shows too. He comes specifically to catch the act. "They put a lot of excitement, a lot of fun into the music," he said. "It's good to dance to — rockabilly or swing."

When Marjieh first experienced The Blue Moon Boys, it was almost accidental. He slips on his dancing shoes most Sundays and heads to the club to see the Twistin Tarantulas. About one year ago, The Blue Moon Boys happened to be filling in for the local rockabilly band. Marjieh bought a Blue Moon Boys CD that night and has been coming to see the band ever since.

Humble beginnings

When The Blue Moon Boys got together in 1997, they had a concept in mind. "If Elvis had a band, what would it be?" asked Taylor, guitarist for the band. But The Blue Moon Boys moved above and beyond that point, never confining themselves to strict rockabilly.

"I like rockabilly. I like crazy, wild music...but I'm interested in letting something grow," said Roulette. He's willing to weave in and out of musical genres and expand the band's sound, rather than adopt a side project or pursue some other musical interests.

As one of the most energetic frontmen ever to hit the corner stage at Fifth Avenue, Roulette's background in ballet dancing and an interest in jazz is evident in every performance. After attending Interlochen Center for the Arts for ballet, Roulette danced with the Fort Wayne Ballet Company, from 1991 to 1993. Later, work singing karaoke to Elvis Presley tunes would spark an interest in becoming a singer himself. The Blue Moon Boys would give Roulette his first shot at doing just that. It's hard to believe he hasn't been singing professionally for much longer.

New release

With two albums completed and a new release titled "Sticks and Stones" out this week, The Blue Moon Boys are busy touring the country and getting ready for their first European tour next Spring. Sparkman, the band's bassist, described the new album as traditional rockabilly.

Taylor said it has a wide variety of styles on it, "kinda like an old Beatles album." He compared the songwriting to "a Marshall Crenshaw pop album."

Onstage, the music comes to life with vibrant color, style and attitude like only The Blue Moon Boys could achieve.

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Looking at the Boss from two generational perspectives

Don't see Springsteen's influence on contemporary pop music

Bruce Springsteen will perform with the E Street Band 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 8-9 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets $67.50 and $37.50, call (248) 645-6666 or (248) 370-0100.

BY STEPHANIE CASOLA
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At the mere mention of the name Bruce Springsteen, two images come to mind: A red bandana and the sight of a young Courtney Cox being pulled onstage to "dance in the dark."

The bandana was featured hanging from the Boss' back pocket on the album cover of 1984's "Born in the U.S.A." Cox was featured in the music video for the hit single from the album, "Dancing in the Dark."

Blame it on my age. Bruce Springsteen never made the impact on me as he did on so many others. At 22, I may have simply been too young to truly understand the purpose behind the lyrics and appreciate the sound.

I admit he's talented. His songs are well-written, catchy and easy to relate to. But I don't remember "Born in the U.S.A." playing at my Senior prom. Springsteen's songs weren't bellowing from CD players at the college parties I attended. And when I think back to those times when my friends and I would sit outside our college apartment, playing guitar and singing, I can't recall the E-Street Band finding its way into the mix. Dave Matthews Band, perhaps. Not Springsteen.

That doesn't mean that I don't appreciate his music. I just don't consider it to be part of my connection to pop music, though his songs continue to be relevant and – as demonstrated by the response to his tour – popular.

Some might call Springsteen's work distinctly American in nature. That raspy voice and East Coast attitude make it easily recognizable.

But what I don't hear is an influence on new music. That classic, hometown rock and roll sound is no where to be found within the confines of today's electronica and edgy hip-hop.

No doubt Springsteen's music evokes memories for those who grew up loving his music. Three decades ago, rock was different. Artists had more staying power.

Today, listeners are more fickle. Thanks to the MTV generation, attention spans are shorter. Musicians may still attain high levels of notoriety, but they're less likely to have the staying power that their predecessors enjoyed in the rock and roll limelight.

As for Springsteen, I'll still think of him as the ruggedly handsome musician Courtney Cox was dying to dance with.

The Boss: *Like him or not, chances are you'll be able to hum more than a few Bruce Springsteen tunes when he hits the stage Sept. 8-9 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.*

Springsteen's restless passion, a brilliant light

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Somewhere in the fog of the mid 1970s came a voice – raw and relentless. A voice that shook the souls and inflated the ambitions of those who became disenchanted with sound-alike pop music, vapid commercialism and a society that rewarded compromise and egotism rather than principle and character.

Those who recognized originality and passion heard the future of rock music in the voice of the Bruce Springsteen, the Boss. A grubby looking guy from Jersey, who never gave up, and never sold out.

Through the indifferent haze of the disco decade, and then in the self-absorbed 1980s, Springsteen composed anthems and hymns about common people with uncommon dreams.

The voice was authentic and rousing. The words weren't polished with saccharin, but with a howling agony and joyous rapture.

The middle-class kid from Freehold, N.J. became a minister professing the rich texture of faith in the healing catharsis of rock and roll. And for those who couldn't let go of their dreams despite mounting odds, Springsteen was an apostle suggesting that song can indeed have the redemptive power of prayer.

"Born to Run" still can send chills up the spines of those who are unable to let go of their dreams, and unwilling to let nagging realities control their lives.

And few albums have captured the disillusionment of relationships like the gutsy, chillingly honest "Tunnel of Love."

From "Greetings From Asbury Park" to "Born to Run" to "Darkness on the Edge of Town" to "Born in the U.S.A." to "Human Touch," Springsteen's work has been often inspired, and seldom derivative. Try finding that trait in today's sound-alike, overly produced recording artists.

To anyone who grew up with the Boss, the allegiance to his 25-year musical odyssey is nothing less than a vicarious thrill-seeking ride. A reassurance that a passionate, let it fly attitude doesn't dissipate with youth.

When the driving sounds of the E Street Band didn't strike the proper aesthetic for the more gut-wrenching themes, Springsteen went solo in albums like "Nebraska" and "The Ghost of Tom Joad." In these albums, he asserted his right as inheritor of the "social-minded folk singer" mantle, handed down from Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan.

Springsteen's genius doesn't lie in elevating himself above the people he sings about. Rather, he remains a compelling artist because he illuminates the everyday struggles and hopes of those of us who felt as if we were born to run in the direction of our dreams, but didn't have a clear path.

For many of us approaching middle age, those dreams haven't quite turned out as we imagined. But the Boss, ah, the Boss, has never let us down.

CLARIFICATION

The music schedule for Arts Beats and Eats in Pontiac has been altered. The changes are as follows:

Performing Friday, Sept. 2 on the K-Mart Stage:

Hemigod will perform at 6 p.m., rather than 6:30 p.m. Fresh from the R.E.M. tour, **Wilco** has been added to the line-up and will take the stage at 8:30 p.m.

Performing Sunday, Sept. 4 on the K-Mart Stage:

Beth Hart will begin her show at 7:30 p.m. rather than 9 p.m. **Edwin McCain** will take the stage at 8:30 p.m., rather than the originally-scheduled 9:45 p.m. slot. And **SpRing** will hit the stage at 10 p.m.

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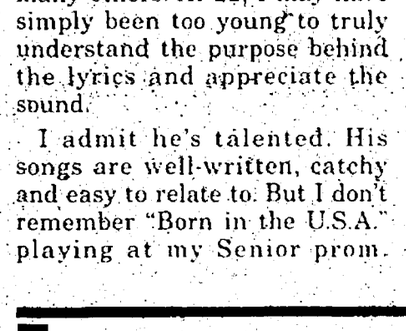

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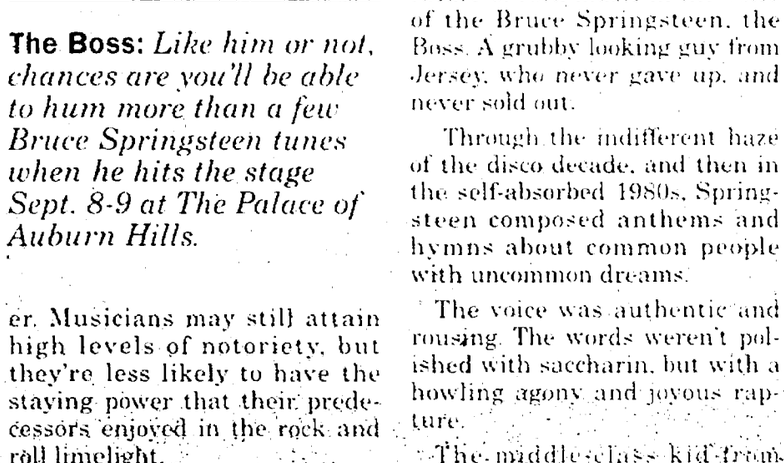

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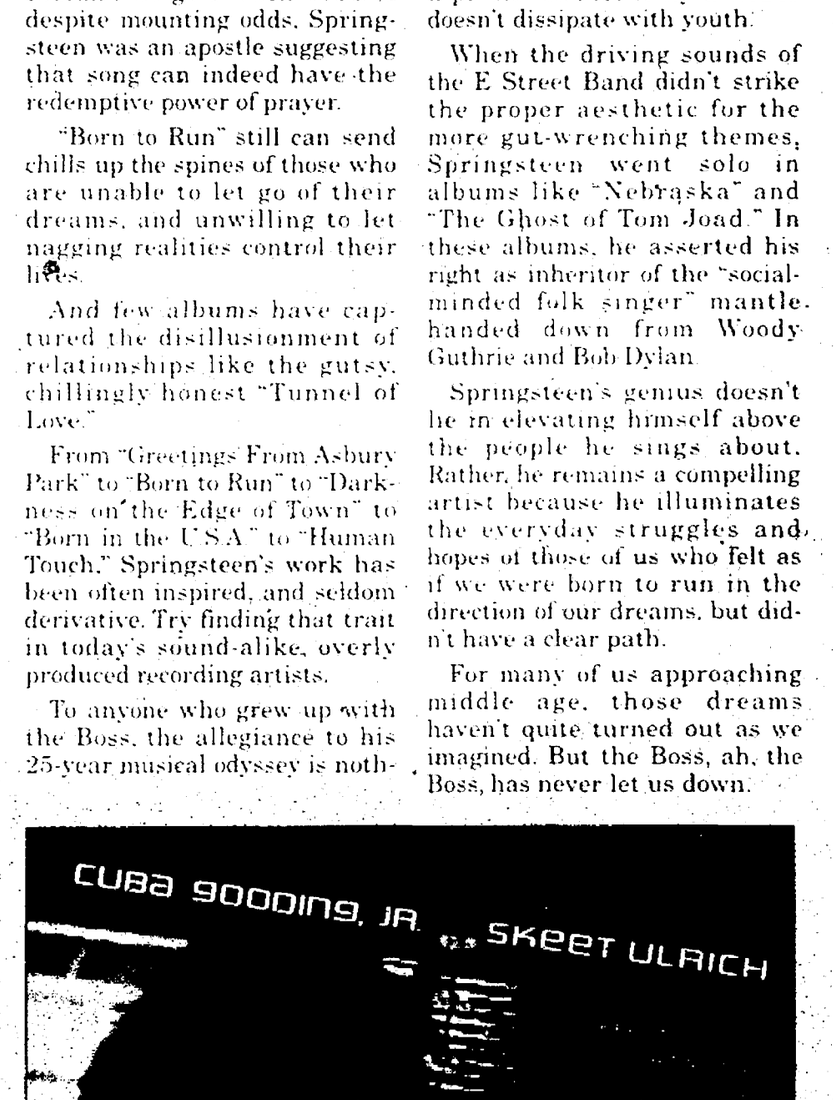

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OPERA

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA OF MICHIGAN
Puccini's "La Boheme," Friday, Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. $15, includes afterglow reception. (313) 582-0997

COLLEGE

OU THEATRE
Evening of original one-act plays including "Vodka Platonic" and "Bad Ju-ju and Bodacious Ta-tas," 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, please be advised of strong language, in Varner Studio Theatre at Oakland University, Rochester. $7, $5 students. (248) 370-2030

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS
"The Music Man," Sept. 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, and sept. 30-Oct. 2, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. $15. (248) 608-9077

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"Nunsense," Sept. 11, 17-18 and 24-26, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. $13, $12 seniors/students, includes sandwich and coffee afterflow. (248) 988-7049; open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12.

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Tour one of the country's oldest operating outdoor Greek theaters and an indoor theater designed by Eliel Saarinen and take a behind-the-scenes look at St. Dunstan's Guild community theater, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the facility, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 642-1404

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
"Godspell," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 17-18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, suitable for adults and families, not for children under age five, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. $10, $8, $6. (313) 535-8962

DINNER THEATER

DAVE & BUSTER'S
Mystery dinner theater "Engaged to Die," 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 2, on the northeast corner of M-59 and M-53, Utica. $32.95 plus tax and gratuity. Not recommended for children under 18. (810) 930-1515

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Rumplestiltskin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. $6. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANTIQUE SHOW
2-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Novi Expo Center, off I-96 and exit 162, one mile west of I-696 and I-275/ $6. (248) 348-5600

ARTIST'S RECEPTION
Courageous displays paintings in "Visions Beyond Primitive Thinking," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at Cafe Aroma, 8066 Kercheval, Detroit. (313) 579-CAFE

BEANIE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. $5, $2 ages 4-12. (734) 455-2110

BIRD HIKE
8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Maybury State Park, meet at the Concession Building in the main parking area on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state park motor vehiclke permit. (248) 349-8390

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS
Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsilanti.org

HISTORICAL TOUR
Through Woodlawn Cemetery and special program with historian Martin Brosnan, learn about prominent Detroit families and "Millionaires Pond," 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, meet at the cemetery, on west side of Woodward Ave., south of Eight Mile, across from State Fair Grounds, Detroit. Fee. (734) 722-6305

JAGUAR CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, to enter be there by 9:30 a.m., at the Northfield Hilton, I-75 and Crooks, Troy. (734) 464-3887

KENSINGTON METROPARK
"Creature Comforts," 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, join an interpreter for a 1 1/2 hour walk to seek out the haunts of local residents, "Deer Through the Seasons," noon Sunday, Sept. 5, explore the life history of these animals then join in a short hike, and "Sensory Safari," 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, indulge your senses as you travel the trails (wear old clothes), in the Nature Center at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Pre-registration required, (248) 685-0603/(800) 477-3178. Metropark vehicle entry permit is required: annual $15, $8 seniors, or daily $3 weekends and holidays, $2 weekdays except Wednesdays which are free entry days.

LABORFEST DETROIT
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 (parade at 10 a.m.) with Nashville singer/songwriter Steve Earle, the Latin Counts, Mosaic Youth Singers, Voice of Solidarity, Matrix Theatre C., cast of the musical 'Rats" and Detroit Labor Rappers, at the Kern Block, Woodward and Monroe, Detroit. (313) 926-5216

OPENING RECEPTION
For the exhibit "Three Generations" featuring the works of Phyllis Hochlowski, daughter Jana Conger and granddaughter Alicia Maturen 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278

REDFORD THEATRE
"Sleepless In Seattle" starring Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan and Rosie O'Donnell, with guest organists, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday,Sept. 10, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films, Saturday, Sept. 11, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. $2.50. (313) 537-2560 or http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford

BENEFITS

SOMEWHERE IN TIME/GREAT GATSBY GALA
Celebrates the Scarab Club's history and the Emerald Sinfonietta's second season 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 with cocktails, dinner (8:30 p.m.), dancing and entertainment, vintage dress or black tie preferred, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. $100, proceeds to benefit educational outreach programs of the Emerald Sinfonietta and the Scarab Club. (313) 438-0780

FAMILY EVENTS

KINDERMUSIK STORY TIMES
An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music in Canton, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth (734) 454-0178; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Science Emporium, 30951 Five Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia (734) 427-6125

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Sept. 4-6, Wonders of the World, off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie Hwy., between Pontiac and Flint. $13.95 ($12.50 advance), $11.75 seniors age 60 and up with ID, $5.95 ages 5-12 ($5 advance). (800) 601-4848/(248) 634-5552

FREE CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS
7:30 Friday, Sept. 3, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

"IN THE PARK"
Immunity-Reggae Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Shain Park, Birmingham.

CLASSICAL

GOETHE-INSTITUT ANN ARBOR
Goethe Songs by Women Composers, introductory lecture by Ann Willison Lemke, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at the Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8600 or http://www.goethe.de/annarbor

BRASS

DODWORTH SAXHORN BAND
Presents its re-creation of mid-19th century American brass bands, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. $8, $5 students/seniors, $20 family. (734) 453-5280

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

AUTUMNFEST
Volunteers needed for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation festival, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Marshbank Park on Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road. Also needed volunteers for Oct. 23 Monster Mash Bash. (248) 738-2500

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND
Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE
Auditions for "The Nutcracker," 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 (1 p.m. children's parts for party scene, 2:30 p.m. acrobats, 3 p.m. advance dancers, and 4 p.m. adults for non-dance roles), at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, 13500 Colson, east of Schaefer between Michigan and Ford roads. For performances Nov. 26-27. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA
Auditions for the youth orchestra's new season will be held Sept. 11. (313) 576-5164/(313) 576-5100

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. (734) 591-7649

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Holds open auditions for musicians Monday, Sept. 7, positions available in all string sections, substitute musicians are needed for all instruments. (313) 640-1773/(734) 451-2112

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for "It's a Wonderful Life," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, at the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile, west of I-275, Northville. For performances Nov. 19-20 and 26-28, and Dec. 3-4. (248) 344-1723/(248) 349-7110 or www.causeway.com/ptg/

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Auditions for all voice parts 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 14, in the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE
Schoolcraft College is reviving its jazz ensemble and is looking for musicians, rehearsals will be held 7-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 13 in the music department of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 420-8984

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS
Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

TRILLIUM PLAYERS
Looking for a director for "The Fantastics," must submit resume and fee information no later than Sept. 12, c/o 1165 Ford Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. For performances the weekend of Jan. 28 at the Trillium Theater, formerly the Wyandotte Theater.

VANGUARD VOICES
Open rehearsal and auditions for the 85-voice mixed choir under the directions of G. Kevin Dewey, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Bldg., room F-113 at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. For performances Dec. 5, Feb. 20, March 26 and June 4. (313) 845-6474

WIELICZKA DANCERS
The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations Sept. 9 to Oct. 15 for students ages 4-16, classes take place Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-2079

YOUTH COMPETITION
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

JOHANNA MADDEN

Beats: *Knee Deep Shag will help put the "beat" in Arts, Beats and Eats, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, on the Pepsi Stage during the festival in downtown Pontiac, which runs through Monday, Sept. 6. Festival hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6. For more information, check www.artsbeatseats.com on the Web, or call (248) 975-8850.*

JAZZ

RALPHE ARMSTRONG
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

TASILIMAH BEY
8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

LARRY GOLDINGS
Tuesday, Sept. 7, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO
With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian jazz/American standards)

"JAZZ ON THE LAKE"
Chuck Mangione headlines followed by Alexander Zonjic, also food and wine tasting offered by nearly three dozen area restaurants and wine merchants, and a silent auction 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake. $65. (248) 683-1750

BETTY JOPLIN
9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, sept. 10-11, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. (734) 662-8310

RAY KAMALAY AND HIS RED HOT PEPPERS
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (jazz/ragtime)

LARRY NOZERO AND FRIENDS
7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, at Eckles Road between Newburgh and Haggerty, 39405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. $15 minimum charge per person. (734) 254-0400

VINCENT SHANDOR TRIO
With Jeannine Miller, 9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 3-4, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann arbor. $5. (734) 662-8310

JANET TENAJ TRIO
Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

HARVEY THOMPSON
8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass/drums)

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO
8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Big Fish, 700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION
6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

NEW AGE

JOHN TESH
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $36 and $26 pavilion, $13.50 lawn. $1 from each ticket purchased will be donated to charity. Children 17 and younger get $5 off $26 tickets. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR S.O.A. WATCH
Lisa Hunter, Jo Serrapere, Sacred Song, Kristine Pettersen, Heidi Alwin-Snyder, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $10, proceeds to go to efforts to help close the U.S. Army School of the Americas, a military training facility where U.S. taxpayer dollars support the training of some of the worst human rights abusers in Latin America. (734) 663-1870

TOM PAXTON
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

POETRY IN MOTION
6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 Clark Iverson & Paradise Valley Days with the Detroit Black Writers Guild, also open mic, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River at Farmington Road, Farmington. No Cover. (248) 615-9181

DANCE

MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE
8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. $4 member, $5 guest. (734) 422-3298

STARDUST BALLROOM
Dance Parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

CHATTERS
"Comedy for a Cure" will be presented 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5 ($6) for the second year at the club, 7640 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Twenty of Detroit's premier comedians will perform at this benefit to raise money for for Muscular Dystrophy Association's quest for a cure. (734) 422-2427

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Mike Green and Pat Dixon, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 2-4 ($10); Malone and Nootcheez, and Elliott Branch, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 9-11 ($15), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Phil Perrier, also Bryan McCree Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 2-5; Tom McGillen also Alyce Faye Wednesay-Sunday, SEpt. 8-12, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Phantom Menace to Society," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, and 10:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Mainstage comedy acts: $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. $3, $2 seniors age 62 and older and students, $1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 ($10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional $10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday ($5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

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CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth," and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center which closes temporarily Sept. 7, opens Oct. 15 with new permanent exhibits "Life Lab," "The kinetic," "Every Rock has a Story," and "Reading Objects," and a temporary exhibit "Turbulent Landscaoes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
First Friday featuring talk by curator Rebecca Hart on the Ben Shahn exhibit, a barbershop quartet, origami workshop, drawing in the galleries, and a printmaking demonstration by Susan Goethel Campbell, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, at the museum, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Free with recommended admission of $4, $1 children. (313) 833-7900

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays; at 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

HENRY FORD ESTATE–FAIR LANE
Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
The village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. $12.50, $11.50 seniors, $7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. $3, $2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

ACME JAM
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. $7 in advance. (734) 996-8555

ALABAMA
7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats $10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (country)

BACKSTREET BOYS
7:30 p.m. Saturday—Monday, Nov. 6—8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out!

BARENAKED LADIES
With Cowboy Mouth. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. $33.50 pavilion, $25 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop)

JEFF BECK
With Johnny Lang. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets now on sale $35 pavillion/$15 lawn at The Palace and Pine Knob Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE SUITE
9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, Lower Towne Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

MOTOR CITY BOOGIE WOOGIE FEST
With Johnnie Johnson, Big Joe Duskin, Harold McKinney and Uncle Jesse White, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets $20. (248) 544-3030

BOUNCING SOULS
With H20, U.S. Bombs, Straight Face and Union 13, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

JAMES BROWN
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets $35 and $27.50 on sale now at Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 (soul)

BUSTER BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth (734) 455-8450 (blues)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. Sept. 3—5, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900 (blues)

SUSAN CALLOWAY
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

DEANA CARTER
6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater for the 1999 Arts, Beats and Eats Festival in Pontiac. (country)

CHER
With Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. Concert rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets from the July 23 show will be honored on Sept. 12. Tickets for an additional show on Sept. 11 are on sale for $75.25 and $45.25. Call (248) 645-6666

MARK CHESNUTT
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Tickets on sale $12.50 and $25.50. (248) 370-0100 (country)

THE CHURCH
8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets $20. All ages. (248) 335-3540 (alt. pop)

COLONEL SUN
on college night, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, The Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. No cover with college I.D. (734) 996-8555

CREED
With Our Lady Peace and Oleander. Friday, Oct. 15, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale $24.50 reserved and general admission. (248) 370-0100 (rock)

DANCEHALL CRASHERS
With No Use For a Name and Limp. 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Clutch Cargos, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets $10. All ages. (248) 333-2362 (ska)

DEATHGIRL.COM
With DJ Clark Warner. 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale $6. 18 and older. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
With The Dopes and The Big Creek. 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. 21 and over. $4 cover. (734) 996-8555

FAMILY VALUES TOUR
Featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter, DMX and The Crystal Method. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale now $35 reserved and general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

FANTASTIC PLASTIC MACHINE
Midnight, Saturday, Sept. 18, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets $8, or free with Breakbeat Era ticket stub. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (techno)

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOUR
With Peter Tosh's Fully Fullwood Band, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale $15. (248) 544-3030 (reggae)

FULL DEVIL JACKET
7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets $8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

GHETTOBILLIES
with Park, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, The Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Cover $5. (734) 996-8555

GINUWINE
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats $10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (urban)

GORMAN/DEL GRECO
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. No cover.
(734) 668-1838 (folk/bluegrass)

THE GYPSY MOTHS
5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, The Mussel Beach Music Fest at Cadieux Cafe, Detroit. $3 cover.
(313) 882-8560

THE HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SCOTT HENDERSON, GARY WILLIS AND TRIBAL TECH
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale $15. (248) 544-3030

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 9 p.m. Tuesday—Saturday, Sept. 7—11, The Habitat (inside Weber's), 3050 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. (734) 665-3636 (blues)

IMMUNITY
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. Free. All ages; 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, The Deck, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and over. (313) 965-2222; 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, Phoenix Plaza Amphitheatre for Arts, Beats and Eats Festival, downtown Pontiac; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Free. (810) 979-7550 (reggae)

INNERCOURSE
With Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale $8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ISOTOPE 217
With the Eternals, Thursday, Sept. 23, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (funky jazz)

JETHRO TULL
With Vyktoria Pratt Keating. 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Meadowbrook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. (248) 370-0100

JOURNEY
8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, State Fairgrounds. Tickets required. $10 plus admission to the fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (classic rock)

JOYDROP
6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale $6. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND
With War, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale $25 pavilion, $15 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (70s funk)

KILLER FLAMINGOS
10 p.m. Friday—Saturday, Sept. 10—11, Boulders, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

KING KONGA
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over (248) 735-4011 (world music)

JAN KRIST
With Harbinger's Mile, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Tickets $8 advance, $10 at door. (248) 399-3946 (folk)

KUNG FU DIESEL
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Karl's Cabin, 9779 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth. (734) 455-8450 (rock)

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

THE LEGENDARY WAILERS BAND
9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3, Majestic, Detroit. $17.50 in advance. (313) 833-9700

HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS
With Stewart Francke, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. (248) 370-0100 (pop)

MANIC STREET PREACHERS
July 24 show has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets for the original date will be honored at the door.

ZIGGY MARLEY & THE MELODY MAKERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale now $12.50 in advance, $15 day of show. 21 and over. Buy tickets at Royal Oak Music Theatre, Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

RICKY MARTIN
Nov. 1 show at The Palace is sold out.

MEN AT WORK
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $15. (248) 544-3030.

MOGWAI
With Granger, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. $8 in advance. (313) 833-9700

MONK
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Trinity House Theatre Stage, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, between Haggerty Road and I-275 in Livonia. Tickets $10 general admission, $8 for theater members. (734) 464-6302

MOXY FRUVOUS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale $12. (248) 544-3030

THE MUFFS
6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8.50. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (indie rock)

98 DEGREES
7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, State Fairgrounds. $10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (top 40)

NO MOOD INDIGO
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, The Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover $5 (734) 662-8310 (jazz)

OUT OF REACH
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Boulders, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (classic rock)

KRISTINE PATTERSEN
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. No cover. (734) 668-1838 (acoustic/urban)

POIGNANT PLECOSTOMUS
Farewell gig with surprise guests, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, The Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Cover $5. (734) 996-8555.

PRETTY THINGS
With The White Stripes, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets $16 in advance. (248) 544-3030 (rock)

RONI SIZE
With DJ Die and MC Dynamite, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale $15. All ages. (248) 645-6666

SAX APPEAL
7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 2 and Sept. 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Al's Copper Mug, 1704 W. Maple Rd., Walled Lake, for the 13th annual Al's Chilifest cook off and fundraiser. Donation $1. (248) 624-9659

SISTERS OF MERCY
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, The State Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale, $28.50 in advance. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

BRITNEY SPEARS
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, postponed until Sunday, Sept. 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com (pop)

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
The Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 16-17 shows scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills have been rescheduled for Sept. 8-9. Tickets for the Aug. 16 show will be honored Sept. 8 and tickets for the Aug. 17 show will be honored Aug. A limited number of tickets are still available for the Sept. 9 show, $67.50 and $37.50. Refunds are available at the point of purchase through Aug. 17. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

STONEY MAZAAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over (734) 451-1213; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

SWINGIN' UTTERS
With the Teen Idols, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. All ages. Tickets $8. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (punk)

JOHN TESH
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets $36 and $26 pavilion, $13.50 lawn. Children under 17 will receive $5 off $26 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (new age)

TILT
With One Man Army, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale $8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (punk)

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
"Echo Tour" 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets $49.50 and $39.50 at Palace and Pine Knob box offices and Ticketmaster at (248)645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

TYPE O NEGATIVE
6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale $15. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

HANK WILLIAMS JR
7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats $10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (country)

DAVID YOUNG
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at Polished Outlook, Inc. Free admission with purchase of CD. Young will sign copies of his new release "Renaissance." For information or reservations, call (248) 685-9898 (semi-classical)

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3 in advance, $5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.intuit-solar.com or http://www.blindpigmusic.com

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

GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chino, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.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.thegrooveroom.com

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick. 18 and older. Free; "Work Release," Rock 'n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe, 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. $6. 18 and older; "Rock 'n' Bowl" with DJ Del Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m. Saturdays at Garden Bowl. Free. 18 and older; "The Bird's Nest," punk rock night with live performances, 9 p.m. Mondays at Magic Stick. Free. 18 and older; "Soul Shakedown" with DJ Big Andy, 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Magic Stick. Free. 21 and older. (313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Family" with DJ's Derek Plaslaiko, Echo and Deep, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, also check out the Moby after-party Aug. 31. $3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload" with Shake on Friday Aug. 26, 10 p.m. $6. 18 and older; "Big House" featuring Static Revenger, with Tommy Onyx, Andrew Goldstone and a rare set by F111 artist D.B., 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28. $6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com

ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun," 9 p.m. Fridays. $3 before 11 p.m., $5 afterward. 18 and older; X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. $6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and over. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com

24 KARAT CLUB
"Cruise Night" with hot rods, Harleys and live bands, 8 p.m. Thursdays; Latin/House dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays, intermediate swing lessons, 9 p.m. Tuesdays; and beginner swing lessons, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE
"Viva La Noche Latina!" with dance lessons from 9-10 p.m. followed by dance night, Fridays, at the club, 29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. (248) 334-7411.

DINING

Festival offers delicious ways to satisfy your hunger

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Don't cook this weekend! Go to the Arts, Beats & Eats in downtown Pontiac where your eyes will definitely be bigger than your tummy.

In its second year, Arts, Beats & Eats was created to celebrate the diversity and quality of life in Oakland County and all of metro-Detroit.

Designed as a destination event, it is three festivals in one including a world-class art show, a multi-stage non-stop musical concert and a tastefest.

Proceeds benefit many Oakland County charities.

If you've not had a chance to check out a number of eateries in your home community, a trip to the Arts, Beats & Eats tastefest this weekend, will let you do that. You can sample from more than 40 eateries surrounding your home turf in metro-Detroit.

Oakland County participants are listed by city location, so you can find those from your Observer & Eccentric newspaper community easily. Comparison eat by checking out the menus below. Oakland County's restaurant scene is

livelier than ever.

What: Over 40 eateries serving their specialties during the Arts, Beats & Eats Festival.
Where: Saginaw Street and adjacent side streets between the Phoenix Center and Huron Street, Pontiac.
When: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.
Eats: Everything from pizza, ribs and blooming onions to eclectic creations from the area's top chefs. Foods to please vegetarians, kids and every member of the family.
Cost: Nine ticket strips for $5. Items require approximately three to six tickets.
Parking: Phoenix Center $5. SEMTA shuttles running approximately every 15 minutes from Summit Place Mall (free parking) and the Silverdome ($5 parking).

Auburn Hills Great Lakes Crossing

GameWorks: Chicken Satay with Peanut Sauce, Philly Cheesesteak and Jambalaya.

Rainforest Cafe: Tropical Chicken Sandwich and Baby Back Ribs.

Bingham Farms

Morels, A Michigan Bistro: Mushroom Bisque and Grilled Portabella Mushrooms.

Birmingham

Bad Frog Tavern: Red Beans & Rice and Mufalatta Sandwich.
Hunter House: Hamburger, Double Hamburger, Chili Fries and Chili Cheese Fries.

Bloomfield Hills

Deli Unique: Vienna Hot Dog, French Fries, Chili Cheese Fries and Frozen Yogurt.
Kerby's Koney Island: Coney Dog with Chili and Push Up Ice Cream.

Clarkston

Schwan's Ice Cream: Vanilla Sundae Cone, Strawberry Fruit Bars, Junior Bomb Pop and Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich.

Clawson

Trini & Carmen's: Beef Fajitas, Chicken Fajitas, Beans and Rice.

Farmington Hills

Fusion: Vegetable Fried Rice and Korean BBQ Chicken with Fried Rice.

Ferndale

Club House Barbeque: Jamaican Chicken Pita, Fresh Salsa & Homemade Chips, Salsalito Chicken Pita and Strawberry Shortcake.

Orchard Lake:

The Sheik: Vegetarian Falafel Sandwich, Shwarma, Middle-Eastern Salad and Baklava.

Pontiac

Applebee's: Ribs
Beale Street Blues: Pork Ribs, Cole Slaw and Bread, BBQ Chicken Breast Sandwich, Chopped Pork Shoulder Sandwich and Sock It To Me Cake.
Bo's Brewery & Bistro: Beer Bratwurst and Harvest Burger.
D & G Foods: Hot Dogs, Seasoned Fries, Catfish and Ice Cream.
Giovanni's Café Italiano: Mostaccioli with Palamino Sauce, Spaghetti with Meatballs and Scones with Strawberry Preserves and Cream.
Hola Tapas Cafe: Pinchos de Pollo al Ajillo (skewered chicken and garlic) and Arroz con Coco y Pasis (rice with coconut and raisins)
La Villa Restaurante: Tortellini and Pasta Primavera.
Pike Street: Chilled Fruit Salad, Horkatika (Greek salad), Pasta Primavera and Assorted Truffles.

Royal Oak

Duggan's Irish Pub: Big Chief Hamburger, French Fries and Foot Long Coney Dogs.

Southfield

Annabel's & Co. Catering: Asian Cabbage Salad, Black Beans & Rice, Wing Dings with Cucumber Dill Sauce and Bumpy Cake.
Excalibur: Sinatra Ribs and Potatoes Rockefeller.
Le Metro Bistro: Fruit Crepe, Sorbet, Cake and Pie.

Troy

Benihana: Hibachi Chicken with Mushroom & Fried Rice, Hibachi Shrimp with Mushroom & Fried Rice, California Roll and Salad with Ginger Dressing.
O'Grady's Irish Pub: BBQ Chicken and Fresh-Cut French Fries.
Picano's: Sicilian Sandwich and Sausage Sandwich.
Priya: Vegetable Koorma with Rice, Chicken Marhani with Rice, Tandoori Chicken and Rice Pudding.
The Bagel Factory: Veggie Roll-up, Turkey Roll-up, Fragel and Pizza Bagel.

West Bloomfield

Flying Fish Tavern: Spinach & Artichoke Dip and Whitefish Burger with Cole Slaw.
Stage & Co. Deli: Reuben Sandwich, Vienna Hot Dog, Cole Slaw and NY Cheesecake.

Eats: *Whether it's seafood or ribs you crave, you're sure to find something good to eat at the second annual Arts, Beats & Eats, Labor Day weekend in downtown Pontiac.*

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Just in case you missed it, here are some of the restaurants we've recently featured on the Dining Page.

Panini Cafe and Grill — 42087 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley roads in the Sears Shopping Plaza), Canton, (734) 981-7000. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine with some American dishes, sandwiches, salads, fresh juice, cappuccino and espresso. Vegetarian friendly. Kid's menu for children age 10 and under. Cost: Lunch $4.95 to $9.95; dinner entrees $7.95 to $13.95. Combination platter for two, $16.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Seats: 50, all non-smoking. Reservations: Accepted. Carry-out: Available. Catering: Catering menu, 24 hours advance notice for catered items, minimum eight people per order. Gift certificates: Available

Marco's — 32758 Grand River (in Village Commons Mall) Downtown Farmington (248) 477-7777. Open: Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 3-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 3-10:30 p.m. Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed Sunday.Menu: Eclectic collection of classic Italian with innovative dishes and specials that are more "novello" (new). Pastas are served with freshly-baked bread and fresh green salad. Main courses include a side dish of pasta, vegetable and potato. Meatless options: Many Highlights: Intimate, comfortable, relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the heritage of Italian food. Outdoor seating for 20 at four tables. Restaurant seats: 85, smoking section 20 seats Handicap access: wide front door, no steps. Cost: Antipasti (appetizers) $5.95-$8.95; Zuppa (soup) $2.50-$3.50; pastas $12.95 to $17.95; Piatti della Casa (main dishes) $14.95-$22.95. Luncheon menu includes fresh salads $6.95-$8.95; sandwiches $4.95-$5.95; pastas $6.95 to $12.95; entrees $7.95 to $13.95. Reservations: Recommended on weekends, and for parties of six or more. Parking: Ample self park. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Extras: Gift certificates available, restaurant can be reserved for private parties.

WHAT'S COOKING

■ Michigan Fall Game Feast, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 at **Fusion's Garden Atrium,** 34555 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Cost is $39.95 per person, prixe fixe, which does not include tax or gratuity. Call (248) 489-8852 for reservations.

Fusion chef Dale Sinclair has created a menu that includes Great Lakes Walleye, Young Mulard Duck and Michigan White-Tail Venison with a cornucopia of fall flavors including Butternut Squash, Apple Cider Sauce and Cranberry Chutney.

■ **Damon's Restaurants** has announced its support of the 1999 Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival, Labor Day weekend at Hart Plaza on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit. Damon's is proud to be "The Official Rib" of the festival. Damon's will be selling their award-winning ribs, pulled pork barbecue sandwiches and other items at the festival near the Hudson's/Teligent Stage on the upper level, facing Jefferson Avenue.

Damon's Restaurants is an international franchise based in Columbus, Ohio with over 100 restaurants. In addition to ribs, they are known for their chicken, steaks and unique loaves of onion rings.

"We're proud to be one of the sponsors of this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival," said Dave Khoury, owner of the three metro Detroit area restaurants – Canton, Sterling Heights, and Wyandotte. "It's an exciting chance for us to be part of something that makes Detroit fun."

The Canton Damon's is at 43750 Ford Road.

■ **Schoolcraft College** — Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-275.) Tickets are $40 per person or $75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students. During the event, Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants. A live auction will feature packages designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. Packages include a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef, and weekend getaway to Pelee Island with wine tour and tasting, dinner and hotel for four. Stay tuned to the Dining page for more information.

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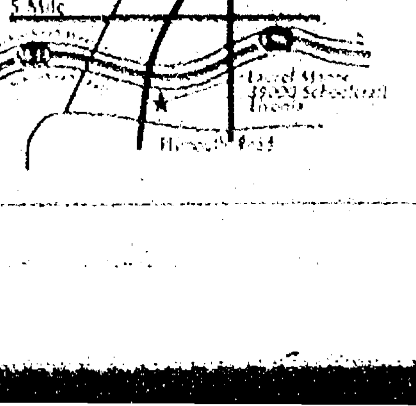

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