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Street repairs big session topic

A Tuesday study session of the Westland City Council included apparent agreement on the need to improve neighborhood streets. Officials aim to compile a priority list for resurfacing work.

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Westland city officials have no long-range priority list for resurfacing neighborhood streets, even though they concede that motorists face some bumpy rides.

But drivers dodging the next pothole could have reason to hope that their ride will eventually get better.

Administration officials and council members appeared to agree during a Tuesday study session that Westland should survey its street-repair needs and develop a priority list.

"Currently there is no survey done for Westland," Public Services Director Richard Dittmar said. "We just go out and drive around and say this area should be done next."

The issue arose after Councilman Richard LeBlanc questioned whether the city has a street-needs priority list. He raised his concern during talks about resurfacing Spring Valley in the Holliday Park Townhouses neighborhood, on Westland's north side.

LeBlanc said he'd like to see roads rated and placed on a list for improvements.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli agreed and said such a list should include cost estimates.

Council members reached a consensus to seek bids next spring for Spring Valley's resurfacing, even before the project officially gets placed in the city budget next July 1.

"It is one of the worst," Mayor Robert Thomas said of Spring Valley's condition.

Dittmar said the Spring Valley asphalt resurfacing will cost about $65,000 and could start as early as June.

Councilman Glenn Anderson questioned why the project couldn't be bid this fall to allow work to begin earlier, but administration officials said they believed the latest decision would satisfy Holliday Park residents.

"I think the people will be happy if

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Guarding safety of students

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Teachers are certainly essential to good education, but they're not the only school professionals who help children.

"They're vital," Madison Elementary Principal Mary Goedert said of school crossing guards. "They are just so important to the safety of the school."

The guards work with the student safety patrol, she said, and help control traffic, reminding motorists that children are crossing.

The guards are the "eyes and ears" of the school, Goedert said, recalling a former crossing guard who helped out when a child fell last year. "He told me what happened and I was able to communicate with the mother" of the child, now fine.

The Livonia Public School district pays its crossing guards, said Sgt. Peter Brokas of the Westland Police Department. In the rest of Westland, the paid guards work for the city.

"They're all trained by us and equipped by us," Brokas said. Drivers are bound by the stop signs held by guards, and there have been a few incidents in Westland of drivers ignoring the signs.

"And we prosecute those people," he said.

Those who wish to become crossing guards must be healthy. They are put through a background check and a training program, both for new guards and a refresher for veterans. Brokas said there's no upper age limit.

The sergeant said it's essential for motorists "to expect the unexpected" from students as school starts. "One of them may run out into the street."

It's not a good combination to have harried parents getting kids to school and themselves to work in the morning, he said.

"Be cautious, because they are more apt to do these crazy types of things." Children are less likely to act up when they're alone.

The burden of caring for kids around school falls on adult motorists, Brokas said. "They're not going to be cautious so it's up to us."

Kids need to avoid walking in the street, he said, and should look both ways when crossing streets. Young people who walk in the street rather than on the sidewalk could be issued a violation and sent to juvenile court.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Caring: *Trainee crossing guard Ethel Kozlowski holds the stop sign high on the first day of school for students to cross at the intersection of Avondale and Carlson. Students were on their way to Madison Elementary.*

Eatery project gets nod

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Fast-food giant McDonald's Corp. plans to serve up some fast redevelopment on a dilapidated Westland corner.

The company intends to open a new restaurant by year's end on the northeast corner of Wayne and Palmer roads – after demolishing a boarded-up bank and an existing McDonald's.

■ The company plans to tear down a former NBD building and an older McDonald's on a 1.7-acre site, replacing them with a new restaurant. A portion of land north of the new McDonald's will be landscaped but will remain vacant until a new business chooses to locate there.

Company officials announced the time line Tuesday after receiving sweeping approval from Westland City Council members to move ahead.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin said the plan will mark "a dramatic improvement" for one of Westland's major intersections.

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A portion of land north of the new McDonald's will be landscaped but will remain vacant until a new business chooses to locate there.

"It'll be quite an improvement on that corner, and we'll be glad to see it

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DeHart, state rep, shares knowledge with seniors

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State Rep. Eileen DeHart, guest of honor Tuesday morning at Marquette House in Westland, diplomatically refrained from criticizing Republican Gov. John Engler.

Instead, in her visit to the assisted living facility near John Glenn High School, the veteran legislator discussed such things as the Y2K crisis. "In another couple of months, we're going to reach a new milestone," DeHart, D-Westland, said of the year 2000. There are concerns about computer readiness.

"It's amazing how our world revolves around computers," she told the group gathered in the dining room. Every day, we use more than 200 microchips, she said.

"And we are going to be OK," she said. "I'm not here to alarm you. We're going to be fine." Smart people are working on the Y2K problem, DeHart said.

DeHart described herself as a "moderate Democrat" in response to a question. "You're very lucky because not all seniors have those benefits," she told a Ford Motor Co. retiree.

The legislator discussed tobacco suit settlement money, which she advocates

Please see **DEHART**, A2

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Kudos: *State Rep. Eileen DeHart (left) gives accolades to Marquette House and its administrator, Cindy Jedinak.*

Gas station pump ignites when struck Sunday

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A gas pump burst into flames Sunday after a Westland man backed his pickup truck into it, fleeing as fire threatened to engulf an Amoco station at Wayne and Palmer, fire and police officials said.

A shutoff valve likely prevented what Fire Chief Mark Neal said "could have been a much worse fire."

Authorities reported no serious injuries, but Neal estimated damages at $50,000.

"The flames from the fire destroyed the pump and the canopy above the pump area," Neal said.

The fire erupted at 7:50 p.m. Sunday at an Amoco station on the southeast corner of Wayne and Palmer.

A Ford pickup driver who knocked the gas pump off its foundation "got out of the vehicle and ran around the lot frantically before he got back into the vehicle and fled," a police report said.

An alert witness trailed the 19-year-old suspect to a house on nearby Freeman, where police said the pickup driver met up with his sister and a third person.

With the suspect now a passenger, the trio headed north on Wayne Road only to be stopped near Farragut by a police officer who saw the getaway truck, the police report said.

The suspect's sister told police she was with him when the accident occurred – and that they were returning to the gas station.

But the pickup driver finally admitted he was alone after learning that witnesses saw only him in the truck, the police report said.

"He stated that he was using the pay phone at the station and then, before he knew it, the pickup went out of gear and went backwards into the pumps," the report said. "He stated that when it caught fire he got scared and fled the location."

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■ **FALL HOURS**

Fall hours for the library started Tuesday, Sept. 7. They are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

■ **WEB SITE OF THE WEEK**

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Each fall, our Reference Desk gets the same question – where are those cider mills? This site provides the answer. Also includes information on apple festivals and, of course, apple recipes.

■ **PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

Genealogy Workshop

7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, Community Meeting Room B. A series of six meetings for genealogists will cover how to do genealogical research, how to write correspondence using state and federal census data, and using the Internet. A field trip to the Westland Family History Museum is planned. Sponsored in cooperation with the Westland Historical Commission. Fee: $10 for six classes. Registration required. To register, call Stephen Keller at (734) 722-6305.

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Open Mike Poetry Reading

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, Community Meeting Room B. The library is hosting an evening of family-friendly poetry read by members of our community. Bring your own original poem or an old favorite to share with the group. All ages welcome. Light refreshments will be served. No fee. No registration required.

Adult Book Discussion Group

7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, Group Meeting Room C. Elmore Leonard's "Fifty-two Pickup." These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. Discussions are held in Group Meeting Room C. Call and reserve your copy today. No fee. No registration required.

■ **YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES**

The library is forming a Teen Library Club for young adults ages 12-17 to share ideas for library programs, to discuss books and to participate in other fun-filled activities. Interested? Contact the Children's Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123.

■ **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Sleepy Storytime

7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, Community Meeting Room A.

This half-hour family storytime is held every Monday evening. Wear your jammies and bring your blankie! No fee. No registration required.

Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Toddler Tales (for 18-36 months) and Preschool Storytime (for ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytimes last about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required although class size is limited.

After School Special

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in program held each Wednesday is for all school-age children and provides an opportunity to make crafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration required.

■ **FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES**

Friends Board meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, Community Meeting Room A. The Friends of the Westland Library meet on the second Tuesday each month. They discuss their fund-raising and programming activities. Stop in and find out how your membership can benefit you ... and your community.

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In contrast, an employee told police it appeared the pickup was backed into the pump rather than rolling into it while out of gear.

Police Lt. Marc Stobbe said the pickup driver was given a misdemeanor ticket for leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

The suspect could face a maximum 90-day jail term and a $500 fine if convicted.

OBITUARIES

LEON B. ROY

Services for Leon Roy, 79, of Westland were Sept. 8 in St. Bernardine of Siena Church with burial at Aetna Township Cemetery.

Mr. Roy was born March 31, 1920, in Detroit and died Sept. 6 at his residence in Westland. He was a carpet installer for a textile company.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; son, James (Shelley); daughter, Sharon (Martin) Homah; brother, Tom (Mary); sister, Clara Storvis; nine grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or American Institute for Cancer Research.

Arrangements were made by L. J. Griffin Funeral Home.

CAROLYN M. BAKER

Services for Carolyn Baker, 61, of Jackson were Sept. 4 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Officiating was the Rev. Bruce Harris from Garden City Church of Christ.

Mrs. Baker was born Feb. 18, 1938, in West Virginia and died Aug. 31 in Wellston, Ohio. Before moving to Jackson, she was a resident of Inkster. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Sam; son, Carl Baker of Canton; daughter, Deborah Baker of Inkster; brothers, Gerald and Archie Webb; sisters, Annabelle Sowards of Westland, Thelma Webb, Hazel Scott and Donna Sowers; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to Jenkins Memorial Nursing Facility.

RAYMOND F. WALKER

Services for Raymond Walker, 75, of Westland were Aug. 5 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mr. Walker was born July 18, 1924, in Bad Axe, Mich., and died Aug. 2 in Westland. He was a hi-lo driver in the manufacturing industry.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, and daughter, Connie.

ELEANOR M. HARRINGTON

Services for Eleanor Harrington, 63, of Westland were Aug. 11 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harrington was born Feb. 23, 1936, in Detroit and died Aug. 8 in Westland. She was an election clerk in the public schools.

Surviving are her daughters, Deborah Montoya, Kimberly (Ronald) Jessee and Pamela Harrington; brother, Gordon; sisters, Yvonne, Donna and Darlene; and four grandchildren.

NORMAN D. HALL

Services for Norman Hall, 66, of Westland were Sept. 4 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was Deacon John Kenny from St. Theodore Church.

Mr. Hall was born Sept. 4, 1932, in Detroit and died Sept. 1 in Livonia. He was a carpenter.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; sons, Norman Jr., Todd and Scott (Diane); daughter, Linda (Michael) Schlaff; and four grandchildren.

SARAH M. SMITH

Services for Sarah Maddock Smith, 83, of Westland were Aug. 4 at Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born July 31, 1916, in Fall River, Mass. She died July 31. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Merle.

Survivors include: son, William Smith; brothers, Matt Keefe and Russell Keefe; grandson, Craig (Gloria) Smith; great-grandson, Ryan Smith.

Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

STEFAN Z. KURZAWA

Services for Stefan A. Kurzawa, 79, of Westland were Sept. 7 from Sts. Peter & Paul Church.

Mr. Kurzawa was born May 7, 1920, in Poland and died Sept. 4. He was a line operator for a steel company.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mitchell S. Survivors include: wife, Genevieve; daughter, Christine I. (Robert) Brown; daughter-in-law, Arlene E.; grandchildren, Kimberley, Kristopher, Jennifer and Megan.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland. Burial was at St. Hedwig.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Lansing guest: *State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, visits with residents of Marquette House in Westland.*

DeHart *from page A1*

using for health care costs and smoking prevention efforts. Many in DeHart's family have, or have died, from smoking-related illnesses, she said, and the majority of her five children have smoked at some time.

"We need to crack down on those people who are selling cigarettes to 13-year-olds." DeHart shared with the residents that she's nearly 51 and a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

DeHart also went through a book she distributed on senior services, covering tax credits, health care, housing, transportation and other issues. She had visited the assisted living facility previously.

"We've been trying to get more experience for our residents into government," said Cindy Jedinak, administrator at Marquette House. Westland Mayor Robert Thomas recently visited.

"The residents really enjoyed that," Jedinak said. She's seen a lot of interest among the seniors in voting, "which I think is great."

The facility currently houses 70 people.

Tuesday morning, DeHart brought a proclamation to Marquette House in recognition of assisted living.

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Eileen DeHart
—state representative

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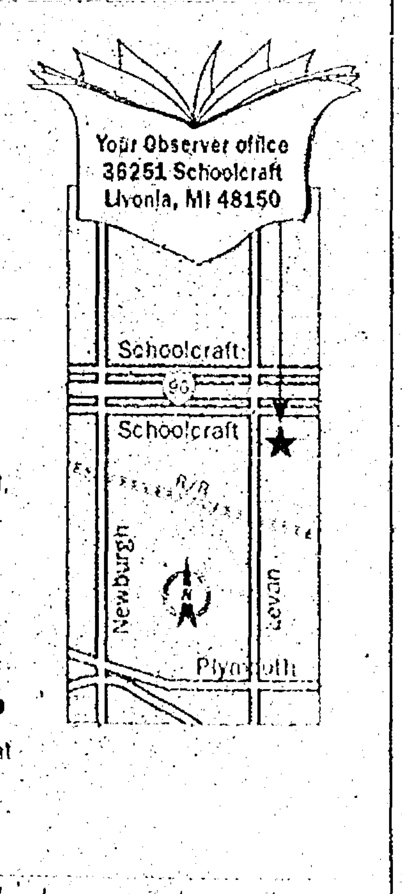

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THE Observer NEWSPAPERS

Aim high: *Devin Scillian, an anchorman for WDIV-TV (Channel 4) urges the chamber of commerce audience to have high expectations of television programming. Scillian spoke Tuesday at Roma's of Garden City.*

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Speaker urges TV viewers to seek quality in content

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TV news viewers should demand more serious content from their local stations to improve the quality of news programs, an estimated 170 suburban business and professional people were told Tuesday by a newscaster.

Devin Scillian, a WDIV-TV (Channel 4) anchorman, told the members of five suburban chambers of commerce that they should be more demanding of serious TV news stories instead of those stories that are merely interesting.

He admitted that he is disturbed at what he sees on TV.

Scillian, with Channel 4 for four years, urged his audience to urge station managers to have more serious news stories – the same message he gives his own bosses, he said.

Attending the luncheon program in the Roma Hall banquet hall in Garden City were members of the chambers of Garden City, Westland, Redford Township, Wayne and Dearborn Heights.

Two chamber members interviewed after Scillian's talk agreed with the speaker.

"People should be more careful of what they watch," said Will Tipton, a Garden City-based real estate business owner. "Then we'll get better programs to view."

Diane Abbott, the city of Westland's municipal cable TV and community relations contractor, felt that Scillian's comments were "well-thought out and well-founded," adding that she enjoys Scillian's newscasts.

The anchorman told the chambers' members that TV consultants, with the support of station owners, are behind the change in news and other TV programming.

He recalled that during the golden age of TV during the 1950s and '60s, most families gathered around the TV set at 6 p.m. to watch the evening news.

"But now there is no longer a need to watch TV news," he said because stations are no longer satisfying the viewers' needs.

"I tell my bosses that good, sound journalism can make money and draw viewers," Scillian said.

He told his audience that "you should demand good TV journalism – then you'll get it."

The anchorman told his audience that "you have remarkable power to make changes (in TV news programs) and you should harness that power."

"You should consult your TV guide" to decide what to watch, "reward good television and take back control of TV news."

An example of how TV news and audience have changed since the 1960s is the Washington Post's continuous coverage of the Watergate issue although it was largely ignored by the public. The issue led to the 1974 resignation of President Richard Nixon .

But in the past 20-plus years, there have been many major technological changes in TV news, such as scores of new cable channels, satellites and the Internet, Scillian said.

Now, he pointed out, "people can get what they want, when they want it."

Chamber leaders also reminded their audience of the Five Star Expo program to be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Joy Manor, on Joy between Inkster Road and Middlebelt in Westland.

New world: *There have been many changes which influence TV programming, Devin Scillian told his audience.*

Livonia Mall now has a Crowley's Value City

Borrowing on the name of its predecessor, a longtime Detroit-area retailer, Value City opened at Livonia Mall last week.

Called Crowley's Value City, the store offers name-brand and designer goods at below-department-store prices, said John Willey, a regional vice president with the company. The Livonia location was one of three Value City stores in the Detroit area that officially opened in former Crowley's stores on Sept. 2.

"We've welcomed them like a good neighbor," said Livonia Mall manager Carl Zarbo. "I think this community's going to be very very pleased with their presence."

"Livonia did exceedingly well" in sales on its first day, Willey said. Another new Crowley's Value City in Roseville, which had a "soft" opening a few weeks ago, became the chain's top store, Willey said.

The Columbus, Ohio-based company has about 100 Value City stores in the Midwest, East and South.

■ **'Livonia did exceedingly well.'**
John Willey
—regional vice president

At Livonia Mall, there are about 220 Value City employees, and the store is continuing to hire, Willey said.

Zarbo said a survey done during the Sept. 2 opening showed Value City was bringing people to Livonia Mall from beyond the mall's primary trade area – about a three-mile radius. Many shoppers said it was their first time at the mall, or their first time in at least a year, Zarbo said.

"We're obviously extremely pleased with that type of a situation," he said.

The new Crowley's Value City stores in Livonia, Roseville and Warren join established Value City locations in Westland and Taylor.

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Nightingale West Healthcare Center is sponsoring an annual carnival Sunday, Sept. 19, at the facility, 8365 Newburgh in Westland. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Games, music, food and fun will be featured at the carnival, which is open to the public. For information, call Birdie Goynes, (734) 416-2000.

Fair winner

Dorothy Tinkle of the Holliday Park Townhouses in Westland won three ribbons at the Michigan State Fair Community Arts Section. They were for a dress she sewed, a knitted sweater and a crocheted sweater. This makes 17 ribbons she has won at the Michigan State Fair in the last four years.

Jaycees Road Rally

The Westland Jaycees will have a Polaroid Road Rally Saturday, Sept. 25, starting at American Power Wash on Wayne Road (registration 5 p.m., start 5:30 p.m.) and ending 7:30 p.m. at Blarney Bay Pub on Warren

Price of $50 per team (two- to five-person) includes two rolls of film, one bucket of wings and a medium pizza, and a coupon book valued at $400. Registration should be done by Sept. 22; call (734) 480-4984. Grand prize is $300.

Alzheimer's

The Marquette House Alzheimer's Support Group will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the facility, on Marquette across from John Glenn High School in Westland. The group is open to families and friends of people with Alzheimer's disease. For information, call Peggy Hebling, (734) 326-6537.

Walking along

The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers 7 a.m. at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends 10 a.m.

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it's done next year," Dittmar said.

Officials named several other streets that they said are in dire need of repairs. Thomas called one north-end street, Donna, the "absolute worst" but said the project will cost "big bucks."

Councilman David Cox said some streets in the city's southeast end are deteriorating.

Administration officials noted that a 1-mill tax increase would generate $1.4 million a year for local street repairs, but the issue fueled little discussion Tuesday – one week before a council primary.

Thomas also said the city could study long-term financing options for citywide street improvements.

Anderson, who has made Westland's "crumbling infrastructure" one of his top campaign issues, said Tuesday that the city desperately needs a priority list for street repairs.

"We're talking about just putting out fires right now, rather than looking at the big picture," he said.

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take place," Councilman Glenn Anderson said Tuesday during a meeting.

Council members supported the golden arches development by approving a site plan and a special land use proposal. McDonald's had publicly unveiled its vision for the Wayne-Palmer site one month ago.

Griffin said the plan will mark new development in a Wayne Road commercial corridor that the city is trying to spruce up.

"I think it's a vast improvement along our downtown development area," he said.

Council members in August had indicated that their support for the project could hinge on whether McDonald's would agree to demolish an abandoned restaurant on Merriman north of Van Born.

But city officials learned that McDonald's is engaged in talks with a possible buyer who is considering a sit-down only restaurant at the Merriman site.

McDonald's pledged Tuesday that if negotiations aren't successful within 90 days, the company will proceed with demolishing the building.

Livonia teachers picketing

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■ 'We're willing to talk through the weekend to get a contract.'

Steven Smith
—assistant superintendent

Pickets carried by Stevenson High teachers Tuesday put the spotlight squarely on what Superintendent Ken Watson, in the latest issue of the district's newsletter, calls Livonia Public Schools' "secure financial position."

"Big surplus, but teachers get shortchanged," read one sign carried by a Stevenson teacher outside administrative offices at 15125 Farmington Road.

The district's hefty rainy day fund – about $25 million – is a figure that can't be ignored during negotiations on a teachers' contract that expired Aug. 16.

"We not objecting to opening up our pocketbook; it's just a matter of how wide," said Steven Smith, assistant superintendent for personnel and one of the district's negotiators.

Both sides returned to the bargaining table Wednesday under a contract that has been extended to Sept. 30.

Picketing is slated to take place both at district headquarters and at the high schools into next week in the teachers' attempt to reach a contract settlement.

On Tuesday, Karen Zyczynski, president of the Livonia Education Association and an elementary teacher, joined the Stevenson teachers during their hourlong picketing duty. She said that a settlement could be close at hand.

Smith said negotiations could continue throughout the weekend.

"We're willing to talk through the weekend to get a contract," Smith said. "We believe we made some progress last week."

He declined to be specific but added: "At this stage, everything is pretty significant."

All week, a new group of teachers is expected to picket district headquarters after school. Churchill teachers were expected Wednesday, Franklin today and a mixture of teachers from various schools on Friday.

In addition to the healthy rainy day fund, Livonia teachers also have spotlighted the word "quality."

"Quality work deserves quality pay," read one sign carried Tuesday by a Stevenson teacher.

"We won't let the community down," Zyczynski said. "We intend to provide students with the same high quality education we've always provided. We have quality schools, a quality teaching staff and a quality working environment. We want to be sure to maintain all this."

Like the teachers, all school district employees are working under an extended contract, either formal or informal.

Three groups of workers represented by the LEA – paraprofessionals, secretaries and supervisory personnel – have a signed contract extension which ends Sept. 30, the same day the teachers' contract extension ends.

Two other groups, administrators and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, have informal extensions with the district.

"We'll bargain after the teachers' contract is settled," said Karen Winters, president of the administrators' union, Livonia Educational Administrators and Supervisors.

"No employee is working without a contract," Smith said.

Smith called "unusual" the fact that all contracts expired this summer.

Last year, possibly to offset a barrage of bargaining all taking place at the same time, the district offered its 1,200 teachers a one-year contract extension. Teachers rejected the offer.

Raises negotiated by teachers generally set the stage for the pay hikes given to the other unions.

"We're willing to wait, but we're anxious to get started," Winters said.

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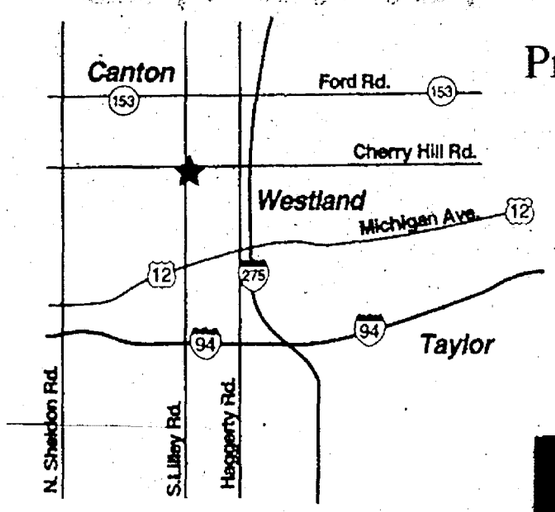

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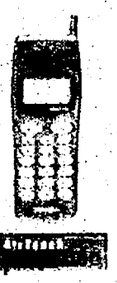

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Consumers urged to be protect personal information

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"Identity theft" – crimes in which the perpetrators use personal information about the victims to run up debts or drain bank accounts – is on the rise, and the Michigan Attorney General's office is warning state residents to take precautions.

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm issued a consumer alert Thursday urging residents to guard personal bank account and credit card information against theft.

"This is an extremely difficult area to get a handle on," Stanley Pruss, chief of the AG's Consumer Protection division, said. "Nationally, it has become a $40 billion a year problem. In Michigan, if you were to count all identity frauds in which someone, using fraudulent means, impersonated another to run up credit card debt or drain a bank account, there must be hundreds if not thousands of instances."

And thieves are coming up with new ways to obtain that personal information about their victims.

"We have recently heard of a 'year 2000' scam, preying on people's fears, in which a caller states they are from the consumer's bank and requests account information saying that the information is needed to ensure that the bank can comply with 'year 2000' requirements. Once the thief gets the information, the fraud artist accesses and depletes the consumer's accounts," the consumer alert stated.

This reported scam occurred out of the state, but Pruss said he believes the ruse may be in use here as well.

Personal information can be stolen in a variety of ways, by stealing wallets or searching of the mail or trash from the victim's to find old bank or credit card statements.

"Identity thieves have a distasteful habit of going through trash; it's called 'dumpster diving.' It may be trash to you, but it can be a gold mine for them," the AG's office stated.

More sophisticated techniques of using computers to read and store information from the magnetic strip of an ATM or credit card are also being used. Identity thieves have even been known to call financial institutions, pretending to be the customer, and trick employees into releasing personal account information, the consumer alert states.

The AG's office offers the following tips to protect yourself:

■ Guard your personal identifying information. Before giving personal or financial information, know how it will be used and whether it will be transferred to third parties. Often, there are choices. If you have a choice, opt out of releasing personal or financial information.

■ Use care in disposing of charge receipts, insurance forms, bank checks and statements, even credit offers and applications.

■ Use caution when placing outgoing mail, such as credit card payments, in your mailbox and raising the flag for the postal carrier. This can be an invitation to an identity thief to steal your mail and obtain valuable information.

■ Carefully review credit card and bank statements for unauthorized activity and discrepancies.

■ Do not provide your credit card number or other personal information over the telephone unless you have initiated the call.

■ If you shop over the Internet, check on security measures before entering personal information or your credit card number and be sure you are dealing with a reputable business. If you don't know the company, check it out first.

■ File a police report and get a copy of the report. Credit card companies, financial institutions and insurance companies may require a police report to verify the crime.

■ Report the fraud to your credit card issuers and financial institutions.

■ Notify the Federal Trade Commission. The 1998 Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act directs the FTC to maintain a database of identity fraud complaints and to refer victims to the appropriate authorities.

If you are a victim of identity theft take immediate action to minimize the damage. Contact the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus listed below. Request that your file be flagged with a fraud alert advising creditors to call you prior to opening new accounts in your name.

■ Experian (formerly TRW), P.O. Box 949 Allen, TX 75013, (800) 353-0809.

■ Equifax P.O. Box 105139 Atlanta, GA 30374-5139, (800) 556-4711.

■ Trans Union P.O. Box 736 Springfield, PA 19064-0736, (800) 680-7293.

Nankin Mills hosts botany hike

The Rouge River's floodplain habitat may not be the bayou, but it provides the perfect environment for a variety of floodplain plants like the Green Dragon and Hackberry. Nature enthusiasts are invited to enjoy a day of "botanizing" 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

Plant lovers of all ages can learn about floodplain plants on a two-mile hike through the Ellsworth Section of the Holliday Nature Preserve. Participants will also hike along the bike trail to view other plants that call Hines Park their home.

Enthusiasts are encouraged to wear water-resistant shoes as the area may be muddy. They should also be prepared for any lingering mosquitoes. Suitable for ages 8 and up, the fee is $1 per person and advance registration is required.

The program is made possible through the funding from the parks millage.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Parking is available off Hines Drive and can be reached even if the road is barricaded for flooding.

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

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LIVONIA SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The ever-popular Livonia Public Library's summer reading program list is here.

The annual program drew nearly 1,800 participants, with a total of 505 youngsters qualifying by reading (or being read to) for a total of 50 hours between June 1 and Aug. 14.

Participants were also required to visit one of the Livonia libraries at least five times during the program's 10 weeks. They were also given weekly chances at prizes, and after five visits, given chances for large prizes donated by The Sports Authority.

The libraries are now accepting evaluations and suggestions for improving the program next year.

This year's list includes:

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Bailey, Lauren
Balhorn, Kenny
Balhorn, Kortney
Ballarin, Ashley
Ballarin, John
Barnauskas, Meghan
Barnes, Cory
Barr, Jamie
Barron, Courtney
Barry, Kristen
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Bremer, Brandon
Bremer, Jason
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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

Publish: September 2 and 9, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, September 14, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

??	Cutler	Boat	Wht/Blu	MCZ351030489
86	Chevrolet	Pickup	Black	1GCCC14N9GF398011
91	Plymouth	2-dr Laser	Red	4P3CS44R6ME019683
96	Ford	4-dr Taurus	Red	1FALP52U7TG300285
88	Chevrolet	2-dr Beretta	Black	1G1LV14W8JY668997

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Wetland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

86	Chevrolet	Blazer	Black	1G8CT18R2G0161970
85	Cadillac	2-dr Eldordo	Blue	1G6EL5780FE609500
84	Mercury	4-dr Grd Marquis	White	2MEBP95F7EX607042
92	Dodge	2-dr Shadow	White	1B3XP64K2NN120922
86	Mercury	4-dr Sable	Black	1MEBP87U8GG639447
88	Ford	2-dr Escort	Maroon	1FAPP2196JW259597
96	Chevrolet	S-10 Pickup	Teal	1GCCS19XXT8198203
88	Dodge	Colt StaWgn	Blue	JB3BG39DXJZ034375
80	Ford	4-dr Fairmont	Blue	0E92B202005
90	Ford	4-dr Taurus	Black	1FACP52U7LG166863
90	Jeep	2-dr Wrangler	Blue	2J4FY29T2LJ511739
90	Chevrolet	Astro Van	Blue	1GNDM15Z1LB168944
88	Pontiac	2-dr Grand AM	Blue	1G2NE14U7JC674578

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.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after August 22, 1999, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

81	Chevrolet	Pickup	White	1GCCC14D8BB108865
84	Chevrolet	Station Wagon	Tan	1G1AW35R3E6932668

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CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before *September 29, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.* for the following:

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Complete specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For questions pertaining to bid specifications, please contact James Zoumbaris, Department of Public Service Water and Sewer Superintendent, at (734) 467-3242. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No: 592-092999
Publish Date: September 9, 1999

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO BIDDER

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 **Monday, September 20, 1999 at 12:01 pm**, for the following items:

Sale of 74 Shoup Voting Machines

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

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ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

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Commission OKs rodent control program

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Wayne County soon will be re-establishing a rodent prevention and control program.

On Aug. 31, county commissioners approved a $2.7 billion budget, which included $60,000 for the rodent control program.

A rodent control ordinance, introduced by Commissioner Kathleen Husk, R-Redford, also is expected to be officially read for a second time before commissioners on Sept. 16, which makes the ordinance legal upon publication.

Husk introduced the ordinance to assist residents who complained about rats, particularly in the community of Dearborn Heights. "They were concerned and upset," Husk said. "There was a program about 20 years ago, but after the funds ran out, Wayne County stopped the program.

Kathleen Husk

"I wanted to start up the program, because there was such a need for it."

Some Redford residents also have complained of rodents, but Husk hasn't received quite as many complaints from that community as she has from Dearborn Heights.

Husk hopes the state can obtain additional funds. "The Department of Agriculture is working on a grant from the federal government," Husk said.

Husk's ordinance authorizes that an environmental health education program will be developed to stop neighborhood rodent infestations, and authorizes Wayne County's division of public health services to enter into cooperative agreements with municipalities to start a joint rodent prevention and control program.

The resolution also states:

■ Rat infestations have become a "substantial if not yet serious threat" to the public health in many Wayne County communities;

■ Rat populations can multiply rapidly in any area in which household food garbage is placed in plastic disposal bags, but the bags are not stored in rat-proof containers.

■ Rats are known to carry fleas, lice, ticks and several diseases, which can be transmitted to pets and sometimes to humans.

■ Low levels of rat infestation are rarely noticed. Homeowners tend to self-help when rat populations rise to the level of becoming commonly visible and set traps and poison baits. The use of rat traps and baits, however, presents hazards to pets and children.

COUNTY NEWS

Hearings set on deregulation

Residents who wish to discuss telephone deregulation or electric or natural gas restructuring can attend a consumer forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Westland City Hall's council chambers, 36601 Ford Road.

Members of the Michigan Public Service Commission will discuss changes in the natural gas, electric and telephone industries and how these affect consumers.

After years of receiving utility service from monopoly providers, some customer now have a choice in selecting their natural gas and electric supplier. The telephone industry is also changing — introducing new services, features and charges.

Topics include the experiences of telephone deregulation, the benefits and difficulties; and electric and natural gas restructuring — what it is and what consumers can expect.

The Michigan Public Service Commission is an agency within the Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

Crosswinds Marsh presents class on orienteering

Are you easily lost? Do you have trouble reading a map? Then join Wayne County parks from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Crosswinds Marsh Wetland Interpretive Preserve for a class on orienteering.

The class will highlight basic map and compass skills, and participants will follow an actual orienteering course to test their skills. This program has been designed for a variety of skill levels and is suitable for ages 8 through adult.

Pre-registration is required and the cost is $1. Participants should come dressed for the outdoors. Orienteering equipment such as compasses and maps will be provided.

This program has been made possible through funds from the parks millage. Crosswinds Marsh is open for field trips and outreach programs year-round and is located at the corner of Haggerty Road and Will Carleton/ oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

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

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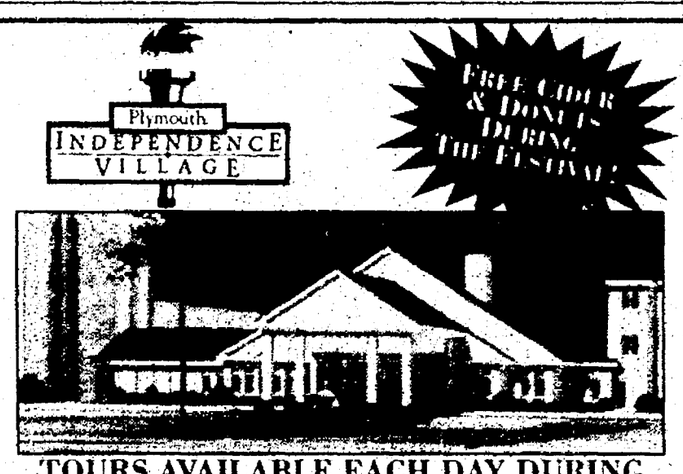

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Michigan stronger against recession

Michigan workers are more likely to keep their jobs throughout the business cycle, with 25,000 fewer job losses in the next recession, according to a study commissioned by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The study, conducted by the Anderson Economic Group, found that Michigan's economy today provides a higher return to Michigan workers, both in income growth and employment growth, with less risk, than at any previous time in the last quarter century.

"We wanted to take an objective look at whether Michigan's economy has become significantly more diversified in the last 25 years," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. "These results lend credence to the idea that Michigan is becoming more diverse."

The study also indicates that changes in Michigan's economy have lessened the likely severity of the next recession.

"With the recessions of the 1960s and '70s, Michigan got hit hard, with up to a 4 percent loss in employment," Rothwell said. "This survey shows that if a recession hit today, our losses would be about 20 percent less severe due to diversification."

That's 25,000 people insulated from the effects of the next downturn in the business cycle, Rothwell said.

The study noted several other improvements, including:

- Michigan's manufacturing sector, which accounted for 30 percent of employment 25 years ago, now makes up only about half that share. However, Michigan still has a larger percentage share of manufacturing employment than the U.S. as a whole;
- Much of the manufacturing decline comes from the automotive industry, but accounts for only a few less workers in absolute numbers, since larger growth has occurred in other industry sectors;
- Michigan's manufacturers are "better prepared" to compete nationally;
- The service sector of Michigan's economy has doubled in the last 25 years, from 15 to 30 percent. This sector includes those in the health care industry, accountants, attorneys, engineers and many other high-skill jobs.

To view this study online, visit the Michigan Economic Development Corporation website at www.michigan.org.

Madonna offers math for elementary teachers

Madonna University in Livonia has launched a new academic major – mathematics for elementary teachers. The new program has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education.

"This area of study is specifically designed for students who want to teach mathematics at the K-8 level," said Sister Kathleen Wlodarczak, chair of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department.

The major is based on the guidelines of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Five new courses have been introduced to help elementary teachers gain a deeper understanding of the mathematics they teach and the methods they use to help children learn. The courses are: algebraic thinking and proportional reasoning, geometry for elementary teachers, reasoning and proof in the elementary mathematics classroom, technology in the elementary mathematics classroom and senior seminar in elementary mathematics education.

For more information about the mathematics for elementary teachers program, call the admissions office at (734) 432-5339.

County begins first Head Start training

Wayne County will be conducting its first training session since taking over the outcounty Head Start grant this spring.

The daylong training will bring together more than 600 Head Start workers Sept. 24 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. The training session, "Working with Families in the New Millennium," runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and features several workshops, covering topics such as family intervention services, the promotion of family literacy and getting men involved in the program.

Wayne County's Head Start program is just getting under way.

Wayne County was notified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in May that it was awarded $20.6 million for an outcounty Head Start Program. Of that, approximately $16 million was awarded in federal funds, and the balance in in-kind services from schools, social service agencies and other programs.

Wayne County took over operations Sept. 1 from Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency.

One of the county's goals is to increase enrollment. "With 30,000 eligible children, we're working hard to get the word out that we want to increase enrollment," said Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara. Wayne County's program is among the five largest in the Midwest.

The program is available in 25 outcounty communities. Children participating in Head Start receive assistance with education, health, nutrition and literacy. The program also assists the families of the children in areas of health care, employment and housing.

For further information about the training, contact (734) 334-1300 or (313) 224-5454.

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Intimidator: *A spreader that can pour a concrete strip 36 feet wide was part of the equipment being used on the continuing I-275 paving project. This view is looking north from the Five Mile bridge.*

Road crew and 'Intimidator' pave I-275, north of 5 Mile

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Once again, motorists who use Seven Mile to access I-275 can expect detours while ramps accessing the freeway's northbound lanes are paved today.

On Tuesday, construction workers from John Carlo started paving new northbound lanes for I-275 north of Five Mile Road. Those crews and equipment will include the infamous "Intimidator," a spreader that can pour concrete about 36 feet wide or about three lanes, one lane more than the traditional spreaders complete.

Once crews reached the Six Mile Road interchange, they closed entrance and exit ramps there for new ramps to be paved. Those ramps are expected to be completed by today (Thursday), if it didn't rain Wednesday.

Officials at the Michigan Department of Transportation expected crews to reach the Seven Mile interchange by today or Friday, at which time those ramps will be closed for new pavement to be poured and cured for new ramps there.

"That's if the weather cooperates," said Robin Pannecouk, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Once that is completed, crews will proceed north to Eight Mile. Those ramps are expected to be paved next week. The freeway's four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

Northbound traffic on Michigan's second busiest freeway has been shifted since June to the southbound side starting north of Five Mile Road. It is slated for completion in October.

The northbound freeway's four lanes and two shoulders will be rebuilt, along with entrance and exit ramps and bridge decks.

Travel Michigan reports a record summer season

(PRNewswire) – "We thought it couldn't get any better than the summer of '98, but from what we are hearing from our partners in the industry – it did!" said Susy Avery, vice president of Travel Michigan, Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

An economy that just "keeps on ticking," exceptional weather conditions, and a robust response by travelers to Michigan's "Great Lakes. Great Times" campaign have kept record numbers of travelers on the move in Michigan this summer. "Our prediction for a four percent increase in summer travel in the state appears to be right on target, and may even be surpassed once final figures are in later this year," Avery added.

With the last official weekend of the summer on tap, an informal regional sampling of the state revealed nearly carbon copy reports about Michigan's summer travel season:

"I never thought we could beat the 'summer of all summers' (1998), but we did!" said Carol Potter, executive director of the Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau. "Restaurants are busy, lodging facilities' occupancy rates are way up – this has really been a grand summer!"

The Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council (SMTC) which represents Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties, reported that area attractions and lodging facilities have experienced anywhere from two percent to 25 percent increases over last year.

"Our area is a favorite destination for families due to all of the recreational activities and attractions that are so prevalent here," said Phyllis Dowsett, executive director of the SMTC. "Southwestern Michigan business owners and their staffs provide good friendly service to their customers, and they enjoy coming back to visit year after year," she added.

DOUG JOHNSON

Visitors: *Mid-summer brings crowds to the west Michigan harbor town of Grand Haven. Great Lakes Coast Guard ships come in for the annual Coast Guard Festival. All ships are open for free tours. This year marked the event's 75th anniversary.*

Tom Ferguson, executive director of Michigan's Sunrise Side, which represents Michigan's northeastern quadrant of the Lower Peninsula, couldn't agree more. "We've had an above average summer with people traveling around the region," he said. "There is plenty to see and do here – great golf and great times!"

Farther north, the Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association reported that the summer of '99 has been, "busier than ever."

And Travel Michigan doesn't see things slowing down anytime soon. "Michigan is going to be 'the place to be' for great fall color this year," added Avery.

Travelers may call Travel Michigan's toll-free line, 888-78-GREAT, to receive free Michigan travel publications, including the new 1999-2000 Michigan Fall/Winter Calendar of Events & Travel Guide. Michigan fall-color conditions may also be accessed by calling 888-78-GREAT, 24-hours a day.

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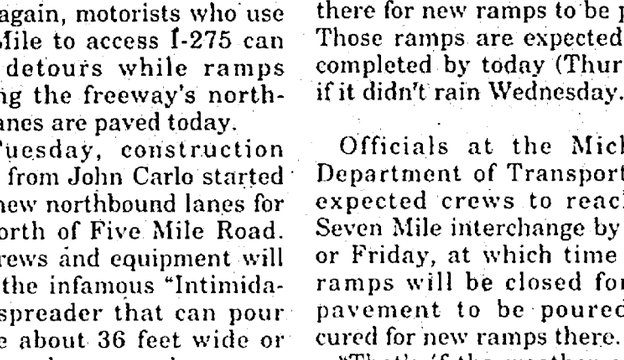

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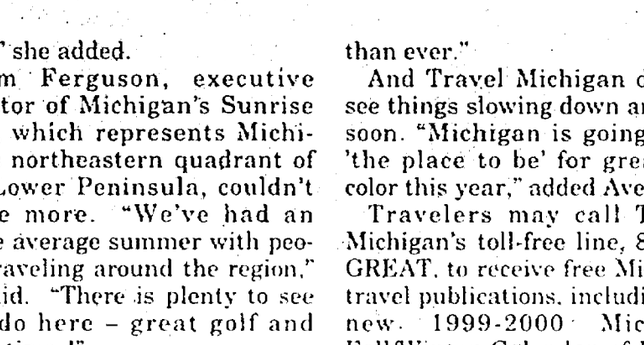

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Schoolcraft, Madonna collaborate on online education

Lynda Mammel always believed she would have been further along in her career if she had a college degree, but she was never willing to give up the time it would take to earn a degree.

Now she studies three hours a night and spends most of Saturday and Sunday doing homework.

Mammel is a member of the first group of OMNIBUS students, the Online Multi-degrees in National and International Business program that is a collaboration between Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. OMNIBUS students earn three degrees in four years, all online, in one of the few completely online multi-degree programs in the country.

"When OMNIBUS came along, it was a blessing," said Mammel, a senior recruiter for an automotive engineering consulting firm who lives in Livonia.

"I will be 50 this month, and I need to do this quickly. A person's work life is only so long. That's why OMNIBUS appealed to me." Mammel added that she can get her degree, and "do something with it."

The 19 OMNIBUS students received their associate degrees from Schoolcraft College in May and are on to Madonna University where they will earn a bachelor's degree in November 2000 and a master's degree in July 2001. Even though OMNIBUS is an accelerated curriculum, all 19 placed on the Schoolcraft dean's list.

OMNIBUS is designed for working adults without college degrees who have achieved a measure of success and made the decision to move forward in their careers. Students apply once, and the $185 per credit tuition, including all fees, books and course materials, is guaranteed for four years, making the $28,000 cost for three degrees an affordable prospect.

The 19 students in the first cohort average 35 to 40 years old and tend to be in middle management. Several have attended college, but because of families, transfers or other complications, do not have degrees. The majority of students in the second cohort work in the automotive industry, with wide experience in factory set ups and international business.

Kathleen Goncalves, another member of the first cohort, had 2-1/2 years of premed studies when she decided to travel around the world instead. A Farmington Hills resident, she has worked for Northwest Airlines for 30 years and plans to seek a new career when she finishes OMNIBUS with her master's degree.

"For adult education, this is the wave of the future," Goncalves said of the online program. "A bachelor's degree is not the answer for a person who really wants to go far in her career. OMNIBUS gets a person from step A to step Z, and when you leave the program, you have your master's.

"This is a very intelligent program Schoolcraft and Madonna have put together, and the people involved have been dedicated to making it work well."

OMNIBUS students do their work, their team projects and communication online. The program stresses core business skills, information retrieval from electronic as well as traditional sources, skills in managing work using information technology, teamwork skills and global management and leadership skills. The work is divided into three 12-week terms and one four-week intersession, with no classes in August and December.

OMNIBUS student Oliver Bosnjakovski, a software/network engineer, travels and spends late hours at work to finish projects.

"Because of work, I probably would miss most of the classes if I had to show up on campus," he said. "Usually I am so exhausted from work, I wouldn't want to sit in a classroom for several hours. To a point, OMNIBUS lets me set my own schedule and pace."

Bosnjakovski said going online also means more interaction than in a traditional classroom. "In most classrooms, only a few students participate and the rest listen," he said. "OMNIBUS makes everyone interact with each other. I know I am much more active and learn more in this environment."

As for being distracted by hearth and home, Bosnjakovski said it doesn't happen.

"Would I rather be stuck in a classroom in the middle of summer looking out the window, or would I rather be home, relaxed, with my books in front of me? The answer is obvious."

Of course, not everything happens online. Mammel said she made sure she got everyone's phone number at orientation, and she has formed a support group with other students who talk on the phone almost daily. When some students had trouble with algebra, Schoolcraft provided tutoring help, and they traveled to the campus twice a week for assistance.

The tutor made sure the OMNIBUS students understood how they got answers to the algebra problems they received online.

Jeanne Bonner, Schoolcraft associate dean for liberal arts, independent and distance learning, said often course work is integrated so that, as an example, students taking political science, economics and statistics courses might work on one project for all three classes, perhaps examining a political science topic from statistical and economic points of view.

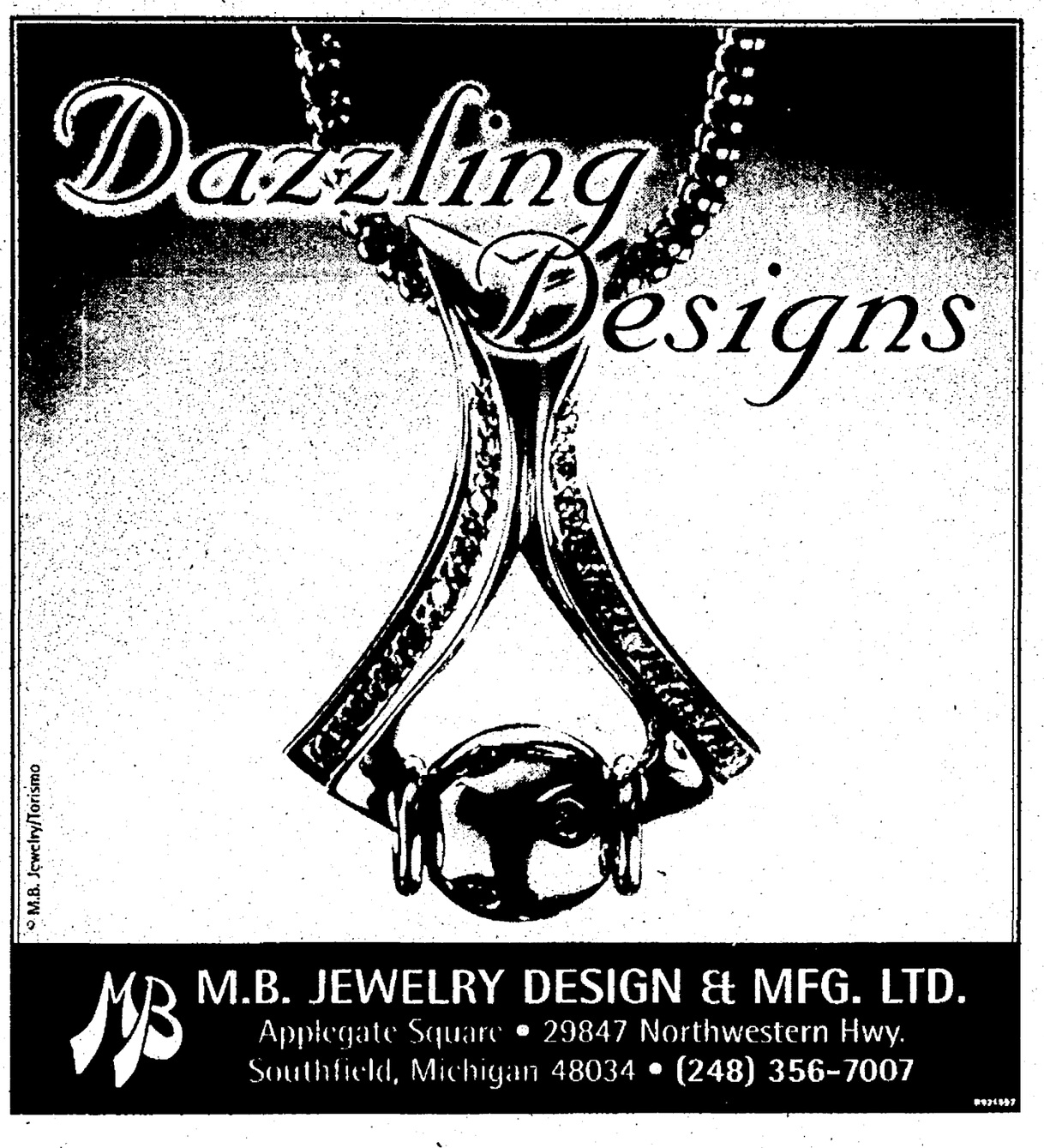
"Everyone has to participate online, so everyone has to consider each other's ideas," said Bonner. "Some employers give our students permission to do classwork from their office after work. We encourage the students to go outside traditional lines and explore the Web. Last spring in art appreciation, they took a virtual tour of the Louvre and other world-class museums."

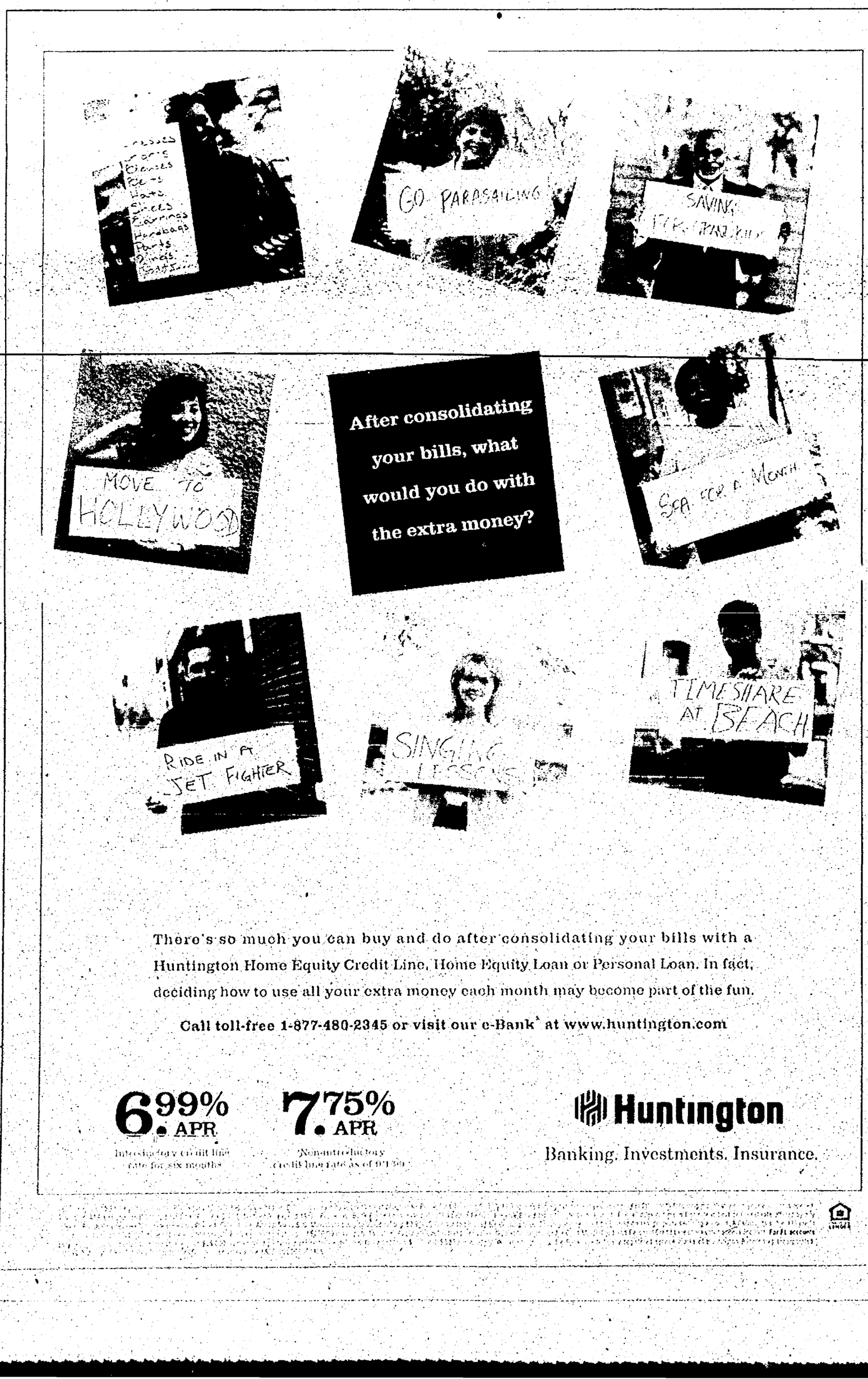
Planning for OMNIBUS began in 1995 with representatives of both schools, and the curriculum they developed meets both schools' requirements. There are monthly meetings with all faculty and staff.

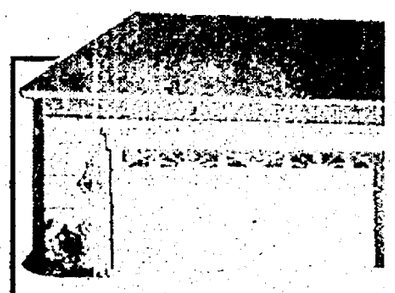
Bonner said the biggest challenge has been to help faculty rethink a traditional 16-week course into a 12-week online interactive learning experience.

Applications currently are being accepted for the fall term, which begins with orientation the weekend of Sept. 11-12.

For more information about the OMNIBUS program, call (734) 462-4599.



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Engler, local road agencies square off on road priorities

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The state Legislature's effort to rewrite Public Act 51, the law that details how roads taxes are divvied up, is rapidly turning into a showdown between local road agencies and Gov. John Engler.

A coalition of local agencies – represented by the County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Public Transit Association and the 3-C Transportation Planning Director's Association – presented recommendations to the state's Transportation Funding Study Committee Thursday, Sept. 2. The coalition was quickly labeled by committee members as "the Band of Six."

And the proposals were not well received.

"I'm disappointed that the Band of Six has endorsed the status quo. You don't do your members any favors endorsing a formula that takes in $1.7 billion to the Michigan Transportation Fund and nets out $1.38 billion," Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Jackson, a member of study committee, said. "If you are going to endorse the status quo, why are you wasting our time? Embracing the status quo is unacceptable. What we need to be doing is developing a new transportation formula."

The criticism was echoed by Greg Rosine, spokesman for the Engler administration.

"This governor will not accept the status quo," he said. "He will not accept a proposal that nibbles around the edges but does not add strategic investment in our roads. It's irresponsible."

Gov. John Engler

Local agencies weren't happy with the response.

"I'm a little surprised," said Craig Bryson of the Oakland County Road Commission. "I think Sen. Hoffman sold the proposal a little short. There are new ideas in there, but they were also designed not to incite disagreement. Before we go making changes to the formula, we need to do an objective, scientific needs study."

Local road agencies are calling for the study to document the road improvements needed on all roads – state, county and local. They argue that Act 51 has never before been amended without first conducting a needs study.

But the Michigan Department of Transportation and the administration oppose a needs study, "probably because they know it would show needs on local road which the MDOT would prefer to ignore," Bryson said.

Not so, according to Gary Naeyaert, director of communications for the MDOT. The only thing a needs study will show, he says, is the need for more taxes.

"What we need is a prioritized investment strategy for the money we have," Naeyaert argued. "We agree there is not enough money to satisfy the needs, wants and desires of everyone in the state, but we have $600 million in new dollars that we have just started collecting from the 4-cent gas tax increase ... That increase passed – let me do the math – with zero votes to spare in the Legislature. This governor is not going to accept another gas tax increase."

Naeyaert said: "All a study will do is create this massive Christmas list of 'needs' and show that more money is needed to meet them. It will show we have $10 gazillion in needs, but we only have $4 gazillion in funding."

And so it goes, on nearly every point, with local agencies butting heads with the Engler administration, as the state tries to rewrite its road finance formula. First passed in 1951, Public Act 51 specifies that the Michigan Transportation Fund is to be divided so that 39.1 percent goes to the state, 39.1 percent goes to counties and 21.8 percent goes to cities and villages. The formula has seen no end to controversy as local agencies and the MDOT have jousted the amount of money necessary to maintain and improve their assigned roads.

To force a resolution, the Legislature voted to let Act 51 expire. The date has changed several times, but currently it is due to expire in September 2000. In response, Engler appointed a nine-member study committee including Hoffman, Sen. Joseph Young, Jr., D-Detroit, Rep. Rick Johnson, R-LeRoy, and Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne.

Also on the panel are Sam Hart, a resident of Livonia and the business manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers; Robert Hetzler of Bay City; Jordan Tatter of Watervliet; Richard White, Corporate Council of AAA Michigan; and Bob Welke, an independent engineer.

Welke, who is the panel's chairman, said he wants to have recommendations for revisions to Act 51 in draft form early in October.

But the committee is getting 'way ahead of itself, according to Ron DeCook, deputy director of the County Road Association of Michigan. The MDOT jumped the gun a few meetings back when it submitted a list of recommendations to the study committee. The list of recommendations drafted by the local road agencies is largely in response to that, DeCook explained.

"I don't think our recommendations are an endorsement of the status quo," Jim Miller of the Michigan Farm Bureau said. "They are reactive to what we have heard in the past few months, particularly from the MDOT."

"This is not a status-quo proposal," Dan Gilmartin of the Michigan Municipal League agreed. "The edges they say we are nibbling around look more like cliffs to some of us .... It's irresponsible to offer changes without a clear vision of the needs. It's important to do the study."

Other issues in dispute are:

■ A proposal by local agencies that recognition be given that "all roads are equal."

"At some point, you have to get off that state highway and use county and local roads to get where you are going," DeCook said. "I think to residents of the state, it is important that all those roads be in good condition."

Responds Naeyaert: "Clearly, not all roads are equal." The MDOT wants the function and utility of a road, as well as traffic counts to be accounted for in the formula. The MDOT has jurisdiction of only a small percentage of the state's roadways, but since those roads are expressways and highways, they carry the lion's share of traffic. Function and traffic counts are not currently considered in the formula, he said.

■ Local agencies called for an increase in diesel taxes to match the tax currently applies to gasoline sales. "That's chump change," said Naeyaert. The MDOT wants the increase applied to commercial trucks as well.

■ The MDOT wants to require that local partnerships end differences in how municipalities treat roads within their jurisdictions. Local agencies say they are cooperating now and the MDOT should stay out of it.

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Heaven's angels?

Motorcyclists display heart

Don't judge a book by its cover.

You've heard that advice, perhaps from your mother. It certainly rings true in the case of the Motor City Chapter of HOG (Harley Owners Group).

The motorcyclists are gearing up for a Sept. 19 "toy run" to start and end in Westland, winding through neighboring communities. Chapter members hope to collect an abundance of toys and thousands of dollars for charities they support.

David Higgins, chapter director, said the toy run started five years ago in honor of a couple of deceased members. Higgins, a Westland resident known by the nickname "Mother Dave," said each motorcyclist donates $5 and a new toy.

The Salvation Army, Head Start and other organizations have received support from the HOG chapter event.

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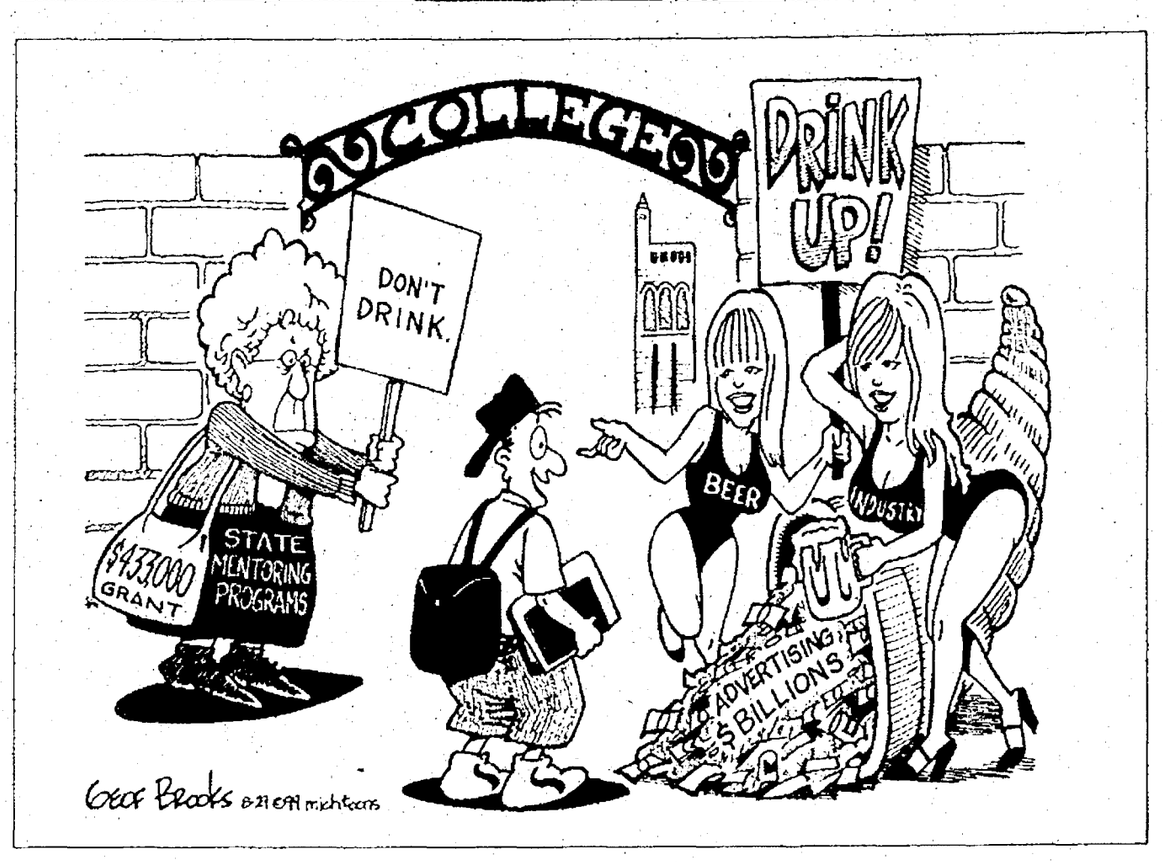
You may have an image in mind of a black-leather-clad biker, sneering and generally causing trouble. These local motorcyclists show that appearances can be deceiving – and that good hearts can beat under the ribs of all.

Higgins can be reached at (734) 421-7614, and any rider can show up on Sept. 19. The run will leave Westland City Hall at noon, last about an hour and end at AMVETS Post 171 in Westland. Higgins is hoping for a few hundred bikers.

Those who don't ride are welcome to contribute. Let's give this community endeavor support.

GEOF BROOKS



Vote: Make your voice heard

The field of Westland City Council candidates currently includes 10 people, and soon will get narrower. Eight will get through the Tuesday, Sept. 14, primary and seek four seats in the Nov. 2 general election. Voters may vote for four in the primary.

The Observer has endorsed incumbent **Glenn Anderson** and challengers **James Godbout**, **Michael Rintz** and **Dorothy Smith**. After interviews with the 10 candidates, we chose these four, believing they are independent, fair-minded individuals who will serve the community well and vote their consciences.

Perhaps you favor someone else, and that's fine. We encourage all Westland residents to head to the polls, which will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. It's your chance to choose your city council, and we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity.

Edison's 'excuses' sound old

It's become *the* summertime routine around here the last few years. The minute the winds begin to pick up and the skies darken, grab your flashlight and your battery-operated radio – you're going to need them. Scattered power outages during thunderstorms or other tumultuous weather are understandable. Tree branches do come down, sometimes taking overhead power lines with them.

Edison officials, who have tracked the weather, note that nine storms over the last 14 months in metro Detroit included winds that were clocked at 60-85 mph, as opposed to a total of six in the five years before that.

But outages in western Wayne and southern Oakland counties are becoming the norm, not the exception. And not all are storm-related. That has us concerned. So does the response of Detroit Edison to its customers.

Most of the utility's recent public relations campaign alternates between invocation of the old "Act of God" clause with pleas for customers to dial up that thermostat while doing the laundry and other electricity-sapping chores at odd hours. Sounds kind of shallow if you're rooting around a musty cellar trying to stay cool – as many area residents have been in recent months.

Sections of Livonia, Northville and Farmington Hills suffered repeated outages throughout July and early August. In Redford Township, a July 30 transformer explosion sprayed mineral oil over the backyard and into the home of Dean and Cheryl Bessega. The Bessega's 6-year-old daughter was using a swingset underneath the transformer moments before it exploded and the family was concerned about PCB contamination, although the utility said it hasn't used the chemical in its transformers since the mid-1980s.

Edison cited overloaded circuits due to heavy air conditioner use for the Redford incident. In Northville, utility officials say older equipment, along with birds and squirrels who gnaw on power lines as contributing factors.

Ron May, Detroit Edison regional vice president for energy delivery and service, said the utility will spend $450-$500 million on maintenance and system improvements during 1999, consistent with its expenditures of the last several years. That figure includes $40 million for tree trimming, $6 million more than last year.

Edison maintains it is doing a better than adequate job keeping the power flowing, pointing out that it finished 11th in a 1998 survey of 41 electric utilities in that area. Edison customers suffered an average of 1.01 interruptions (outages of five minutes or longer) last year, according to the survey. "There were no outages reported for better than 50 percent of our customers," May said.

Still, May concedes that some 9,000-10,000 residential and business customers – those with repeat outage problems – have a right to complain. "They have a legitimate right to say I deserve better than this," he said.

Given the older nature of many area subdivisions the Observer wonders if the utility is doing enough to keep the system viable, especially while it still possesses a near monopoly on service. If burying lines underground isn't the answer – and Edison maintains it isn't – then what is? We're tired of seeing a utility that goes into "disaster mode" every summer.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
What is your favorite TV show?

We asked this question at the Westland library.

"I still love 'Frasier' even though it's reruns. I still get a good laugh from 'Frasier.' "

Mary Rose Farkas
works in Westland

"I haven't been watching as much with these guys (children). It used to be 'Seinfeld.' "

Chris O'Connor
Livonia

" 'The Big Comfy Couch.' "

Erin O'Connor, 4
Livonia

" 'Biography.' I like the information. I guess I'm nosy."

Christine Struthers
Westland

LETTERS

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Forget gutter language

I take strong exception to Mr. Hugh Gallagher's views (in the Sept. 2 Observer) regarding the book "Fallen Angels" recently removed from the required reading list by Livonia Public School officials. He conveys the idea that it's OK to use books filled with vulgar, profane, obscene language, as long as a story is told and cultural or moral issues are raised and discussed. Frankly, I don't think parents or taxpayers wants their schools used to teach gutter language, so I congratulate the parent who protested the book and also the school trustees for removing the book.

As far as the "power and meaning" of words, if I was mature and adventurous" enough to use vivid and shocking profanity to convey my ideas in this article, wouldn't the Observer edit (i.e., censor) the objectionable words out? It should be the same for schools when they consider what type of books they select.

Ralph Bolz
Livonia

Cemetery neglected

This summer, I visited Clarenceville Cemetery. On June 23, 1896, my grandparents, Charles and Augusta Geistler, bought the southeast corner of Eight Mile and Middlebelt and had a farm there.

Charles' parents, Ferninand and Maria (Harm), came to America in 1868. Now, they, and Charles and Augusta and several of their children are buried there, plus many, many other relatives.

I was astounded at the condition of the cemetery – vandalism and neglect have taken its toll. Broken monuments, broken markers, stones, upheaved monuments from growing trees and roots and weeds abound.

I am wondering why this cemetery has been neglected so. Who has the care of it? I am under the impression it is the city of Livonia. Is this correct? If not, what could be done?

Mary (Geistler) Priebe
Bentley graduate
part-time Michigan/Florida resident

Beautiful music

On the last Thursday of August, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra (with all of their instruments and equipment) and the audience of music-loving Livonia residents made a sudden pilgrimage from Civic Center Park to St. Maurice Church. The rainy weather had interfered with the concert which was being presented that night.

It was an amazing sight to watch. Cars poured into the parking lot, the orchestra members lugged their equipment into the church and set up quickly and – not one word of complaint was heard. Everyone was good-natured about the transition and smiles were everywhere in evidence.

When people were settled in the pews (and chairs), the concert resumed and each selection was greeted with wild applause. The soloist's beautiful soprano voice charmed the audience and she was given a standing ovation. People were so happy to be there.

The people who attended the concert did more than arrive – they willingly gathered up their chairs (and their children) and made the trip. They entered into the moment, singing and keeping time with the music, allowing themselves to feel the emotions which the music evoked.

The summer concerts have been a portrait of all that is best in America, a time when young and old gather to enjoy the gift of living in the United Stated of America.

Mary Rice
Livonia

People's money

In his column of Sept. 2, Philip Power falls for the liberal Democratic line that the Republican tax cut will hurt Social Security and Medicare.

The fact is that both Republicans and Democrats are committed to saving Social Security and Medicare. However, President Clinton, Al Gore and Debbie Stabenow want to spend the rest of the money on more liberal programs.

Republicans and Sen. Abraham, on the other hand, want to give the rest of the money back to the people. It is their money after all!

That is why Democrats are so shrill with their "scare" campaign. They are afraid they won't have those extra billions for more spending.

James Collins
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

When it comes to Nixon, he provides hindsight

A recent week marked the 25th anniversary of the resignation of President Richard Nixon, and it seems like everybody who even had a brief glimpse of the guy is on TV remembering when.

I never saw Richard Nixon, even though I chased him around for a long day in one of the most unlikely places possible, Michigan's Thumb.

Just mentioning the Thumb in polite company in suburban Detroit and you get blank stares. You can tell people can't envision what the place even looks like, although it's only an hour or so away.

Mention Higgins Lake, Tawas City, Traverse City or even Mount Pleasant, and there will be some recognition.

But when you mention Wisner, Watrousville, Parisville or Kingston, you get a blank stare. As obscure as some of those villages and towns are, they were visited by Nixon in his last year as president.

None of the TV pundits have brought that up, so I figured I should, even though I never saw the president that day.

Nixon was in Michigan to campaign for a Republican congressman who was running in an off-year election against a popular local Democrat. The Republican had been the aide of the former congressman and was an inside Washington-type guy.

It wasn't a good year to be either a Republican or a political insider.

The election was seen as a test of Nixon's political strength, and central Michigan and the Thumb were crawling with reporters from across the nation and the world.

New York Times reporters in their blue three-piece suits were becoming as ubiquitous as baseball caps with seed company logos on them in the Thumb.

The reporters were combing the Thumb for a story and papers like the Wall Street Journal and The New

JEFF COUNTS

York Times were doing more digging than sugar beet farmers that fall.

Just for the record, if the Thumb could easily be picked up and plopped down in the middle of Nebraska, neither Thumb residents nor Nebraskans would notice much difference.

The Thumb is mostly flat, and the big crops are sugar beets, navy beans and corn. The people tend to have German or Polish backgrounds. It was common to hear German words used on the streets of Thumb towns.

So, when all the reporters showed up, it was a real event. Sugar beet farmers were all the media rage for a short time.

Their opinions were poked and probed. There were public opinion polls done. In fact, there was so much reporting done that fall in the Thumb that some of the people got weary of being interviewed.

At the time I was working at The Bay City Times, the youngest reporter on the staff and thus not trusted with such difficult subjects as Richard Nixon.

The White House released the list of towns Nixon was to visit. He stayed away from the Democratic industrial towns of Saginaw and Bay City. On the list were obscure Thumb towns.

In an effort to stay away from any sort of Watergate protest, the White House scheduled visits in a couple of towns that had ceased to exist. There were no residents left, just a grain elevator and a faded sign outside of town.

I figured I'd get a chance to see Nixon in one of those towns. As it turned out, I was assigned to hang out at the airport to make sure his plane took off and didn't crash.

Anyway, I spent hours driving around corn fields in Saginaw County to find the runways of Tri-City Airport.

I felt defeated. I couldn't see a damn thing for all the corn stalks. I pulled the car over and parked on the side of a farm road. I looked up, and there it went, Air Force One.

I had a view of it's rear end. And that's how I remember Nixon.

Perhaps it's appropriate.

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Here's a chance to tell utilities what they need to know

MIKE MALOTT

Ever encounter a mountain in your travels?

It can be a real challenge to find a way over, around, under or through such a mountain so you can continue on your way to your destination. But the important thing to remember is that the mountain bears you no ill will. That's right, despite the difficulties it poses, it holds no malice for you. For the mountain, it's not personal. You're insignificant to it.

On the other hand, don't expect it to be accommodating either. It won't smooth your path, no matter how much you might deserve a break as a result of your valiant effort. Rage against the mountain all you like, it remains unmoved. It just does what mountains do.

Utilities are a lot like mountains. The gas, electric and telephone companies just do what massive corporate bureaucracies do. They follow policies. No one working for them, I'm sure, sets out purposely to torment customers. It's not personal. But anyone who has had a service or billing problem with a utility company, especially if the customer is asking for some kind of departure from policy, knows how frustrating it can be. A single customer can rage against the utility all he or she likes, it will likely remain unmoved.

That's why we have an organization like the Michigan Public Service Commission. Speaking for customers collectively, and with the weight of state government behind it, the PSC is significant enough to get the mountain's attention.

Over the course of the coming month, the PSC will hold a series of six Consumer Forums across the state to chat with utility customers – that includes all of us – and gather input on upcoming issues.

The main topics of discussion will be deregulation – how deregulation has gone so far with the telephone industry and what consumers can expect from the coming deregulation of the gas and electric power industries. The PSC will come prepared with a presentation on deregulation.

But members will open the floor up to discussion with local residents who have had concerns with their current utility service, such as problems with service delivery or billing problems.

It's an excellent opportunity for area residents to speak their minds to those appointed to oversee Michigan utilities. The forums begin Sept. 15 and will run through Oct. 5. Forums to be held locally include one in Pontiac 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, at in the council chambers of Pontiac City Hall, 450 E. Wide Track Drive, and in Westland 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at in the council chambers of City Hall, 36601 Ford Road.

There are a great many issues for customers to discuss with the members of the PSC. For one, southeast Michigan customers have been complaining for years about the frequency of power outages. Edison says it's made improvements, but some of us have trouble seeing them when the lights go out.

This year, of course, the state also saw two incidents in which broken gas mains, apparently the result of construction work, ignited serious fires.

And since the topic is deregulation, customers might want to chat about telephone deregulation as well. Deregulation was supposed to be a benefit to consumers, and it has increased competition in some areas of telephone service, and it has broadened the services available. But customers still have a lot of trouble with the phone network. Evidence of this dissatisfaction over telephone service can be seen in the fact that complaints filed to the PSC against telephone utilities jumped nearly 50 percent in 1998 over the previous year.

And that experience with deregulation probably leaves more than a few people gun shy over gas and electric utility deregulation. Will it be more hassle than the savings are worth? Will deregulation just make getting gas and electricity delivered – now a pretty simple matter – terribly complex?

For individual customers, dealing with issues such as these can be like trying to move a mountain. So much better to talk to people who decide how the mountain will be shaped and what the mountain will look like.

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School strike overwhelms Mike Duggan's good works

It's the iron law in the news business: The good news always gets drowned out by the bad.

We saw a perfect example over the past week when the labor relations mess at the Detroit public schools made big news, while Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan's success in fixing up school buildings went largely unnoticed.

That's too bad, because Duggan and his team of volunteers deserve a big pat on the back for a job well done.

Back in May, David Adamany, the school system's interim superintendent, tapped Duggan to spearhead a program to repair and renovate 8,000 shabby, neglected classrooms in the district.

"Duggan has a long record for getting things done," said Adamany at the time, "and he gets them done right." Widely regarded as Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's house pit bull, Duggan had a high profile in brokering the deal to build two stadiums in downtown Detroit and in the county's $840 million agreement with Northwest Airlines to build the new midfield terminal at Metropolitan Airport.

But, clearly, this job was not going to be easy. Leaky roofs, bathrooms without working toilets, broken windows, creaky floors and fallen ceilings all had contributed to the educational failure of a 182,000-student district where less than one-third graduate after four years of high school. Years of financial mismanagement bordering on the criminal coupled with micro-meddling by the Detroit School Board, which coddled building contractors and custodial staff alike, created chaos in the management of the district's 263 buildings.

But Duggan quickly got to work, organized a top-flight team of volunteer managers and coordinators, and called on contractors throughout the region. Ninety-three buildings with serious roofing problems were repaired. Lockers and light fixtures were put in. More than 10,000 new toilets and bath roof fixtures were installed. Classroom doors were replaced and walls painted.

And by the time the school year was ready to start and contract negotiations between Adamany and the Detroit Federation of Teachers broke down, Duggan had completed the $80 million job, on time and on budget.

I've known Mike Duggan, now 40, since he was a kid growing up in Livonia. He is the son of

PHIL POWER

Pat Duggan, a successful lawyer and now a federal judge, and Joan, who was Ed McNamara's spark plug while he was Livonia's mayor. He went to the University of Michigan, became a lawyer, got married, coached soccer. And he continued the family tradition of working with McNamara when Ed got elected chief executive.

For somebody who's politically ambitious – he'll run to succeed longtime Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair next November – taking on the Detroit school assignment was a risk. After all, voters in Detroit's often race-based politics might resent a white guy from Livonia messing around with their schools, while doing the job right wouldn't necessarily bring a lot of additional votes from the Wayne County suburbs.

"I see a chance to improve the deplorable conditions these kids have to go to school in every day," Duggan said when he was appointed. "It's a personal thing with me."

I don't know what's going to happen in the Detroit school imbroglio; when strong-willed people are trying to change a system that has taken decades to collapse, the situation inevitably becomes very volatile. Nor do I know how the election for prosecutor will turn out.

But I do know that Mike Duggan has done his job and, by all reports, done it well.

It's just too bad that piece of good news got overtaken by the bad. But that's life in the news business, folks.

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Fall Festival to pack crowds in

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For 43 years, the Plymouth Fall Festival has grown in size, but still remains a hometown celebration.

So, don't expect a lot of changes for the 44th annual event, which begins Friday. And that's by design.

"This year's event won't be much different from previous years. We like to keep it pretty much the same because it's a proven formula," said Curtis Lamar, president of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival board of directors. "We want to keep the festival as local as possible without bringing in a lot of outside activities."

That means the old favorites will be back: the Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast, the Rotary Club chicken barbecue, the Polish Centennial Dancers, plus a larger variety of kids' entertainment and attractions.

"The Fall Festival has always been a way for the community to get together after the kids were back in school," said Lamar. "It's a family-oriented event with a theme like 'Let's have a picnic.'".

While Lamar wants to keep the Fall Festival a local event, the board of directors has hired a marketing firm to bring in sponsors to help foot some of the $50,000 it costs each year to put on the three-day event.

"We want to keep it as low key as possible," said Lamar about the additional monetary help. "We don't want sponsors who want to hang big banners, but instead those who want to participate by helping to defray the costs."

The festival board hired Streets Marketing of Northville, which this year was able to secure $5,000 from Sprint, which will also have a booth allowing fair-goers to make free phone calls.

"If we bring in the marketing firm next year, hopefully they'll be able to do a lot more for us," added Lamar.

Of the entire budget, a majority comes from participants who pay 25 percent of their monetary take during the event to the festival committee. Lamar is hoping that with additional sponsorships, those groups will be able to keep a higher percentage of their gains.

Because much of the festival's financial well-being is dependent on a percentage of money taken in by organizations from their booths, weather is a big factor in determining if the festival walks away debt-free.

"If it rains, we lose quite a bit of money," admitted Lamar. "Three years ago, we had a $12,000 deficit. However, after working with the city, we finally paid off the bill and this year are starting from scratch."

In reality, the largest contributor to the festival is the City of Plymouth, which Lamar notes gives $8,600 in services to the festival. However, the festival's largest bill also comes from the city, in the range of $14,000.

This year's Fall Festival is expected to attract nearly 100,000 people over the three-day run.

"You don't see this type of thing anywhere else in the Detroit area," said Lamar. "Anyone who comes and visits always remembers it. So, if you get them here the first time, they'll come back."

STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN

Fest site: *Scenic Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth is the focus of the Plymouth Fall Festival, set for Friday through Sunday.*

Westland woman wins cash

Late Friday afternoon, Sept. 3, WWWW, 106.7 FM, changed its "tone" and welcomed Alice to Detroit. Westland resident Andrea Agge won $25,000 for being the first caller "after the tone" ended. While retaining its call letters, the station's new moniker will be Alice 106.7, featuring rock hits from the 1970s through 1990s

CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATUS OF YEAR XXIV COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT
(July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999)

The City of Westland will be holding two (2) public hearings on the status of its Year XXIV Community Development Block Grant and HOME program. The first is Thursday, September 16, 1999, at the City of Westland Community Development Citizen's Advisory Committee at 7:00 pm at the Dorsey Community Center. The second is the Monday, September 20, 1999, meeting of the Westland City Council in the Council Chambers at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. The purpose of these public hearings is to receive programs for the fiscal period ending June 30, 1999. All interested persons, especially LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS, SENIOR CITIZENS, COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND MINORITIES are encouraged to attend. In addition, written comments may be received at the Mayor's Office at the Westland City Hall or the Office of Community Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan. Oral questions and comments, as well as written comments will be received on the following Year XXIV projects:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS EXPENDED FOR PERIOD FISCAL 1998/1999

Project	Status	Amount
C.D. Administration	Annual, Completed	$225,607
Rehabilitation Administration	Annual, Completed	$82,832
Housing Rehabilitation Program (City wide)*	Annual, Completed	$154,751
Senior Programs	Annual, Completed	$178,500
NSA Transportation Program	Annual, Completed	$4,811
Hegira	Annual, Completed	$21,836
First Step	Annual, Completed	$19,700
Child and Family Neighborhood Program	Annual, Completed	$19,700
Rehabilitation Code Enforcement (City wide)	Annual, Completed	$7,514
Ordinance Code Enforcement (Target areas)	Annual, Completed	$9,126
Youth Assistance Program	Annual, Completed	$14,500
HomeBuyer Program	Program Underway	$6,718
Dorsey Center Rear Yard Improvements	Program Underway	$7,825
VanBorn Watermain Phase I/II	Program Completed	$170,806
Friendship Center Building Expansion-Construction Costs	Program Completed	$39,858
Friendship Center Building Expansion-Loan Repayments	Annual, Completed	$178,936
Easement Removal Norwayne Phase II/III	Project Completed	$129,251
Carver Sub. Infrastructure, Phase I	Project Underway	$41,170
Northgate Park Tot Lot (Norwayne Subdivision)	Project Completed	$8,000
Cayley West Park Upgrade (Norwayne Subdivision)	Project Completed	$20,000
Carver Subdivision Fire/Police Station No. 5	Project Underway	$57,806
TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES YEAR XXIV PROGRAM		**$1,399,247**

HOME FUNDS EXPENDED FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD 1998/1999

HOME Administration	Annual Completed		$37,800
Norris Apartments	Project Completed		$36,100
People's Community Hope for Homes, Inc. (CHDO)	Projects Underway		$286,355
Rental Rehabilitation	Program Year Completed		
City of Westland HOME funds	$54,019		
MSHDA HOME funds	$8,046		$62,065
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES			$122,320

*All financial data is subject to final reconciliation and audit adjustments. Total program income (Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund) for Year XXIV is $205,909.

In conjunction with reviewing the progress of Year XXIV Community Development Block Grand and HOME Programs, the City will be submitting its annual Grantee Performance Report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development which will be available for review and comment during the period September 14, 1999, through September 29, 1999, (15 day comment period) in the Office of Housing and Community Development, Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. All written comments, if requested, will be forwarded to the Detroit District Office of HUD.

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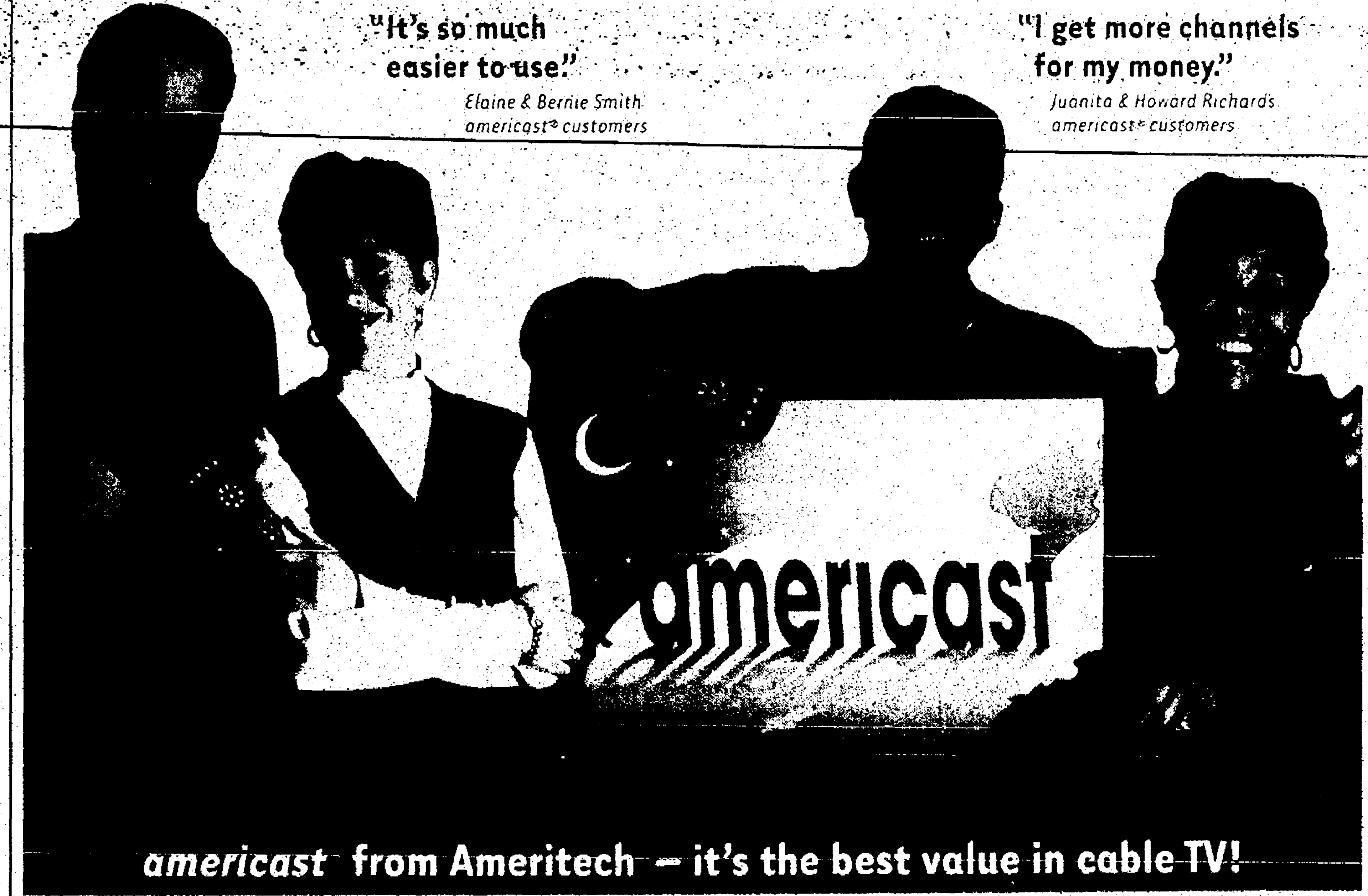

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COMMON SENSORS

JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Teaching kids lessons of responsibility

In the newspaper the other day, a letter to the editor suggested that more and more people initially lack good judgment, then foist the blame onto others.

The example described in the letter was this:

It seems that a woman got sucked into online gambling and charged a $70,000 debt to her credit card. Now, she is suing the credit card company for "aiding and abetting illegal Internet gambling and making lots of money off of it."

I, too, was privy to a situation that got me wondering: *doesn't anyone see what they are doing?*

While on vacation in British Columbia, I had the good fortune to visit the sparkling city of Victoria.

We took a tour of the city on one of the stately double-decker buses and enjoyed the running commentary about the city from our driver.

He gave us an opportunity mid-trip, to stop and watch a school of seals sunbathing at a marina (of all places), and kindly asked us to make sure we limited our visit to 20 minutes, so that he could continue the tour.

"If you aren't here in 20 minutes," he exclaimed, "I will assume that you want to stay until the next bus comes around."

■ When teaching our children these lessons or responsibility, a great way to not feel guilty about the "mess-ups" is to think of them as gifts to your child. Rescuing them provides them with an out, and it's likely they may repeat it again.

After enjoying the playful seals, we returned to the bus only to encounter an irate woman, climbing aboard. To anyone who would listen, she shouted, "The last bus left me here, just because I was one minute late getting back to the bus!"

And to add insult to injury, her family members had the gall to leave on the bus without her.

My suspicion was that her habit of tardiness had worn thin with the family, and they decided that this time they would let the consequence fall naturally.

I could just hear them chuckling to themselves as their bus pulled away: "Maybe that'll show her."

But probably it wouldn't. She saw nothing irresponsible in her actions. After all, she was only one minute late.

As we see all too often, bad behavior is rationalized by the doer and blame put elsewhere.

When teaching our children these lessons or responsibility, a great way to not feel guilty about the "mess-ups" is to think of them as gifts to your child. Rescuing them provides them with an out, and it's likely they may repeat it again.

When Sam forgot his lunch and called mom at work to say, "You forgot to remind me to take my lunch and now I don't have it," an on-the-ball mom shrugs her shoulders and says, "Sorry you forgot it. I'll bet you won't forget it next time."

Goof-ups are the gift of change.

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Tae-bo

Working out: *Physical fitness instructor Tracey Weber (photo at right) puts her students through a workout during her tae-bo class at Gold's Gym in Canton. Among the exercise craze's followers are Erin Lindsey (top photo, from left) and Joyce Segedi. Charlene Mercado (photo at left) is serious about exercising and won't work out on Mondays so she can be a part of Weber's class.*

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Fitness takes on a new kick

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Tracey Weber talks about tae-bo as if it were the most-addictive aerobic workout to hit health clubs in years.

Judging from those who attend, she may be right.

"Once people come, they're totally addicted," said Weber of the well-attended class she teaches at Gold's Gym in Canton.

A professional fitness instructor and personal trainer, Weber has been working in the field of health and fitness for 22 years. She knows a good thing when she sees one, and now offers her own version of tae-bo by incorporating interval training. The class meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

"I do more than the tae-bo you see on TV," said Weber, who's taught aerobics for the past 15 years. By switching between the kickboxing techniques associated with tae-bo and resistance training, Weber has created a varied workout for her students.

"It burns a ton of calories," she said. "We do abs and legs. I created this on my own."

The workout is just as beneficial for beginners as it is for those who joined the class when she opened it last year, she said. Students can work at their own pace.

Beginners might concentrate more on balancing and getting the routine right, rather than incorporating hand weights or using a step — which adds to the workout.

"The big challenge is coordination," said Weber. "Week by week, you see people get better."

She holds a pre-class to teach the proper way to kick and punch before students begin the class.

Seeing a difference

John Drabek of Canton said he saw the difference tae-bo made within the first few weeks of his workout. Four months ago he joined Weber's class and has already noticed weight loss and improvement in his general well-being.

"I can't believe the difference in my weight," said Drabek, who attends twice a week. "Most guys think it's for girls. It's not."

Gregory Balteff, manager of the gym and Westland resident, said he enjoys tae-bo and agreed it isn't just for women. He said there is a cultural bias that links women to aerobics and men to weight training. His solution? Balteff tells gym members to "just do it."

"Tae-bo incorporates all the muscle groups in a synchronization," he said. "There's a very low, low impact on the body."

Balteff said tae-bo's popularity is attributed to being a "new" way to workout. But whether it's a fad or mainstay at the gym, he said the important thing to remember is that tae-bo encourages people to workout.

"There is nothing more important than your health," said Balteff.

Charlene Mercado takes exercising seriously. She said she won't work on Mondays, so she can make it to Weber's class.

"I live in Redford, and I come all the way out here," she said.

The tae-bo class is different from other aerobics-based exercises because of the way it incorporates all muscle groups. It also teaches coordination and balance, using techniques like front kicks and back kicks. Weber said it's a low impact workout that's safer than aerobics which require jarring movements or jumping that can be hard on the joints.

Cindy Fella calls it "a great all over body workout."

"The challenge is making it through the class," she quipped. "(Weber) is really good at making it kind of creative."

Part of the job

That's all part of the job as far as Weber is con-

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Couple shares love, clowning

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

When Ron and Sue Kardynski of Westland were married in 1991, they prepared for their nuptials much like any other couple -- with some differences.

She wore something blue, something red, something yellow and something green. She spent a good deal of time making sure her makeup and hair looked right ... the grease paint was matted down with powder and her bright red hair fell into place nicely. The train on her dress chugged around in a little circle.

His baggy, multicolored trousers were cleaned and wrinkle-free. His oversized shoes were all laced up, and his red hair was without tangles.

The invitation should have been the first clue this wasn't an ordinary wedding. A blue image of a circus tent was printed above the words, "A clown wedding."

That's right. The Kardynskis, who met while clowning around at a clown camp in Wisconsin, were married as clowns in California. A few members of the wedding party also dressed as clowns.

But good clowning around, they say, is no laughing matter. As owners of "Clown Antics," an Internet clown supply store and teachers of a "Be a Clown: An Introduction," they know what it takes to be a good clown – and how to avoid being the clown that frightens people. Their class is offered through the Livonia Public Schools' community education department.

For starters, hobo clowns must still look neat. White-face clowns must not show any natural skin tones, even on the hands or neck. Costumes must be laundered or cleaned before performances.

"We still believe in the ethics of clowning very strongly," Ron said. His motto when entertaining at adult parties is "Be seen, not obscene." When the party attendants learn his routine is clean, they're relieved, he added.

"We get a lot of favorable comments," he added.

The Kardynskis assume different personas when they're clowning. Ron's favorite is "Snudek," a Polish word for a mischievous troublemaker. Snudek is a white-faced clown.

Sue's favorite is "Soomi," a name she lifted from a Native American friend. Soomi is an "Auguste" clown with a pink face.

It might be surprising to learn that Sue, a clown since 1980, ran from

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Funny folks: *Among Ron and Sue Kardynski's clown personas are "Snudek" and "Soomi." "Snudek" is the Polish word for a mischievous troublemaker and "Soomi" is a native American name.*

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clowns as a little girl.

"I was petrified of clowns," she said. "I was really afraid."

And when she saw her husband-to-be after he applied his white-face paint, she admits she wondered "What am I doing?" But she overcame her fears and tied the knot.

The fear of clowns, the Kardynskis say, comes from "bad" clowns ruining the art for all clowns. They describe these clowns as being "Halloween" clowns who frighten children. Many adults are afraid of clowns as well.

The Kardynskis have taught their clown class for six years. They've given diplomas to 187 clown students at a 93 percent success rate.

For the "final exam," students must get into full clown gear and perform in public. The Kardynskis say that for some clown hopefuls, this test is far more frightening than any paper one.

One student who did well through the whole class didn't show for her final. She later said she had stage fright but wanted to take the class again.

The Kardynskis say being real, working clowns gives them credibility when teaching. The students also benefit by having both teachers of both sexes.

"They get a male and female point of view," Sue said.

Learning the basics

During the class, students learn the basics of makeup, costume and, most important, how to act like a clown. Students are also required to outfit themselves – which can be done for under $100, Sue said.

But some aspects of clowning can't be taught.

"You need to have a little bit of caring and compassion for people," she said. "You have to know when they're afraid and back off. You need maturity."

Clowning provides a rush that keeps the Kardynskis coming back time after time.

"If you're performing and see a little sparkle in a child's eye, it's a high," Sue said. "It's really a great feeling. You can't get that from drugs, and you can't get that from alcohol."

Ron said he likes the interaction clowning provides.

"I like to be entertained by people," he said, adding he gets a kick out of people when they fall for his tricks.

Surprisingly, some of the most successful clowns the Kardynskis have known are actually introverts.

"It's surprising how many quiet, shy people we have taking the class," Ron said. Their transformation, he added, can be remarkable.

"All of a sudden, for the first time in their life, they let their inner self out," he said.

In the beginning, people tend to hide behind their makeup, Sue said.

"Later, in the class, they're no longer hiding," she said.

For information about the Kardynskis' clown class, contact the community education department for the Livonia Public Schools at (734) 523-9277. For more information about Clown Antics, visit the Web site at www.clownantics. com or call (734) 454-6625.

Clowns, clowns and more clowns

Here is a sampling of some of the different types of clowns:

- White face has two types: the "neat," with tiny features and "grotesque," with larger features and a false nose.
- "Auguste" clowns have pink- or peach-colored faces with white, emphasizing the eye and mouth area. They also wear false noses.
- "Tramp" or "hobo" clowns can be either true hoboes with torn, tattered clothing or "down-on-their-luck" hoboes who look as though they might have been a Wall Street executive. Both usually wear sad expressions and have 5 o'clock shadow.
- Character clowns can be doctors, nurses or "Keystone Kops."

Culler is president of DAR chapter

When the Ezra Parker Chapter of the national Society of the Daughters of the American revolution meets on Friday, Sept. 10, Judy Culler will be there.

The Redford Township resident is serving as regent of the chapter which meets at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie at Sixth Street in Royal Oak.

The first meeting of the season will be a sandwich luncheon. The program will focus on "Storybook Quilts."

Culler joined the chapter in 1991. She has served as American history chairman for two years and first vice-regent for four years. She's attended several state conferences and state Awards Days and currently serves as piano player for those events.

She also has been a delegate to the Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., in 1998 and 1999.

A native of Sylvania, Ohio, she received her bachelor of music and master of music degrees from the University of Michigan. She taught orchestra, general music, vocal music and mathematics in the South Redford, Highland Park, Troy and Livonia schools district until her retirement in 1994.

Culler also was a conductor with the Livonia Youth Symphony from 1977 to 1982 and with the Metropolitan Youth String Orchestra from 1982 to 1988 and taught the violin, viola, cello, string bass and piano privately.

A deacon and member of the handbell and adult choirs at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, she is a member of the Sigma Alpha Iota, the professional music fraternity for women, the Pontchartrain Alumnae Chapter in the Detroit area and the editor of Alumnae Notes for Pan Pipes, the national magazine of Sigma Alpha Iota.

Married, she and her husband David have two sons, Kevin and Kurt, and two granddaughters, Jaclyn and Katelyn.

Joining Culler as chapter officers for 1999-2000 are Marcia Cramer as first vice-regent, Diane Segel as second vice-regent, Daphne Cushman as chaplain, Marjean Schneider as recording secretary, Jean Wright as recording secretary, Joan Balogh as treasurer, Oneida Stevens as financial secretary, Evada Brown as registrar, Lois Lance as historian, Lois Ellis as librarian and Mary Lou Williams as director.

For more information, call Judy Culler at (313) 533-4447 or Marcia Cramer at (248) 288-3916.

Judy Culler

Tae-bo *from page B1*

cerned.

"My job as an instructor is to keep people progressing," said Weber.

Her students, like Mercado, said she's more than an instructor, she's a motivator.

"It's not as easy as it looks," Mercado said. "We learn new things every week."

Drabek called Weber a "dream instructor" who "really gets you coordinated."

So what keeps people coming back to class?

Weber said she believes it's the way the workout makes you feel.

"It's an exhilarating way to expand your heart rate and your cardiovascular (fitness)," said Weber. "It makes your heart stronger and when your heart's strong, your body runs a lot more efficiently."

Erin Lindsey of Canton has been doing tae-bo regularly for six months. She began at home using workout tapes but now attends the class at Gold's Gym.

"I've seen a lot of cardiovascular improvement," she said She noticed physical results more quickly than she did with step aerobics, she said.

But Lindsey also mentioned that the exercise has boosted her confidence. By learning the kickboxing style and technique, she feels more able to defend herself if she were ever in a dangerous situation.

"Make it a part of your life," said Weber.

Classes at Gold's Gym fill up quickly, so call (734) 459-0020 to reserve a spot . The cost is $8 per class and is open to the public. Packages are available.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing and mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, faxed to (734) 591-7279 or e-mailed to at smason@oe.homecomm.net.

ST. DAMIAN
Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy, Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is $20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. A single space is $70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission is $1. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Table space is available – $20 for a 5-foot round table or $25 for an 8-foot-long table. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
The Mother Cabrini Guild of Ss. Simon and Jude Church will have its arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. There also will be a free raffle every hour, snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. For table rental, call (734) 421-0591 or (734) 722-1343.

ST. VALENTINE
Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's eighth annual holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the high school, 31000 Joy, Livonia. Space is still available for the juried show, which will feature more than 180 crafters. The fee is $50 a 10-foot-wide space and $10 per table. For table rental, call Julie Culp at (734) 522-5287.

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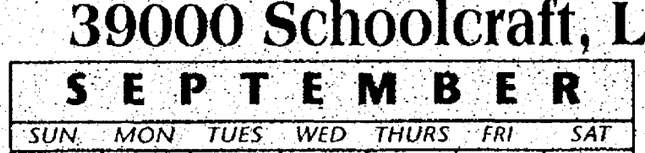

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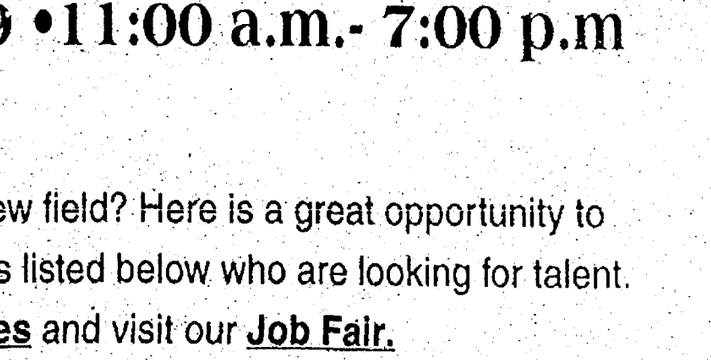

Next Job Fair—March 29, 2000!

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Christensen-Westover

Wendy K. Westover and Daniel L. Christensen were married at the First United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. The Rev. Wayne T. Lange officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Glenda Westover of Farmington Hills, formerly of Livonia. The groom is the son of Donald and Karol Christensen of Howell.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering. She is employed as a management engineer at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Howell High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He is employed as a systems engineer at Dynalogic Engineering Inc. in Walled Lake.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Novi Hilton Hotel before leaving on a Caribbean cruise. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

Browning-McFall

Michael Wayne Browning and Jennifer Leigh McFall were married June 5 at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn by the Rev. Debbie Hatt.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Sally McFall of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Andy and Rita Browning of Canton.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed at Gerard Thomas in Southfield.

The groom is attending Eastern Michigan University where he pursuing a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He is employed at Kroger as a co-manager.

The bride asked Kristen McFall to serve as her maid of honor with Shelly Munie, Missy Lopez and Niki Vericker as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Brandon Browning to serve as his best man with Brian Munie, Jeff Lotarski, Brian Czerwinski and Dave Schavilon as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Joy Manor. Following a cruise of the eastern Caribbean, the couple is residing in Canton.

Neff-Ramm

Lisa Katherine Ramm of Garden City and William Martin Neff of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, were married July 25 in Tahoe Beach Park in Tahoe City, Calif., by Beverly Bedard.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Angeline Ramm of Ypsilanti. The groom is the son of Thelma Neff of Upperville, Va., the late Allen Neff and the late and Elizabeth Neff.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Garden City High School. She is employed as a site acquisition contractor.

The groom attended Ohio State University. He is employed as a construction engineer with Sprint PCS.

The bride ask Sandie Trebilcock to serve as her honor attendant. Richard Trebilcock and Nathan York served as the groom's attendants.

The couple received guests at Chamber's Landing in Lake Tahoe before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Bodega Bay, Calif. They are making their home in Garden City.

Gorecki-Nicles

Len and Judy Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Karl and Frederick Nicles, the son of Fred and Linda Nicles of North Muskegon.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of North Muskegon High School, a 1993 graduate of Hope College and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He is currently completing his pediatric residency at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

A November wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Demarest-Logerquist

Sharon and Michael McGee of Garden City and William Demarest of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee, to Kevin Logerquist, the son of Kenneth and Donna Logerquist of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in computer-aided design. She is employed at Borg Warner Automotive in Livonia as a tool design engineer.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in computer-aided design. He is employed at Autodesk in Novi as a software engineer.

An October wedding is planned at the Henry Ford Estate-Fairlane in Dearborn

Weidenbach-Mort

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weidenbach of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn, to Eric James Mort, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mort of Farmington Hills.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University with a bachelor of science degree. She is employed by Ameritech.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School. He is employed by Mort Sign Co.

A September wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

Nagy-Grabow

Zoltan and Penney Nagy of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lora Kristen, to James Louis Grabow, the son of Eldon and Carol Grabow of Alpena.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Lutheran High School in Westland, a 1995 graduate of Calvin College with a bachelor's degree and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in social work. She is employed as a therapist at Wedgwood Christian Youth and Family Services in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Alpena High School and a 1995 graduate of Central Michigan University. He will receive his master's degree in social work in April from Grand Valley State University. He is employed by Heart of West Michigan United Way.

An October wedding is planned at Grace Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

Kinney-McMurdie

Kelly Suzanne McMurdie and Jeffrey Kinney were married June 26 at the First Congregational Church of Wayne. The Rev. Ed Wellingham officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Barbara McMurdie of Westland. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Kinney, also of Westland.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School. She is employed at Garden City Hospital.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Amy Kinney to serve as her maid of honor, with Shannon Ferguson and Amanda Vance as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Toby Vance to serve as his best man, with Keith Kilburn and Greg Gierke as groomsmen and David Allan Carpenter Jr. and Alan Mitchell as ushers.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on a honeymoon trip to northern Michigan and Mackinac Island. They are making their home in Garden City.

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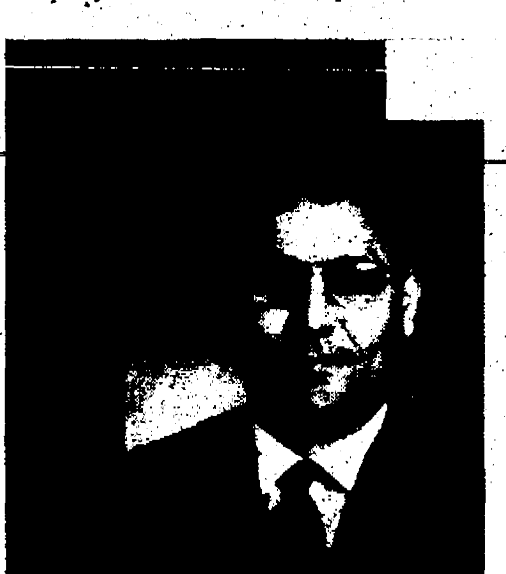

Oakwood Welcomes

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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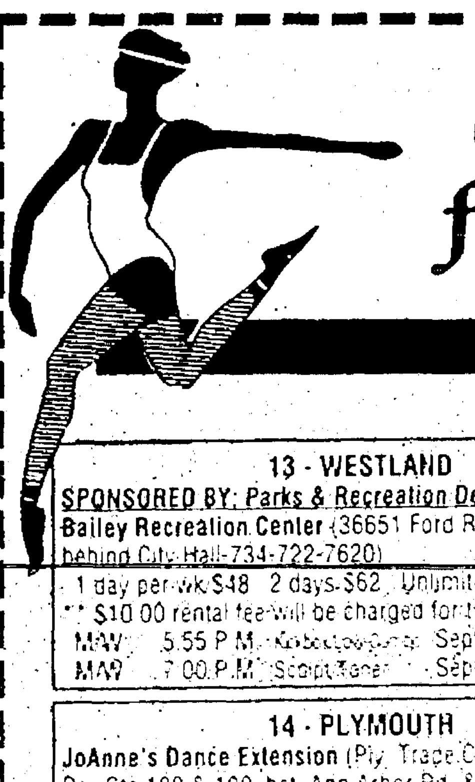

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13 - WESTLAND
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1 day per wk $48 2 days $62 Unlimited $78 10 weeks
** $10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes
M/W 5:55 P.M. Kickbox/Low-Combo Sept. 13 A. Schumaker
M/W 7:00 P.M. Sculpt/Toner Sept. 13 Staff

14 - PLYMOUTH
JoAnne's Dance Extension (Ply. Trade Ctr. 9282 General Dr. Ste 180 & 190, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy, E. of Lilley)
1 day per wk $48 2 days $62 Unlimited $78 10 weeks
M/W/F 9:30 A.M. **Rotation Sept. 13 C. VanHoet
**Mon. Kickbox & Sculpt. Wed. Kickbox & Step. Fri. Interval
*T/TH 9:30 A.M. Low Hi Impact Sept. 14 K. Rudolph
*Babysitting available $2.00 per child $4.00 per family
Must pre-register -1-800-285-6968
Babysitting may be cancelled if not enough participants
**Classes will include Aerobic Circuit, Aerobic-Kickbox Combo, Kickbox-Step Combo
SPONSORED BY: Plymouth Parks & Recreation
Plymouth Cultural Center (525 Farmer-734-455-6620)
1 day per wk $48 2 days $62 Unlimited $78 10 weeks
M/W 6:00 P.M. [illegible] Sept. 13 S. King
Sat 8:00 A.M. [illegible] Sept. 18 S. King

15 - LIVONIA
Holy Cross Lutheran Church (30650 Six Mile Rd. E. of Merriman)
1 day per wk $48 2 days $62 Unlimited $78 10 weeks
*M/W/F 9:00 A.M. Hi-Low Impact Sept. 13 P. Peltz
M/W 6:00 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 M. Hopson
M/W 7:10 P.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 13 M. Hopson
T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt/Tone Sept. 14 K. Godin
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16 - SOUTHFIELD
SPONSORED BY: City of Southfield
(Register through Southfield Parks & Rec. 248-354-9603)
1 day per week $60 2 days $65 Unlimited $80 10 weeks
$10.00 non resident fee will be charged
Brace-Lederle Comm. Ed. Bldg. (18575 W. 9 Mile Rd. bet. Southfield & Evergreen)
M/W 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 S. Reynolds
M/W 7:00 P.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 L. Blackmon
T/TH 6:00 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 14 A. Kebede
T/TH 7:00 P.M. STEP Sept. 14 Staff
Student must provide own STEP

17 - FARMINGTON
NEW Farmington Gymnastics Center (1/2 Mile N. of Nine Mile W. of Halstead, on Freepark Dr. off Industrial Dr.)
1 day per wk $50 2 days $65 Unlimited $80 10 weeks
** $10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step. 3 week ext. starting Nov. 29th Check with instructor
M/W 8:20 A.M. Low Impact Sept. 13 S. [illegible]
*M/W/F 9:35 A.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 13 [illegible]
M/W 6:15 P.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 Staff

Farmington Gymnastics Center, Cont.
M/W 7:30 P.M. Kickbox Aerobics Sept. 13 Staff
*T/TH 9:35 A.M. STEP Sept. 14 P. Kerwan
*T/TH 6:15 P.M. Kickbox Aerobics Sept. 14 [illegible]
T/TH 7:30 P.M. Step Sculpt Sept. 14 [illegible]
Sat 8:30 A.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 18 Staff
Sat 9:35 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 18 [illegible]
*Babysitting $2.00 per child
SPONSORED BY: Farmington Hills Recreation Center
Farmington Hills Activities Center 28600 11 Mile Rd. Gate 4 Door C 248-473-1816
1 day per wk $50 2 days $65 Unlimited $80 10 weeks
3 week ext. starting Nov. 29th Check with instructor
*M/W 9:30 A.M. Sculpt & Tone Sept. 13 L. Morris
M/W 6:30 P.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 13 Staff
*T/TH 9:25 A.M. **Rotation Sept. 14 J. Stec
T/TH 7:00 P.M. Kickbox Aerobics Sept. 14 Staff
Sat 9:00 A.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 18 [illegible]
*Babysitting available $2.00 per child
**Classes alternate between Hi-Low Aerobics, Circuits/Fat Burner. Check with instructor
SPONSORED BY: Farmington Community Ed.
(Register through Farmington Comm. Ed. 248-489-3333)
1 day per wk $50 2 days $65 Unlimited $80 10 weeks
Farmington Community School 33415 Shiawassee, bet. Tuck & Orchard Lk. Rd.
*M/W 9:00 A.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 27 Staff
*Babysitting available $2.00 Child must be walking-no infants
NEW East Middle School (on Middlebelt Rd. btw. 10 & 11 Mile Rds.)
M/W 6:30 P.M. Kickbox/Sculpt Sept. 27 Staff

18 - NOVI
Novi Civic Center (45175 W. 10 Mile Rd. bet. Novi & Taft, 248-347-0400)
All Novi students must register/pay through Novi Pks. & Rec. office (248-347-0400). Please bring a mat or towel to class.
Resident fee
1 day per wk $46 2 days $61 Unlimited $76 10 weeks
Non-resident fee
1 day per wk $50 2 days $65 Unlimited $80 10 weeks
** $10.00 rental fee will be charged for the step classes or bring own step. No Classes Saturday, October 30th - all makeups week of November 22
*M/W 9:00 A.M. Kickbox/Low Combo Sept. 13 R. Rice
*M/W/F 10:15 A.M. STEP Circuit Sept. 13 L. Whitfield
M/W 6:15 P.M. Kickbox/Hi-Low Sept. 13 Staff
M/W 7:25 P.M. Sculpt&Tone Sept. 13 Staff
*T/TH 9:00 A.M. Sculpt&Tone Sept. 14 Staff
*F 9:00 A.M. Fat Burner Sept. 17 M. Bloom
Sat 8:00 A.M. Kickbox/Hi-Low Sept. 18 L. Burke
Sat 9:15 A.M. Sculpt&Tone Sept. 18 S. Flanagan
*Babysitting $2 for 1st child, $1 ea. addtnl. child
Novi Meadows (25549 Taft, N. of 10 Mile)
(Register through Novi Comm. Ed. 248-449-1206)
Session I
1 day per wk $40 2 days $50 Unlimited $64 8 weeks
M/T/W/Th 7:00 P.M. Hi Low Impact Sept. 13 T. Snurka
Session 2
1 day per wk $40 2 days $50 Unlimited $64 8 weeks
M/T/W/Th 7:00 P.M. Hi Low Impact Nov. 8 T. Snurka
NO CLASSES Nov. 10, 11, 24 or 25, Dec. 22 thru 30

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

STARLITERS
A Starliters dance will be 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at the Northwest YWCA, 25940 W. Grand River, at Beech Daly, Redford. The grand reopening will feature ballroom dancing to live bands. Singles and married couples are welcome. The $5 admission includes refreshments. For information, call Betty, (734) 422-2887.

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.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS
The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center, Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning 7 a.m. at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends 10 a.m.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Bright class

Shining: *Students at St. Damian School in Westland came back to a brighter school and a brighter future. The new lighting and updated electrical supply installed over the summer have improved school quality. The school updated the electrical supply to accommodate classroom computers. More than $100,000 was spent on renovations including a new ceiling and two ceiling fans in each classroom. Many donated time, talent and financial assistance. School started Aug. 25.*

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.*

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Better schools for kids – debate recycles old concepts

HOOKED ON HISTORY

VIRGINIA PARKER

September ... It means three things are certain. The weather is mild – a perfect transition between hot summer and glorious autumn. Kids are back in school with their shiny new school supplies.

And it's time to renew our debates about how to improve our educational system.

We tend to think that education was easier – some would say better – in the days of the one-room schoolhouse. Certainly, it was more straightforward since teachers only worried about teaching the "3 R's," right? Well, let's see.

Since one-room schools were located in rural and other isolated areas across the United States, they housed whatever students were available, whether three or 60!

Men and women who taught in these schools often had only an eighth grade education. With so little training, they faced a formidable task, teaching children of mixed ages, especially when female teachers were often younger and smaller than the strapping, teenage, farm boys they taught.

Mid-19th century one-room schoolhouses took many forms besides the gabled, oblong structures that immediately come to mind. Some were octagons. Some were highly stylized and ornate. However, as the population moved west across the prairies, these simple schools were frequently canvas tents, shed-roof tarpaper shanties, dug outs, and sod houses.

No wonder, then, that teachers often had to scramble to teach that simple 3-R curriculum of 'reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic. They used whatever books they could obtain, whether McGuffey's Readers, the Bible, hymnals or even an atlas!

Paying teachers

Teachers' salaries were figured a little differently. Women teachers were, of course, paid less than men. So how much might a woman be paid? In 1827, records show that Mary Barber was paid the annual salary of $32 to teach at Hough School in Canton.

Often, contracts stipulated that the teacher would board 'round, which meant she would live at the students' homes for two-week intervals.

Pity the poor teacher who was at the mercy of a lousy cook. Worse, privacy was minimal, and accommodations often included sharing the children's beds.

Imagine the lawsuits that would bring today!

There were reformers, both architectural and educational. Some tackled international comparisons, which, interestingly, extended to teacher salaries. Authors of a 1918 book about reforming rural education decried the practice of teachers receiving lower pay in the United States than Europe.

There were reformers much before that, however, and some raised environmental issues. As early as 1832, one schoolmaster won an award from the American Institute of Instruction for his innovative concepts regarding modifications in furniture and windows, provision of educational equipment and allowance for fresh air and recess space.

Expanding curriculum

Early in the 1880s, educators began an earnest effort to improve and expand the curriculum. They referred to it as "the new education." Often through the concept of consolidated schools, rural communities began offering additional subjects.

However, plans were also devised for this to occur within the one-room school. Plans included traveling libraries and manual training for the boys. Less attention was given to domestic skills for girls. These activities were not carried on in separate rooms, but in alcoves set apart for those purposes.

Additionally, the school garden, a concept with its roots in antiquity, was revived and encouraged. Arbor Day became an annual celebration with speeches, songs, and tree planting.

Ideas of sanitation were somewhat different from today. It was considered a healthful practice to separate the boys' and girls' cloakrooms. There was also frequently a girls' door and a boys' door to enter the building.

Two decades into this century, two educational reformers argued that "modern" one-room schools should have toilets that were as sanitary as in well-equipped city schools. Their provocative chapter, "Outhouses Made Decent," outlined steps rural schools should take where circumstances precluded flush toilets.

Proper heating and good ventilation, seen in terms of cubic space and natural circulation for fresh, outdoor air, likewise drew attention. Tinted or papered walls, plaster casts to decorate the room, framed copies of the masters, plants, books and an aquarium, if possible, were recommended.

All this was to give a homey, yet scholastic feel to these humble environments, which some considered a "temple of learning." It would encourage "less dragging of heavy feet to the school." This was part of a philosophy that maintained school should be for the students and not the subject.

As we carry on our own, multi-faceted debates about quality education and reforms, maybe we should be slow to pat ourselves on our 21st century backs. The technology may have changed, but there's nothing new about the basic issues.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

Zonta stages 'Fashion with a Flair!'

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County Area is teaming up with Parisian at Laurel Park Place to sponsor "Fashion with a Flair!"

The luncheon and fall fashion show will be Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Marriott Hotel Banquet Facility at Laurel Park. The festivities begin at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:30 a.m., followed by informal modeling.

There also will be door prizes, goodie bags and discounts at Parisian. Tickets cost $30 (includes a $10 donation). They can be ordered by calling (734) 420-2923.

Pat Harris is chairing the fashion show fund-raiser, with the help of Evelyn Shuput, Evelyn Mundy, Mary Bowersock and Mary Jo Plante.

Zonta International is a service organization of executive women dedicated to world peace, providing community service and improving the status of women world-wide.

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County helps support local organizations, such as the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, the Wayne County Homeless Shelter, Seedlings Braille Books for Children, and Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

In addition to the fashion show, the organization's other fund raising project is its annual sale of Koeze Nuts Products, available for delivery in early November. All of the proceeds are used for the various service projects.

International projects include scholarships for women. Members also invest time, talent, and energy in women's development, health, education and cultural needs.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

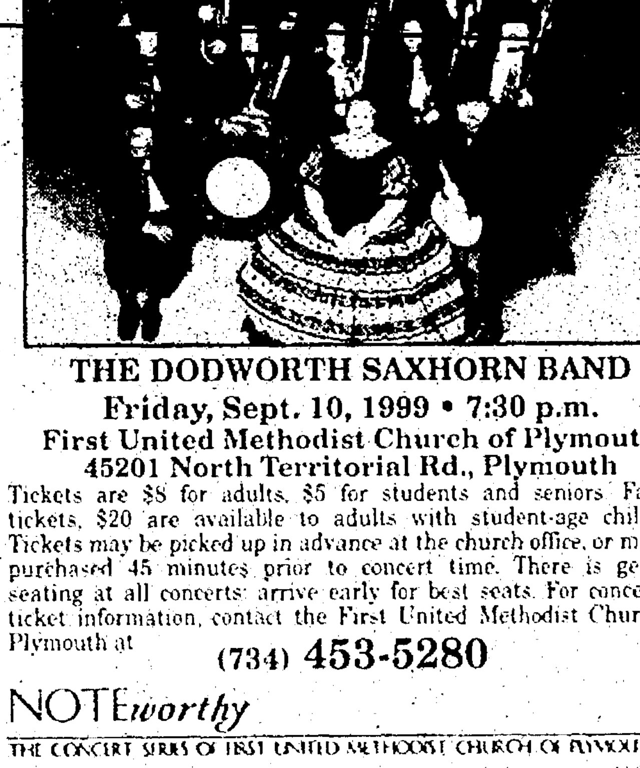
Smile!: *Pat Harris (left) is working with April Wilkins, Parisian director of public relations and special events, on the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne Area's annual "Fashion with a Flair!"*

Scout unit sponsors sale

Girl Scout NSU 33 will host a used uniform sale 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in the day camp building of Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

People with uniforms to sell or interested in making a donation can call Cathy at (248) 477-6996. Handbooks and other Girl Scout items are welcomed for the sale.

The Dodworth Saxhorn Band



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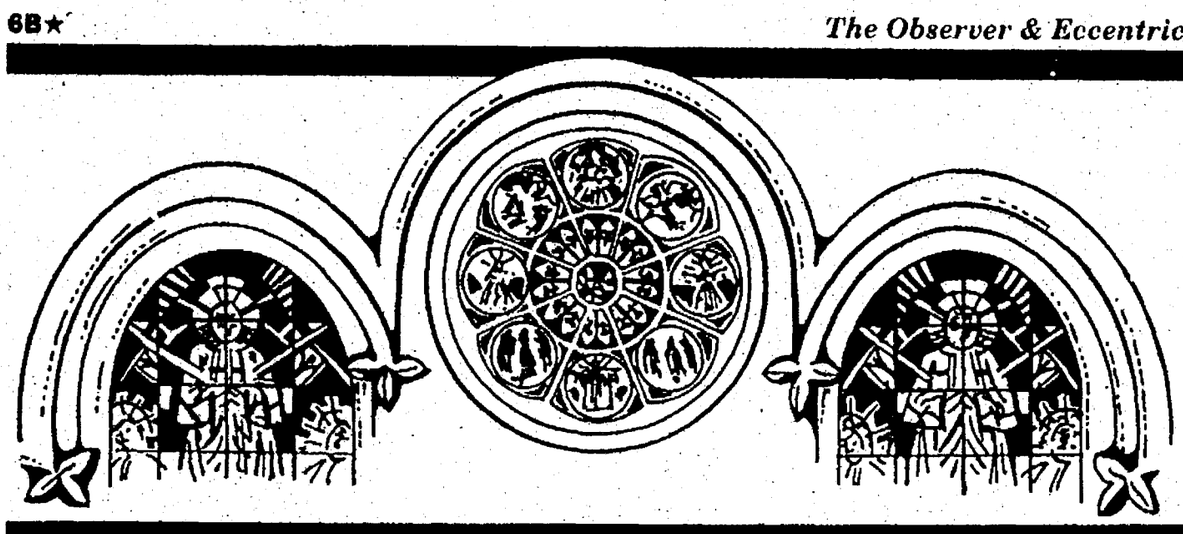

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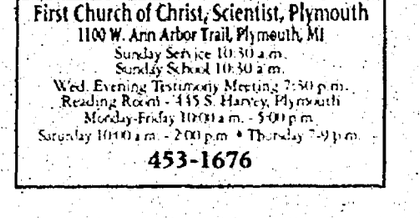

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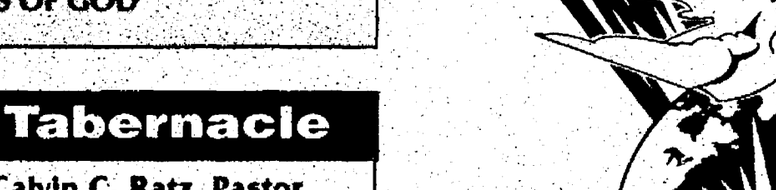

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9:30
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Sunday School for All Ages

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Saturday 5:00 P.M.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M.	Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages	
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Church School at 10 a.m.

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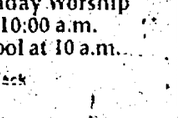

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September 12
Scripture/Matt 18:21-35
Topic/Parable of Unforgiving Servant
Rev. Diana Goudie, preaching

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.

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, 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 Cherry Hill, 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.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will have its fall street dance 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 on Church Street in downtown Northville. The cost is $5 in advance and $6 at the door.

Single Place also will have a fall retreat Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, at the Howell Nature Center, 1005 Triangle, Howell. The Rev. Norm Nawrocki will be the speaker for "Simplicity and the Spirit of Joy." The cost is $137 per person. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

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, 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.

YARD SALE

The Westland V.P. Church will have a yard sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the corner of Wayne and Hunter roads, across from the Big Boy Restaurant.

SCHOOL TIME

Preschoolers through adults will start their fall series of Sunday School and Bible classes Sunday, Sept. 12, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Canton campus. Classes for all ages are 10:45-11 a.m. A light Bible breakfast in the Friendship Hall will be held before the education hour.

Worship services are at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the church, 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

■ First graders through adults will have numerous opportunities to study the Bible when they attend Midweek School at Christ Our Savior, Livonia campus, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15. Classes are 6:30-8 p.m.

The curriculum for grades 1-6 will be based on the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and confirmation classes for seventh-eighth graders will be held. Additional study opportunities will be offered for both youth and adults, including "Finding Joy," "Isaiah" and "I Have Good News for You."

Worship services are 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays at Christ Our Savior's Livonia campus, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96. For more information for Sunday School, Bible studies and Midweek School, call the office at (734) 522-6830.

FAMILY FEST '99

Anyone may attend Memorial Church of Christ's first Family Fest 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, on the church grounds, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The fest will begin the church's fall program and will feature basketball, volleyball, video games, ping pong, street hockey, pony rides and tricycle races 5-6 p.m. The cookout will be at 6 p.m., with a Ministries Fair planned for 6:30 p.m. in the church lobby. The main event will be Christian comedian David Dean of Indianapolis performing at 7 p.m.

For more information about the free fest, call the church at (734) 464-6722.

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, Canton. 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, Farmington Hills,

■ 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, Livonia.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, Northville.

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

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will have its quarterly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Presbyterian Village Redford, 17383 Garfield, off Six Mile Road. The meeting will be held in the Patterson area, "I" Corridor. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. For reservations, call Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

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

CARAVAN

The Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is offering Caravan, a scouting program sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene, 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the church, 45801 Ann Arbor Road.

Caravan is for youths age four through sixth grade. Youth do activities with adult guides to achieve spiritual, mental, physical and social development in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Those in grades 1-6 earn badges in such areas as camping, cooking, physical fitness, Bible reading, crafts, first aid and personal care.

Children age four through kindergartners are in a Caravan group called Benson's Buddies where activities and learning Bible verses are offered in a fun and exciting way.

For more information, call the church at (734) 453-1525.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg Night Out at Newburg United Methodist Church will run Thursday, Sept. 16-11, at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner will be available 5:30-6 p.m. for a cost of $3 for adults and $2 for children 10 years and under.

Educational programs are at 6:30 p.m. and include Noah's Ark for preschoolers-second graders, quilting, The First Millennium and Parenting with Love and Logic.

Musical opportunities include Cherub Choir for children entering kindergarten in 1999 or 2000, Children's Choir for first and second graders, Choristers for third-sixth graders, Youth Choir for seventh-12th graders. Drama opportunities include youth drama for seventh-12th graders and children's drama for third-sixth graders.

For more information about the programs, call the church office at (734) 422-0149.

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NEW VOICES

Patrick Gietzen and **Maribeth Sala-Gietzen** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Matthew Louis Henry** April 6 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has a brother, Christian, 10. Grandparents are Rosalie Sala of Northville Township, Clement Gietzen of Sterling Heights and Rachel Gietzen of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Virginia Sala of Livonia and Adeline Edwards of Center Line.

John and **Lisa Danek** of Westland announce the birth of **Tara Aletrice-Lynn** April 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins brothers, Michael, 12, and Steven, 10. Grandparents are George and Dorothy Johnson of Wheaton, Ill., Ron and Sherry Danek of Traverse City, Shades and Linda Edel of Big Sandy, Tenn.

Benjamin Kittle and **Rebecca Hoeflein** of Garden City announce the birth of **Joshua Robert Kittle** April 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. Grandparents are Timothy and Drema Kittle of Garden City and Michael Parsons and Lois Hoeflein of Westland.

Latasha Boone of Canton Township announces the birth of **Brittany Nicole** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Julia Boone and David Boone, both of Canton Township.

Jim and **Marybeth Gendjar** of Livonia announce the birth of **Megan Renee** April 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Ron and Marian Gendjar of Livonia and Thomas Robert and Shirley Conroy of Brighton.

William and **Kelly Tofilski** of Westland announce the birth of **Lauren Victoria** April 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a brother, Zachary Ryan. Grandparents are Dave and Karen Johnson, Bob and Diane Fritz and Lynne and Victor Tofilski, all of Westland.

John and **Lauren Hosko** of Canton announce the birth of **Stephanie Lauren** April 20 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a brother, Alex, 3. Grandparents are Diane and Larry Roslinski of Plymouth and Robert and Therese Hosko of Warren. Great-grandparents are Frank and Jean Kijek of Detroit and Sophie Roslinski of Roseville.

Scott and **Linda Janack** of Canton announce the birth of **Trey Alexander** April 23 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Wayne and Catherine Parent of Pittsfield Township, Mark Janack of Belleville and Judy Janack of Livonia.

Neil and **Karen LaChance** of Garden City announce the birth of **Melissa Ann** April 23 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two brothers, Rodney and Michael. Grandparents are Joe and Alice Fluker and George and Nora LaChance, all of Westland.

William and **Patricia Holcomb** of Livonia announce the birth of **William Lyman Holcomb IV** May 10 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He joins a sister, Amy, 5 1/2. Grandparents are Betty Wesley of Detroit and Bill and Marion Holcomb of Marion.

Carl and **Kristle Ostrander** of Redford announce the birth of **Aubrey Marie** May 1 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins sister Alexis Breann. Grandparents are Gene and Helen Ostrander of Westland and William and Ettia Grima of Canton. Great-grandparents are Frances Zarb of Malta and Mary Grima of Roseville.

ANNIVERSARIES

Watts

Frank and Edna Watts of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner at Montana's Restaurant in Westland.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 10, 1949, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wayne. She is the former Edna Dengel.

The Wattses have four married children – Terry and wife Melanie of Superior Township, Lindsay and wife Kim of Westland, Bradley and wife Cheryl of Canton and Frank and wife Amy of Naperville, Ill. They also have three grandchildren.

He retired from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in 1989.

Their interests included St. John's Lutheran Church and University of Michigan football games.

Toth

Steven and Arliss Toth of Northville are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 4, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio. She is the former Arliss Lindeman.

The Toths have two children, Stephen and Valerie, and two grandchildren, Jessica and Sarah.

He is a retiree of the Ford Motor Company. A registered nurse, she retired after more than 20 years at Garden City Hospital.

Their interests include travel and spoiling their grandchildren.

Bianchi

Frank and Trudy Bianchi of Redford are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows in 1944 at Tabor Lutheran Church in Detroit. She is the former Trudy Stuendel.

They have three children – Frank II, Bradley and Barbara – five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Naval pilot during World War II, he retired as a designer from the Ford Motor Co.

They are active at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford and are interested in gardening.

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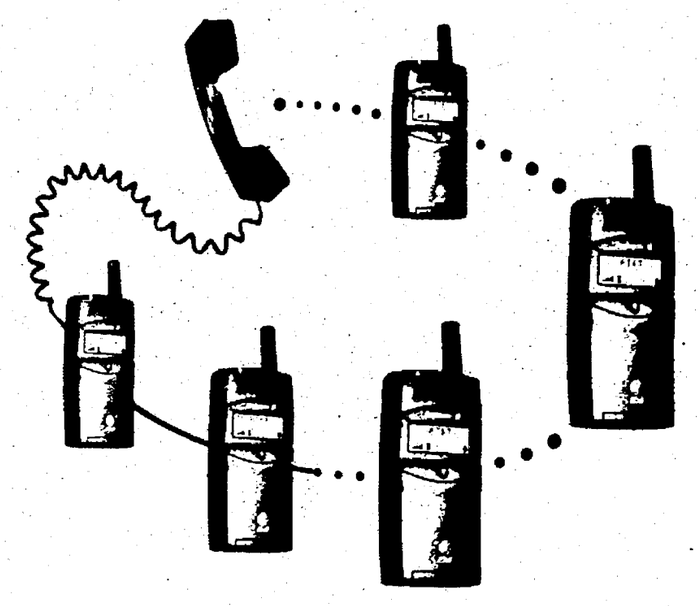

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate soccer notes

•Siena Heights University junior forward Nicole Tobin (Livonia Stevenson) scored five goals and added an assist last week for the Saints en route to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer player-of-the week honors.

She had all three goals in the Saints' 3-2 victory over Findlay (Ohio) and the game-tying goal in a 1-1 deadlock with Green Mountain (Vt.).

•University of Detroit Mercy senior defender Matt Quinter (Stevenson) earned All-Tournament honors last weekend at the Bowling Green State University Soccer Classic.

The Titans (1-2) opened their season with a 5-0 loss to Oakland University, but rebounded to beat DePaul, 4-3, before losing to Western Kentucky, 3-1.

•Lizz Szkrybalo (Livonia Churchill) leads the University of Missouri-Rolla Lady Miners (2-1) in scoring with 11 points. Szkrybalo had four goals in two assists in Saturday's 11-0 route of Southwest Baptist.

•Andrea Galindo (Churchill) had both goals in Central Michigan's 4-2 loss Sunday to Oakland University. Anne Fedrigo (Stevenson) assisted on the second goal for CMU (2-1-1).

Women's Suburban golf

Carolyn Benninger (Northville) shot an 83 (Sept. 3) to captured the first flight low gross honors at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop at Fellows Creek.

Diane Wazney (Dearborn) was runner-up with a 91.

First flight low net went to Mary Allen (Wayne) with a 74. Jan Anteiau (Brighton) was second with a 76.

In the second flight, Mary Gene Stefanac (Dearborn) carded a 96 to capture low gross. Gloria Hudson (Southfield) was second with a 102.

Mary Ann Kraft (Dearborn Heights) captured low ne with a 67, edging Pat Wilson (Dearborn Heights) by one stroke.

Parent-Child golf outing

The Milford Police Athletic League will be staging a parent-child golf outing Sunday, Oct. 10 at Mystic Creek Golf Course (inside Camp Dearborn).

Divisions include 10-, 12-, 14-, 16-and-under, along with 17-and-over. The cost is $45 per person (includes 18 holes, cart, buffet lunch and trophies to the top two teams in each division).

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

Prep golf correction

Jeremy Fendelet, who shot a 1-over 37, should have been identified as medalist in Westland John Glenn's 203-212 boys golf victory Sept. 2 over Wayne Memorial at Fellows Creek (Sunday, Sept. 5 edition).

Youth baseball tryouts

•Tryouts for a Livonia 12-and-under Little Caesars travel baseball club will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at Bicentennial Park (field No. 5).

The team will play 40 games during the 2000 season (mid-May through mid-July), 22 regular season games, plus three to four tournaments.

For more information, call Bob Olson at (734) 464-7930.

•Tryouts for the 15-year-old Michigan Bulls Federation baseball team will be from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 and 26 at Farmington High School, located on 32000 Shiawassee (between 10 Mile and Grand River). The team will be comprised of players with advanced baseball skills, born between Aug. 1, 1984 and Dec. 31, 1985.

For more information, call coach Eric Sams at (248) 647-5301.

Tommy Titan races

The annual Tommy Titan 5-kilometer run will start at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cass Benton Park, located on Hines Drive just south of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads in Northville.

The entry fee is $5. T-shirts are also available for an additional $10 donation.

Following the open 5K event, the University of Detroit Mercy will host a collegiate meet featuring state area schools.

For more information, call UDM coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724.

Hard-earned win

Rockets turn back feisty Wayne, 44-34

GIRLS HOOPS

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial presented a challenge. Westland John Glenn met it.

John Glenn repulsed a third-quarter threat by Wayne on Tuesday night to take a 44-34 victory in the second game of the girls high school basketball for each team. Both are now 1-1.

"Our kids played hard," new Coach Wayne Woodard of host Wayne said. "They fought all the way. And when they got it down to 34-30 in the third quarter, it could have gone either way.

"With a break here or there, we could have been right there.

"But they're a good team. They lost that first game to (state-ranked) Belleville . . . They're big, strong and well-coached."

John Glenn took a 10-9 first quarter lead and ran it out to 27-17 by halftime, at which time Wayne could have come apart like a thin stuffed pita.

The margin went up to 32-19 with 3:45 left in the third quarter when the Zebras stirred up the home crowd.

Feisty Sheila Honeycutt converted a fast break layup off a steal by Amy Pailing, was fouled and made the add-on free throw to shave the deficit to 10.

Pailing made another steal and drove in for a layup with 2:29 to play to slice the deficit to 32-24.

Samantha Crews steadied John Glenn with two free throws 12 seconds later and the teams then traded turnovers and missed shots until Christina Gaines made two free throws with 55 seconds to play, making it 34-26.

Crystal Harris stole the ball and went down the floor to make a layup and Honeycutt did the same to reduce the margin to 34-30 entering the final eight minutes of play.

"Wayne did a great job of hanging around," Coach Joel Lloyd of the Rockets said. "They made a little run at the end of the third quarter.

"And in their gym, with a decent crowd, things could have swung in their favor."

But Samantha Crews and her sophomore sister Stephanie scored four points apiece and keyed a strong defense that helped John Glenn outscore Wayne 10-4 in the final quarter.

Samantha Crews ended with a game-high 16 points, 12 coming in the middle two periods, while Stephanie Crews had 10. Sarah Pack scored eight and Lacey Catarino six.

Harris paced Wayne Memorial with

Please see GLENN VICTORIOUS, C2

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Crews-ing: *Westland John Glenn's Stephanie Crews takes off on the fast-break with Wayne's Sheila Honeycutt in hot pursuit.*

Appoint Ken Starr to investigate

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GRID PREDICTIONS

That's more like it!

Both of your Observerland grid prognosticators, who have yet to disagree on a pick after two weeks of the season, got in the groove last week, correctly choosing 14 of 15 winners.

The only glitch was Garden City's 19-14 victory over Mega Conference White Division favorite Allen Park.

So both now stand 25-7 on the year. (The first week we finished 11-6, but that's understandable considering it was the season opener.)

Without alluding to any conspiracy theories, it's a safe bet that yours truly and the smiling Irishman (Dan O'Meara) may have a few disagreements this week.

Former Observer sports editor Doug Funke promises to appoint an independent counsel and bring back Ken Starr to investigate Week No. 3 (if the picks remain the same).

Anyway, here is a capsule look at this week's games, featuring three Thursday night encounters due to Rosh Hashanah.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Luth. Westland (0-2, 0-1) at B.H. Cranbrook (1-1, 1-1), 5 p.m.: The Warriors, trying to squelch an 11-game losing streak dating back to the start of the 1998 season, have produced little offense so far in 1999. Cranbrook, an upset winner the opening week over Hamtramck, came back down to earth in last Friday's 20-0 loss to Harper Woods. **PICKS:** Cranbrook wins this Metro Conference twilighter.

W.L. Central (0-2, 0-0) at Liv. Stevenson (2-0, 0-0): It's the Lakes Division opener for both schools. Stevenson charged back from a 14-2 halftime deficit to beat city rival Franklin, 24-14, while Central was hammered by Farmington Hills Harrison, 35-12. **PICKS:** Central may be bigger, but Stevenson is too quick.

Westland Glenn (2-0, 0-0) at N. Farmington (1-1, 0-0): The Rockets proved they have more than one running back when Dan Smitherman pounded out 102 yards in seven carries to support Eric Jones' 180 on 23 carries in a 30-6 win over Livonia Churchill. North, a 45-14 loser last week to Northville, will be a decided underdog. **PICKS:** Rockets blast off in the Lakes opener.

FRIDAY GAMES
(all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

Ply. Canton (1-1, 0-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-1, 0-0): It's the Western Division opener for both teams. Franklin played well for a half before succumbing to city rival Stevenson, while Canton was plagued by mistakes and penalties en route to a 27-0 loss to formidable Farmington. **PICKS:** Flip a coin; both go with the Patriots.

Wayne (0-2, 0-1) at Monroe (1-1, 0-1): Give coach Floyd Carter the Zebras credit, they have played both Romulus and Dearborn Fordson tough, before losing a pair of close ones. They also missed captain Mike Shaw, a three-year starting lineman who broke his leg in practice (Aug. 30), but still gave the Tractors fits before falling 13-6. Monroe, shackled by Saginaw in the season opener, bounced back last week to beat Lincoln Park, 26-6. **PICKS:** Monroe absorbs the shock, topples Wayne.

Garden City (2-0, 1-0) at Woodhaven (1-1, 0-1): The Cougars are the talk of Observerland right now after stunning Mega White favorite Allen Park last week. Running back Mike Sparks appears to be a good one. As for Woodhaven, they managed just 80 yards total offense in a 26-0 loss Friday to Ypsilanti. **PICKS:** Let's go with the Cougars again.

Redford Union (0-2) at Belleville (2-0): This Mega crossover features two outstanding offensive threats, RU's Mike Macek and Belleville's Kevin Harrison. RU, jumping up to the Mega White, is taking on a perennial Mega Red contender in the Tigers. Last week Belleville squeaked by Dearborn, 13-6, while RU fell to Dearborn Edsel Ford, 42-21.

Clarenceville (2-0, 2-0) at Hamtramck (1-1, 1-1), 7:30 p.m.: This is a key game in the Metro Conference. The Trojans, led by sophomore running back Tim Shaw, who has 336 yards in two games, will face an outstanding running back in Hamtramck's Aaron Brock, who rushed for 2,093 yards last season and had 101 last week in a 21-14 win over Macomb Lutheran North. Quarterback Stan Garbacz also tossed a couple of TD passes in that one for the Cosmos. **PICKS:** Keyworth Stadium's new carpet is to Clarenceville's liking.

Churchill (1-1, 0-0) at F.H. Harrison (1-1, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: Don't forget Harrison is still the reigning Western Division and Western Lakes Association champion. The Hawks, led by running backs Kevin Woods and Lou Hadley, racked up 300 yards on the ground last week against Central. Churchill, who got a blocked field goal and interception last week from Rob Wilson in a lopsided loss to Glenn, will have to contain the Hawks' speed to mount any kind of upset bid. **PICKS:** It's the Hawks off and running again.

Farmington (1-1, 0-0) at Salem (0-2, 0-0), 7:30 p.m.: The Falcons, who outgained Canton 354-185 in total yards last week, return to the same field where they played on the previous week looking for more success. Salem's defense stood tough last week against explosive Western in a 17-3 defeat. But the Rocks will need a lot more than their a meager 18 yards on the ground. **PICKS:** Farmington makes it two straight at Centennial Educational Park.

Red. Thurston (1-1, 0-1) at Trenton (1-1, 1-0), 7:30 p.m.: Thurston, coming off a 27-12 loss to Gibraltar Carlson, needs a victory to stay afloat in the Mega Blue race. The Eagles will have to contain Trenton running back Justin Newsome, who rambled for 177 yards in just 11 carries in last week's 20-6 victory over Southgate Anderson. **PICKS:** Trenton wins it in the trenches.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

St. Agatha (2-0, 1-0) at Taylor Light & Life (0-2, 0-1), 1 p.m.: This is a Catholic League D Sec-

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GIRLS SWIMMING

Katy Ballantine, Stevenson

Jessica Makowski, Stevenson

Talented Spartans set for '99

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Bolstered by a strong returning nucleus and a promising freshman class, Livonia Stevenson girls swim coach Greg Phill can't be but optimistic about the upcoming season.

That comes despite the fact the Spartans dropped their season opener Tuesday against Grosse Pointe North. (See statistical summary.)

The Spartans, who will be gunning for their ninth straight Western Lakes Activities Association title, should be well stocked again in 1999.

"If we keep working like we are right now, it will be a good year," said Phill, now in his 14th year. "We have some good returnees and some nice freshmen."

Phill's 74-member squad should be able to absorb the loss of first-team All-Observer freestyler Julie Kern, who took fourth at the state meet in the 500 freestyle (5:00.82) and won both the 200- and 500 freestyle events at the WLAA meet.

Phill will also miss league placer Meghan Lesnau and 50 freestyle and relay standout Marti McKenzie (second-team All-Area) to graduation.

However, two first-team All-Area picks return.

Jessica Makowski, a senior, was the WLAA champ in the 100 freestyle and posted a best time of 55.14. In the 50 freestyle she finished undefeated in dual meets and was runner-up in the WLAA with a personal best of 25.11.

Diver Katy Ballantine, another senior, finished eighth in the state with 330 points and was second in the WLAA (379.20). She led Observerland with the best six-dive total of 256.75 points.

Another talented returnee is senior Katie Clark, a second-team All-Observer choice who qualified in five events at the state meet.

Clark took 10th in the 100 butterfly at state meet (1:00.12) and was WLAA champ in the same event. She also finished second in the league in the 200 IM (2:16.44). Her season bests in both events were 59.36 and 2:13.77, respectively.

Adding depth in the freestyle relay events is second-team All-Observer selection Meghan Moceri.

As a junior, Moceri took 12th in the state in the 500 freestyle (5:15.34) and finished third and fourth in the 500 and 200 freestyles, respectively, at the WLAA meet. Her WLAA time in the 200 was 2:01.54.

State qualifier Lindsay Dolin, a junior, and league placers Elizabeth Hurn, a junior who was sixth in the 100 breaststroke, and Jessica Koch, a sophomore, who was seventh in the 200 IM, both give Stevenson even more depth.

Senior Amanda Polkowski (sprint freestyles) also shows promise, while junior diver Michelle Cain performed well at last year's regional. Sophomore Stephanie Cummings, who can also swim in the distance freestyle, IM and backstroke, will also score points for the Spartans.

And if that's not enough, two freshmen will have an immediate impact, according to Phill.

Andrea Hurn, who swims out of the Bulldog Aquatic Club, adds depth in the 200 IM, 100 breaststroke and freestyle events.

Michelle Aristeo, younger sister of

Please see SWIM PREVIEW, C4

CC rumbles by Canadians

■ PREP FOOTBALL

School names are all these two had in common Saturday at Redford's Hilbert Junior High.

Redford Catholic Central turned its non-league football game against London Catholic Central into a laugher, winning 43-0 after enjoying a 31-0 halftime advantage.

The Shamrocks scored six touchdowns, most after long drives, and a 48-yard field goal just before the half by junior Mike Sgroi, who made four of six extra-point attempts.

Senior tailback John Kava had a pair of seven-yard TD runs and quarterback John Hill threw touchdown passes of six and nine yards to Kevin Entsminger and Matt Loridas, respectively.

Hill, who didn't complete a pass in Week 1, was six for 12 for 49 yards.

Reserve runningback Chris Davis scored on his only carry, which covered 72 yards. Also scoring for the Shamrocks was Matt Markowicz, who carried 36 yards for a touchdown.

Markowicz finished with 69 yards in six carries and Kava 64 yards in seven attempts.

The Shamrocks had 15 first downs and 282 total yards, 233 on the ground. London CC finished with five first downs and 41 total yards.

Most of the second half was played with running time as soon as CC took a 35-point lead.

Junior Mark Willoughby had two interceptions and senior Charlie Rozum 1½ sacks to lead the defense.

Rozum led with 4½ tackles, Chris Gonzales had four.

Warriors searching for offense to break skid

Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett got three touchdowns Saturday from Charles Loewe to hand host Lutheran High Westland its 11th straight football defeat dating back to the 1998 season, 46-0.

The Warriors, off to an 0-2 start in 1999, were outgained by Liggett in total yardage, 307-99.

The Knights, who improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference, led 32-0 at intermission.

Loewe had scoring runs of 48 and 44 yards. He also returned an interception 55 yards for a score.

Liggett's Mark Brammer booted five extra points and had a 22-yard field goal in the second quarter.

Charlie Hoeft (13 for 43) and Josh Moldenhauer (seven for 35) were Lutheran Westland's leading rushers on the day.

Moldenhauer and Kevin Packard were the Warriors' leading tacklers with seven apiece. Richard Wilson, Andrew McLaughlin and Brett Braun each registered six.

Matt Glenn had three kick returns for 68 yards (22.6 average), while Hoeft punted four times for a 40.0 average.

The Warriors opened their season Aug. 28 with a 26-16 loss to visiting Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

Mount Carmel, a cooperative team this year with Southgate Aquinas, erased a 16-14 third quarter deficit with a pair of touchdowns in the decisive fourth quarter.

Chris Gruse scored the go-ahead TD on a 6-yard run. Bryan Grabowski's 5-yard TD run put it away.

Mt. Carmel outgained the Warriors in total offense, 272-28.

After a scoreless opening quarter, Mt. Carmel scored on Dave Cerda's 3-yard TD run followed by Alan Pamiter's two-point pass to Cerda.

Gruse added a 9-yard scoring run in the third quarter to make it 14-0, but Lutheran Westland stormed back on Hoeft's 81-yard kickoff return and Glenn's 10-yard scoring run. Jake Nuoffer converted both two-point plays on a pair of 3-yard runs.

Glenn also had an interception in the opener.

"We got banged up the first game, so we're moving some people around," said Lutheran Westland coach Gary Kamin, whose team returns to action tonight at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Grid predictions *from page C1*

tion game with the Aggies overwhelming favorites. In a 19-6 win last week over Hamtramck St. Florian, sophomore Dan Boulter ran for 147 yards and quarterback Jeff Smith was four of six for 134 yards. Taylor Light & Life is coming off a 41-14 loss to Dearborn St. Alphonsus. **PICKS:** The Aggies make it three straight.

Bishop Borgess (1-1) at R.O. Shrine (2-0), 2 p.m.: The Spartans may have bitten off more than they could chew in last week's 44-6 loss to Central West Division foe Dearborn Divine Child. Shrine, coached by former Agatha coach John Goddard, now in his seventh year, rolled to a 42-0 win over Allen Park Cabrini as Justin Henry rushed for 177 yards and five TDs. **PICKS:** We'd like to see Goddard take a victory dip in the Rouge River or even his own backyard pool, but the pick is Borgess.

Redford CC (2-0) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (2-0), 2:30 p.m. at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium: This is definitely the marquee matchup of the weekend. It's not the Boys Bowl anymore, but it's still big. But under the new playoff system, a loss by either team won't kill their chances at the postseason. Rice is coming off an impressive 27-7 win Saturday at Chicago Brother Rice as fullback Mark Goebel, who has committed to Michigan State, rushed for 205 yards in 37 carries. Rice quarterback Matt Baker also threw a pair of touchdown passes. CC, meanwhile, continued to roll with a 43-0 win over London (Ontario) Catholic Central as fullback John Kava and quarterback John Hill each scored a pair of touchdowns. **PICKS:** Emons goes out on a limb, takes Rice-a-Roni, the San Francisco treat. O'Meara needs a good-luck symbol. Hey, how 'bout a Shamrock? Go CC!

Glenn victorious *from page C1*

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Under duress: *Wayne's Amy Paling is check by John Glenn's Lacey Catarino.*

10 points, Honeycutt scored eight and Gaines six.

"They did a good job in the first quarter of keeping the ball out of Stephanie's hands," Lloyd said. "She's a big girl, and for her stature she runs the floor very well. Plus she has court awareness and is a good defensive back. She anticipates well."

While she was hounded on defense, she more than repaid the favor by anticipating passes or sagging down low to disrupt the Zebra offense.

"It's always disappointing when you lose," Woodard said. "But hopefully this will better prepare us for our league season.

"We saw some of our weaknesses. We threw the ball away on passes too many times. We're giving away five or six inches at some position and it's tough for us to practice against that because we're all basically the same size.

"We have some drills that we do to simulate this, but it's not the same."

Wayne did not do well at the foul line, making only 6-of-22. John Glenn hit 8-of-10 in the first half, 17-of-33 for the game. The Rockets missed 11 free throws in the final quarter.

"I told our girls we might have made more field goals they they did," Woodard said.

John Glenn started out scoring eight of the game's first 10 points before Wayne closed the first quarter on a 7-2 run. The Zebras didn't hit their first field goal of the second quarter until there was 4:11 to play and only made two field goals in the period.

"We had a couple of girls step up," Lloyd said. "It was a good game to win.

"That first win ... it's tough until you get it. It's good to know in your mind that you can do that."

Franklin rallies past Cougars

■ GIRLS HOOPS

The steamy Cougar gym must have heated Livonia Franklin up for its 49-44 comeback girls basketball victory Tuesday over Garden City.

The Cougars jumped out to a 15-9 lead after one quarter of play and the Patriots were only able to shave one point off the margin halfway through the game.

But a 12-7 third quarter and a 15-10 fourth period turned things around for Coach Gary Warner's team.

"After halftime, the girls played harder," Warner said. "They turned the game around and came through at the end. It was anybody's ballgame until towards the end."

Tera Morrill scored 19 points and Kerstin Marshall added 10 for the Patriots, now 2-1.

Liz Cochran contributed eight points and Stephanie Polkowksi sank five free throws down the stretch to help keep Franklin on top.

Taryn McCloud scored 16 points for Garden City while Jill Merriman added 10.

"It must have been the humidity in the gym," Warner said. "We got hotter after our slow start."

Franklin made only 12-of-28 free throws but Garden City, 0-2, fared little better, sinking 7-of-19.

•LADYWOOD 61, WOODHAVEN 24: Livonia Ladywood (2-1) came up with 18 offensive rebounds and 22 steals en route to an easy non-league victory Tuesday over visiting Woodhaven (0-3).

"We had a height advantage, we were quicker and more aggressive," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "A lot of those steals led to layups."

Ladywood jumped out to a 19-4 first-quarter lead.

The Blazers shot 46 percent from the floor.

Sophomore center Liz Obrecht scored eight of her team-high 14 points on putbacks. She also grabbed seven rebounds.

Junior forward Michelle Harakas added eight points and four rebounds. Sophomore point-guard Jana Beumeo had six steals, while junior guard Kristen Barnes scored seven points.

Woodhaven got nine points from Heather Lambert.

•WYANDOTTE 49, STEVENSON 34: Wyandotte Roosevelt remained undefeated with its victory over the visiting Spartans.

Senior center Beth Fortuna paced Wyandotte with 13, but Livonia Stevenson (1-2) had the game's high scorer in junior guard Lindsay Gusick, who had 16 points.

•FLAT ROCK 54, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 30: The Warriors are feeling a little like a person with a migraine headache that's about two-thirds gone — the pain's still there, but it's not as bad as it was.

Lutheran High Westland dropped its second game in three outings Tuesday as the Warriors completed the difficult non-conference portion of their schedule against powerful teams.

The two losses were to Royal Oak Shrine and Flat Rock, both undefeated. Flat Rock is now 3-0.

"They're very experienced," Coach Ron Gentz of Lutheran Westland said. "They have a couple of players who aren't too bad. And a lot of seniors."

After getting drilled by Shrine, Gentz was looking for some improvement. He saw some.

"We played a lot better," he said. "I was pleased with some aspects of the game. We passed the ball, in the first half in particular, and got much better looks at the basket.

"Our shooting is still not quite where I'd like to see it. But our passing was better — at least in the first half."

Bethany Sieloff led Lutheran Westland with six points and six rebounds. Anna Rolf and Kelly Pruchnik each added six points.

Flat Rock led visiting Lutheran Westland, 25-16, at halftime and outscored the Warriors by an 18-9 margin in the third quarter.

Both teams were ordinary at the free throw line, Lutheran Westland making nine of 19 and Flat Rock nine of 15.

•AGAPE 32, HURON VALLEY 31: The Hawks had a slim chance to win at the end but didn't have enough time to pull it off.

A jump ball following a missed free throw under Huron Valley's basket gave the Hawks the ball with a second to play.

They in-bounded the ball but were unable to get off a shot before time expired.

"They played good defense," Coach Kris Springstroh of Huron Valley said. "We could not get into our offensive mode."

•PCA 59, CLARENCEVILLE 16: In the consolation game of the Eagle Classic Saturday, Laura Clark poured in 20 points and Kallie Gross contributed 18 as host Plymouth Christian (1-2) cruised past Livonia Clarenceville (0-2).

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Great wall: *Franklin's Tera Morrill puts the stops to Garden City's Mary Kovacs (right).*

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CROSS COUNTRY

Stress fracture keeps star DiGiovanni out of lineup

Redford Catholic Central junior John DiGiovanni has a stress fracture in his right knee and cross country coach Tony Magni is grateful it's only that.

It's the same stress fracture that bothered DiGiovanni enough to miss the track season last spring. And for a while it looked like it might be something worse; much worse.

The Shamrocks start the season at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the West Bloomfield Invitational, hosted by Birmingham Brother Rice.

"For a while they thought it might be a tumor," Magni said. "They brought him to the hospital, everyone was concerned, very concerned. It was the first time we prayed as a team for a stress fracture and thankfully that's what it was.

"He sat out all of track season, rested, ran all summer and had no problem. He ran a couple days at camp, felt a little twinge and that was it."

The Shamrocks finished third at last year's Class A state meet and Magni believes another top five finish would have been possible with DiGiovanni. Without him Magni is hoping the Shamrocks can qualify for the state meet and give the top 10 a run.

The Shamrocks, who won the Catholic League as well as the regional and Operation Friendship titles, also graduated all-stater Dan Jess. He was 31st at the state meet and is now at Indiana University.

Other graduation losses include starters Jim Curtiss, Brian Kuczynski and Mark Repasky.

"Without DiGiovanni we're a decent team," Magni said. "With him we'll be much, much better, top five material. We've got some kids that have to step up, it's as simple as that."

The top CC returnee is junior Matt Daley, 43rd in the state last year. Magni calls him a potential top 10 placer at the state meet.

"He's getting stronger and stronger every year, gaining more and more confidence," Magni said.

Senior Jeff Haller is No. 1 in his class, scoring a perfect 1,600 on the SAT, and he's No. 2 in the cross country lineup. He was a regular on the CC varsity last year.

He's also a rarity, being tabbed as captain by Magni.

"We're hoping he'll be somewhere in the high 20s (at the state meet)," Magni said. "If he can hang on there that will be great.

"Jeff is a very, very hard worker. I made him captain and I haven't had one in years. I always have designated leaders but he just takes over and the kids respect him."

Junior Doug Gibbons, a former soccer player, has looked good in his first year of running, Magni said. Seniors Adam and Robert Tymowski, twins, are up from the junior varsity.

"They were in the middle of the JV pack, did some work this summer and are ready to go," Magni said.

Senior Doug Snyder is also a first-time varsity performer. Senior Bryan Buchanan gained some varsity experience late in the season last year but spent most of the time on the JV.

The Shamrock starters are hard to match in the classroom where Daley, Snyder and Adam Tamasky join Haller as 4.0 grade point average students.

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Female masters winner: Marianne Bayne, 54, 48:54.

MALE AGE-GROUP TOP FINISHERS

1-15: 1. John Petrosky, 1:09:28. **20-24:** 1. Ed Dudek, 42:52; 2. Ryan Arnhalt, 43:15; 3. Jonathan Grey, 43:37. **25-29:** 1. Craig Dolecki, 40:03; 2. Mike Patterson, 42:07; 3. Jon Pankey, 43:05. **30-34:** 1. Lance Colson, 34:25; 2. Thomas Preiss, 35:21; 3. Jon Vasquez, 40:21; **35-39:** 1. Steve Zacharis, 35:35; 2. Mike Webster, 36:05; 3. Rick Armes, 36:35; **40-44:** Max Anthouard, 36:30, 2. Jeff Massey, 38:01; 3. Larry Barnett, 39:30; **45-49:** 1. Stan Polkowski, 37:29; 2. Mike Unger, 37:48; 3. Mark Van Netten, 44:34; **50-54:** 1. Larry Wojcik, 38:48; 2. Tom Henderson, 40:37; 3. Jerry Mittman, 41:48; **55-59:** 1. Jack Carlton, 48:09; 2. Vic Leo, 48:33; 3. Bill Swift, 53:02; **60-64:** 1. Dave Panetta, 56:22; 2. Ronald Gill, 1:00:04; 3. Bob Litky, 1:03:12; **65-69:** 1. Joe Domka, 54:03.

FEMALE AGE-GROUP TOP FINISHERS

16-19: 1. Valerie Van Netten, 47:55; 2. Molly Nottman, 53:57. **20-24:** 1. Jenny Hampton, 43:58; 2. Vanessa Bodnar, 45:18; 3. Nicole Nicholas, 50:55; **25-29:** 1. Amy Paston, 49:46; 2. Stacy Bartnik, 50:03; 3. Kerry Wallace, 50:36. **30-34:** 1. Cathy Heitert, 50:07; 2. Catherine Rosloniec, 53:47; 3. Connie Feliman, 53:47. **35-39:** 1. Constancy Trip, 42:36; 2. Tammi Nasiatka, 43:24; 3. Ruth Quaintance, 45:10; **40-44:** 1. Carol Brockschmidt, 49:32; 2. Barb Casler Mikulski, 49:37; 3. Beth Ann Rife, 49:40; **45-49:** 1. Sandra Williams, 59:04; 2. Pat Shirak, 1:15:47; **50-54:** 1. Christine Redmond, 54:00; 2. Linda Forsberg, 55:04; 3. Jennie McCafferty, 1:04:14.

Blazers run by ND girls

Livonia Ladywood opened its cross country season Tuesday with a 22-38 dual meet victory over host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Notre Dame's Megan Schneider won the 5,000-meter race in 21 minutes, 8 seconds.

Ladywood took five of the next six places led by Anna Plagany, who was second in 22:33.

Other Ladywood finishers included Jennifer Koterba, third (23:37); Brittany O'Keefe, fourth (23:41); Rachel Andersen, sixth (23:54); and Stacey Schroeder, seventh (23:58).

"The times weren't impressive because the track was muddy and they ran through a construction site," Ladywood first-year coach Lee Shaw said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Thursday, Sept. 9
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 5 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at N. Farm., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Belleville, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 7:30 p.m.
Churchill at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Thurston at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 11
Agatha at Taylor Light & Life, 1 p.m.
Bishop Borgess at R.O. Shrine, 2 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Birm. Brother Rice at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium, 2:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 9
Thurston at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
East Catholic at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Riverview at Canton, 7 p.m.
Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
S'field Christ. at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.
(Mercy Hoops Classic)
Benedictine vs. Adams, 5:30 p.m.
South Lyon vs. Mercy, 7 p.m.
(Northville Tournament)
Ply. Salem vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Northville, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10
Mon. St. Mary's at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
(Schoolcraft CC Invitational)
Country Day vs. Oak Park, 6 p.m.
Marian vs. Detroit CMA, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 11
Northville Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
Mercy Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
S'craft Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 10
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.
Huron Valley Tournament, TBA.
Saturday, Sept. 11
Salem at E. Lansing, 11:15 a.m.
Redford CC vs. Toledo St. John at Livonia's Whitman Field, 3 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Lansing CC, 6 p.m.
Huron Valley Tournament, TBA.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 11
Cuyahoga CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 9
Madonna at Aquinas, 4 p.m.
St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10
Madonna vs. Grace (Ind.) at Trinity Tourney, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 11
Madonna at Trinity Tourney, 12:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11
Madonna Ice Mountain Inv., TBA.
TBA — times to be announced.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPS

The Livonia Family Y Meteors, an under-13 girls soccer team, posted four shutouts in four games en route to a divisional title Aug. 27-9 at the Dearborn Invitational.

Members of the Meteors include: Annie Bernacki, Maureen Bielski, Melissa Brais, Allison Campbell, Amanda Carlisi, Kari Coleman, Mandy Hawley, Lauren Hess, Ele Keeler, Julie Mitchell, Jenny Perkins, Emily Pfaff, Tracy Repoz, Lindsay Rowe, Samantha Ryder, Stefanie Stephens, Sandy Swish and Maggie Vaillancourt.

The team is coached by Frank Baker. The trainer is Jeff Bobo, while the team manager is Paulette Baker.

YOUTH SOCCER RUNNER-UP

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Wings, an under-13 Little Caesars boys team, finished second in the under-14 division at the 18th annual Remeo Peachfest Tournament over Labor Day weekend.

The Wings, trained by Adam Pichler, went undefeated during the preliminary round before losing to Holly in the championship final.

The Wings have lost only three games during their last four tourney appearances with one title and one runner-up trophy.

Members of the Wings include: Shawn Bush, Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Danny Karas, David Kroll, Jamie Luoma, Matt Moryc, Justin Nalley, Greg Ostrosky, Brennan Pearson, Ryan Raickovich, Steve Sudekum and Patrick Treppa, all of Livonia; Brendan Diehl, Plymouth; Chris and Jon Walker, both of Brighton.

LEFT-HANDED GOLF CHAMPION

Recent Westland John Glenn grad Chris Tompkins shot a two-round total of 151 (78-73), not including a two-hole playoff, to capture the Left-handed State Golf Championships during the final weekend of August at the Meadows Cours at Grand Valley State in Allendale.

Tompkins, a former All-Observer selection now attending Eastern Michigan University, advances to the nationals next year in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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former Stevenson state champion Anne Aristeo (now at Stanford), is another promising newcomer.

"We have some hard workers who have the experience," Phill said. "It will take awhile for the freshmen to step up, but right now I'm confident because they're training really well."

Livonia Churchill

The Chargers finished seventh last year in the WLAA and lost three seniors to graduation, including state qualifier Adrienne Doyle, along with Kristin Derwich and Brooke Allen.

But senior Angela Simetkosky, who placed 13th in the state meet in the 500 freestyle, will lead the Chargers. She finished runner-up behind Kern in the 500 freestyle at the WLAA (5:14.08) and third in the 200 freestyle (2:01.44).

Other key returnees include sophomore Beth Bushey, who can swim in the butterfly, IM and backstroke; senior Kelly Stahley, breaststroke-freestyle; sophomore Megan O'Keefe, distance freestyles; senior Laura Shereba, fly-IM-backstroke; Patricia McGowan, breaststroke-freestyle; senior Kristy Blazo, diving.

Churchill coach Ken Stark is also counting on sophomore diver Angela Anerios, who should return sometime this fall after suffering a broken ankle.

"Where we finish this year depends if the new kids step in," said Stark, who has a 43-member squad.

Livonia Franklin

The Patriots, 10th in the WLAA in 1998, will launch the season with a 33-member roster under coach Angela Peecher, who took over the final month of the season for Jean Pritchard.

"I really excited, the attitude of this team is much better," Peecher said. "The kids came out ready to work and I have a lot of high hopes.

Meghan Moceri
Livonia Ladywood

Katie Clark
Livonia Stevenson

Christina Moceri
Livonia Ladywood

"We're much better now than when I filled in at the end of last season. They got a taste of what I expect."

The Patriots lost two key members to graduation, diver Shiloh Wint, who finished ninth in the WLAA, and Terri Cobb.

Franklin's top returning swimmer is junior Amy Smith, who finished 11th in the 50 freestyle (26.48) and 12th in the 100 freestyle (59.55) at the WLAA meet.

Junior diver Julie Johnson, who was 12th in the WLAA, also returns along with senior Suzanne DuPuis, who will be a diver and compete on relays.

Peecher is also optimistic about freshman distance swimmer Stephanie Orvis, along with junior sprinter and breaststroker Danielle Meah.

Westland John Glenn

There's nowhere to go but up for the Rockets, who finished last in the WLAA a year ago.

Coach Ron Staples, now in his 11th year, is not discouraged despite his team's 0-3 dual-meet start in 1999.

"We will be much improved this year," Staples said. "The Wayne-Westland Schools now have middle school swimming and I can look toward the future. We have a three-year plan at John Glenn."

Staples also has plenty of help on the deck as former Ladywood head coach Randy Ferguson will serve as an assistant coach.

Senior diver Jennifer Down is the only Glenn returnee to place at the WLAA meet where she finished 11th.

Other key returnees include junior freestylers Amanda Ross and Jessica Seres.

Staples is also looking for contributions from sophomore Lindsay Ramas (200 IM/butterfly), senior Erica Robertson (backstroke relays), senior Renae Cosgrove (breaststroke), senior Abby Nichols (freestyle) and junior Nicole Cavender (freestyle).

Promising newcomers include junior diver Kristen Fisher, who is converting from the freestyle and butterfly, and freshman Brooke Alberry (freestyle).

Livonia Ladywood

The Blazers, 30 strong, are under new management this year as Redford Union boys coach Doug Schade takes over for Randy Ferguson.

Ladywood, without a home pool, stages practices nightly at Garden City High School.

The top returnee is junior Christina Moceri, a second-team All-Observer choice who broke school records last year in the 200 freestyle (2:00.7), 200 IM (2:16.45), 100 butterfly (1:03.3) and 100 backstroke (59.84).

She was the first Blazer ever to score points in the state meet, taking eighth in the 100 backstroke. She also took second at the Catholic League meet in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke.

Other returnees include seniors Katie Timko and Lindsay McKay, along with juniors Jessica Kaunelis and Dara Wehrmeister.

Two freshmen, Jenny Rice and Gina Seefeld, also show promise.

Schade will be assisted this year by Tonya Thomas and Steve Soules.

Wayne Memorial

Fifth-year coach Mike Grueber hopes to improve on last year's 4-8 dual-meet record and seventh place finish in the Mega Conference's Red Division (where Monroe is the defending champion).

"We have some tough teams in our division, and if we can finish in the middle of the pack, it will be a good season," Grueber said. "We have a lot returning kids.

"And with the middle school program back, we hope that will make a difference down the road — it did before."

Grueber lost Sarah Gibelyou and Kristin Kehrer to graduation, but the Wayne coach welcomes back four senior captains.

The list is led by Anne Bailey, who will perform in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke; Kristina McCahill, 200 IM/100 backstroke; Kara Pardee, 50 freestyle/100 butterfly; and Erin Scott, freestyle sprints.

Also expected to contribute is sophomore Jenny Drennen (distance freestyles), junior Krissy Farago (freestyle sprints), junior Kayla Slezak (breaststroke) and junior Melissa Raymo (freestyle sprints) and Heather Dobrowolski (relays/breaststroke).

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH 102
LIVONIA STEVENSON 84
Sept. 7 at North

200-yard medley relay: 1. North, 1:52.36; 2. Stevenson (Lindsay Dolin, Andrea Hurn, Katie Clark, Jessica Makowski), 1:52.82 (state cut) **200 freestyle:** 1. Carley Piper (GPN), 1:57.74; **200 individual medley:** 1. Clark (LS), 2:14.99 (state cut); 2. Hurn (LS), 2:15.06 (state cut); **50 freestyle:** 1. Jamerino (GPN), 25.47; 3. Jessica Makowski (LS), 25.65 (state cut); **diving:** 1. Anderson (GPN), 248.70 points; 2. Katy Ballantine (LS), 247.73; 3. Michelle Cain (LS), 185.10; **100 butterfly:** 1. Kamy Miller (GPN), 1:00.18; 2. Clark (LS), 1:00.48 (state cut); 3. Katie Sondergaard (LS), 1:06.79; **100 freestyle:** 1. Jamerino (GPN), 54.7; **500 freestyle:** 1. Piper (GPN), 5:12.83; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. North, 1:42.67; 2. Stevenson, 1:47.75; **100 backstroke:** 1. Dolin (LS), 1:01.81 (state cut); 3. Stephanie Cummings (LS), 1:06.33; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Miller (GPN), 1:08.57; 2. Hurn (LS), 1:10.66 (state cut); **400 freestyle relay:** 1. North, 3:44.39; 2. Stevenson (Clark, Makowski, Meghan Moceri, Hurn), 3:48.53 (state cut).

Dual meet records: North, 1-0; Stevenson, 0-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 115
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 71
Sept. 7 at John Glenn

200-yard medley: Churchill (Angela Simetkosky, Laura Shereba, Patricia McGowan, Kelly Stahley), 2:10.01; **200 freestyle:** Beth Bushey (LC), 2:27.1; **200 individual medley:** Simetkosky (LC), 2:24.8; **50 freestyle:** Jessica Seres (WJG), 27.64; **diving:** Kristy Blazo (LC), 194.10 points; **100 butterfly:** Bushey (LC), 1:16.24; **100 freestyle:** Seres (WJG), 1:02.49; **500 freestyle:** Megan O'Keefe (LC), 6:51.7; **200 freestyle relay:** John Glenn (Lindsay Ramas, Brooke Alberry, Kristen Fisher, Seres), 1:55.4; **100 backstroke:** Simetkosky (LC), 1:07.62; **100 breaststroke:** McGowan (LC), 1:22.8; **400 freestyle relay:** Churchill (O'Keefe, Bushey, Andrea Winkle, Simetkosky), 4:25.8.

Dual meet records: Churchill, 1-0; John Glenn, 0-3.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 101
DEARBORN HTS. ANNAPOLIS 67
Sept. 7 at Wayne

200-yard medley relay: Wayne (McCahill, Pardee, Dobrowolski, Farago), 2:05.45; **200 freestyle:** Barette (DHA), 2:17.68; **200 individual medley:** Brenner (WM), 2:44.48; **50 freestyle:** Corey (DHA), 27.9; **diving:** Cecil (WM), 101.65 points; **100 butterfly:** Pardee (WM), 1:06.0; **100 freestyle:** Corey (DHA), 1:03.31; **500 freestyle:** Barrette (DHA), 5:59.44; **200 freestyle relay:** Wayne (Dobrowolski, Farago, Drennen, Pardee), 1:52.89; **100 backstroke:** Coleman (DHA), 1:18.17; **100 breaststroke:** Dobrowolski (WM), 1:19.82; **400 freestyle relay:** Annapolis (Corey, DeYoung, Coleman, Barette), 4:28.3.

Wayne's dual meet record: 1-0.

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BOYS SOCCER

Churchill grounded

Livonia Churchill dropped its third straight boys soccer game of the season Tuesday in a 2-0 loss to host Rochester.

The Chargers trailed 1-0 at halftime.

A goal by Churchill's Tim Kaminski was waved off because of an offsides. The Chargers had seven shots on the Rochester goal.

"They (Rochester) outplayed us," Churchill first-year coach Reid Friedrichs said. "We had a couple of chances, but didn't finish them."

Churchill goalkeeper Brian Druchniak made two saves against the Falcons, now 2-0-1 on the year.

Lady Crusaders start fast, rule Tri-State Tournament

■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

The second season of women's soccer at Madonna University is already looking a lot better.

In the program's first season, the Lady Crusaders posted a 3-12-1 overall record. Over the Labor Day weekend, they played two games at the Tri-State University Tournament in Angola, Ind., and came home with two victories.

Madonna defeated the University of Findlay 3-2 on Sunday, then knocked off Seton Hill College 2-1 on Monday.

Megan Thiry was the offensive star in the two wins. Thiry got the game-winner against both teams, scoring against Seton Hill with just 5:37 left to play as the Crusaders overcame an early deficit.

Seton Hill scored first, getting a goal at the 25:16 mark from Jody Felinczak. Madonna tied it with less than 14 minutes left on a goal by Lindsay Crawford, who knocked in a free kick taken by Kelly Delaney.

Thiry's game-winner was unassisted. Jennifer Dumm was in goal for the victory.

Madonna overcame two one-goal deficits in defeating Findlay. After Janna McKinley scored at the 18:16 mark for Findlay, Thiry tied it at the 39:34 mark by converting a great pass from Jill Gibson.

It remained tied at 1-all until the final 17 minutes. Findlay recaptured the lead on a penalty kick by Jennifer Nickoson, but 5½ minutes later the Crusaders re-tied it, this time Gibson putting in a pass from Thiry.

Thiry got another game-winner with only 1:22 remaining as Findlay keeper Missy Kreiling missed a save attempt and Thiry took advantage.

Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna.

Piraine scores 5 goals as Madonna goes 1-1

■ MEN'S SOCCER

Even with the loss of a lot of offensive firepower from last season's 20-3 team, Madonna University's men's soccer team won't be hurting for goals.

Indeed, it wasn't the offense that was lacking when the Fighting Crusaders opened last weekend at Tri-State University. They put six goals on the board in their two games there.

Unfortunately, they surrendered five and ended up with a split, losing 3-2 to Tri-State Friday and winning 4-2 over Geneva College Saturday.

Sophomore Sam Piraine — switched from midfield to forward this season to help make up for the loss of Scott Emert, Madonna's career leader in goals — accounted for five of the Crusaders' six goals.

Piraine scored three times in the win over Geneva, giving Madonna a 2-0 lead with just 2:45 left in the first half and then adding two more in the second half before Geneva got two late scores.

Jim Misajlovich (Livonia Stevenson) got Madonna's first goal just 10:08 into the match. Brian Murphy assisted. Other assists went to Charlie Bell, Joe Suchara (Stevenson) and Seamus Rustin.

Dave Hart was in goal for Madonna, making eight saves in evening his record at 1-1.

On Friday, Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Tri-State came after the Crusaders after falling behind 2-0 in the first nine minutes of the match. The Thundering Herd scored three second-half goals, the tying and game-winning markers coming from Tomas Frennesson on assists from Chris Rosokes.

Again, it was Piraine who did the scoring for Madonna. Misajlovich assisted on the first at the 1:46 mark; the second, coming just 8:26 into the match, was unassisted.

Hart was in goal for the Crusaders, who played without marking defender Ryan Thomason (Plymouth Christian Academy). Thomason has a leg injury.

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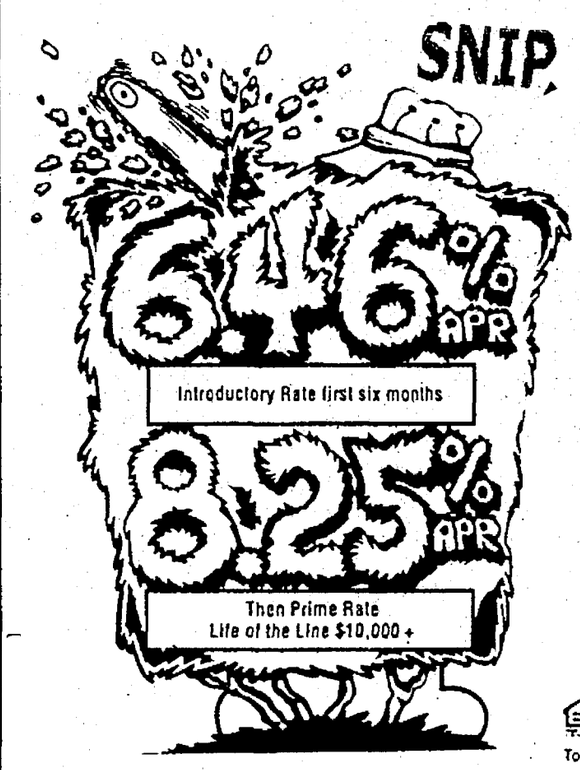

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

ARCHERY WORKSHOP
T.N.U.S.A. members will assist hunters in preparing equipment for the upcoming archery season from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Livonia Archery Range. Reservations are required and there is a nominal fee. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear season opens Sept. 10.

DEER
Archery deer season opens Oct. 1.

DUCK
Duck season is Oct. 2-Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

GOOSE
A special early Canada goose season runs through Sept. 10 in the Upper Peninsula and through Sept 15 in the Lower Peninsula. Check the DNR's Early September Canada Goose Season Hunting Guide for special restrictions. Regular goose season runs Sept. 19-Dec. 7 in the North and Middle Zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone with the exceptoion of several Goose Management Units. Check the 1999-2000 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific dates in these southern Goose Management Units.

GROUSE
Grouse season opens Sept. 15

RABBIT
Rabbit season opens Sept. 15.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season opens Sept. 15.

YOUTH WATERFOWL
Youth Waterfowl Day is Sept. 18, statewide.

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS
Oakland Bass Masters will hold its final two-man team tournament of the season on Sunday, Sept. 26, on Lakeville Lake. To register and for more information call Roy Randolph at (248) 542-5254.

CLASSES/CLINICS

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more information.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering a hunter education class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Shelden Senior Citizen Center. Class fee is $10 and advanced registration is required. Class size is limited. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

ACTIVITIES

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY 101
Learn the basics of nature photography with experienced photographers during this program, which will be held Sunday, Sept. 12. For location and more details call (248) 932-5370, (248) 932-5370 or (248) 738-5595.

PADDLE ALASKA
Join REI staffer Bob Taylor and relive his exciting six-day, sea-kayaking adventure in Alaska during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE
A used sports equipment sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Wixom Community Center. Call (248) 624-2850 for more information or if you have equipment for sale.

SHOWS

WOODS-N-WATER WEEKEND
The 13th annual Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend will be held Friday, Saturday and Sundeay, Sept. 10-12, at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City. The show features merchandise booths, seminars, a puppy mart, a 3D archery challenge, a frontier encampment, entertainment by "DaYoopers," and much more. Entry fee is $5 for anyone over 12 and a three-day pass costs $8. Parking is free.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Rd., Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

FARM STORIES
A story hour for children begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Maybury.

BIRD HIKE
Observe and identify bird species seen throughout the park during this naturalist-led hike, which begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Maybury. A similar program will be offered Saturday, Oct. 9.

HONEY HARVEST
Continuous demonstrations of honey extraction will be offered 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12, in the Farm Demonstration Building at Maybury.

HORSEDRAWN HAYRIDES
Horsedrawn hayrides will be offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Beginning Sept. 11 and running through the end of October at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are $15 ($8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are $18 ($9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

KIDS STAR GAZERS
Children ages eight to 12, accompanied by a parent or guardian, can view the night sky and print fall constellations on a t-shirt during this program, which begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Indian Springs.

BROWNIE BADGES
Brownie scouts can earn their Space Try-It and their Animal Try-It badges during programs offered throughout the day on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Indian Springs.

FALL BIRD COUNT
Beginner and expert birders are needed to help count Kensington's birds during this program, which begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Kensington.

WILDLIFE WALK
Bring your binocular and search for migrating birds and animals in the park during this morning walk, which begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Hudson Mills.

BUTTERFLY TAGGING
A short training session followed by a walk to a field where you will catch and tag Monarch Butterflies, begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Hudson Mills.

FAMILY SCIENCE
Learn all about insects during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Hudson Mills.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

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Keely Wygonik, Editor, 734-953-2105, kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net on the web: http://observer.eccentric.com Thursday, September 9, 1999

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

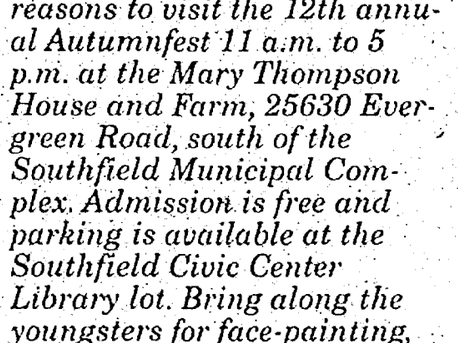
Fall into The Fall Festival in downtown Plymouth which begins this evening, 4:30-10 p.m. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will kick off the free weekend event.

SATURDAY

If you "Believe" in Cher, catch her rescheduled performance, along with special guests Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are still available for $75.25 and $45.25. Call (248) 645-6666.

SUNDAY

Delicious food, entertainment, a petting farm, cake walks and hayrides are just a few reasons to visit the 12th annual Autumnfest 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen Road, south of the Southfield Municipal Complex. Admission is free and parking is available at the Southfield Civic Center Library lot. Bring along the youngsters for face-painting, crafts, a Native American Jewelry Exhibition and more. Call (248) 354-9603.



Hot Tix: *Car lovers won't want to miss the 49th annual Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12. Watch for the Grand Parade of vehicles at 10:30 a.m. each day. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.*

TAYLOR TO REVISIT BLUES ROOTS

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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As a headliner for this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, Sept. 17-19, KoKo Taylor can't wait to return to a city she connects with the early days of her career as the "Queen of Blues."

"I am very much looking forward to coming to Ann Arbor to do that show," said Taylor. "It's one of the first places I worked years ago. There was a little, tiny club called the Blind Pig." Surprised to hear that the club is not only still standing, and remains a hot spot for live music in Ann Arbor, Taylor reflected back on her blues roots.

"I worked in the Blind Pig, wow, I can't count the times. It was one of the clubs (I worked at) before I started traveling all over the world: Europe, Canada, New Zealand. I'm looking forward to it."

The Blind Pig is not one of the three venues hosting this year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, but the Michigan Theater, Bird of Paradise jazz club, and Gallup Park are.

This time around, Taylor will be performing for a much larger crowd at the Michigan Theater.

In her signature slow, silky tone, Taylor, interviewed by phone from her home in Chicago, spoke about working with longtime friend Buddy Guy.

"He's one of my favorite guys, a good friend of mine," she said during the conversation on Sept. 1. "Buddy Guy played on my 'Wang Dang Doodle.'"

Though Taylor visits Detroit and Lansing at least once a year to perform, she hasn't been to the Ann Arbor area for quite some time. "I've been all over Michigan, I just

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ANN ARBOR Blues & Jazz FESTIVAL

1999 CONCERT SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 17
MICHIGAN THEATER

Buddy Guy and KoKo Taylor perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are $75, $40, $25 in advance.

Saturday, Sept. 18
GALLUP PARK

Tickets $20 at the gate, students $15. Advance tickets $17, students $12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Uncle Jessie White
- 1:15 p.m. Thornetta Davis
- 2:30 p.m. Jimmy Dillon
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Turre Quartet
- 5 p.m. C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band
- 6:30 p.m. Pharoah Sanders

BIRD OF PARADISE

Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 day of show, for each performance.

Sunday, Sept. 19
GALLUP PARK

Tickets $20 at the gate, students $15. Advance tickets $17, students $12.

- 11 a.m. Festival gates open
- 12 p.m. Madcat and Kane
- 1:15 p.m. Amigo Latin All-Stars with Eileen Orr and Francisco Mora
- 2:30 p.m. Bird of Paradise Orchestra
- 3:45 p.m. Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums
- 5 p.m. Big Bill Morganfield and The Bob Margolin Blues Band
- 6:30 p.m. Keb' Mo' Band

BIRD OF PARADISE

Charles Earland Quartet perform at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tickets $20 in advance, $25 day of show, for each performance.

WHAT: The Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival
WHEN: Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19, see concert times below
WHERE: The ***Michigan Theater,*** 603 E. Liberty, one-half block west of State Street, call (734) 668-8397; ***Gallup Park,*** US-23 to Geddes Road, exit and go west on Geddes until crossing Huron Parkway, the park is on the left and parking is provided at Huron High School on the right; ***Bird of Paradise,*** 207 S. Ashley St. in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 662-8310.
GETTING AROUND TOWN: A free shuttle bus will transport visitors from Huron High School parking lot to the event. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority has buses running to and from Gallup Park, call (734) 996-0400 for route information. Parking structures are located near both the Michigan Theater and Bird of Paradise club.
COST: Children 12 and under admitted to Gallup Park for free if accompanied by an adult. Ticket prices vary, see schedule. Tickets may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Michigan Union Ticket Office. Call (248) 645-6666 or (734) 763-TKTS to charge by phone or try the Web at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for Gallup Park are also available at stores around downtown Ann Arbor including SKR Blues and Jazz, Espresso Royale Caffés, P.J. Records and Borders Book Store. Groups of 20 or more may call (734) 747-9955 for discount information.
RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Check out Art in the Park in Gallup Park on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19. Storytellers, face-painting and the annual Kid's Parade are highlights.
No alcohol cans, glass containers, coolers, pets, bicycles or in-line skates will be allowed in the park.

PLAYING

New set enhances the allure of 'Riverdance'

BY KEELY WYGONIK AND HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITERS

"Riverdance — The Show" has a new set, and the "show's a lot more theatrical," said Felicity O'Brien, stage manager of the Lee Company, which is coming to Detroit, Sept. 16-19. "The band used to play on the side of the stage. Now they play at the back of the stage and your eyes are more focused on them."

Music plays an important role in "Riverdance," which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, its similarities and influences on other cultures. "Music drives the energy of the show," explained O'Brien in a telephone interview from her hotel room in Cincinnati where the show was playing on Aug. 17. "They're the cream of Irish musicians."

O'Brien has been touring

Please see **RIVERDANCE, E2**

"Riverdance – The Show"

WHEN: Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16-19. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday; 1 p.m. Thursday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

WHERE: Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit.

TICKETS: $35 to $63, available at the Masonic Temple and Fisher Theatre box offices, and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

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JOAN MARCUS

Phenomenon: *"Riverdance – The Show" is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance.*

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haven't been to Ann Arbor (lately)," she said.

But if there is one way to draw her attention to the area, it's inviting her to a festival.

"Yes I do enjoy festivals," she said. "This is something women can go to who are mothers ... You know what I mean? A lot of mothers would like to go. This way they can plan, bring a blanket, enjoy music, lay on the grass."

Performing at a club, said Taylor, eliminates a lot of women and older people who don't want to stay out late. With events like the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, Taylor, Guy and 13 other acts can reach a wide audience.

While Taylor is working on new material for her upcoming album, don't expect to hear the new tunes just yet.

"The new album, I'm just about finished with it," said Taylor. "I'm doing it for Alligator Records here in Chicago. It'll be ready to roll in November."

But Taylor wouldn't call her newest collection of blues different from previous albums, such as her 1993 release "Force of Nature."

"From my opinion it's no different," she said. "I have tunes on there — slow tunes — what most people call traditional Mississippian blues on there. There's also up tempo tunes for people who want to dance and listen to it while they ride in their cars."

Mixing both styles, Taylor will offer something for everyone on the new disc, which is un-named as of yet.

"I do it just like if I'm cooking a pot of soup," she said. "A little bit of this and a little bit of that and I've got a good, big pot of soup."

Since this new "pot of soup" isn't quite done cooking, Taylor will stick to the tunes her fans want to hear. Listen for songs like "I'm a Woman," "Let the Good Times Roll," and "I'd Rather Go Blind."

"I will be playing some tunes everyone can really enjoy and relate to," she said of her upcoming performance. "We can only do so many."

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Koko Taylor
'Queen of the Blues'

First and foremost she's out to please the crowd. "What I do, I'm not doing to please myself. I try to do what I feel is the public's favorite. Everything I do, in the back of my mind, I sure hope the public will enjoy."

It isn't only the general public that's looking forward to catching Taylor's show. Two of her fans will be performing at the weekend festival as well. Peter Madcat Ruth and Shari Kane, known as blues duo Madcat and Kane, identified themselves as fans.

"I love that," said Kane when asked about playing the same event as Taylor and Guy. "That's always a thrill." She's felt fortunate in this profession to have played on the same bill and had a chance to meet some of her musical heroes, she said.

"I think it's going to be a great line-up," she said. "I think it's going to be a great festival. It's more than just coming to hear the music. It's supporting something we want to have in our town."

Both Ann Arbor residents, Madcat and Kane called the festival a historic event.

"There's really a lot of energy at the festival," added Kane. "People are really pumped up. What we end up playing depends on our mood." She said she's not sure if they will do an acoustic set or an electric set this time around, but she's looking forward to it.

Peter Madcat Ruth said he remembered the popularity of the Blues and Jazz Festival in the early 70s. He attended and has performed at it before. "Its nice to play for a hometown crowd," he said. "It's well run and in a nice location. It tends to be a great weekend."

Riverdance *from page E1*

with the show for a little over a year, and is looking forward to coming back to the Masonic Temple Theatre. "You're close to the audience," she said. "And the audiences in Detroit are always excellent."

Life on the road is very hectic, but the over 100 cast members, musicians and crew are like one big family. "We all know each other so well," said O'Brien.

Friends

Many of the performers have friends in metro Detroit. Mick Gavin of Redford is looking forward to the group's return.

"It's a great show, very well put together," said Gavin who saw it four times last year. "It's very interesting. You're always comparing one show to the next. I know a lot of the dancers and musicians."

When they're performing or rehearsing, Riverdance cast members get together with Gavin and other people from the metro Detroit Irish community.

"They've become friends," said O'Brien. "The musicians might go to an Irish pub or someone's house to play music together."

Keeping the show fresh is a challenge for O'Brien who organizes rehearsal schedules, and ensures that the artistic integrity of the show is maintained. She also takes care of costumes, and makes sure dancers aren't getting careless.

"I still get shivers up and down my spine watching the show," she said. "It's wonderful."

To keep the dancers fresh, various experts work with them to improve their posture and upper body strength. "We have a fitness expert that does warm-up exercises with the dancers, and yoga classes to strengthen and improve posture," she said.

Except for the set, "Riverdance" hasn't changed much over the years. "Various directors will come in and touch things up," said O'Brien. "The show has evolved. Little details are important, they make such a difference. The show is so much better now."

Mike Belvitch of Plymouth, a senior at Plymouth-Salem High School, just returned from a summer "Riverdance" tour. He spent one week in Edmonton, Alberta and two weeks in Portland, Ore.

"It's been a lot of work and a lot of fun at the same time," said Belvitch, who auditioned for and won a spot with the Logan Company in July 1998.

Belvitch said Riverdance appeals to his sense of wanderlust.

"It gives me the opportunity to meet a lot of new people and the opportunity to travel and see all different places," he said.

He has been involved in Irish dancing since he was 8. His mother's side of the family is Irish.

"It's kind of a nice reward after years of practice," said Belvitch.

Dancers range in age from 17 to 28, with the bulk being 22-23. They come from all over the world, but mostly Ireland. There are three companies, all named after rivers in Ireland. The Lee Company, named after a river in County Cork; the Logan Company, named after a river in Belfast; and the Liffey Company, touring Europe, named for a river in Dublin.

Paul Cussick, a Plymouth resident who graduated from Catholic Central this year, is part of the Liffey Company. His mother, Noreen, said he's enjoying life on the road.

"He's having a wonderful time," she said. "He's loving it."

So far he's visited Cologne and Stuttgart in Germany, Rotterdam, Brussels and Ghent in Belgium and Zurich, Switzerland. He's been a dancer since he was 5.

"I think it's wonderful," Cussick said. "I love to watch him dance."

It can take up to a year for a new dancer to learn all the moves they need to become part of the cast; 2 to 3 weeks to learn just one number.

"There's a lot of rehearsing, two to three hours a day," said O'Brien. "It's hard work, and requires concentration."

Some of the cast members toured with the original company. Many attended colleges and universities so they will have something to fall back on. "They're very skilled people who come to 'Riverdance,'" said O'Brien. "We thought it was just a three month phenomena but it's gone on for a very long time."

UK band proves that its 'Pretty' self can still rock

BY ALICE RHEIN
STAFF WRITER

An oxymoron if there ever were one: Pretty Things. The British band that time forgot was never, ever pretty. In their glam days they were bad-boy cute — that is — if you had a thing for men with long blond hair in silver satin pants.

But in the '60s and early '70s, the six-man group, which plays this Tuesday at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, pumped out a slew of raucous rock-and-roll albums. The band never really broke up, but the original Pretties are together again with a new album, "Rage Before Beauty" (Snapper Music).

A musician's band who can sing raunchy and still harmonize, the Pretties left a mark on such impressionable young men as David Bowie (who covered two tunes on "Pin Ups"), Johnny Rotten and those chaps from Led Zeppelin (who invited the band to record on its label Swan Song).

While Pretties guitarist Dick Taylor was an original member of the Rolling Stones, the band's music has always been more akin to the Kinks in its novelty and idealism. But like most bands in the '60s, Pretty Things had an ugly side.

They were the first rock-and-roll band in England to be busted for drugs, the first to set fire to an aircraft in mid-flight, the first to have their drummer beaten senseless by a heavyweight boxing champ.

When parents warned their teenagers about the immoral Beatles and those vulgar Rolling Stones, the band that truly deserved to be feared was Pretty Things.

The Pretties can also be credited with another first, the album S. F. Sorrow (1968) was the first rock opera , though the title was usurped a year later by The Who's "Tommy."

Whether it's fast-driving R&B or serious ballads, music has always come easy for lead singer and songwriter Phil May; hit singles haven't. "Joey (in a dream)," from the glam-rock epic "Silk Torpedo" (1974) comes the closest. But any teenager worth his or her musical weight had a copy of the 1970 release "Parachute" and the rootsy "Freeway Madness" (1972).

What: The Pretty Things (featuring original members) WSG The White Stripes
When: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14
Where: Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale
For Information: Call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com

In the 1980s, the band started work on "Rage before Beauty," which was released this year. Nineteen years to make an album that includes three cover tunes?

Yes, and no apologies necessary. While the cover of the Stone's "Play with Fire" never ignites, "Eve of Destruction" is as hauntingly poignant today. Ronnie Spector lends her vocals on a grinding version of "Mony Mony," which dignifies this song thought destined as a mere excuse to swear on the dance floor.

The bluesy "Vivian Prince" recounts the original outrageous drummer; "Goodbye, Goodbye and "Fly Away" are smooth-as-silk ballads and the thrashing "Not Givin' In" could be the band's rendering of the quintessential Dylan Thomas poem.

The Bach Chorale lends its angelic voice to "Love Keeps Hanging On," but it's Mandy Miller's Inspirational Choir that sings in exhalation on "God Give Me the Strength."

Pretty Things were always a little too hip for their own good. While the British punk wave came and went, one of the best unknown bands kept right on with their revved-up harmonies and tightly wound ballads. And rock-and-roll has never been s pretty.

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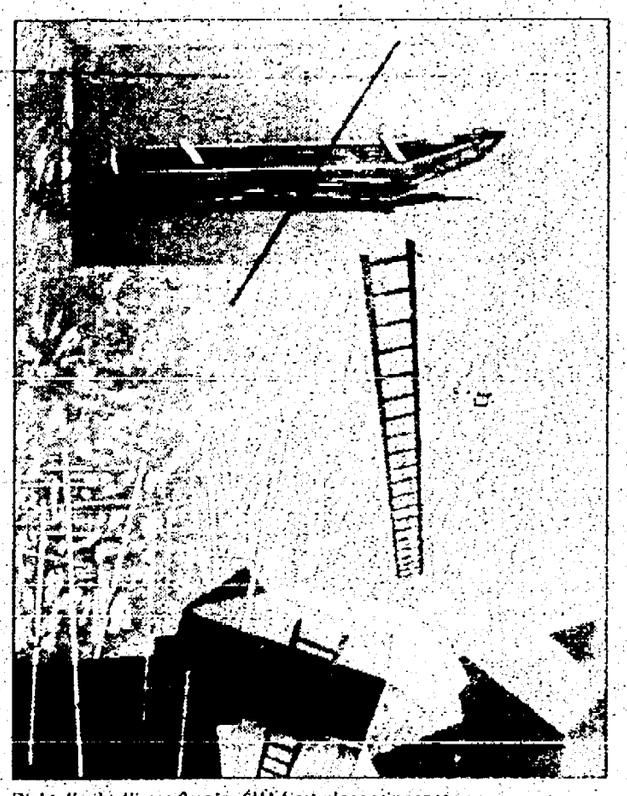

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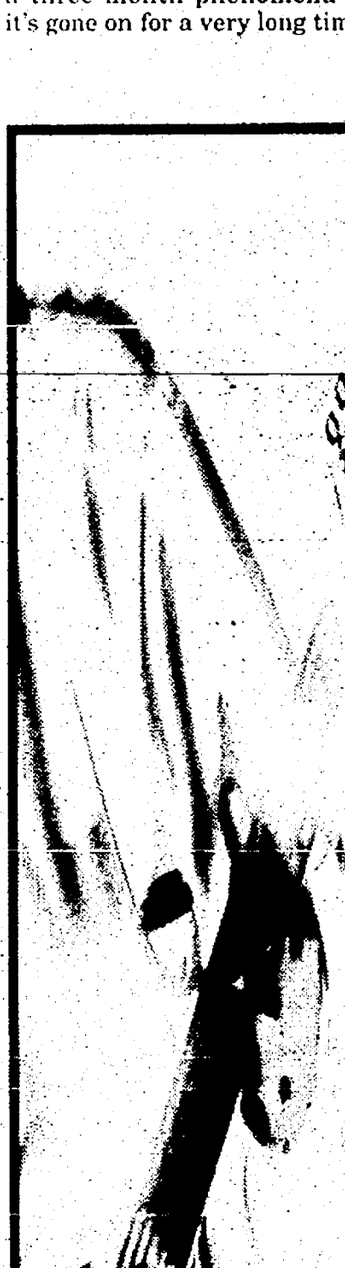

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THEATER

Ridgedale Players open season with 'Nunsense'

Ridgedale Players will present the musical comedy "Nunsense" Saturday, Sept. 11, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19 and Sept. 24-26 at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Livernois) in Troy. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $13; seniors and students pay $12 on Sundays, call (248) 988-7049. Sandwich and coffee afterglow included with ticket price. Free previews of "Nunsense" are scheduled during Ridgedale's annual open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the theater.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

■ In the play, the group of nuns works on raising money to bury their fellow sisters, who were accidentally killed by the convent cook. In the meantime, the dead nuns are stored in the freezer.

The director of the Ridgedale Players' upcoming staging of "Nunsense" wants the audience to forget all the stereotypes associated with the sisterhood.

"We have been rehearsing arduously for the past five to six weeks," said director/choreographer Dan See of Troy. "What (the audience) really has to look forward to is the presentation of a very different image of nuns," See said. The cast is all female.

"Nunsense's" Mother Superior, played by Becky MacIntyre of Troy, is a former tightrope walker who has a hard time controlling her flock. Sister Mary Hubert, played by Peggy Jones of Rochester Hills, wants Mother Superior's job. Sister Robert Anne, played by Lynn Koch of Troy, is street wise and wants to be a star. Sister Mary Amnesia, portrayed by Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak, is a ventriloquist. Another nun, Sister Mary Leo, played by Rachel Pattison of Royal Oak, expresses her love for God through ballet.

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"It's hysterically funny and full of toe-tapping music," See said. The audience will be encouraged to interact with the cast during a bingo fund-raiser put on by the play's nuns.

"Nunsense," penned by Michigan resident Dan Goggin about 12 years ago, never made it to Broadway, but has been shown off-Broadway, See said.

"Now it's kind of a stock piece for community theater," he said.

Other upcoming Ridgedale productions include:

■ "Jest a Second" by James Sherman, Nov. 5-6, Nov. 12-14 and Nov. 19-21

■ "Deathtrap!" by Ira Levin, Jan. 14-15, Jan. 21-23 and Jan. 28-30

■ "Oklahoma" by Rodgers and Hammerstein March 10-11, March 12-13 and March 19-21 2000 and

■ "Moon Over the Brewery" May 5-7, 12-13 and 19-21.

No nunsense acting: *(Front, left to right) Rachel Pattison, Tania Velinsky, and Peggy Jones worked with Troy residents and fellow actors (Back, left to right) Lynn Koch and Becky Mac Intyre in the Ridgedale Players new production, which opens Sat., Sept. 11.*

Tinderbox shows 'Godspell'

Tinderbox Productions presents "Godspell" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Tickets are $6-$10 and may be reserved in advance or obtained at the door. For more information, call (313) 535-8962.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Tinderbox Production's upcoming production of "Godspell" aims to show the audience the lighter side of being one of Jesus Christ's disciples.

Originally staged on the heels of 1970s-influenced "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Godspell" focuses on a band of disciples who tell each other bible parables through music and dance. Like "Superstar," "Godspell" also is set amid a 1970s-theme, said Nancy Florkowski, artistic director for Tinderbox Productions.

"The production of 'Godspell' will bring back many fond memories," Florkowski said. "The costuming is very colorful and pretty far-out. There are a lot of (clothes) that don't match."

Director David M. Hartmann has directed "Godspell" numerous times. The show runs about 2 1/2 hours.

Stars include Meaghan Duke and Kirsten Benjamin of Detroit, Rebecca Allen of West Bloomfield, Jody and Jenny Florkowski of Redford, Ben Ryberg of Farmington Hills, Morgan Johnson of Livonia, Kyle Grant of Livonia, and Shannon VanEsley of Redford.

Tinderbox Productions, which is sponsored by the Scottish Rite Masons as part of their family outreach program, was begun in 1990 by Florkowski as part of her master's theses project in children's theater. It was formerly known as the Redford Youth Theatre, and was sponsored by and housed in South Redford Schools, until outgrowing its quarters and moving to Detroit.

The group won a spot in the 1996 Livent production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The Tinderbox Show Choir has performed at events such as the Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall and holiday concerts at Greenfield Village and senior homes.

General auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 following the 2 p.m. performance of "School House Rock" at Masonic Temple. Auditions for 1999-2000 season, non-paid positions, all ages, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25. Call (313) 535-8962.

This year's productions include "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "The Little Princess" by Frances H. Burnett and Music Theatre International's Broadway Junior "Annie."

'The Music Man' opens Avon Player's season

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Avon Players is opening its season Friday, Sept. 10 with the musical classic, "The Music Man."

Jean Garringer, vice president at large for Avon Players, said musicals give the players a real chance to shine.

"I would say that we put on wonderful musicals," Garringer said. "I think it's our forte."

The Avon Players typically open their season with a musical.

"We try to pick a show that has children and teens involved," she said. "There are least 10 teens and children involved (in 'The Music Man').

Children and teens from Avon's youth theater group typically "graduate" to Avon's main stage productions, she said.

Avon's show, like the original, is set in the early 1900s. The plot involves the romance between a fast-talking con man and the librarian who cons him. The director is Debbie Schlutow of Auburn Hills.

Show dates for "The Music Man" are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25, and Oct. 1-2; 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, and Sept. 26; 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20; and Thursday, Sept. 30. Performances are at the theater 1185 Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Tickets are $15. Senior and student discounts available for Thursday and Sunday performances. Season tickets are $65 and includes all five shows of the season. Call (248) 608-9077 for ticket information.

The upcoming Avon season:

■ "Wait Until Dark" a suspense thriller — Oct. 29-31; Nov. 5-7 and 11-13.

■ "Made in the U.S.A.: Encore!" a musical biennial salute to American song and dance. —Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29.

■ "Moon Over Buffalo," a hysterical farce — March 3-5, 10-12 and 16-18, 2000.

Clarkston Village Players to present 'Murder by the Book'

The Clarkston Village Players will usher in its 39th season Friday, Sept. 10 with a murder mystery thriller —"Murder by the Book," a story about a London novelist and murders real and fake.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursday shows and 8 p.m. for all other shows throughout the season. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased by calling (248) 625-8811. The Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre is located at 4861 White Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Andersonville Road in Independence Township.

Show dates and times for "Murder by the Book" are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11, 17-18 and 24-25; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15; 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

Other shows in the season include:

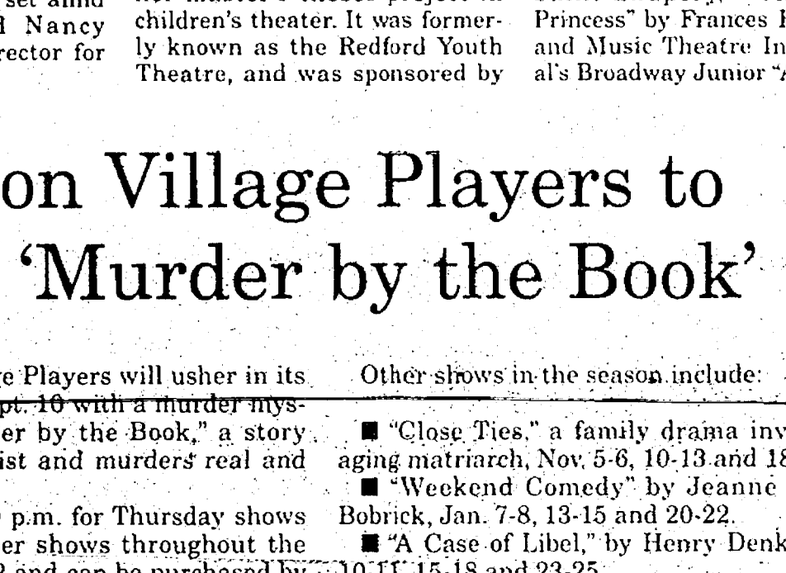
■ "Close Ties," a family drama involving an aging matriarch, Nov. 5-6, 10-13 and 18-20.

■ "Weekend Comedy" by Jeanne and Sam Bobrick, Jan. 7-8, 13-15 and 20-22.

■ "A Case of Libel," by Henry Denker, March 10-11, 15-18 and 23-25.

■ "A Bad Year for Tomatoes," May 12-13, 18-20 and 25-27.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. the Players will present "Fall Concert 1999" featuring David Mosher, Bob Gerics and Dan Hall. Tickets are $10. Compact discs will be available following the show. Call (248) 625-8811 for more information.



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GEM THEATRE
"Escanaba in da Moonlight," a comedy by Jeff Daniels, Sept. 15 through Feb. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays, at the theater, 33 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

OPERA

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Puccini's "La Boheme," Friday, Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. $15, includes afterglow reception; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road at Square Lake Road, Troy. (313) 582-0997

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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.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"You Know I Can't Hear When the Water's Running," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, east of Lahser, Detroit. $10. (313) 537-7716/(313) 532-4010

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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

WAYNE STAGE IV
"Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect up," 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 10-11 and 17-18, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the State Wayne Stage IV Theatre, Wayne. $10, $5 seniors/students. (734) 721-7400

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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

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Open House featuring Dairy Aire "Cow" plane, Ford Tri-Motor plane and a Yankee Airforce C-47, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 (free), pancake breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. ($4, $2 children), at the airport, south of I-94, near the corner of State and Elsworth roads, Ann Arbor. (734) 994-2841

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

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 vehicike permit. (248) 349-8390

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7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Nature Center in Kensington Metropark, 2240 W. Buno Rd., Mildford. Take I-96 to Kent Lake Rd. exit 153 then follow the signs. (248) 685-0603 or (800) 477-3178. A 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.

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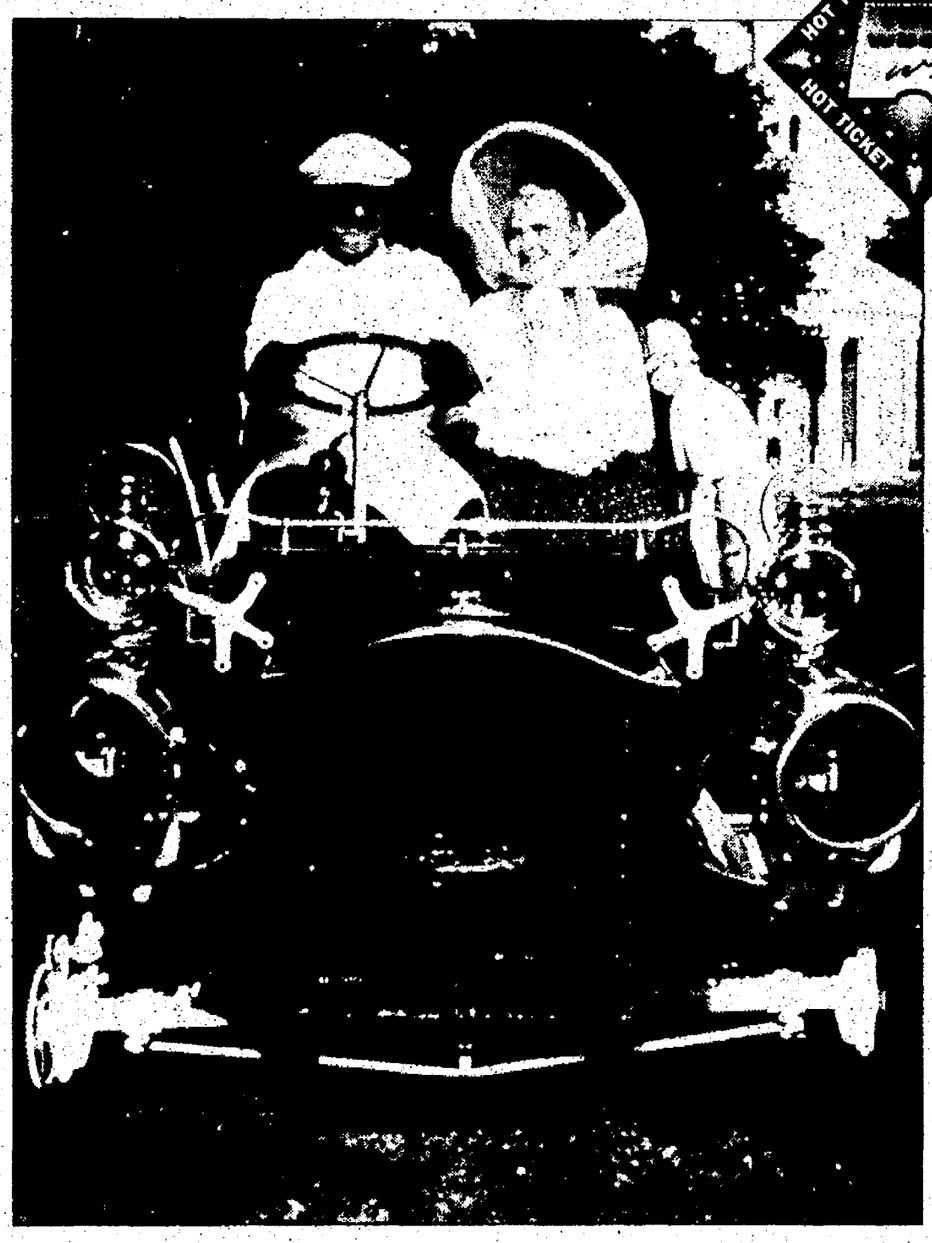
Through Woodlawn Cemetery and special program with historian Martin Brosnan, learn about prominent Detroit families and "Millionaires Pond," 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, meet at the cemetery, on west side of Woodward Ave., south of Eight Mile, across from State Fair Grounds, Detroit. Free. (734) 722-6305

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

MICHIGAN STATE CHILI CHAMPIONSHIP
And Salsa Competition, Saturday, Sept. 11 during Plymouth's Fall Festival. Benefits all of the community service groups in an around Plymouth. (734) 455-8838



Drive away: *Vehicles from the past are ready to roll into Greenfield Village this weekend for the 49th annual Old Car Festival. From historic Model T's to Packards, a slice of the Motor City will be on display 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11-12. at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard in Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1620 for more information.*

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

RICK ROE
The pianist performs old and new favorites, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. Free. (734) 327-4282

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
Music, ethnic cuisine and dress, and performances by the Tex-Mex Conjunto Estrella Azul Pyramid Performing Theater, Mariachi America de Manuel Zaragoza, and Banda Embajador, 3-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, in Clark Park, Detroit. Free. (313) 843-9598

BENEFITS

GILDA'S CLUB METRO DETROIT
Family Walk & Block Party, 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 8:30-9:45 a.m. registration in Macomb Hall), begins with a walking tour of downtown Detroit or a one-mile indoor fun walk, then back to Cobo Center for a family block party. $22, children under 10 free. (248) 577-0800

"HAIL TO THE TRAIL"
A 5-K, 10-K or one-mile fun run, 7:30 a.m. (registration begins) Saturday, Sept. 11, at West Brank Picnic Area in Stony Creek Metropark, near Rochester/Utica. $22, proceeds to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. A Metropark vehichle permit is required, $3 weekends, $15 annual ($8 seniors). (248) 541-7190/(810) 781-4242/(800) 477-7756

HUDSON'S FASHION SHOW
To benefit the Ann Arbor Art Center, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at Hudson's in the Briarwood Mall, Ann Arbor. $25. (734) 994-8004

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

JIF PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM CONCERT
10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 11, featuring Janet and M'Arch of the Children's Theatre of Michigan, at the Star Theatre at Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills.

KINDERMUSIK STORY TIME
An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music in Canton, 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-Sunday, Sept. 11-12, Highland Fling, 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

PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL
Classic car and motorcycle show, chili cookoff for Michigan State Championship, rides, chicken barbecue, pancake breakfast, and music by community and country groups 5-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. (734) 453-1540

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY CHAMBER WINDS
Concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Southeast Michigan Arts Conservatory, Maben Road, north of Ford Road, Canton, begins with 1:30 p.m. dinner at Outback Steak House, on Ford Road, Canton. Limited seating. (734) 453-7590, ext. 222

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

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY
"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through September, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS

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

AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for "Wait Until Dark," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7 and 11-13. (248) 475-9212

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 rcles), 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

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/BALLET INTERNATIONALE
Open casting call for dancers (ages 7 to college) for "The Nutcracker," noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in room 228, Liberal Arts Building, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. For performances Dec. 9-19 at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5477

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC
Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. (734) 591-7649

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. Tuesday, Sept. 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

SECOND CITY-DETROIT TRAINING CENTER
Classes in improvisational technique and basic acting skills run Sept. 30 to Nov. 24, at 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $200. (313) 964-5821 or www.secondcity.com

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

STAGECRAFTERS
Auditions for "Dracula," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 20-21 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4832. For performances Nov. 5-6, 7, 10-14, and 18-21.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for 1999-2000 season, non-paid positions, all ages, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. Also Scary Workshop classes for grades 1-12 (six weeks, $25), for Oct. 16 performance. (313) 535-8962

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.

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

CHORAL

CANTIBILE WOMEN'S CHORAL
Performs a variety of music including Renaissance, classical, folk, spiritual and gospel, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward, south of Nine Mile, Ferndale, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at St. Patrick Church, 9086 Hutchins Road at Union Lake Road, White Lake. Suggested donation of $5 may be made at the door. (248) 685-7628/(248) 788-4361

JAZZ

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)

FRANK FOSTER AND QUARTET
7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. $25, $15, $10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

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

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS STYLE JAZZ
3-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and alternating Saturdays, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, east of I-75, Madison Hgts. $4. (248) 476-2674

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 Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925

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

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER
With Brendan McNulty and Ron Jewell perform at the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, followed by R.P.M., at the Blarney Bay Pub, 27758 Warren, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Westland. No Cover. (734) 421-6940 (Irish)

CRAOBH RUA
Traditional music reminiscent of the 1960's Irish folk revival, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $12.50. (734) 761-1800

FRIFOT
Swedish Acoustic Masters, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 761-1800

SINEAD LOHAN
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 761-1800 (Irish)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

BLUEGRASS SESSIONS
With Bela Fleck, Sam Bush, Tony Rice, Jerry Douglas and Mark Schatz, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $31, $26. (734) 761-1800

JONATHA BROOKE
8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $18.50. (734) 761-1800

DAVID OLNEY/TANYA SAVORY
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $11, $10 member. (734) 761-1800 (folk/country/pop)

JACKIE ROUSH
The punk folk artist performs 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in the gazebo on Main near Center, Northville.

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)

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PICNIC DANCE
3 p.m. Sunday, Sept 12, music by Ted Sokolowski Orchestra, 5 p.m. performance by the Mala Polska Dance Groups, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. $5. (248) 689-3636

STARDUST BALLROOM
Dance Parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. $8. (248) 356-5678

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
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

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Tom McGillen also Alyce Faye Wednesay-Sunday, Sept. 8-12; Etta May and Chris Speyer Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 15-19, 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

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 closed 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 Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World," 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Sunday Stroll program begins with tour of the Michigan State Fairgrounds, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. $10, $5 Historical Society members. (313) 833-4727; Behind the Scenes program begins with dinner and a Forbidden Hollywood show package at the Century Theatre, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, $74, $64 members. (313) 833-4727, Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

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 East side 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
Old Car Festival, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 11-12; Railroad Days, displays, ride a 1890-1910 handcar, traditional hobo camp, create puppets of engineers and conductors, Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 25-26; 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

AH LAROCCA
9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 28, The Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5 cover. (734) 662-8310

THE ALLIGATORS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Novi. Free. 21 and over. (248) 735-4011; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor (734) 332-9900.

BACKSTREET BOYS
7:30 p.m. Saturday—Monday, Nov. 6—8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out!

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 pavilion/$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)

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, live on the Web chatroom at www.bennyandthejets.com

BLUE CAT
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE HAWAIIANS
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800; 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE ROSE
Saturday, Sept. 11, Mt. Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. (248)549-2929; 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (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)

BRITTLE OXEN
With Radium, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. $5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (rock)

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)

JOE BROWN
With Goodwill, 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. $5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (instrumental)

BUSTER BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Karl's Cabin, 9779 North Territorial Rd., Plymouth (734) 455-8450 (blues)

SUSAN CALLOWAY
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6 in advance. (248) 544-3030 (local rock)

CEPHAS & WIGGINS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. $13.50 (734) 761-1800 (country blues)

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) 377-0100 (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)

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Majestic Theater, Majestic Theater Center, Detroit. Tickets $11 advance. (313) 833-9700 (grateful dead covers)

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

DRIFTWEED
10 p.m. Friday, Sept 10, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. $5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (country punk)

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)

FLETCHER PRATT
With the Neptunes, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 313.jac, upstairs from Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit. 18 and over. $5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (pop)

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOUR
With Michael Rose and Andrew Tosh, 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

GYPSY MOTHS
With The Immortal Winos of Soul and Blowtop, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Lili's 21, Detroit. $5 cover. (313) 875-6555.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 21, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SCOTT HENDERSON AND TRIBAL TECH WITH PSYFUNK
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; 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, the Big Fish, 700 Towne Center, Dearborn. (313) 336-6350 (blues)

LISA HUNTER
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. Hunter will be recording for her live album. (734) 994-3940

INDIGO SWING
9:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8555 (swing).

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Rochester Mills Brewery, 400 Water St., downtown Rochester. No cover. (248) 650-5080; 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. No cover. (248) 453-4300 (reggae)

INCOGNITO
8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, Masonic Temple Theatre, Detroit. Tickets on sale $55, $37.50, $27.50, $17.50. For 20 or more call (313) 471-3099. Charge by phone (313) 433-1515 (funk/jazz)

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

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With the Eternals, Thursday, Sept. 23, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. (313) 833-9700 (funky jazz)

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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

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With Howling Diablos, 60 Second Crush, Gangster Fun, Fathers of the ID and Chris McCall, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6 cover. (734) 996-8555

JOHN POPPER BAND
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, one-half block west of State Street, Ann Arbor. Tickets on sale $21.50 (734) 668-8397 (blues)

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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)

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9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300 (blues)

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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)

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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.

RICKY MARTIN
Nov. 1 show at The Palace is sold out.

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9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 S. Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and over. (734) 721-8609; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, postponed until Sept. 15, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. $25. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

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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)

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9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, The Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5 cover. (734) 662-8310

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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. Thursday, 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 fund-raiser. Donation $1. (248) 624-9659; 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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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.

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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 www.statetheater.com (pop)

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TWISTING TARANTULAS
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MOVIES

'Mickey Blue Eyes' guilty of laugh-making

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Hugh Grant has a problem. A lot of young actors achieve instant stardom and spend a career living up to the early hype. Hugh Grant seems to have to prove himself with each new release. It's possible that this summer's comedy quinella, "Notting Hill" and "Mickey Blue Eyes," will let him go on to do his thing without the "Yeah, he's cute but can he act?" anchor around him.

Grant is cute, all right; he's also got the frenetic funnybone of that other Grant character, Cary. This allows him to be best when the walls are closing in, like the earlier Grant in "Front Page" and so many others.

In "Mickey," Hugh plays Michael, a suave Manhattan art dealer who runs an auction like Don Rickles with culture. Proposing to girlfriend Gina (Jeanne Tripplehorn) in a Chinese restaurant, a scene you'll recall next time you're in one, he's shocked when she turns him down. "You're ashamed of me," he reasons. "I talk funny and my hair's unusually fluffy."

But she's got a different explanation. If he becomes a member of the family, he becomes a member of...The Family. He's never met them, and protests that "I don't wanna marry your father." "You will," she warns, "and all his friends."

Downtown in Little Italy, he confronts the clan. There's FrankEE, VinEE, RichEE, LouEE — that's how they say it on Mulberry Street. Frank, Gina's dad, is James Caan. He's an old crony to the big boss, Vito (Burt Young). Caan's equally at home playing serious gangsters ("The Godfather") and comedy gangsters ("Honeymoon in Vegas"), so the dees, dems and doses flow freely.

Before you can say "Fuhgedaboudit" — which Grant can't, as you've seen in the commercials — poor Michael's in up to his fluffy hairline doing favors for Dad. First laundering a little money through the art store, then covering up a little arson; finally, there's that little accessory to murder thing.

To stay alive as a rival crime family and the FBI are closing in, Michael poses as mobster Mickey Blue Eyes from Kansas City. There's a lot of "Analyze This" in this. Grant's and Billy Crystal's fishes-out-of-water come from the same pond. Supporting actor Joseph Viterelli plays the exact same role in both movies as a huge henchman. Even a few of the locations look the same, from the New Jersey bank of the Hudson River where they bury the bodies to the abandoned shipyard where the opposing Dons bury the hatchet.

"Mickey Blue Eyes" is a lightweight romantic comedy and has no aspirations to be anything more. Grant, Caan and Tripplehorn are guilty of laugh-making in at least the second degree. They are aided and abetted by a motley mob of comic criminals. So eh — what's not to like?

Jon Katz is a free-lance writer who lives in Rochester.

BARRY WETCHER

Romantic comedy: *Gina Vitale (Jeanne Tripplehorn) and Michael Felgate (Hugh Grant) in "Mickey Blue Eyes."*

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'Outside Providence' makes growing up look comical

BY VICKI DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Written by brothers Peter and Bobby Farrelly — who created last year's smash hit, "There's Something About Mary"— and director Michael Corrente ("American Buffalo"), "Outside Providence" is one of those slightly-sad, slightly-mad comedies about a group of kids who are at the edge of adulthood, trying to find their way in life.

Based on Peter Farrelly's novel of the same name, it contains a bit of the spirit of Peter Yates' film, "Breaking Away," and Gus Van Sant's "Good Will Hunting," along with some of the boisterous raunch reminiscent of John Landis' "Animal House."

Set in Rhode Island and Connecticut in the shaggy 70's, "Outside Providence" focuses mainly on the life of one Timothy Dunphy (played winningly by Shawn Hatosy), a high school senior whose mother shoots ornaments off the family Christmas tree with an air rifle one year, and then turns a real gun on herself several years later.

Dunphy, though he definitely possesses a certain charm, could never be mistaken for an overachiever in the blue-collar town of Pawtucket, Rhode Island where he lives with his curmudgeonly father, his crippled brother, and his three-legged, one-eyed dog. To find clues to Dunphy's identity, best to look in the dictionary under the word, "slacker."

The same goes for his pals. Drugs Delaney (Jon Abrahams) is wasting much of his youth in a kind of chemically induced fog.

Mousy (Jonathan Brandis) entertains child-like, dreamy dreams of somehow escaping gritty Pawtucket and making it in sunny California someday. Others in the group are birds of a similar feather. You could safely say that not one of these guys is exactly consumed by drive and ambition.

One night, while chauffeuring his buddies around town, Dunphy accidentally rams his car into a police cruiser. Nobody is hurt, but the event is the last straw as far as Dunphy's exasperated father is concerned. Just about as quickly as Dunphy can pack his trash-bag luggage, Old Man Dunphy (Alec Baldwin) has pulled the necessary strings, and sent his errant son off to an exclusive Connecticut prep school called Cornwall Academy.

Here, Dunphy is greeted by slimy resident director, Mr. Funderberk (Timothy Crowe), who assures him of the awful truth: "We at Cornwall expect more than those liberal institutions."

Not surprisingly, the young diamond-in-the-rough learns some things about life and love as this story progresses. But, while the movie may be predictable and a little choppy at times, some right-on dialogue, appealing characterizations, and strong performances lift "Outside Providence" above the usual, garden-variety, teen-comes-of-age flick.

Cast as Old Man Dunphy, Alec Baldwin plays a middle-aged, working-class father struggling mightily to bring up his two motherless sons, and point them in what he considers the right direction. He's a mixed bag of thorns and tough love — a paternal type we've all seen on the screen before. However, Baldwin brings to the role a kind of poignant strength that not only gives extra dimension to the character, but adds substance to the film itself. One simple, but touching, scene in which he discusses with his son the manly art of tying neckties is a real keeper.

George Wendt is a winner as a poker player with a surprise up his sleeve, and newcomer Jack Ferver is a quiet riot as Dunphy's roomie, who often looks like he needs quick access to a barf bag. Amy Smart, playing "the coolest chick in school," is an All-American beauty, but she's clearly at a disadvantage here, since her part is much less interesting than the male roles in this picture.

Employing rather harsh lighting and grainy stock, director of photography Richard Crudo paints Pawtucket as a gray, slightly shadowy place with an almost-desolate feel. On the other hand, the prep school milieu is as colorful and lovely-to-look-at as Lollipop Land. One assumes Crudo meant to underscore the differences in these two worlds, but he may have gone slightly overboard. This "color scheming" gives the movie an odd feel overall, as if the two parts never quite meld together.

MUSIC

JoyDrop is Canada's latest modern rock candy

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With the sounds of Smashing Pumpkins "Siamese Dream" wafting in the background on the other end of the telephone line, Tom McKay explained he doesn't spend much time lounging around his living room in Toronto these days.

The bassist for the Canadian-based modern rock band, JoyDrop, said they've been touring incessantly since last January in support of their debut album "Metasexual," released by Tommy Boy Records. On Sept. 10, JoyDrop will stop in Detroit for the first time.

While the band's moniker conjures images of rock candy, its meaning is something more than sugar-sweet, McKay came up with the name while toying with words that described how the music makes him feel. He chose "Joy" because music has an ability to lift you up, he said. "Drop" was another word that encapsulated that idea, while also referring to something with weight, something that would not fly away in the wind. "JoyDrop" had a good feeling, a good weight to it."

The members of JoyDrop — McKay, vocalist Tara Slone, drummer Tony Rabalao, and guitarist Thomas Payne — came together in 1996 in Canada's urban center, Toronto. McKay and Rabalao knew each other prior to forming the band, and Slone auditioned after answering an ad in an entertainment newspaper.

"We knew she was the one," said McKay. "No one else stood out."

Impressed by her powerful voice and obvious experience as a singer, Slone joined the band and "the chemistry evolved pretty quickly." For the first year JoyDrop was together, the band rehearsed six days a week working to solidify their material before performing in front of an audience.

Unlike his bandmates, McKay did not formally study music. "I was more the guy who left home a little early. I went to Britain." His objectives were to travel to a place he considered to be very cool and to get a record deal. In his early 20s, McKay achieved both aspirations, having lived in London and Glasgow, Scotland and getting signed to a record deal as a member of Five Guys Named Moe.

"It was really good training to be young and have a record deal. I learned a lot being 22 years old and having all that experience. It was like an apprenticeship."

An apprenticeship that has paid off, it would seem. JoyDrop has broken into the top 20 on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts with their first single "Beautiful." At number 20 on Sept. 4, the song is among McKay's favorites on the album.

"If you look at the top 20 songs, it's pretty stiff competition," he said. "These are bands that I have in my record collection. It's an amazing thing. The record company really helped get it there."

Seeing the single do well, said McKay, is a way of creating a bond between the band and

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STREET SCENE

Reviving the 1980s: an experiment that paid off

STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

I hate to admit it, but I am a product of the 1980s.

It started with a pair of purple leg warmers I wore in second grade (scrunched to the ankles of course) and continued on to my later discovery of the curling iron (which led to big, over-hair sprayed hair), and culminated in my leather mini skirt phase. Somewhere between hair bands like Poison and an affinity for flannel shirts and Pearl Jam's "Ten," the decade came to a close.

What was gone, was not forgotten.

As often occurs within the cyclical nature of our society, the 1980s returned in the late 1990s, and did so in a big way. The hideous fashions may have come and gone, but the music has lingered on. Radio stations like WPLT 96.3 FM may be to blame with their continuous flashbacks and concerts featuring headliners like the Violent Femmes and Men at Work all reborn within the 1980s fervor. You won't hear me complaining.

Reviving the recent past

Garett Michaels joined the radio station more than three years ago to become operations manager and program director. Experience working in radio at a Philadelphia station helped Michaels come to the realization that alternative music had reached a sort of peak. Working at Planet 96.3, where the target audience reaches 25-49 year-olds, he saw how this shift was causing that particular segment of alternative rock fans to "tune out." Generation X-ers reaching their 30s cherished the alt-pop sounds of bands like Erasure and Human League, a synthesized resonance that faded from popular music by the time grunge took hold. As early alternative morphed into the folk-ier sounds of REM, and later the big rock reverberations of U2, those early fans were increasingly ignored by popular radio formats -- or so Michaels thought. He took a concept he was experimenting with in Philadelphia and helped integrate it into what is today's Planet 96.3 sound. With support from the station's general manager Mike Fezzey, the 50 percent modern rock and 50 percent flashback and alternative classics format became a recipe for success.

Instituting the "Flashback Lunch" re-introduced metro Detroiters to songs like "Tainted Love" by Soft Cell and "Rock the Casbah" by The Clash and allowed memories of a decade past to flood right back. Having older sisters who exposed me to popular music at a young age, I had a natural affinity to the sounds of 80s one-hit-wonders like Soft Cell and ground-breaking mainstays like The Cure. Besides, I already knew all the words.

Taking it to the streets

But I never knew what it felt like to dance to those songs until Clutch Cargo opened in downtown Pontiac and began "Saturday Night Flashbacks," a four-hour uninterrupted simulcast of flashback music from the club out through the radio waves. Once old enough to wander through the doors of the gothic-looking church-turned-nightclub, I found myself dancing to the same music my older sisters had partied to in college, the same music that blared from my best friend's car as we squealed into our high school parking lot just in time for first hour. Flash back indeed.

"It's been three years now and it's hugely successful," said Michaels of the Saturday night ritual. "On any given (Saturday) night you'll see a couple thousand people there partying. The main room is always packed. People are getting down. It's an interesting looking crowd, a very diverse group of people."

Michaels said Generation Y isn't interested in flashback music, but instead they crave the sounds of the moment including Korn and Limp Bizkit. Plenty of radio stations, not to mention MTV, cater to that need. But this 80s revival could be spreading. He mentioned radio stations in California that are experimenting with similar retro formats. Whatever happens in years to come, Michaels hopes for continued success and intends to keep growing with the audience, rather than leaving them behind for the newest music trends. He's a man with long-term goals and strong connection to the early years of alternative rock. Michaels would like to see WPLT become something of a radio institution in Detroit, following in the footsteps of others like WRIF and WCSX. So far his ideas seem to be working just fine.

Flashing back: the live version

Men at Work, featured at last month's Planet Fest, will return to the metro area 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale. Tickets are $15. Call the club for additional information at (248) 544-3030.

Michaels said anyone who didn't catch the band at Planet Fest should check them out this time around. "If people go out and see them, they'll be really pleased," he said. "They play nothing but their hits."

With songs like "Down Under" and "Who Can It Be Now," Men at Work performances are sure to draw audiences into a sonic time machine, taking them back to the 1980s, an era remembered for parachute pants, skinny ties, and cutting edge music that finally started getting the recognition it deserved.

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its audience, which is something he strives for as a musician. While his musical influences are too many to name, McKay said the last live show he attended that made him feel that bond was a Marilyn Manson performance he caught while in Philadelphia.

"I expected it to be really good," he said, with a hint of excitement rising in his voice. "They were so good live. And I've seen a lot of bands. I did a complete double-take (and thought) that's the level we have to be at...I aspire to that."

But Marilyn Manson and JoyDrop are quite different in appearance, sound and style. McKay describes the JoyDrop sound as having a strong melody, good lyrics, and, well, it has to rock.

"You gotta have good lyrics," he said. "They can't be throw-away. There are too many good lyricists to live up to by now. We try to work on those a lot. We try to rock, and we do rock."

But what sets JoyDrop apart may be what McKay calls the "quirky elements" of the songs, those moments that reach into the psyche, the sound of a daydream. "I think there's an honesty in the sound," he said.

To bring out that honesty, JoyDrop worked with Ron St. Germain (Creed, Soundgarden and Tool), who produced and mixed the album. Working at Long View Farms Studio in Massachusetts, St. Germain got the performances out of JoyDrop that showcase their sound so purely on "Metasexual."

JOSEPH CULICE

Plenty of 'Fizz': *JoyDrop (pictured right to left) is Thomas Payne, Tony Rabalao, Tara Slone and Tom McKay. The band is known for its first single "Beautiful."*

"It was a farmhouse setting," said McKay. "We were kind of connected to nature. Also there was a lot of wide-open space to think. It was a time to breathe mentally."

The setting coupled with a producer that McKay referred to as an "Olympic Coach," allowed JoyDrop the space and time to come into its own.

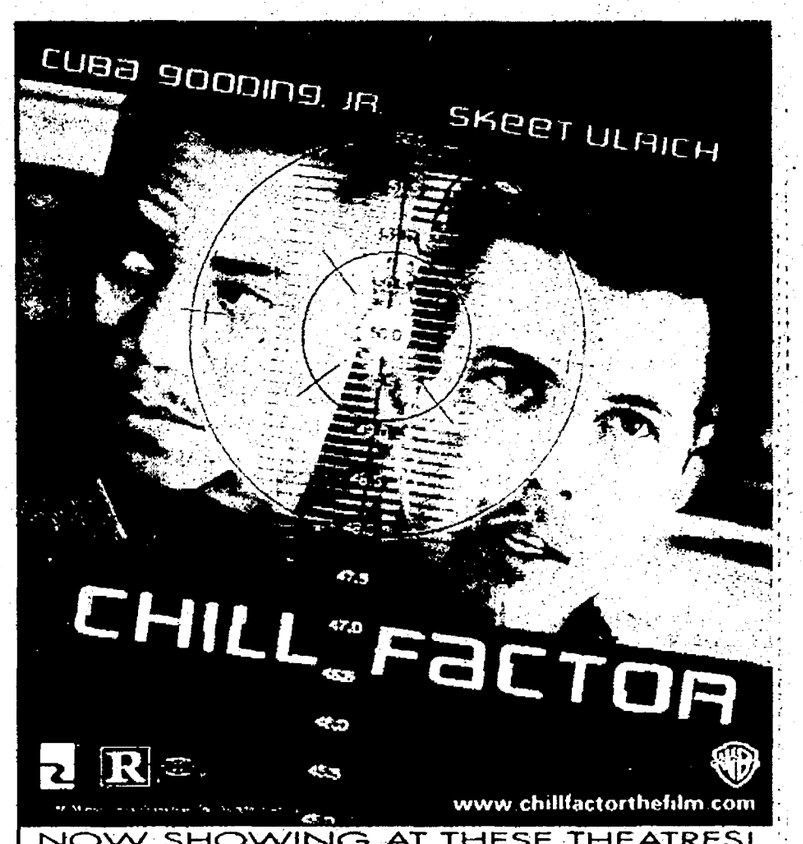
"He looked for the strengths in each person," McKay said of St. Germain. "I'm indebted to that guy. He sort of let us be who we were."

The bandmates worked collectively to write the 14 songs that make up their debut album. But for McKay, inspiration to write music and lyrics comes from the people he meets. "On a certain level, I can be inspired by the planet and things of beauty, but I'm more inspired by people, the dynamics between people in cities."

But the people that matter most in McKay's career, are those who own the new album and really "get it on all the levels." In his eyes, the band has already been successful because what truly matters to McKay are all the fans who've come to see JoyDrop and said that, in some way, the songs and lyrics touched them, helped them, or lifted their spirits.

"You write a song and you think you're inspired...but when someone says 'I'm inspired by your song,' you know you're doing something real...That to me is success; we're already there."

See JoyDrop live 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at The Shelter, located downstairs from St. Andrews Hall at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are on sale now for $6. All ages are welcome. Call (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com.



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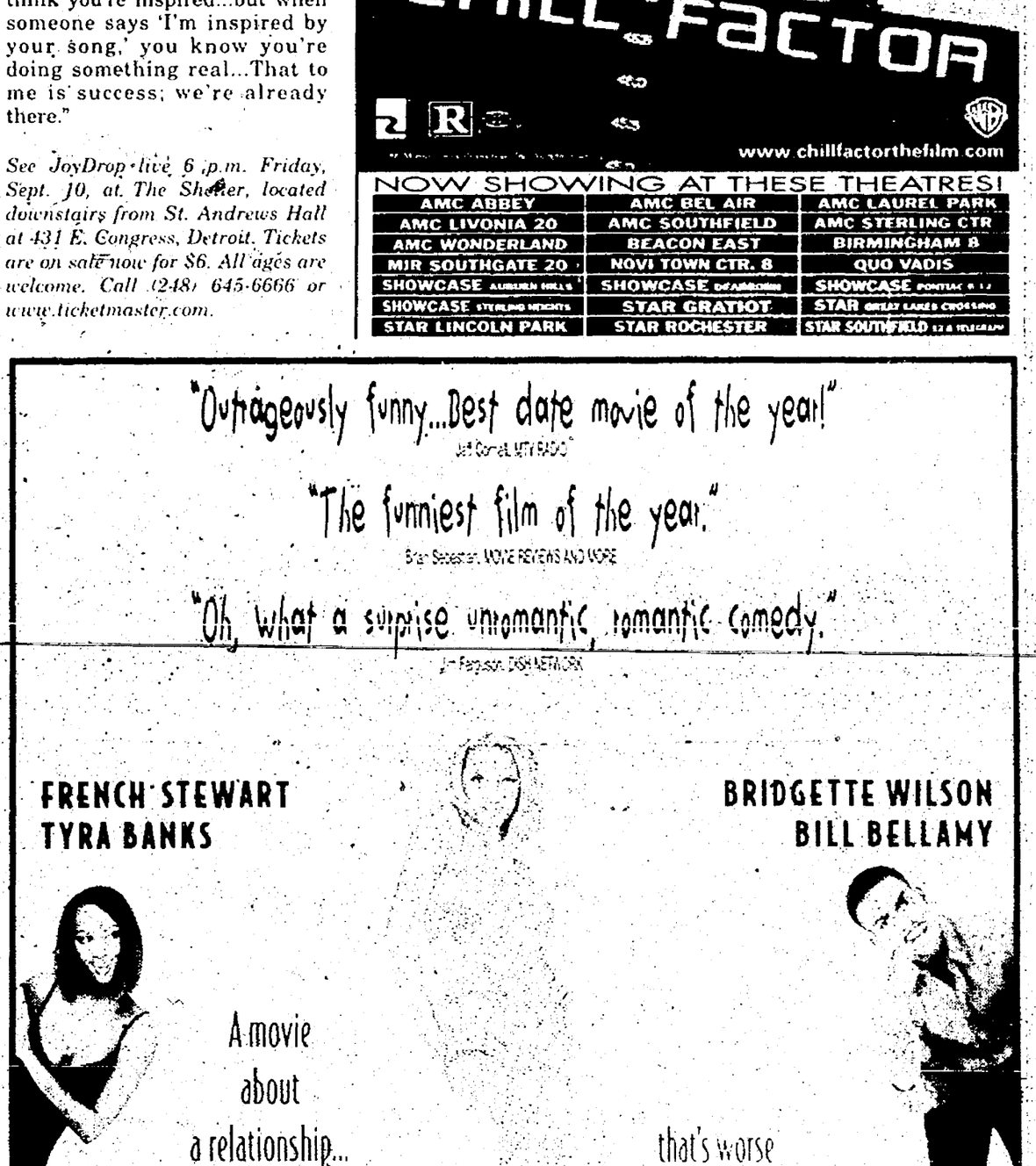

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Others include Chef and Schoolcraft instructor Brian Polcyn's Five Lakes Grill, alumni Jeff Zak of Jeff Zak's Catering in Plymouth, Chef and instructor Jeff Gabriel's The Farm Restaurant, alumna and Chef Kelli Lewton's Too Unique Caterers, Buca de Beppo, whose chef Matt Chuchman is a Schoolcraft grad, and Intermezzo, whose owner Nick Apone has a son in the Culinary Arts program.

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Perhaps the next stop might be Norwegian salmon from Costco, smoked chicken rissotti with sun dried tomatoes and chevre from the Golden Mushroom, bowtie pasta from the Macaroni Grill, sea scallops with shitake salsa and taro hash from Broadstreet or char grilled breast of chicken from the University of Michigan Food and Nutrition Services.

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Planning the event: *Eriq Lukasik, (left to right) executive chef of La Bistecca Italian Grille, Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza co-chair Colleen Pobur, restaurant owner Jerry Costanza Jr., and co-chair Suzanne Thomas-Hughes, at the restaurant in Plymouth. La Bistecca Italian Grille, and other popular metro Detroit restaurants, will serve samples of their specialties at the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 26.*

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provide personal introduction to Bernardus wines.

■ Al's 13th Annual Chili Cookoff noon to 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at **Al's Copper Mug,** 1704 W. Maple, corner of Decker Road, in Walled Lake, donation $1. More chili cooks are needed, call Al or Patti (248) 624-9659 for details. The event is a fund-raiser for Michael Babel for a bone marrow transplant. The Commerce resident has a match, he just needs help raising money to pay for it.

The chili cook-off will feature Sax Appeal 4-9 p.m. and Dan Valine 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer, hot dogs, Italian sausage, buffalo burgers and hamburgers will be cooked outside on the grill. No children or anyone under age 21 will be admitted.

■ Classical Flamenco Guitar Music and Latin Foods 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at **Forté Restaurant,** 201 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300. The cost is $40. The Troubadours, David Cocagne and Michael Blaskiewicz of Ferndale, both have a master's degree in music from Wayne State University and specialize in classical-flamenco guitar. They will perform historical music from Brazil, Italy and Spain while you dine on a four-course international menu with foods from the same countries, prepared by Executive Chef Tim Voss. Admission for standing room only, without dinner, is $10. Reservations strongly advised.

■ **Too Chez Restaurant,** 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, Executive Chef Greg Upshur will treat patrons to a five course macrobiotic culinary extravaganza featuring fresh, all-organic ingredients, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. The cost is $32 per person (excluding beverage, tax and gratuity). Call (248) 348-5555. Featured menu items include five different flavors of rolled nori served with a wild grape sauce, wild mushroom, Adzuki bean and Hiziki soup, and an organic apple pie with a natural wheat crust and elderberry sauce.

■ Two chefs from the **Golden Mushroom** restaurant in Southfield were chosen to compete on teams that will travel to the Culinary Olympics in Germany in August 2000.

Executive Chef Derin Moore was chosen as one of the five members of the United States National Culinary Team. Nigh chef Deni Smiljanovski will compete in Germany as a member of the Macomb Community College Culinary Team.

The U.S. Culinary Team was recently in Michigan, using the kitchens at Schoolcraft College in Livonia to test recipes and practice working together.

■ **Andiamo Osteria,** 129 S. Main Street (corner of Second Street), Royal Oak (248) 582-9300 now has valet parking. Hours are lunch 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday; dinner 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until midnight, Friday-Saturday; and 4-10 p.m. Sunday. The menu is an eclectic array of authentic Italian dishes from antipasti through desserts.

■ New menu at **Zanzibar,** 216 S. State Street, Ann Arbor (734) 994-7777 created by the sister-brother team of chefs Misty and Todd Callies explores the sweetly aromatic and gently-flavored vegetables and pastas of the Mediterranean, the bounty of North American waters and gardens, and the

grain-fed, corn-finished steaks and roasts of the Midwest along with the tropical theme loyal diners include as their favorites. Chef Todd will also launch a series of Todd's Spicy Specials in the fall. And he's not talking spicy, he'll be dishing up fiery.

Zanzibar is open Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday until 10 p.m. Saturday 5-10 p.m. and Sunday 5-9:30

p.m. But don't bring your cigarettes. Zanzibar is completely non-smoking.

■ **The Capital Grille,** a classic steak house, recently celebrated its third anniversary at 2800 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy in the Somerset Collection North. The Capital Grille's diverse menu features steaks, seafood, fresh salads, hearty soups, and award-winning appetizers such as pan-fried calamari with hot cherry peppers.

■ **Bella Ciao** — 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 995-2107 for information, or www.belaciao.com

■ **Olga's** the Troy based restaurant chain is now on the Web. Visit them online at www.olgaskitchen.com

"We're really excited about the site," said Steven Frank, director of marketing at Olga's Kitchen. "It gives us the opportunity to build a better relationship with our current guest base by giving them a new way to enjoy one of their favorite restaurants." A portion of the site is devoted to a coloring contest for kids.

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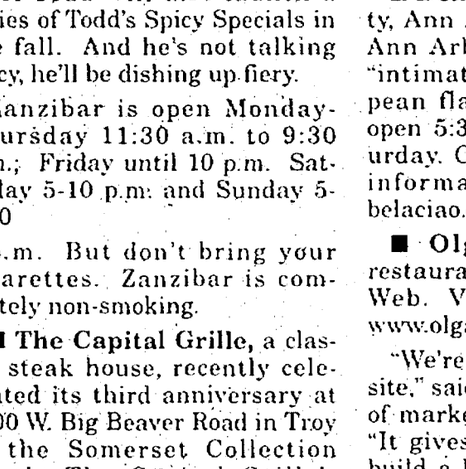
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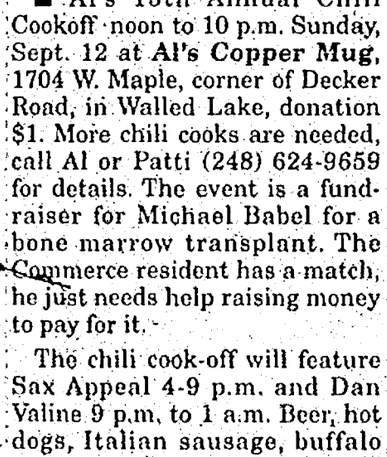
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