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Thomas, Mehl win race

Mayor Robert Thomas and challenger Kenneth Mehl will face off Nov. 4 in the general election following Tuesday's primary election in Westland. Candidate Dixie Johnson McNa was defeated in Tuesday's voting.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Incumbent Westland Mayor Robert Thomas, winning the top spot in Tuesday's primary by a landslide, proved that challenger Kenneth Mehl faces an uphill battle to close a popularity gap before the Nov. 4 general election.

Thomas, seeking an unprecedented third term as Westland mayor, commanded 67.3 percent of vote totals to emerge unmistakably as a front-runner for another four-year term.

Mehl, a former 12-year council member, survived the primary with a mere 25.3 percent of vote totals, while political newcomer Dixie Johnson McNa faced elimination by garnering only 6.3 percent of ballots cast.

Only 5,945 of Westland's 55,401 voters bothered to vote, marking a paltry 10.7 percent turnout.

One week after his 47th birthday, a jubilant Thomas celebrated victory Tuesday as more than 200 supporters poured into his election-night headquarters at the senior citizen Friendship Center on Newburgh.

"I feel good about this," he told the Observer. "I think it shows that people wanted to vote for me because they think I am doing a good job as mayor, and I think they ignored all of the negative rhetoric."

Thomas came under fire from McNa, 53, and Mehl, 50, for promoting his live-in companion, Jill Runkle, from executive secretary to purchasing agent and raising her salary by several thousand dollars.

Even so, Thomas garnered 4,002 votes – more than twice the combined totals for Mehl (1,502) and McNa (375). Although Mehl survived the primary, he failed to muster a close race despite

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WESTLAND'S SEPT. 9 PRIMARY ELECTION 97 RESULTS

MAYOR
(Top two will move on to Nov. 4 general election)

- Dixie Johnson McNa - 375
- **Kenneth Mehl - 1,502**
- **Robert Thomas** (incumbent) - 4,002

Seeking relief

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

Aftermath: *Sandy Belisle surveys items stored in her family garage on Merritt Drive.*

Taking measures: *Mary Lou Marenda put cardboard down on her basement floor to help avoid tracking a tar-like substance through her home. Her once-finished basement is a shell of its former self.*

Sewer damage puts families in misery

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Sandy Belisle's family has endured 29 weeks of misery since their Westland home was flooded by raw sewage.

Sadly, Belisle sees no end to the despair that arose at her Merritt Drive home when rains pounded her neighborhood Feb. 20-21. The storm caused a faulty new sewer system to back up into her basement and more than 400 others.

Crates of books that she used to keep in her basement sit on the living room floor. A sofa is turned up on its end to provide more space. An end table hemmed in a corner hasn't been dusted in months.

"I have no living room," Belisle said.

In a dining area off to the side, computers crowd a table that Belisle once used to entertain her ailing mother and other family guests on holidays.

"I missed Easter, the Fourth of July and Labor Day," she said. "I can't entertain in this house."

Basement damage

Belisle's basement, once a fully furnished, comforting place she enjoyed with her husband, Dan, and their two teenage children, is an empty shell. In the aftermath of 12-inch floodwaters, damaged walls and floor tiles have been ripped out and discarded along with a washer and dryer, a sofa, a

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MEAP results please local educators

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland students posted gains in three of four categories on newly released state test scores, although their marks still lagged behind most statewide averages.

Due to curriculum improvement measures, however, Wayne-Westland school officials are optimistic of closing all gaps between local and state scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests.

"We have a commitment that our students will be at the state average or above within the next three years," Jane Kuckel, assistant superintendent of instruction, said Tuesday in her office.

New scores show how fifth- and eighth-grade students fared on science and writing scores based on tests administered in March.

Kuckel noted that, for the first time in recent memory, local students actually beat their statewide counterparts in one category, eighth-grade writing.

"That's a big deal," she said, adding that local students had lagged 13 percent to 17 percent below state averages just a few years ago.

Eighth-grade writing results showed that 79.7 percent of Wayne-Westland students earned a proficient, or passing, score, compared to 77 percent of all Michigan pupils.

By comparison just one year earlier, only 66 percent of Wayne-Westland students received a proficient rating, falling short of the 69.1 percent state average.

"We are thrilled with our eighth-grade MEAP scores," Kuckel said.

Patricia McAllister, district testing coordinator, put it this way: "We're improving at a faster rate than the state."

In other eighth-grade scores, students locally and statewide fared much worse on science scores than on writing scores.

Only 9.8 percent of Wayne-Westland eighth-graders earned a profi-

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Most MEAP scores rise

The scores below show the percentage of students who earned a proficient rating on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test. Taking the test were fifth- and eighth-graders.

Writing

Area	Grade 5 1996	Grade 5 1997	Grade 8 1996	Grade 8 1997
District	52.4	68.5	66.0	79.7
State	55.6	73.4	69.1	77.0

Science

Area	Grade 5 1996	Grade 5 1997	Grade 8 1996	Grade 8 1997
District	13.0	22.8	12.5	9.8
State	26.9	36.8	21.5	17.5

Livonia results are improved

So far, the new emphasis on bringing hands-on science to each student's desk in the Livonia Public Schools appears to be working.

Scores for fifth-graders who took the science Michigan Educational Assessment Program took a big jump forward, from 34.5 percent in 1996 to 43.9 in 1997.

And, despite a drop in eighth-grade science scores statewide, Livonia's eighth-graders held their own. For both years, their score barely budged, staying around 24 percent.

Administrators in Livonia are pleased with scores on the 1997 MEAP writing test for the two grades. All scores went up.

Fifth-graders taking the writing test in 1996 scored 75 percent; in 1997, 76.3 percent. In 1996, the eighth-graders scored 79.3 percent; in 1997, 86.3 percent.

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cient rating in science, down from last year's already disappointing 12.5 percent.

Statewide, scores fell even more sharply but remained above Wayne-Westland averages. Across Michigan, 17.5 percent of eighth-graders proved proficient in science, a decline from the previous year's 21.5 percent.

Local officials hope to make gains when a new science curriculum is fully implemented next year, Kuckel said.

"The science test was obviously a difficult test for the whole state," McAllister added.

In fifth-grade scores, Wayne-Westland students made significant gains in writing but still lost ground to their statewide counterparts.

Local fifth-grade writing scores rose 16.1 percentage points, with 68.5 percent earning a proficient rating compared to just 52.4 percent one year earlier.

"That's a significant gain for us, and I think this district can be very proud," Kuckel said.

Statewide, fifth-graders made slightly stronger gains in writing scores, with 73.4 percent of students receiving a proficient score compared to 55.6 percent in 1996. That marked a 17.8 percent increase.

In science, Wayne-Westland fifth-graders lagged well behind their statewide counterparts, although both groups posted significant gains.

In Wayne-Westland, 22.8 percent of fifth-graders earned a proficient rating in science, up 9.8 percentage points from last year's 13 percent.

"We're pleased with that gain," Kuckel said.

Across Michigan, 36.8 percent of all fifth-graders received a proficient score in science, up 9.9 percentage points from the previous year.

Generally, Wayne-Westland students have narrowed the gap with their statewide counterparts for the last four years, Kuckel said. In some cases, she said, gaps have been slashed in half.

Boosting test scores became a top priority for Kuckel when she was hired five years ago by then-Superintendent Larry Thomas.

Kuckel credited recent gains to curriculum improvements and individual school building plans aimed at addressing specific problems.

As always, officials said a budget crunch will make it difficult for the financially ailing district to buy the textbooks and support materials that teachers need for their classrooms. But officials pledged to try.

"We want every building at the state average or above," Kuckel said.

"We'll reach that goal," McAllister added. "There's no doubt."

PLACES & FACES

Youth aid police

Starting this week, Police Explorers from Westland will assist police by going to stores that sell liquor and tobacco "in an attempt to curtail the problems we're having," said Officer Mark Engstrom, Drug Abuse Resistance Education program officer.

Police are seeking to end sales of liquor and tobacco to minors, Engstrom said. Some young people get liquor or tobacco from older siblings. "We can't obviously control that."

Police want to work with local businesses to solve the problems, he said. "It's just a situation where we're taking the DARE program one step further."

Walter Warren's work

Ribbons abound

Westland resident Walter Warren is a frequent contributor of letters to the editor of the Observer. He also spends his time in the garden, and won 33 ribbons in the vegetable category at this year's Michigan State Fair.

Warren's ribbons included one best of show award for the best peck basket display. He received five other blue ribbons in categories such as best scallop squash, best buttercup squash, best paste tomatoes and best Hungarian peppers.

Warren, who describes himself as a plant collector rather than a landscaper, successfully completed the Michigan State University Extension Service's Master Gardener Program several years ago. He describes his Westland garden as in the "English Cottage Garden" style.

Medical Assisting

The William D. Ford Career/Technical Center's Medical Assisting Program was awarded certification status by the Association of American Medical Technologists, thereby allowing program graduates to sit for the AMT certification examination.

The AMT is a national organization headquartered in Park Ridge, Ill. To qualify for certification, the local program was required to comply with strict guidelines in curriculum, course presentation and instructor certification.

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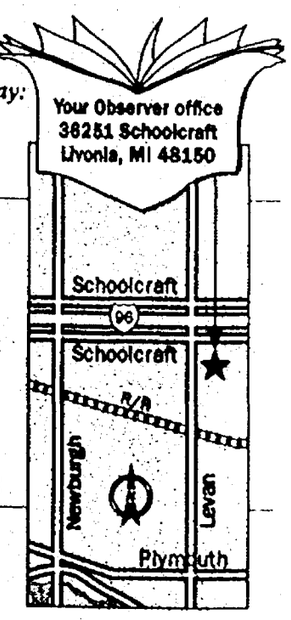

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chair, an entertainment center, two daybeds, Nintendo and Genesis equipment and games, an end table, a stereo cabinet and speakers, computer software and two bookcases, among other personal belongings. Her family has lived in the residence for 11 years.

"I had 11 years worth of things in my basement, even things like artwork that my children made when they were little," she said.

Salvaged belongings are now in a garage where Belisle used to park her treasured, seldom-used 1990 Pontiac Bonneville SSE. The garage is filled with scores and scores of cardboard boxes stacked floor to ceiling, wall to wall, front to rear. Belisle has stored pots and pans, Christmas decorations, family pictures, toys, exercise equipment – even a bathroom sink salvaged from her basement.

"Anytime I need something it's buried in that garage," she said.

Belisle has refused to settle with GAB Robins insurance adjusters for an undisclosed offer that didn't come close to what she believes her family deserves. She said she feels abandoned by adjusters, contractors and city officials.

"I don't want to enable people in positions of power to hurt me," she said. "We are nameless, faceless numbers to these people."

Belisle has joined one of two lawsuits filed against the city of Westland, two contractors and an engineering firm involved in a $10 million sewer separation project. The endeavor encountered problems when workers mistakenly blocked a 6-foot water main with a concrete wall. Flooding resulted.

Belisle said she doesn't want to seek a loan, make repairs and wait to recoup money.

"Why should I have to pay interest when I'm not responsible for this problem?" she asked.

Belisle is counted among residents who have refused settlements offered by GAB Robins, although a company spokesman said most claims are being resolved.

"We've settled over 75 percent of the claims, and everything is going well," Tom Berardo said. "We hope to resolve the rest of these claims in the near future. That's about all I'm going to comment on right at this time."

City Attorney Angelo Plakas said claims have been resolved for 337 of 447 residences. He said negotiations are stalled for homeowners involved in lawsuits.

and many treasured personal belongings.

The Marendas had moved many of their upstairs furnishings to the basement while their hardwood floors were being refinished.

"We had things stacked to the ceiling," Mary Lou Marenda, 49, said.

The Marendas lost a refrigerator, a stove, cabinets, a sofa, clothing, a washer and dryer and many other belongings. Many salvaged items have been moved to relatives' homes.

"I can't find anything," Marenda said.

She said an offer of $13,100 from an insurance adjuster wouldn't come close to repairing her basement – and certainly wouldn't replace contents. "The offer was absolutely ridiculous."

Some personal belongings don't have a price tag, such as a 25th wedding anniversary photo album that Marenda had hoped to show guests when she and her husband celebrate their 30th anniversary on Dec. 2. "It's stained," she said. "I wanted to bring friends over and pull out the photo albums."

Like Belisle, Marenda is involved in a still-pending lawsuit.

"My husband was extremely opposed to a lawsuit at first. We thought for sure we'd have an amicable settlement," she said. "We just want to be put back together."

A closet near her front door now serves as a pantry. Stacked inside are boxes labeled for spaghetti sauce, a can opener, dish detergent, barbecue sauce. A 90-gallon fish tank has been moved to the living room from the basement.

Marenda has kept track of the 1,749 hours that she and other family members spent working in the flood's aftermath. She believes compensation is due. "My time is valuable."

Promises made

Residents in their seventh month of post-flooding problems recalled that city officials initially promised that basements would be restored within four to six weeks.

Mary Lou Marenda and her husband, Don, had lived at their Merritt residence 25 years when raw sewage flooded their basement, which their 30-year-old son occupied along with an old-fashioned jukebox, two pinball machines, an electric fireplace lot of time in the garage, now stacked with boxes of toys, photo albums, clothing and other belongings.

"His garage was his castle," Chris Devitis said.

The couple lost many of the same belongings as the Belisles and the Marendas.

"We lived in our basement," Chris Devitis said. "We can't get back to normal until we get some money."

The couple can't afford to pay their normal bills and then assume more debt to pay for basement repairs for which they may not be adequately compensated, Devitis said. They, too, have filed suit.

"I would prefer not to go to court," Devitis said. "I would prefer to settle, but I want a fair amount. I think the insurance adjusters purposely offered us less, thinking we'd accept it."

Devitis said her basement home has flooded three times: once in 1996 during a water main break; in February during the sewer backup; and again since then due to damaged weeping tiles.

"It has caused a lot of stress," Devitis said. "I don't know when we'll ever get back to normal."

Life disrupted

On nearby Berwick, Chris Devitis and her husband, Dean, had lived in their house for six years when sewer waters ravaged their basement. The couple and their three children, ages 4 to 11, have sought normalcy since.

Dean Devitis used to spend a

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Cause of grief: *Above, Chris Devitis pores over items in her garage. The photo at left shows Sandy Belisle's living room. More than 400 Westland homes were damaged during February's sewer backup.*

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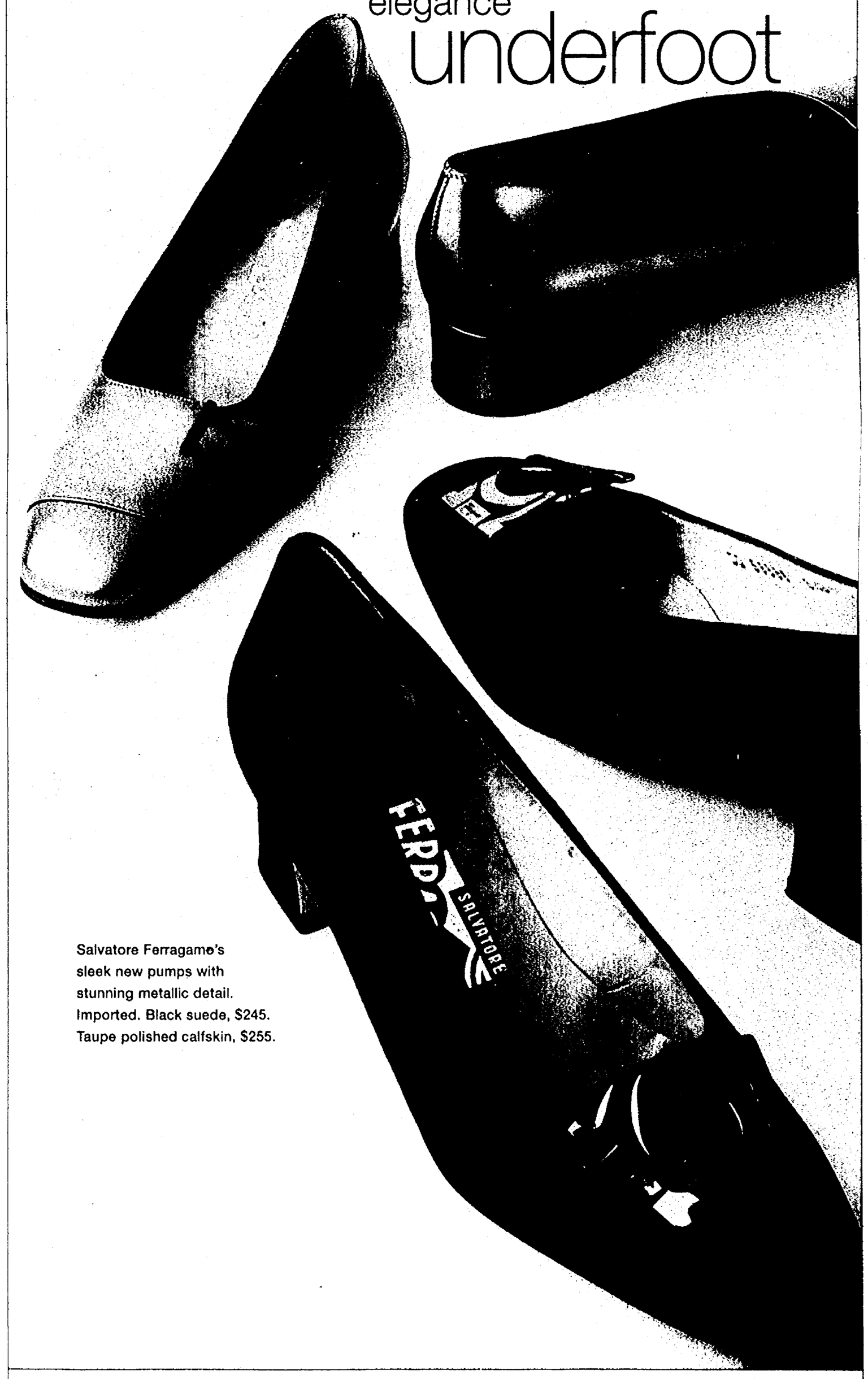

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

■ ***7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15***

Sleepy Storytime

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■ ***10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17***

Toddler Tales

A 20-minute storytime for children ages 18-36 months. This activity time will include age-appropriate stories, songs, fingerplays, flannelboards, puppets and more to capture the attention of the young ones. Each toddler must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required for sessions in Community Meeting Room A. There are two sessions, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

■ ***10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17***

Preschooler Storytime

For children ages 3-5. It will involve them in the world of stories through the use of visual, audio and interactive techniques. Participants will sing, read stories, perform action rhymes, watch flannelboard stories and have a great time. This storytime is intended to be an independent exercise for the preschooler. No registration is required for sessions in the Children's Activity Room. There are two sessions, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

GET THAT CARD

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. All kids from birth to age 12 who register for a library card at the library in Westland in September will receive a coupon for a free child's meal at Applebee's. Special thanks go to Applebee's for supporting the library and literacy in the community.

SPECIAL THANKS

• Special thanks go to Sam's Club for sponsoring a storytime at the library on Sept. 3. Sam's Club provided snacks, bookbags and a donated book in celebration of National Literacy Month.

• Also, thanks to Councilwoman Justine Barns for appearing as the library's guest story reader at the Sam's Club storytime. She read "Rumble in the Jungle" and helped to make the storytime a success.

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Bentley bricks

Project helps area graduates remember

Bentley graduates will have the chance to have their name inscribed on a brick used to create a pathway at the former high school in Livonia.

The first planning session of the "Bentley Brick Brigade" takes place at 7 pm. Sept. 16 in the first floor conference room at Livonia City Hall.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to put our alumni spirit to work," said Laura Toy, Livonia city treasurer and 1970 Bentley graduate who heads the newly formed brigade committee.

"The conception I have in mind is a brick pathway on the Bentley grounds in a very focal area that will remain for years to come for all to see and be proud of."

Those who come to the meeting can bring names and phone numbers of Bentley classmates who might be interested in buying a brick, she said.

Portions of the former high school will be demolished, starting sometime this year. Classes will continue at the Bentley Center for at least three years. After that, the fate of the building at Five Mile and Hubbard will be determined.

It is hoped that plans will emerge for a recreation/community center run by the city at the site.

The brick walkway inscribed with names is expected to be a lasting tribute to alumni and friends of Bentley. Bricks used will be from the partially demolished building.

For further information, contact Toy at (313) 466-2426 or fax her at (313) 421-3572.

MedMax plans event for kids

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

"Kids' Day" will feature a variety of activities and surprises for children of all ages and their families.

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

OBITUARIES

HUBERT M. FUSON

Funeral services for Hubert Fuson, 69, of Westland were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Fredrick Weaver

Mr. Fuson died Sept. 2 in Dearborn. He was a supervisor.

Surviving are: stepson, Bobby Merrymen; stepdaughter, Gloria Neideffer; brother, Charles Fuson; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr. Fuson was preceded in death by his wife, Estelle.

ELIZABETH F. DURAND

Funeral services for Elizabeth Durand, 95, of Florida were recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. Officiating was the Rev. Rocky Barra of the Tri-City Christian Center, Canton.

Mrs. Durand, who died Sept. 2 in Brooksville, Fla., was born in Cannel, Ky. She was a Westland resident 40 years before living in Florida. She worked for A & P Tea Company (formerly Farmer Jack) for 23 years. She was a member of Rebecca Lodge.

Surviving are: daughter, Jean Donnelly of Florida; four grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Durand was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene. They were married 38 years.

ELIZABETH BARNEY

Funeral services for Elizabeth Barney, 90, of Westland were recently in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Officiating was the Rev. John Paton of Temple Baptist Church.

Mrs. Barney, who died Sept. 4 in Westland, was born in Wharton, N.J. She was a domestic housekeeper.

Surviving are: sons, Robert of Canton, Ken; daughter, Frances Kuschel of Westland; sister, Helen Koch; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Barney was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Sr., and son, Theodore Jr.

GENEVIEVE ABBOTT

Funeral services for Genevieve Abbott, 83, of Westland were at St. Theodore Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Abbott, who died Sept. 3 in Livonia, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, John, Bill, Daniel; daughters, Mary Ann Coon, Jane Bollerud, Beverly Schan; sister, June Cummins; and 11 grandchildren.

Mrs. Abbott was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene, and son, Donald.

ROGER V. HATCHER

Funeral services for Roger Hatcher, 52, of Westland were recently in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Spitza.

Mr. Hatcher died Sept. 2 in Westland. He was a computer analyst.

Surviving are: wife, Carolyn; sons, Steven, Alan, Craig; brother, Jerry; sisters, Ilene Rader, Betty Augustus, Phyllis Foster; and three grandchildren.

CAROLINE R. LAVELY

Funeral services for Caroline Lavely, 87, of Westland were recently in St. John the Baptist Church, Dearborn Heights, with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Edwin W. Balazy. Special services were by St. John Rosary Altar Society and Knights of Columbus Prayers. Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Michigan Special Olympics and N.W. Communities Association for Retarded Citizens.

Mrs. Lavely, who died Sept. 5 in Farmington Hills, was born in LaSalle, Ill. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Kenneth of Westland, Robert, William, Richard; daughters, Betty Sponholtz, Dorothy Foklen, Linda Simmons of Livonia, Mary Coste; sister, Marcella Raef; 22 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Lavely was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore.

DOROTHY SIMMS

Funeral services for Dorothy Simms, 79, of Westland were recently in St. Theodore Catholic Church with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Local arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Simms, who died Sept. 2 in Garden City, was born in Highland Park. She was a cosmetologist.

Surviving are: sons, Harold and Michael; daughters, Mary Houle and Kathleen; and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Simms was preceded in death by her husband, Harold.

LILLIAN DLUZNIEWSKI

Funeral services for Lillian Dluzniewski, 96, of Howell were recently in St. Theodore Catholic Church, Westland, with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Officiating was the Rev. Daniel Zaleski. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

Mrs. Dluzniewski, who died Aug. 30 in Howell, was born in Detroit. She was a Westland resident for more than 20 years. She was owner of a grocery store in Detroit for 30 years. She was a former member of St. Theodore Catholic Church of Westland.

Surviving are: son, Donald of Milford; daughter, Ruth Quillin of Florence, Ky.; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

RALPH D. YOUNG SR.

Funeral services for Ralph Young Sr., 85, of Westland were recently in St. Linus Catholic Church, Dearborn Heights, with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Randall Phillips. Local arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association and Father Flanagan's Boys Home.

Mr. Young, who died Sept. 6 in Detroit, was born in Detroit. He was a truck driver.

Surviving are: sons, Ralph Jr., Kenneth; daughters, Sharon Pay of Westland, Suzanne Kamm; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Young was preceded in death by his wife, Lida, and son, Robert.

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Judge turns down move to block gas tax

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State government is free to continue collecting the new 4-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax after an Ingham County judge refused an anti-tax group's request to block it.

Judge Lawrence M. Glazer late Monday turned down a portion of the suit by Michigan Taxpayers United to block the law, which raised the tax from 15 to 19 cents a gallon effective last Aug. 1.

"It is my view the bill did receive immediate effect," said Glazer after a two-hour hearing.

"It looks as if the tax will stay in place," said Chris DeWitt, spokesman for attorney general Frank Kelley who defended the state.

"We are weighing the possibility of an appeal," said Bill McMaster, Birmingham public relations man, president of MTU and one of the plaintiffs.

The case is still alive, however. MTU still is challenging the gasoline tax hike on a second ground: That a vote of the people is required to raise the total state revenue above 9.4 percent of total personal income of all persons, as defined by the U.S. Commerce Department.

That cap is contained in the 1978 Headlee amendment to the state constitution. McMaster worked on that campaign and heads the organization founded by the now-retired Richard Headlee.

8 months at stake

At stake in Monday's arguments were eight months of gasoline tax collections, some $133 million – from Aug. 1 to about next April 1.

McMaster argued that the tax couldn't be collected until April 1, or 90 days after the Legislature adjourned for the year, because the House had failed to give the bill a two-thirds vote (74) to give it "i.e." or immediate effect.

"I.e." is always used on budget bills because they are passed in June and July, and the fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Most often, it's a consensus vote with no roll call demanded or reported. Lawmakers who voted against a budget bill almost never object to "i.e." Other bills also can get an "i.e."

The gasoline tax was more controversial. The problem was that the House had to pass it twice.

Known has House Bill 4872, the bill won 70-26 and immediate effect in the House on June 26. The Senate made many amendments and finally passed its own eighth version, known has HB 4872 (S-8), on a 20-16 with no controversy over immediate effect.

Both chambers must pass the identical version of a bill for it to become law, so HB 4872 (S-8) was sent back to the House. Long past midnight on July 16, the House passed the measure 56-48, the bare minimum for passage. But it took no separate "i.e." vote on the S-8 version.

Jaye asks vote

Rep. Dave Jaye, R-Macomb County, sought a separate vote. He submitted to Speaker Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, a petition with signatures of 25 members, three more than needed, asking for a record roll call "i.e." vote.

Local signers included Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. (Kaza liked it so much that he signed twice.)

Hertel said no, citing a January 1997 policy change in which the House leadership said it would not take a separate "i.e." vote on Senate amendments; the June 26 "i.e." was deemed sufficient. Judge Glazer agreed.

MTU's chances are still alive. If it wins later, it could ask the court 1) either to order a refund of the excess gasoline tax through an income tax refund or 2) reduce the gasoline tax four cents to 11-cents-a-gallon for an appropriate period of time.

How they voted

HB 4872 (S-8) passed 56-48. Here is how area lawmakers voted:

Yes – Lyn Bankes, R-Redford.

No – Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Not voting – Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. (Law's excused absence has the effect of a no vote.)

Several area members voting no placed their objections in the permanent House Journal. Excerpts from their remarks:

Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake objected that "one-fourth of the tax increase will got to bridges which are mostly in Wayne County."

Deborah Whyman, R-Canton: "This gas tax increase offers no significant reform for the roads in my district. The vast majority of my roads are maintained by Wayne County, which spends 25 cents of every dollar on administrative overhead; Oakland County spends 13 cents. Throwing money at the roads will not fix them. Reform is necessary."

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Working: *Marge Orrin of Farmington, who is volunteering her time with her church, Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church, routers a 4-by-4 to help out with the Playscape in Westland. Her grandchildren live in Garden City and will have fun with the Playscape. In the background are Janet Townsend and Pat Wright of Westland.*

Playscape volunteers get going

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The skies were cloudy but dispositions sunny as work began Tuesday morning on the Westland Playscape.

Work was going well, said Bob Kosowski, Playscape chairman and Westland Parks and Recreation director. Detroit Edison crews donated their time to dig holes for utility poles.

In the prefabrication tent, workers were cutting wood to specifications. "So we'll be all set," Kosowski said. "We really need people out here, and tools."

About 700 volunteers had signed up as of Tuesday morning. The project at Central City Park, which has been in the works for about a year and a half, will measure 24,000 square feet. Some areas will be suitable for adult use.

"It's mostly for the kids and it is totally handicapped-accessible," said Kosowski, who planned to do some heavy-duty work himself.

He and other organizers appreciated food donated by a number of area businesses. "When you're talking feeding 300 people, that's a lot of money."

Project organizers hope to be done by approximately 5 p.m. Sunday. They were concerned about the rain, but said the structure had to be built this week. The consultants are in town just this week, so organizers plan to work through rain.

"Unless we get some really bad weather, it'll be done," Kosowski said. "I'll be praying a lot."

One volunteer Tuesday was Dan-el Ponath of Southfield. "I'm just trying to help out," he said, adding that he and other Ameritech Cellular employees were working on the Westland Playscape.

Ponath has two children, ages 1 and 5. "When it's all done, I'll bring them back," he said.

Teamwork: *Bill Ripper of Westland and April Shepler of Wayne work on maze cubes for the Playscape. For information on volunteering, call (313) 467-3198.*

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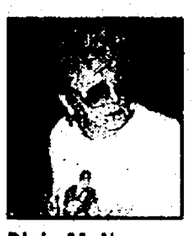

Dixie McNa

support from political heavyweights such as council members Charles Pickering and Glenn Anderson and former Councilman/Mayor/State Rep. Thomas Brown.

As McNa and Mehl addressed some 75 supporters at Blarney Bay Pub on Warren, McNa pledged to steer her supporters to Mehl.

"Ken Mehl is not the bad man – Thomas is," McNa told the crowd. "If all of us team up together, we can beat him. We're going to beat him."

Mehl told supporters he isn't worried by Tuesday's vote totals. Mehl vowed that he can beat Thomas if his supporters work to get out the vote Nov. 4.

"We can win this election," he said.

Mehl said he must educate voters that Thomas isn't financially responsible with taxpayer money and that he has failed to keep promises he made to his constituents.

"What we've got to do is bring out the issues that we know are there," he said. "And we've got to get the vote out."

Mehl and Thomas have been longtime political enemies, and Mehl didn't soften his tone Tuesday.

"I disliked Bob Thomas the first day I met him, and he has not done a good job," Mehl told his supporters.

Thomas defended his job performance and said vote totals indicate that voters reject Mehl's claims. Thomas said voters have noticed his administration's accomplishments, such as beefed-up medical rescue and community police programs and a new city library.

"I think people have seen the city grow," he said. "I think people in other communities are starting to look at Westland as the place to move to."

Thomas didn't seem threatened that Mehl and McNa will team up in hopes of fueling a Mehl victory in November.

"We're going to have a superheavy campaign now," Thomas said. "Now we really crank up the volume."

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Victorious: *Mayor Robert Thomas (left) and Bill Anderson watch vote totals come in Tuesday night.*

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Waiting: *Kenneth Mehl (right) and Neal Greenfield wait for totals. Mehl will be on the November ballot.*

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Local school administrators head back to class at UM-D

Thirty administrators from 10 Wayne County school districts including Garden City, Livonia, Redford Union and Wayne-Westland are going back to school this fall, learning about the changes in public education.

The administrators are students in a new leadership academy established by the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education and the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL), a collaborative of 10 school districts in western Wayne County.

"The Leadership Academy will provide problem-focused, case-driven, active learning experiences or practicing and aspiring school leaders directed toward the identified needs of the school districts," according to Michael Wilmot, superintendent of Garden City Schools and president of MAISL.

Administrators in the program will attend four full-day workshops at UM-D focused on a range of issues including violence in schools, using the Internet to enhance teaching and learning, ethnic and racial diversity in schools and "leadership or the new millennium."

Participating are:

■Garden City - Judith Richards, principal at Memorial Elementary School; Keith Anlietner principal at Farmington Elementary School and Ben Alalouf, assistant principal at Garden City High School.

■Livonia - Lorna Durand, principal at Cooper-at-Whittier Elementary School; Laura Wallace, assistant principal at Holmes Middle School and Rod Hosman, principal at Churchill High School.

■Redford Union - Ken Johnson, superintendent RU Schools; Linda Pallas, director of instructional services RU Schools and Donna Rhodes, principal, Bowman Elementary School.

■Wayne-Westland - Neil Thomas, principal, John Glenn High School; Darlene Scott, principal, Franklin Middle School and Sally Perkins, principal, Elliott Elementary School.

"One of the big issues that public schools will have to deal with in the very near future is posed by competition, which they never really faced before," according to John Poster, dean of UM-D's School of Education.

"The growth in charter schools, home schooling and open enrollments, as well as the prospect of some sort of voucher system, all mean that public schools will need to develop a focus on "customer relations,'" Poster said. " It will require a different orientation and a significant amount of training for school administrators."

Wilmot called the program "the first step in a partnership among K-12 districts and UM-D to develop administrative skills among the leadership of our public schools' Wilmot said. "It's a classic example of the kind of cooperation and partnership what we all should be doing more of."

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Children aged 9 to 12 are eligible to register, and they do not need previous music experience. They will leave the class with a new understanding of how to make music and, if they bring an empty tape cassette, a copy of the finished product.

The class begins Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and the fee is $75. For information, call (313) 462-4448.

New Internet column debuts Sunday

Veteran broadcast and print journalist Mike Wendland, best known in the metropolitan Detroit area for his investigative coverage on WDIV-TV Channel 4, will be a featured columnist starting today and every Sunday in the business section of The Observer Newspapers.

Wendland's column, *PC Talk*, will provide readers with useful and down-to-earth information about the Internet and anticipated advances in the ever-changing field of multi-media.

"The Internet has become one of the most powerful mediums of our time," said Wendland, "and an invaluable resource."

Whether you've been surfin' on the net, thinking about catching the wave or afraid to take the big plunge, Wendland said his column will reassure apprehensive users that the Internet is about as easy to maneuver as using your remote control to change the channel on your television set.

"In the early days people were put off by computers because they were difficult to operate, big and hard to understand," said Wendland. "Since then the market has exploded and the accessibility and usefulness has increased enormously. It's a fun and powerful medium that has become such an important part of our everyday lives."

Columnist: *Broadcaster Mike Wendland will write "PC Talk" in Sunday's Observer.*

Speaking as one of the country's leading experts in using the Internet for research and information-gathering, Wendland travels the globe lecturing to corporations and civic, religious and professional organizations.

The author of a series of books, he also hosts a call-in radio program dealing with the world of personal computers and the Internet. His PC Talk radio program is heard every Saturday from 3-5 p.m. on Detroit's Talk Station, AM 1270, WXYT. Two of his technology segments, High Tech Talk and Net Surfin', are distributed to 215 NBC stations nationwide on the NBC NewsChannel and are aired on CNBC's popular "Steals and Deals" program.

"I've been using computers since the 1980s as an investigative reporter and as a tool in teaching others," said Wendland. "The Internet has the capacity to help us make our lives better by transmitting hard-to-find information that would otherwise be buried in books and libraries."

His weekly column will feature "neat sites," says Wendland and links as well as tips on making the Internet work for you and your family.

"There's a glutton of valuable information individuals, families and their children can use. I hope to help them understand what it means to be online and to make that fear go away."

Wendland says he will gladly accept readers suggestions, questions and links to their favorite sites. You can also visit his extensive Web site at www.pcmike.com where he receives more than 200 e-mail messages a day.

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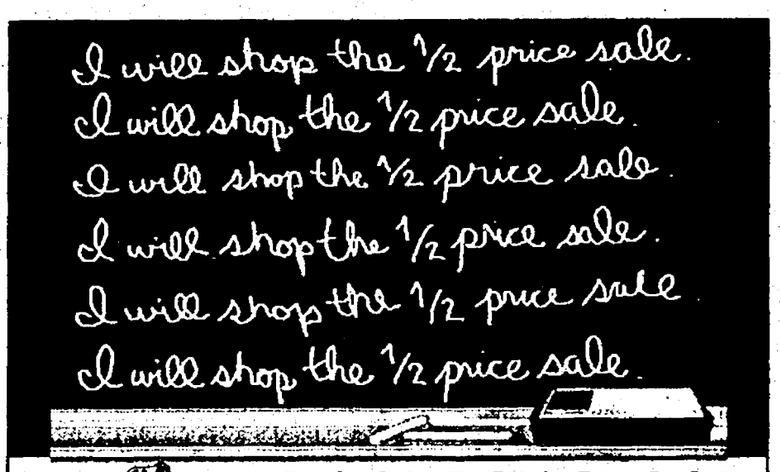

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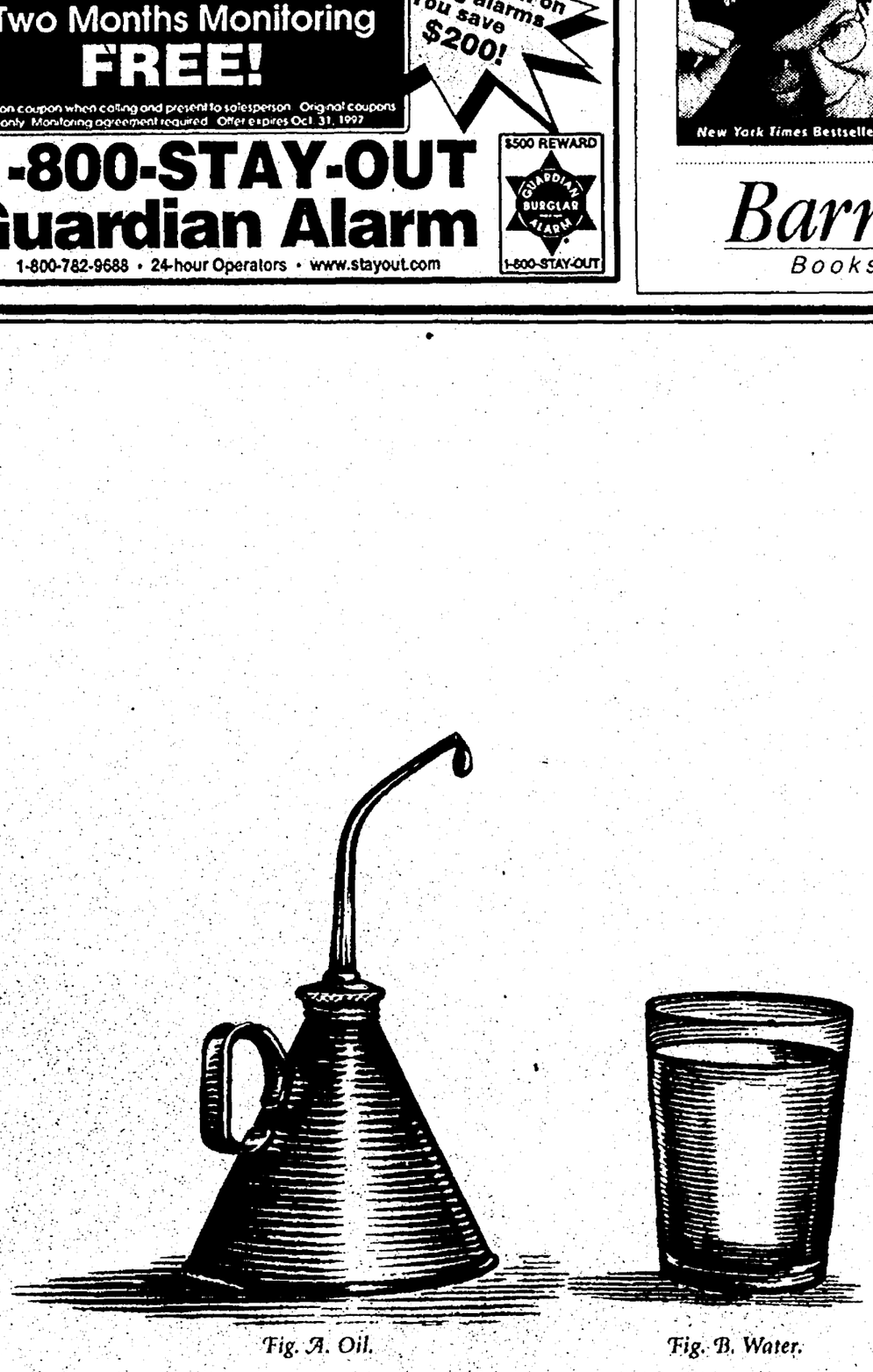

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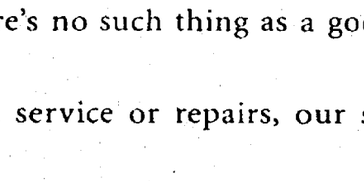

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Carriers, families honored at Observer annual picnic

More than 500 young newspaper carriers and their families turned out last month for the Second Annual Carrier Appreciation Picnic hosted by the Observer Newspapers.

The Observer Newspapers provided food, prizes, games and clowns for the event which was held at Camp Dearborn in Milford. Disc jockey Jeffrey Pausch played music for the crowd.

"The weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed themselves," said Larry Geiger, circulation manager for the Observer Newspapers. "This is an annual event which we all look forward to and like to plan."

"We'll be at Camp Dearborn again next year. We appreciate all of our carriers and this is just one way we can show them just how much their work is valued," said Geiger.

Joe Zaremba, an Observer carrier from Livonia, said his family had a very good time. They won a $100 gift certificate to Parisian.

Crowd pleasing: *Sunny skies provided the perfect backdrop for the second annual Observer Newspaper Carrier Appreciation Picnic. Picnicgoers lined up for fun at the event held at Camp Dearborn. Plans are underway for next year's special event.*

Madonna University workshop to explore gender differences

Madonna University in Livonia will offer the workshop, "She Said, He Said: Gender Differences in Organizational Communication" on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The non-credit fee is $95. Students earn 1.2 continuing education units.

Students may register by mail, fax and in-person. Since course registrations are verified by mail, students are advised to sign up as early as possible to ensure their space and receive timely confirmation.

Non-credit learners are welcome to enroll in most of the University's undergraduate credit courses, provided they meet the prerequisites and/or have the permission of the instructor.

For information, call (313) 432-5731 or fax (313) 432-5364.

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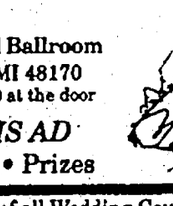

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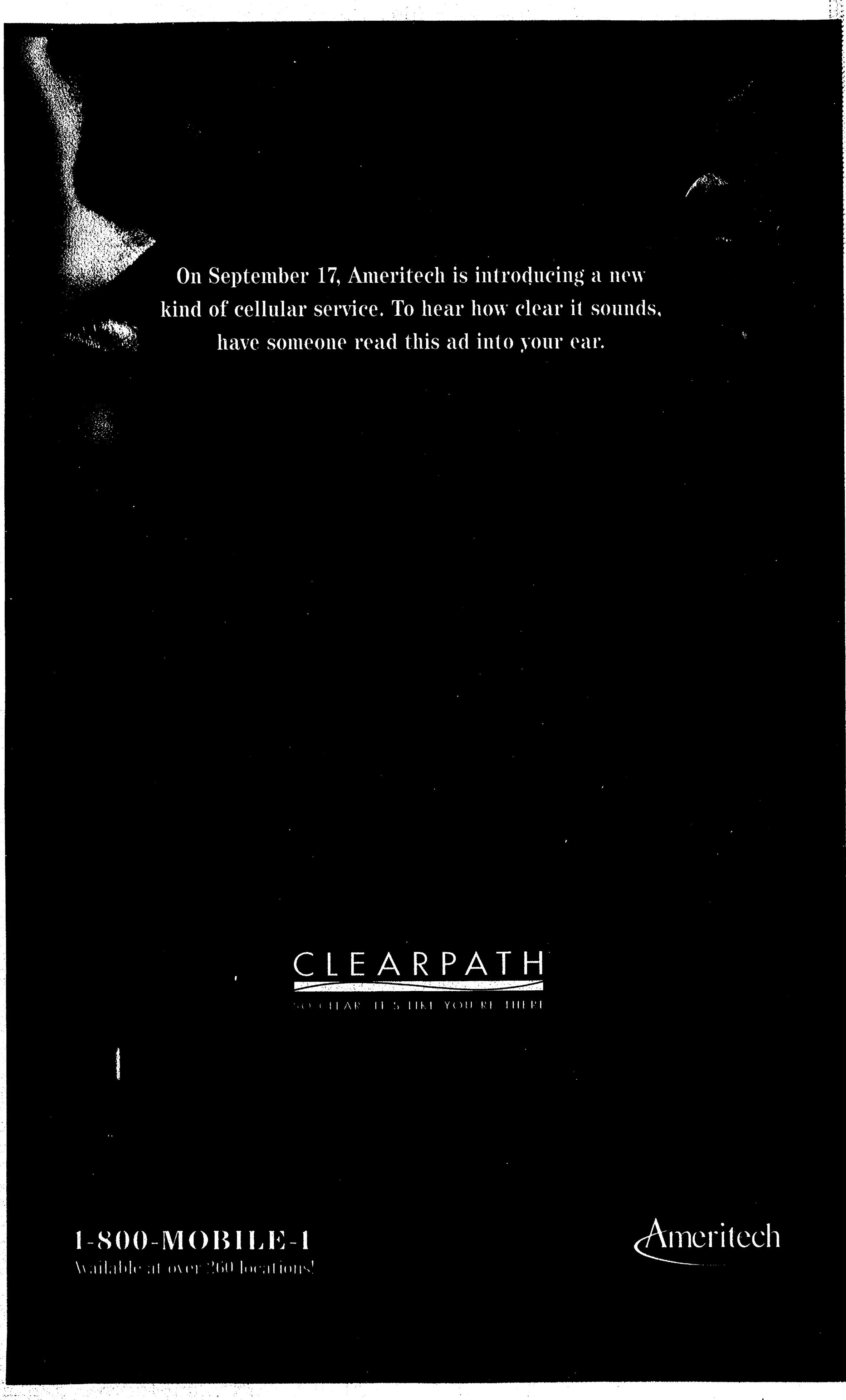
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SC culinary fest aids scholarship fund

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Hungry for some exotic foods and extraordinary cuisine?

Well, if you have a palate for adventure and want to help contribute to a college scholarship fund, you can visit the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College on Sunday, Sept. 21 for the Sixth Annual Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 60 restaurants from southeastern Michigan will be represented to highlight this year' theme, "Join the Adventure." Restaurant fare features everything from Maine lobster and rock shrimp risotto from Morels in Birmingham to Black Angus pot roast from the Innkeeper Restaurant at Metro Airport.

The event will move from the Waterman Center to McDowell Center (faces Haggerty Road) to allow easier access for patrons from parking lots and give restaurants and patrons open areas near McDowell's main stairway on all three floors, according to Saundra Florek, dean of marketing and development for Schoolcraft College.

"We want to give visitors more of a feeling of being in the same area at the same time," Florek said.

Organizers hope to draw more than 800 patrons, the number of visitors last year. The event raised more than $100,000 last year; this year's goal is $120,000. Money raised enters Schoolcraft's scholarship fund. All culinary arts students receive a scholarship for helping with the event, Florek said.

Tickets for the event are $40 per person or two tickets for $75.

The event features food samples, a silent auction for wine, a raffle drawing and mini seminars on food-related topics. Beth Moceri, coordinator of special events, said Michigan-made wines will be featured at the wine auction, along with French and California wines. The Michigan wines were donated by the Michigan Grape Wine Industry Council.

Culinary extravaganza: *More than 60 restaurants from southeastern Michigan will be represented to highlight this year's theme, "Join the Adventure." Restaurant fare features everything from Maine lobster and rock shrimp to Black Angus pot roast.*

Patrons can donate in various scholarship packages: Partner, $25,000; Platinum, $5,000; Diamond, $2,500; Gold, $1,000; Silver, $500, and Bronze, $250.

Two sponsors already stand out in organizers' minds. Bill Greenman, owner of a Speedy Printing in Livonia, printed invitations and promotional materials for the event.

"It's incredible to have someone do that for us," Moceri said. "It's a huge donation."

Glenda's Market in Livonia also will decorate all the floors of the building with flowers, greenery, silks and living plants.

Volunteers, such as David Brandon, CEO of Valassis Inc., assist the event greatly through their efforts. "There's no way we could do this event by ourselves," Florek said.

To take a break from the gourmet food, participants can attend one of several free mini-seminars on topics such as pastries and desserts, champagne and dessert wines for the holidays or how to work with chocolate. More than 100 bottles of wine will be displayed, and later auctioned. Auction items also include a VIP tour and wine-tasting for six at Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula near Traverse City and sets of tickets to the Michigan-Michigan State and Michigan-Ohio State football games.

The first-prize winner in the raffle will receive a framed jersey from this year's Stanley Cup champions, the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman. The second prize is the lease of a Jaguar for two weeks from Jaguar of Plymouth. A diamond and amethyst ring from Orin Jewelers is the third prize and the fourth prize is a trip to Las Vegas for two, staying at the Imperial Palace donated by Livonia Travel.

Raffle tickets are $5 each or three for $10.

Florek believes the event is appropriate for Schoolcraft, which houses what she calls the "best culinary arts program in the nation."

"Many restaurants are willing to cooperate because they know we educate many of the people who will be working in their restaurants. Everyone talks about the cost of education, and I think it's a fun way to raise money so that students can go to college."

For tickets, call the college's Office of Marketing and Development at (313) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are accepted, or checks can be made out to Schoolcraft College Foundation.

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

SPECIAL EVENTS

FALL MUTT MARCH
It's time to collect pledges for the Michigan Humane Society Fall Mutt March Saturday, Sept. 20. Walkers will collect pledges for each of the five miles collected, then begin their trek anytime between 10 a.m. and noon at Nankin Mills Station, at Edward Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. Those who walk with pets should bring proof of rabies, parvo and distemper vaccinations. All dogs must remain on a leash. Registration and pledge forms are available at Michigan Humane Society locations, including 37255 Marquette in Westland. For information, call (313) 721-7300.

BAND INVITATIONAL
The 12th Annual John Glenn High School Marching Band Invitational is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette. About 15 bands from across the state will compete and will be judged on marching, winds, percussion, execution and color guard. Cost is $5 for adults, $3 for students and seniors, under 5 free, and a family price of $15.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL
A Halloween Festival '97 will be hosted by Wayne County Parks. At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, songstress/puppeteer Maureen Schiffman and her puppet pal Coco will present "Coco's Halloween Show." The performance will be at Nankin Park, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. There is no charge. There will be hayrides and family activities. For information, call (313) 261-1990.

RECREATION

POOL OPEN
The Bailey pool and waterslide will be open weekends only, weather permitting, this month. Call Debbie Lindquist at (313) 722-7620 for information.

RECREATION AND FUN
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

AEROBICS
The Wayne/Westland Family YMCA will offer low-impact aerobics 6-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday and step aerobics 7-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the YMCA, 827 S. Wayne in Westland. These new programs will begin the week of Sept. 15. For registration information, call (313) 721-7044.

BOATING CLASSES
Classes on safe boating will be offered in September in Westland by the United States Power Squadron. It is a free, six-week course to prepare new boaters for survival and fun on the water. An optional student kit is available for $28 that contains a comprehensive manual and plotting equipment. Courses will be offered 7-9 p.m. Sept. 16 at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, and 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, in Westland. No pre-registration is required. Call (313) 278-1784 for more information.

BALLROOM DANCE
Redford Parks and Recreation offers a 10-week dance class, starting 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Arthur Vanderberg Elementary School, Redford. Price is $22. Singles or couples are welcome. For registration information, call (248) 471-4168.

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

AT THE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS
The next storytime session will run for six weeks with Session I running through the week of Sept. 21 and Session II from the weeks of Oct. 12 through Nov. 16. Sleepy Storytime will be 7 p.m. Mondays. Toddler tales (18-36 months) and Just for Me Preschool Time (3-5 years) will be held 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

AUTHORS VISIT
The staff at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has announced a panel discussion in the library's community meeting room 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, with authors William Kienzle, Tom Grace, Lee Meadows and S.E. Schenkel. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Murder, Mystery and Mayhem, a mystery bookstore in Farmington. Free tickets will be available at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Seating space is limited and a ticket is required for admission.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
The Wayne-Westland Community Schools 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 Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL
The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

PLUS PRESCHOOL
Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus Program is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half-days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify. Call (313) 595-2688.

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 Ave., Inkster. (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 good, 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 Internet. Call (313) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS
Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road in Livonia, has openings in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon session for 3- to 5-year-olds. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM
The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET
Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 p.m. at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

GOLF OUTING
The Friends of the Helen C. Brown Westland Historical Museum will hold a nine-hole, two-golfer scramble golf outing Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Westland Municipal Golf Course, on Merriman south of Cherry Hill. Tee times begin at 9 a.m. Price is $25 per golfer. There will be trophies for the winning team members, longest drive and closest to the pin. Door prizes will be offered. To reserve a time, call (313) 721-6660. Money raised will benefit the museum.

FOR SENIORS

NEW CLASS
Orientation for the new class of Creative Photo Albums will begin 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 22. Sign up at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Westland, or call 722-7632.

LADBROKE
The Westland Senior Resources Department is planning a trip to Ladbroke DRC Thursday, Oct. 9. Seniors will leave 12:30 p.m., have lunch at the race course, and return 6:30 or 7 p.m. The trip is open to the first 19 paid members who sign up. Price is $18. For information, call 722-7632.

THEATER TRIP
The Westland Senior Resources Department is planning a trip to the Toledo Stranahan (Masonic) Theater. Participants will leave 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, enjoy the comedy of Charlie Prose and music, have lunch and return 7:30-8 p.m. The trip is open to the first 19 paid members who sign up. Price is $45. For information, call 722-7632.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE
Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware and a kiln. For information, call 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP
The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a $3 membership fee for residents, $12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP
The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB
The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL
The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is $5 for members and $7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN
Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE
Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members $5, non-members $7. (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL
Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, house work, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (313) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER
The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-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 held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

FAMILIES SOUGHT
Organizers from the Youth for Understanding group in this area are seeking families from Westland and Wayne to serve as host families for some 50 foreign exchange students visiting this country. Program fees are paid by students and their parents raised through community projects or funded by scholarships. Students have their own medical insurance and bring their own spending money. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and usually live here for about 11 months, starting in mid-August. Some six-month hosting opportunities are also available. For more information or to host a student, call Jeffrey Meyer at (313) 467-9762.

DRIVERS NEEDED
Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are held from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road just south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Call 459-0216 or 421-4208 for information. The support group serves residents of Westland, Plymouth and Livonia and surrounding communities.

FOSTER CARE
Youth Living Centers are looking for people to open their homes and hearts to children who need foster care. Training and supportive services provided. To learn more about becoming part of the Foster Care Team, call Gina Velez, (313) 728-3400.

FOOD DELIVERY
Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. (313) 326-4444.

BINGO

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The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. (313) 728-3020.

MONDAY BINGO
The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. (313) 728-3020.

WFCL BINGO
The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League Hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEMS' BINGO
The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO
The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS
The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. (313) 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO
There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO
"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of $400, $300 and $200.

NO SMOKE
"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

JAYCEES
Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying $250, $300 and $300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO
The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. (313) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

LUNCHEON, CARDS
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7575 Auxiliary will hold a luncheon and card party noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Ford and Venoy. There will be door prizes, raffles and table prizes. Donation is $4.

VFW AUXILIARY
Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin, (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia and Redford.

WEEKENDERS
The Weekenders family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

FREE CLASSES
The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

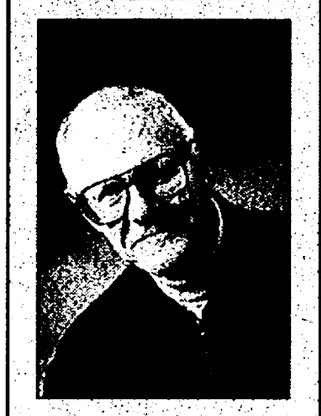
HOLY SMOKE MASTERS
The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, Wayne Road across from the Westland Center. Learn the art of speaking in public. Cost is $24 for six months and includes monthly magazine and learning manuals. Call (313) 326-5419 for information

HOST LIONS
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information, (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, (313) 326-1466.

AMBASSADORS
Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. (313) 729-5409.

Book talk



Library program: *Mystery writer William X. Kienzle will be joined by authors Tom Grace, Lee Meadows and S.E. Schenkel for "A Night of Mystery" 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. To reserve tickets, call (313) 326-6123. Seating is limited.*

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 313-591-7279.** *Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2111 if you have any questions.*

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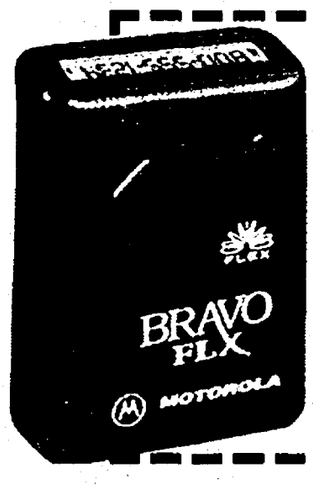

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Applause

Playscape brings out the best

They may have a few splinters, but volunteers working on the Westland Playscape have no regrets.

They've been working hard for more than a year now, raising money and doing whatever was necessary to erect the wooden play structure at Central City Park. Mayor Robert Thomas had seen similar structures, designed by Robert Leathers & Associates, in other communities and decided to bring the concept to Westland.

It took more than one person to bring that dream to fruition. This week, the volunteers have been putting the pieces in place. Even young children have helped out by washing tires. Child care and food at the site have made it possible for the volunteers to keep working hard.

Many businesses and individuals have worked on the project, and all should share in a sense of pride when it's completed within the next few days.

On a related note, the summer concert series sponsored by the Westland Cultural Society in cooperation with Westland Parks and Recreation also shows what dedication can do. Volunteers, working with the city, have been able to produce musical entertainment ranging from country-western to light rock to Big Band.

Such offerings enrich the quality of life in our community, simply making it a better place to live. The cooperation between volunteer groups and local government shows just what can be accomplished when motivated, dedicated people put their heads – and hearts – together.

■ Children will grow up, as they do, but memories of the Playscape will remain. The wooden play structure will be the site for many happy hours spent by Westland's families, in particular its young people.

The Playscape is particularly impressive, and will be critical in fostering a sense of community in Westland. Those who gather to play in Central City Park will know that many people cared enough about them to set aside time from work and other duties and get cracking on the Playscape.

Children will grow up, as they do, but memories of the Playscape will remain. The wooden play structure will be the site for many happy hours spent by Westland's families, in particular its young people. In fact, the project owes its name, Imagination Play Station, to 7-year-old Ben Maple of Westland, the winner of a contest to name the structure.

Those who volunteered their time, money and talents for the Playscape project deserve the thanks of an appreciative community. The structure, when completed, will stand as a monument to the sense of commitment exhibited by so many in the Westland community.

Autumn a time for reflecting

Who would think that death could be so beautiful?

We're talking autumn here. We know, of course, that the sensational orange, red and yellow leaves that will soon dazzle our neighborhoods are really dying.

The honking of migrating geese saying, "Farewell, farewell our friends," fills the air.

Pulverized apples provide a sip of sensual delight.

The days grow shorter and cooler. The season is short. Too short.

Autumn is a bridge between the unfulfilled promises of summer and the certainty of a bitter winter. It's lost opportunity, but delightful memories.

Many folks think about their mortality at this time of year. The recent deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Teresa drive home the point that life is temporary and fragile, just like gorgeous leaves falling from trees.

Where are we going? How do we want to be remembered?

Autumn is the perfect time for reflection, to recall where we've been, to take a reading of where we are and to set a course where we want to sail.

Phone use offers challenges

Technology is supposed to make things easier. And although it's true most of the time, the learning curve can be a bear.

When it comes to using the telephone, consumers and business owners will need to pay attention to changes coming soon and throughout next year.

Southeast Michigan's new 248 area code becomes "official" Saturday. Beginning that day, people outside the 248 area must dial 1 + 248 before entering the seven-digit number.

A small section of Livonia and Northville in western Wayne County along with parts of Washtenaw and Livingston counties and most of Oakland County are part of the 248 area code. Callers who do not use the 248 area code when required will hear a recording telling them they need to dial again using 248.

Starting in mid-December, Wayne County (outside of Detroit) along with Monroe and the majority of Washtenaw counties can begin using the 734 area code. The 734 code becomes mandatory July 25, 1998.

Business customers are encouraged to test their internal phone system to determine if it recognizes the new area code. Older business phone systems may not be equipped or programmed to accept the newer area codes. Until 1995, area codes always had a "1" or "0" as the middle digit. But because the supply of old codes has been depleted, new area codes have middle digits that use the numbers "2" through "9."

To test their systems, businesses can call 1 (248) 253-9717. Callers will hear a message telling them their call has been completed successfully. Failure to reach the message means phone equipment may need to be reprogrammed, upgraded or replaced.

The telecommunications boom is marching forward. Don't let the number jumble get the best of you when placing a call.

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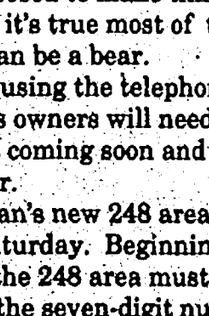
QUESTION:

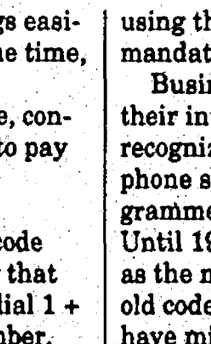
Did you watch Princess Diana's funeral on TV?

We asked this question at Kroger on Ford in Westland.



"Oh, it was out of this world. So many people cared so much for her."

Evie Ruchala
Westland



"I didn't. Just off and on briefly."

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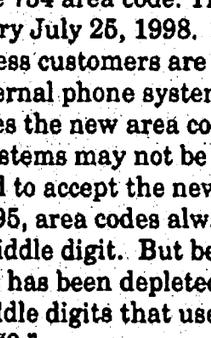

"Some of it. I thought it was very sad and touching."

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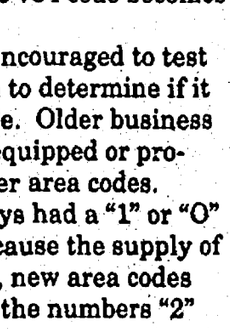

"I didn't get to see the funeral, but I saw reruns of it."

Mary Moore
Westland

Move those feet

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Seniors dance day away: *Seniors participate in a line dancing class at the Friendship Center in Westland. Such activities help seniors stay healthy.*

LETTERS

Move criticized

On Monday, Aug. 18, 1997, the Wayne-Westland Board of Education took the unprecedented step of informing one group of its students and employees that they would no longer be covered under the district's anti-harassment and discrimination policies. That night, in a 6-1 vote, the board deleted "sexual orientation" from all existing policies of the district. By doing so, the board has insured the following:

■ That gay and lesbian teachers, staff and board members will continue to live their lives in fear in the closet.

■ That gay and lesbian students will continue to be terrified of being "found out" and facing the inevitable hostility that will follow without the benefit of protection from the schools that are sworn to their safety.

■ That right wing religious zealots masquerading as Christians (and the board's fear of them) will continue to be the driving force behind decisions made by the board.

■ That any shred of credibility or integrity by the board has disappeared.

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education has done more than alter its policies. They have shown their true colors of homophobia, hostility and cowardice.

Michael P. Chiumento
Westland

Dumbfounded

As a mother of a gay child, I was totally dumbfounded to see that the school board members of the Wayne-Westland School District took away the rights of gay and lesbian students by revoking a policy to protect gay students from discrimination.

They must not understand the difficulties these children face. Some are so frightened that who they "really" are will be found out that they live a lie for most of their childhood and on into their adult lives. I know my son, who attended school in Wayne-Westland and who recently came out of the closet, shared some very disturbing stories of how he was treated by fellow students and teachers in the Wayne-Westland School District. At one point, he said he was so intimidated that he thought of taking his own life.

The members of the board of education have no idea just how damaging their actions really are. For many students who learned they had rights in January when a unanimous approval was given to add sexual orientation to the policies that prohibit discrimination and harassment, many students felt free to tell friends about their secret identities.

I personally know one of these students who is a friend of my son. Now, that same student, who has been ridiculed in the past, has no protection. I hope you don't end up with the blood of some distraught teen-ager on your hands. Because if a teen-ager is pushed to the breaking point and kills himself or herself, it will be the fault of the actions of each and every member of the Wayne-Westland school board who voted to take these simple two words out of the policies because they were fearful for their own political careers and not for saving the lives of students. Unfortunately, it will be all of us taxpayers who will have to pay the price when a lawsuit surfaces.

H. Strong
Westland

Remembering Benyo

So many nice things have been said about Joe Benyo and I'm thankful for that. I never thought he got enough credit for many things he did for others and always seemed to be in the background.

One thing wasn't mentioned, the many pictures he took. We have had no one to replace him since he was unable to do it. Many people will miss that, especially at the council meetings, for just one example. He'll be missed in many ways.

Betty Savage
Westland

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Diana's life and death have lessons for us all

Most of us grew up listening to fairy tales. As adults, we read these same fairy tales to the little children in our lives. In the stories, none embodied those virtues more than the princess.

It is, perhaps, a credit to these fairy tales that we so often use the word "princess" as a term of endearment for the little girls in our lives. As the father of a young lady, I know how strong the desire is to see our children attain a life of such boundless joy and fulfillment. It seems only natural that perfection would be defined by the storybook princess.

The more fortunate among us realize early on that such notions are better off stored in the fantasy section of our brains. So many others, it seems, are wracked with frustration and disappointment from trying to keep that dream alive.

Maybe that explains some of the incredible appeal of Princess Diana. At the age of 20, she not only became a princess, she became **the** princess – the bride of the heir to the British throne. She joined the royal family in the grandest wedding ever held, and appeared to have everything necessary for a smooth trip to the road to happily ever after.

Her appeal spread across the range from those who envied her for what she had to those who empathized with her for what she lost. Right before the eyes of the world, she went from enjoying the dream held by so many little children to enduring the despair and insecurity felt by so many adults – her thin regal veneer peeling off to

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reveal a soft core of human frailty. She was, aside from all of the royal trappings, a lot like the rest of us.

In the days since her death, this woman, who had lived as tragically as she died, has been practically deified. The outrageous spectacle of her funeral has become the grandest example of wretched excess since her own wedding. Millions of people jamming the streets of London, billions more watching on television, and media coverage stretching around the world, around the clock have put the fallen princess on a fast train to sainthood. With all due respect to her, all this fuss has become an unbridled orgy of bandwagon grieving.

This ridiculous overreaction to her demise, and overstatement of the greatness of her life, could very easily destroy what I believe is her most significant contribution to humankind. She showed the world that the storybook life is just a myth – that such a vision is merely a mirage, even to those who marry future kings.

It would be a great service to many young people if, because of the lessons of her life, we would ditch the whole fairy-princess, happily-ever-after business.

I hope all of us can draw some value from Diana's death, as well as that of Mother Teresa. One had unlimited material wealth yet died with an impoverished spirit, while the other owned virtually nothing and died with spiritual wealth beyond measure. Both offered us lessons to learn and cherish.

Maybe the storybooks won't be rewritten because of this, but they may take on a different meaning. This time the princess' story didn't have a happy ending, but, then again, her life, just like everyone else's, wasn't really a fairy tale.

Gary Belanger is a Redford resident.

MEAP scores shed light on charter school deficiencies

Advocates of so-called charter schools were silent last week. Why? The MEAP scores came out.

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program tested grades five and eight in writing and science – four scores for every district.

Foes of public schools for decades have beat their drums criticizing "failing public schools," even after the corner was turned in the 1980s. In Michigan, they concocted "public school academies" or charter schools, which would be "freed from the shackles of the state bureaucracy" and more responsive to parents' wishes. The bulk were private schools which converted to get state money.

To put 97 pages of statistics into a nutshell: About one-fourth of charter schools turned in better MEAP performances than the intermediate and local districts around them. Three-fourths were worse.

Let's look at the bottom rung: "not yet proficient" or failing scores.

In Wayne County, 12.1 percent failed the fifth-grade science test, 34.2 fifth-grade writing. Detroit checked in with fifth-grade failure rates of 16.5 and 44.5.

Academy of Detroit–Westland showed fifth-grade failure rates of 37.5 and 66.7 percent; Academy of Detroit-West, 51.3 and 74.4 percent; Caesar Chavez, 33.3 and 66.7; Colin Powell, 50 and 41.7; Gaudior, 33.3 and 41.7; Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse, 36 and 42.1; Sierra Leone, 0 and 35 (good in science, bad in writing); Thomas-Gist, 56.5 and 65.2; and so on.

Any good ones? Aisa Shule's failure rates were 11.1 and 30 percent; Martin Luther King Jr. Education Center had 0 and 0 – everyone at least novice; Summit Academy 5.9 (good in science) and 35.3 (bad in writing).

In Oakland County, the "not yet proficient" scores for fifth grade were 4.7 and 16.5. In Southfield, where many academies are located, public schools scored 8 and 16.7.

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Manoogian Academy reported 14.3 and 7.1 – below average in science, above in writing. Academy of Detroit–East reported 52 and 60 percent; Academy of Detroit-Southfield, 17.2 and 35.7.

Let's look at the eighth grade, where Oakland County scored 13.8 percent failures in science and 16 percent in writing.

Manoogian performed at 18.8 percent and 9.1 percent – again, better in writing but worse in science. Academy of Detroit–Oak Park (with no fifth-grade program) showed bottom-rung scores of 72.4 and 31.6.

Ingham County's fifth-grade flunk rates were 25 and 22.3. Only Sankofa Shule topped the county average in one area, writing, while El Shabazz, Mid-Michigan, and Walter French Academy did worse. The academies' scores also were below Lansing public schools.

Saginaw County had "not yet proficient" scores among 12.7 percent in fifth-grade science and 26.1 percent in writing. At Northlane Academy of Math and Science, the respective scores were 20 and 40 percent. Northlane is noteworthy because science is one of its specialties, and it was one of the intervening defendants on behalf of charter schools in the recent Michigan Supreme Court case.

In Kent County, charter schools looked good. Excel and Vanguard had failure rates a bit below the county average; Vista was above.

But here we come to one of the puzzles of charter schools. Three Kent County academies had only two to six pupils taking the tests; in writing, some had failure rates of 100 percent because the sample size was so tiny. Many other charter schools had dismal scores because only a handful of pupils took the tests.

How can the authorities justify the existence of an academy with two-10 pupils in an entire grade?

Charter fans have an alibi for the dismal scores: They're taking in a lot of students with problems. Of course, they never used that alibi in the 1960s-1980s when city public schools became dumping grounds.

Charter school fans advocate hundreds of more charters. Wrong. The State Board of Education should be authorized to take an unblinking look at them. The few good ones should be emulated. The many weak ones should be closed and their $5,400 per pupil sent to true public schools.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Caring about community sets these journalists apart

So much already has been said and written about the death of Princess Diana and the role of the celebrity photographers in it that I hesitate to put in my own two bits.

Except that the core issue in the matter – the relative responsibility of the paparazzi who stalk celebrities, who in turn feed on the fame their images build – strikes precisely to the particular kind of community journalism practiced by this newspaper.

In my mind, the central obscenity propagated by the motorcycle-riding photographers who chased the princess, her boyfriend and their driver to their sudden deaths was that they did not care what took place as a result of their actions.

They didn't care that chasing a Mercedes at very high speeds might wind up in a fatal crash. As they clambered over the twisted wreck to take close-ups, they didn't care that people lay bleeding and dying inside.

They did not care about the consequences of their actions. And as a result, in my mind, they are condemned as fundamentally irresponsible people pursuing a particularly intrusive and obnoxious trade.

Now – and here's where community journalism comes in – the paparazzi claim they are little more than regular photojournalists, maybe a little more aggressive than most, but still engaged in the overall journalistic enterprise. And that claim may well be true, especially when the definition of overall journalistic enterprise extends to the editors who pay enormous prices for paparazzi pics.

And that is where those of us who practice community journalism at this HomeTown newspaper part company with the overall journalistic enterprise. We think there's a big difference between community journalism and the other sort, enough so that we stress the difference in an essay on Our Company Philosophy that goes to all staffers:

"All journalists share the same obligation to truth, accuracy and fairness. But because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competitors. They consider themselves to be independent from the stories, the people and the communities they cover, swooping in to write of the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else.

"We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we both work and live. It's often hard

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to have both feelings at once, but in the end it makes for fairer and more accurate journalism because it considers the consequences of a news story to the community and to the people involved.

"As a suburban mayor once said about reporters from the downtown daily newspaper, 'The only time we see those bastards out here is when there's blood in the streets.' "

This philosophy isn't something printed on a sheet of paper, framed and hung on the wall safely out of the way. It's something embedded at the heart of everything we do.

Here's an example: In May 1993, a group of kids from Cranbrook-Kingswood School on a camping trip in the Great Smoky Mountains got caught in a freakish spring blizzard. It was touch and go for awhile, but they survived, only to become the objects of a media feeding frenzy.

The big city dailies ran screaming headlines about "Campers Safe," while Bill Bonds kept berating the Channel 7 news crew for not getting closer to the scene as the buses pulled in and kids were joyously welcomed into the arms of anxious parents.

The headline in the Birmingham Eccentric, one of our HomeTown newspapers: "Welcome home." And our reporters and photographers were the only ones allowed in the greeting area. Why? As editor Joe Bauman wrote: "Because we had the contacts and the confidence of the Cranbrook officials who knew us and what they could expect from us."

As community journalists, we are both accurate journalists and caring citizens of the home towns we cover. That is the definition of human and journalistic responsibility that never occurred to the paparazzi who chased Princess Diana to her death.

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JACK GLADDEN

A command that evokes nightmares

I was having a nightmare. Somewhere a dog was barking. Yipping and yapping and growing agitated. Cujo? Cerberus? Kato? I couldn't pinpoint the source, but the barking seemed to be mixed with hissing and low growls.

The commotion was getting louder when, all at once, it stopped. It was quiet. The breeze coming through the bedroom window had a chill to it. Subconsciously, I pulled the covers up higher and buried my head deeper in the pillow.

I was drifting ... half asleep, half awake ... when I felt it. Hot breath on my face. Something was in the room with me. In the bed. It was clawing my chest, licking at my face. I tried to push it away with my hand when a black cat flew over my head.

There was a THUD! The bed shook and the growling and snarling started again, this time right at my ear. And then a voice cried out.

"Jasper! Wookie! Stop it!"

I woke up with a start. It was a nightmare, all right, but that was no Cujo. Just the 5-month-old Scottie and the 9-year-old cat, not quite ready for bed even though it was sometime past midnight.

"What are they doing in here?" I grumbled.

"Well ..." The Feminist was doing her Samantha imitation. "I brought Jasper up here to get him away from the cat. Wookie must have sneaked into the room while I was getting the dog."

"Where's Scooter?"

A hiss from the corner of the bedroom answered that question.

"Oh, good grief! They're all in here."

"Just go back to sleep," she said. "I'll take Jasper out and then lock him in his cage for the night."

"I'll do it."

"No, you're already in bed. You can take him out in the morning."

"Uh-uh. I'm not taking him out in the daytime."

"And why not?"

"That housebreaking plan of yours. I feel like an idiot."

"He's learning. He knows he's supposed to go outside. You just have to work with him. Just keep giving him the command until he goes."

"Right," I said. "The COMMAND. That's probably why I was having nightmares."

"What are you talking about?"

"You know those new windows our next door neighbors had installed?"

"What do their windows have to do with anything?"

"I took him out the other day. I'm walking around the back yard with this little black Scottie on a red leash. He's chasing bugs and butterflies and I'm chasing him saying 'Go potty! Jasper, go potty.' All over the yard. 'Go potty, Jasper. Go potty.' It's like a mantra."

"What does that have to do with windows?"

"I'm getting to that. I'm out there telling this dog to 'Go potty.' Then I look up. There's these three guys installing the windows. One's up on a ladder, one's hanging out the upstairs window frame, the other's right next to our fence. They look like they just came from Bruno's Powerhouse Gym. And they're all giving me these weird looks."

"You're just being too sensitive."

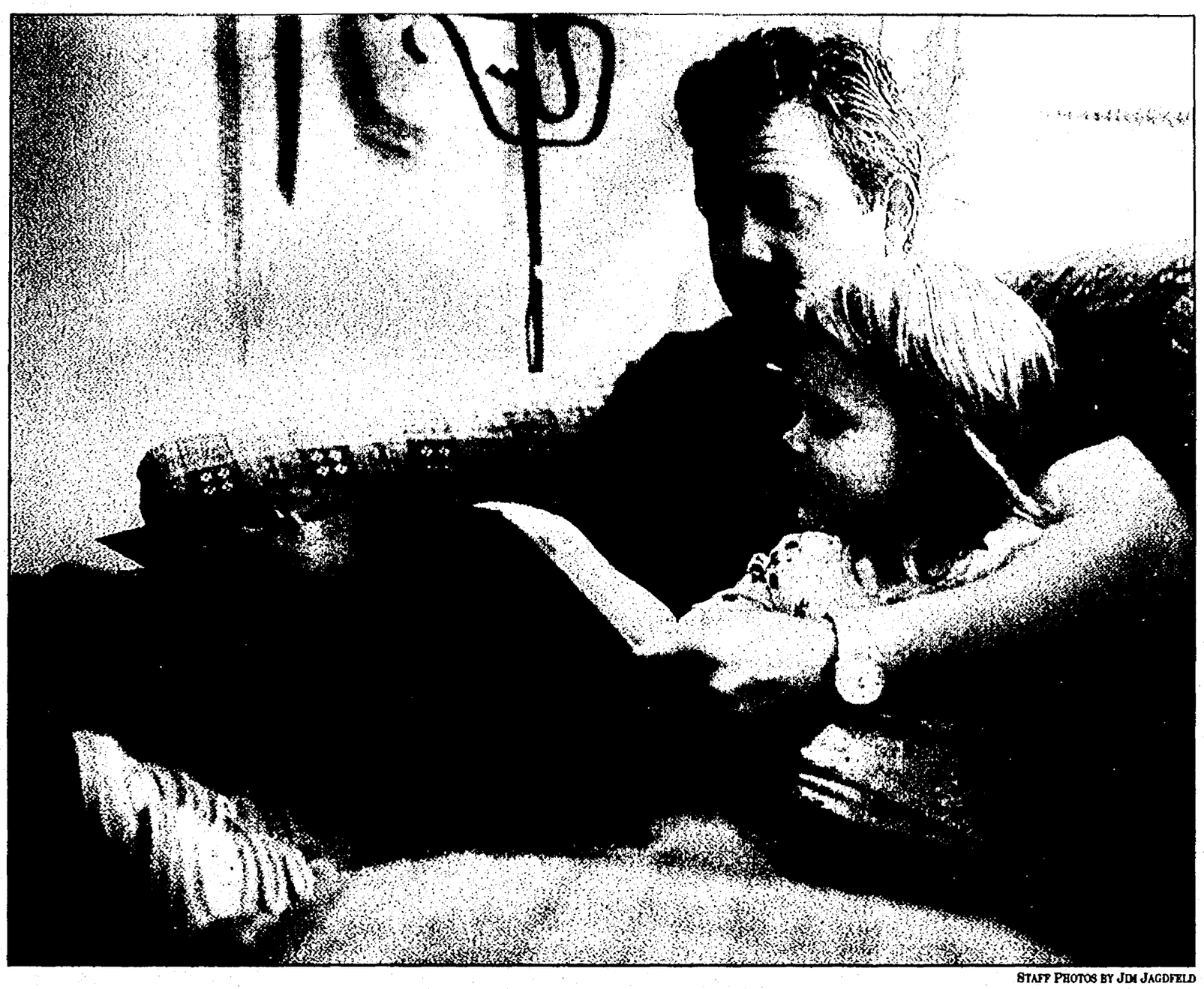
"Maybe so," I said. "But you're taking the day shift from now on."

"We'll talk about it in the morning, dear. Go back to sleep."

The breeze coming through the bedroom window had more of a chill to it now. I crawled back under the covers and was drifting off ... half asleep, half awake ... when I heard a dog barking somewhere. Yipping and yapping and growing agitated. I couldn't pinpoint the source, but mixed with the barking I heard a voice ... my voice.

"Go potty, Jasper!" the voice was saying. "Jasper, go potty!"

Jack Gladden, a copy editor for The Observer Newspapers, lives in Canton Township.



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Story time: *Tim Murphy of Garden City takes time to read the book, "Free Willy II," to his 3-year-old daughter Katie. Murphy has found help in coping with the sudden death of his wife and advice on raising Katie and 8-year-old son Jimmy through Arbor Hospice's Starting Over.*

Families celebrate Starting Over

■ Tim Murphy, Debbie Fifield and Diane Harris have more in common than being under the age of 45. The trio found help dealing with their grief through Starting Over, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Twenty months after losing his 33-year-old wife Cindy to a heart problem, Tim Murphy of Garden City is starting to feel the clouds lift.

"I think I'm at the point now where the grieving process is starting to fade a little. I'm more in a situation now where I'm trying to reinvest myself with living," Murphy said.

The 42-year-old father of two attributes his emotional recovery to Starting Over, a support group offered by Ann Arbor-based Arbor Hospice for people younger than 45 whose spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or fiances have died.

"Initially, it was really a God send because of just not knowing what to do not only as a young widower but with the whole grieving process," he said. "It was kind of new and unexpected. There's different stages to grief. It wasn't just something that I was going through personally, but something that everyone goes through."

Murphy, his 3-year-old daughter Katie and 8-year-old son Jimmy will be among Starting Over's current and past members who will gather at the Oak Pavilion in Maybury State Park in Northville to celebrate the group's 10th anniversary at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. Participants are asked to bring a dish to past.

"Clowning Around with Starting Over" will feature activities for kids, including clowns, unicyclists and volleyball. An auction as well as a birthday cake and grilled hot dogs will also be available.

Humble beginnings

Starting Over began 10 years ago in the Plymouth home of Cathy Clough, founder and director of Arbor Hospice's adult bereavement programs. Since then, the programs have served more than 8,000 people throughout southeastern Michigan. The organization recently opened The Arbor Center at 200 N. Center St. in Northville which provides grief support services for children, teens and adults.

"Because we're constantly bringing in new members, as people grow they're able to give back by helping lead groups and coming up with new ideas," said Clough, a young widow herself.

Plymouth resident Debbie Fifield is one of those members who is giving back as a group leader. Fifield, whose husband John committed suicide in February 1995, explained that attending the first meeting can be a nerve wracking experience.

"It's so hard the first few times to come," said Fifield, the mother of Ashley, 4, Brian, 7, and Sara, 9. "You tell your story. You don't know anybody, but it's really worth it. You realize you're not going crazy. It's not weird. Everybody feels this way."

The group meets every Tuesday in different capacities. The first and third Tuesdays Starting Over meets at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road. It hosts a social get-together at area restaurants on the second Tuesdays of the month. For the fourth Tuesday, group members in Farmington Hills, Northville, Ann Arbor and Canton have offered their homes for geographic groups. One Saturday a month, they go to a member's home and have potluck dinners, play card games and socialize.

Fifield explained that new members shouldn't be intimidated by the social gatherings.

"It's safe; you're not dating," she said. "You're just meeting a bunch of friends. It's a good way to get out of the house. You're not eating by yourself. You don't have to worry about a date."

When she joined Starting Over, she was also participating in a support group for people who had lost a loved one to suicide. Fifield said she related better to people who had lost spouses as opposed to family or friends of suicide victims.

She said that she is one of a handful of Starting Over members who are dealing with suicide.

"I was a mess," Fifield said. "The spouse is usually the scapegoat when somebody is in severe depression.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Stepping out: *Committee members Helen Davis (front row, from left), Gerri Sutherland, Mary Belleville, chairwoman Jan Carlton, Jerry Smith (back row), Bob Rogers and Al Carlisle show off the shirts the Ward Presbyterian Church congregation will wear on Sunday.*

Stepping out

Members walk to new church

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

There'll be a sea of teal- and fuchsia-colored T-shirts along Six Mile Road Sunday when more than 1,000 members of Ward Presbyterian Church make a symbolic trek to the new church site in Northville Township.

Labeled "Walking Onward By Faith," the 3.9-mile walk will start at 3 p.m. at Six Mile and Farmington roads and end at Six Mile and Haggerty roads with a celebration service at 5 p.m.

"We want to put people out there and experience it," said Jerry Smith, the church's director of music and worship, of the Sept. 14 walk. "Last December we had a prayer walk on the land. Buses drove over the frozen ground and people literally could get off and walk around. This is another way leading to 'Walking Onward by Faith.'"

Participants will gather in Knox Hall at 2:30 p.m. in preparation for the walk. Volunteers will line the route and members of the Livonia Police Auxiliary will man major intersections during the estimated two-hour walk.

The walkers, who will stick to sidewalks for safety reasons, will carry banners that they made. After the event, they will be used as decorations in the current church.

"We expect several hundred banners that will be placed in a circle of color on the property and that we'll use in the current church as a form of encouragement," said Smith, a member of the planning committee chaired by Jan Carlton.

Greeting walkers at the construction site will be recorded sacred music which will start playing at 4 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., the male quartet, King's Harmony, will perform, followed by the service.

"The committee has done the walk to determine the time it will take and came up with 5 p.m. for the service," said Smith. "But if people are still streaming in at that time, we'll postpone the start for a few minutes. But if it has slowed down, we'll go ahead as scheduled."

Smith said the music for the service will be upbeat. Among the musical selections will be "Standing on the Promises" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

The celebration service will get under way at 5 p.m. in what will eventually be the large sanctuary, but will serve as a parking lot for now. Senior Pastor Dr. James McGuire will lead the moment of devotion and prayer of celebration.

"We'll finish with a bagpiper playing 'Amazing Grace,' " said Smith. "People will sing and it will tie them to the history of the Presbyterian Church and its Scottish origins."

Following the service, the youth of the church will serve refreshments before participants board buses for the trip back to Ward Church. The buses also will be used to ferry those church members not making the walk to the site.

A large number of volunteers have been lined up for the walk. Some will drive cars, picking up walkers who can't finish, manning cellular phones and first aid stations and handing out jugs of water.

"Onward By Faith" has been the theme of the

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They're taking out their anger and other feelings out on you. When they die, it's like somebody walking out in the middle of a fight. You don't finish it. They just leave one day and never come home."

Too soon?

Murphy has been a member of Starting Over since shortly after his wife's death Feb. 7, 1996, of an enlarged heart probably caused by a virus. Starting Over helped him because the group is geared toward spouses, girlfriends, boyfriends or long-time companions.

"When it's a spouse, you're so connected; they're what you think to be your life mate and all of a sudden they're gone," he said. "In my case, it was a sudden death. I was working midnights and she had gone to bed. We thought all she had was a cold. She went to bed with a headache. When I came home from work, she was dead."

A member of St. Raphael Church, Murphy said he feels he may have joined the group too soon after his wife's death.

"I went there (church) and I sensed that I needed something more than the spiritual or emotional support of the parishioners or family members," he said. "I went and I wasn't too receptive to what was going on. I was still in shock. I was having trouble functioning.

"I have a tendency to procrastinate, so I kind of forced myself to go."

Fifield suggests that widows and widowers join the group a month to two months after their spouse's death.

"There's no point in going a week after the funeral because you're just so numb," she said. "One to two months afterward it starts sinking in."

Murphy suggested that mourners stay in the group for at least two years. Fifield agreed.

"Even though people tell you, 'It's been a year, you should be fine,' it's OK not to be," she said. "You still have your ups and downs. People are there to support you. We're always there. There's people waiting at the tables to greet you. It's really a big help. You really need to come. You can't do it by yourself."

Starting Over, she added, is especially helpful because it is uncommon for people younger than 45 to lose their spouses.

"When you're in your 70s and you lose a spouse, you have lots of friends who have lost spouses; you don't if you're under 45," said Fifield who teaches nursing at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus. "You don't. It helps to know other people who can tell you what it's like. You're not crazy."

Starting Over, Murphy explained, doesn't just help with the grief but with every day experiences such as finances, problems around the home and child care.

"The women helped me out initially when she was going through potty training," Murphy said with a laugh, about his daughter. "Talk about being thrown into it. Here I am trying to go through a grieving process myself and I have a 6-year-old and a 2-year-old. They helped me out that way."

Companion group

Starting Over offers a companion group "Care-ousel," a structured bereavement group for children and teens to help them go through the grieving process. Murphy's son went through the program.

"Starting Over and Care-ousel both taught me that children grieve differently," he said. "They helped me go through a child's grieving process and how that will continue through their whole life really. Katie will grieve differently. She won't remember her mother other than memories we create for her – these are all things that I learned. She'll grieve through events, graduation, her wedding day. She had just turned 2 when her mother passed away."

Livonia resident Diane Harris, 39, sought out a support group to get help for herself and her husband's 6-year-old daughter. Her husband, Paul, 41, died of a heart attack on June 20, 1995.

"It's a wonderful children's program," she said. "My daughter has been involved in the last two years. She knows that she's not the only one. In school, she's the only one. Everyone else has a mom and a dad. She can go to this group and know that she's not by herself."

Spouses, like Murphy, expressed the same sentiment.

"Starting Over helped because of the support system, of having others in the same age group to share with," he said. "It's not the natural order of things. It helped a lot just to cry a lot with people that are going through similar situations."

For more information about Starting Over, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500.

STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

A new start: *Life took a drastic change for Debbie Fifield of Plymouth when her husband John committed suicide in 1995, but with the help of Starting Over, life for her and her children – Brian, 7, Ashley, 4, and Sara, 9 – is returning to normalcy.*

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more than $7 million construction project, which was conceived by Pastor Emeritus Dr. Bartlett Hess in 1984.

Problems with water and sewer hookups delayed the project and by the time then senior pastor Hess retired in 1992, it looked like the new church would not be constructed.

Called to serve as the new senior pastor, McGuire decided the church should press ahead with the project. The sale of 40 acres at the corner of Haggerty and Six Mile roads for commercial development opened the way for the construction. Ground was broken on Aug. 25, 1996.

The sale of the 40 acres raised a third of the money needed for the project. Another third has come through pledges from Ward's 5,000 active members. The remainder has been financed.

The current phase includes the construction of a sanctuary, classrooms, chapel and fellowship hall. With the construction of the large sanctuary and music rooms to come at a later date, that area will be used as a 1,700-car parking lot. Eventually, there will be parking for 2,500.

'People will sing and it will tie them to the history of the Presbyterian Church and its Scottish origins.'

Jerry Smith
– music director

Ward Church was founded in 1956 as a mission church of Ward Memorial Church of Detroit. Under Hess's guidance, the church outgrew its facilities at Farmington and Six Mile.

To accommodate its 5,000 active members, the church offers four worship services on Sunday and uses its fleet of buses to shuttle two-thirds of the worshippers from satellite parking at Stevenson High School and the Bentley Center.

And as the clock starts winding down to the move, activities will reflect on past activities. The annual Christmas concert will highlight things done in previous years, according to Smith.

"We'll have a series of lasts and then go out there for a series of first," he said. "This will be the last major event tied to the new church before the move."

Wanted: friend pets for Pet-A-Pet

People are invited to meet some very special animals – Lulu, Nell and Brandy.

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Lulu, Nell and brandy are members of the Pet-A-Pet Club, a nonprofit animal visitation group that has more than 420 members and their family pets. They now visit more than 74 facilities each month in the Detroit metropolitan area.

The benefits of the human-animal bond have been well-documented in recent years. Pet-A-Pet volunteers see these benefits each time they go on a Pet-A-Pet visit.

The soft touch of an animal often creates joy and laughter in even the most unresponsive of patients.

People and their pets can be come a part of the Pet-A-Pet experience. No special training is required, however, pets should be friendly, healthy and have current vaccination records.

Visits at each facility are scheduled for once a month and usually last about one hour. Members can choose to visit one or more facilities.

People interested in visiting Roosevelt McGrath School in Wayne, can call coordinator Daisy Doran at (313) 565-2981; Tendercare Inc. in Wayne, can call coordinator Helena Adcick at (313) 699-2758; Trans Health Services of Wayne, call coordinator Judy Kirkeby at (313) 278-4670; Venoy Continued Care Center in Wayne, can call coordinator Holly Hill at (313) 283-9054, or Garden City Hospital, can call Stacy Suiba at (313) 458-4392.

For more information, about the Pet-A-Pet Club, call Daisy Doran at the aforementioned telephone number, or Ruth Curry at (313) 535-0410.

Attorney talks straight about estate planning

Dennis Cleary is ready to help people plan for the future.

The attorney will present a straightforward and simple estate planning class at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Redford Public Library, 15150 Norborne.

The program will feature a variety of estate planning strategies, including trusts, wills, guardianships and planned gifting. Cleary follows the plain English initiative, instituted by the Michigan Bar Association.

"What is sometimes in not clear to the average person is that very simple planning can save many hard-earned dollars from going directly to taxes," Cleary said.

Using examples like the average estate and $600,000 tax cap, Cleary illustrates some of the best methods to shelter an estate and insure distribution to designated beneficiaries. He also addresses the impact the recent tax code changes will have on current and future estate plans.

Cleary has given seminars on estate planning for 10 years in the Oakland County area. He also has had a general practice in Farmington Hills for 20 years, specializing in estate planning and family law.

For more information about the program, call (248) 442-9150.

Ensemble accepts registrations

The PRCUA Syrena Polish Folk Dance Ensemble is enrolling children ages 4-16 who wish to learn Polish folk dances.

Registration is being held on 6:3-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays throughout September at St. Michael's Orthodox Church Hall, 26375 W. Chicago, Redford.

For more information, call (313) 565-9865.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Press Release
Street Sweeping 1997

During the month of September residents are asked not to park their cars on the streets. This will allow the street sweepers to do a thorough job during the Spring 1997 cycle.

Street Sweeping will be taking place on the following days, weather permitting:

SEPTEMBER 22nd - 24th - Warren to Cherry Hill, Merriman to Radcliff
SEPTEMBER 23rd - 25th - Warren to Cherry Hill, Middlebelt to Merriman
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 313-525-8814) on or before September 24, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s).

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RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION WORK

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of the item(s) bid.
The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

R. D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY that sealed proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI 48135 (Telephone: 313-525-8814), on or before September 26, 1997 at 2:00 P.M., for the work according to plans and specifications prepared by George J. Hartman Architects, P.C.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY
Project: EAST HIGH LIGHTED FIELD RENOVATIONS

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope, endorsed with the name of the item(s) bid. Plans and specifications are available after 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 12, 1997 from the Purchasing Department of Garden City. Contractors must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act for Federally funded projects.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities when deemed in the best interests of the City.

R. D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: September 11 and September 14, 1997

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

INSTALLATION OF CLASSROOM SINKS WITH HOT & COLD WATER AND DRAINS AT PERRINVILLE

Project includes (not limited to) demolition and installation of the above equipment. Project to be completed by November 30, 1997 as per specifications and plans.

Specifications, bid forms and plans may be reviewed on 9-4-97 at the Central Office Maintenance Department.

A BUILDING WALK-THROUGH CAN BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING TIM KOHUT, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR AT (313) 523-9160.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. on the 17th of September, 1997 at the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

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

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

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Whiteman-Ores

Lin Whiteman of Farmington Hills announces the engagement of her daughter, Maria Suzanne, to Thomas Craig Ores, the son of Tom and Honey Ores of Livonia.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Jack Whiteman, is a graduate of North Farmington High School. She attended Western Michigan University and attends Oakland Community College. She is employed at RehabPlans in Southfield.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He also attended Henry Ford Community College. He is employed at Carter Screen in Livonia.

An October wedding is planned at the Chapel of Marygrove College.

Sadler-Gordon

Harold and Ramona Sadler of Falmouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Audrey Lynn of Westland, to Brent Leonard Gordon, also of Westland, the son of Leonard and Candy Gordon of Clio.

The bride-to-be graduated from Southfield High School in 1978 and Oakland Community College in 1982. She is employed by Rick Amato Ministries in Allen Park.

A 1983 graduate of Clio High School, her fiance earned a degree from University of Michigan-Flint in 1988. He is employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

An October wedding is planned at First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Gora-Smitt

Robert and Judy Gora of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynette, to Bryan Robert Smitt, the son of Robert and Debra Smitt, also of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School and has a bachelor of science degree in organizational communication and marketing from Eastern Michigan University in 1997. She is employed by McDonald's Corporation.

Her fiance is also a 1992 Garden City High School graduate. He has a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1997. He is employed by Oakwood United Hospitals.

A May 1998 wedding is planned at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City.

Merchant-Whitfield

Jonathan Kyle Merchant and Jennifer Lynn Whitfield were married July 12 at the Northville Christian Assembly in Northville by Pastor Otis Buchan.

The bride is the daughter of daughter of Jim and Cathy Whitfield of Westland. The groom is the son of Glenn and Mary Ellen Merchant of Traverse City and Pat and Les Bowen of Grand Rapids.

The bride is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Eastern Michigan University. She works as a substitute elementary school teacher in the Livonia, Farmington, and South Redford school districts. She is also employed as a gymnastics coach for Livonia Community Education.

The groom is a graduate of Traverse City High School and Michigan State University. He is employed by Aerotek Contract Engineering Services.

The bride asked Beckie Elvy, Kristen Kaleniecki, Janet Gardner, Suzy Merchant and Catherine Converse to serve as her attendants. The groomsmen were Jeremy Niehardt, Matt Lockwood, Scott Doyle, Mike Keser and Mason Converse.

A reception was held at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Following a wedding trip to the Cayman Islands, the couple makes their home in Bloomfield Hills.

Martin-Lewis

Robert and Kathleen Martin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Ann, to Gregory Scott Lewis, the son of Edward and Mary Ann Zarb of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She also attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as the director of sales at the Quality Inn in Plymouth.

Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of North Farmington High School. He is employed as a designer at ABB in Pontiac.

An October wedding is planned at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

Moellering-MacKenzie

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moellering of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to Dean Norman MacKenzie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.A. MacKenzie of Livonia.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University. She is a teacher with the Warren Consolidated School System.

Her fiance, who earned a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts from Central Michigan University, is a sales representative with Wausau Insurance Co.

An October wedding is planned.

Tarpley-McCabe

Gerald Tarpley II announces the forthcoming marriage of his sister, Mary Margaret Tarpley, to Daryl C. McCabe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCabe of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is the founder and owner of The Advance Center for Psychological and Counseling Services in Dearborn, where she is a clinical psychologist.

Her fiance is a longtime employee of the Ford Motor Co. and recently received his honorary 30-year service award.

A September wedding is planned at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Wyandotte. The reception will be at the Dearborn Inn.

Berry-Peters

Shellene Renee Peters and Bruce Douglas Berry were married Nov. 2, 1996, at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford. The Rev. Paul Bousquette officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Peters of Livonia. The groom is the son of David and Linda Berry of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

The bride is employed as a registered nurse by Orchard Pediatrics. The groom is employed as a financial advisor by American Express.

The bride asked Melanie Peters to serve as maid of honor, with Maureen Harrington, Lindsey Young, Becky Benson and Dawn Downs as bridesmaids. Lauren LeBlanc was the flower girl.

The groom asked Jeff Preston to serve as best man, with Rob Peters, Chris Brown, Troy Adams and Ron Milton as groomsmen. Scotty Karnen was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at the Italian American Banquet Center before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World. They are making their home in Farmington.

Bos-Moloney

Jeff Bos and Terri Moloney were married Aug. 16 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit by Msgr. James Moloney.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Elaine Moloney of Livonia. The groom is the son of John and Jewel Bos of East Lansing.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in business-advertising. She is employed as a senior automotive advertising executive at The Ad-Action Group in Atlanta, Ga.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of East Lansing High School and a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business-marketing. He is employed as a project manager at Faucette Construction Inc. in Atlanta, Ga.

The bride asked Heather Chiara, Karen Russell, Angie Moloney, Natalie Goebel, Linda Pearch and Jennifer Schillinger to serve as her attendants. Jamie Mixter was the junior bridesmaid with Meghan Slocum as the flower girl.

The groomsmen were Jon Bos, Tom Moloney, Vance Ritz, Josh Fershee, Art Badgley and Matt Steere. The ring bearer was Christopher Hoak.

The couple received guests at a reception aboard Diamond Jack Yacht on the Detroit River. The honeymoon location was kept from the bride as a surprise. The couple is making their home in Atlanta.

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NEW VOICES

Dave and **Diane Gulau** of Livonia announce the birth of **Luke Steven** June 6 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Grandparents are Gerald and Christine Lidgey of Novi, and Richard and Gail Gulau of Northville.

Keith and **Jessica Bozigian** of Taylor announce the birth of **Blake Christopher** June 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Joanie and Gary Bozigian of Redford, Brad and Bev Davis of Livonia, and Al Piecuria of Taylor.

Frederick J. II and **Jeanine Heintz** of Garden City announce the birth of **Frederick Joseph Heintz III** June 21 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Heather McCavron. Grandparents are Frederick and Rhonda Heintz of Garden City, and Sharon LaRocque of Lincoln Park.

Michael and **Victoria Statham** of Inkster announce the birth of **Tyler Joe** June 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two brothers, Michael, 5, and Daniel, 4, and one sister, Michelle, 1. Grandparents are Charles and Linda Harju of Canton, and Rick and Barb Statham of Westland.

Douglas and **Christine Speirs** announce the birth of **Blake Daniel** June 23 in Polk City, Fla. He joins a brother, Manny, 9. Grandparents are David and Shirley Speirs of Livonia, and Don and Cynthia Reeb of Simi Valley, Calif. Great-grandmother is Clara White of Brooksville, Fla.

Andy and **Charlene Thornberry** of Westland announce the birth of **Jared David** June 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Megan, 9, and Katie, 3, and a brother, Andy, 7. Grandparents are Carol and Neil Thornberry, and John and Audrey Greybill, all of Westland.

Darren and **Marybeth Turner** of Canton announce the birth of **Olivia Antoinette** July 24 at Huron Valley Hospital in Milford. She joins two sisters, Brittany, 6 and Kayla, 2. Grandparents are Antoinette Trudell of Plymouth and Etta Turner of Springfield, Ohio.

Kevin and **Dawn Gibbs** of Westland announce the birth of **Corey Michael** June 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Emily Morgan, 3 1/2. Grandparents are Al and Jill Johnston of Westland.

Mark and **Candace Siegrist** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Victoria Catherine Diane** June 19 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She has a brother, Gregory John, 1 1/2. Grandparents are James Siegrist of Sterling Heights, Diane Scheruer of Redford and Gregory and Diane Jefferson of Plymouth.

Donovan Ferns and **Monica Simrak** of Wayne announce the birth of **Melakie Nicholas Simrak** June 19 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Janet and David Brach, Thomas Simrak, and MaryJane and Kenneth Ferns, all of Garden City.

Jeffrey and **Lisa Miron-Wack** of Canton announce the birth of **Spencer Joseph** May 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Stephen and Lorraine Miron of Brighton, formerly of Livonia, and Carol and Gary Wack of Superior Township. Great-grandparents are Eva and Lester Miron of Baraga, Mich.

Ron Wilkie and **Chantel Robbins** of Westland announce the birth of **Kala Marie Wilkie** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Greg and Betty Zoumbaris, Ron Wilkie Sr., Eileen Dimeck, and Stanley Robbins.

Robert Kramer and **Maureen McGovern Kramer** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Maura Rose** April 15 at St.. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Donna McGovern of Venice, Fla., Rbse Kramer of West Bloomfield and the late Robert Kramer.

Thomas Jr. and Sheri Durkin of Canton announce the birth of **Daylin Renee** June 21 at the Birthing Center of Garden City. Grandparents are Roy and Bonnie Elliott of Canton, and Thomas Durkin of Northville.

Daniel and **Laura Kardel** of Canton announce the birth of **Christine Danielle** August 8 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. She joins four brothers, Matthew Daniel, 15, Kevin Michael, 13, Steven William, 11 and Scott Andrew, 2. Grandparents are Jean Hastings and Catherine Kardel, both of Plymouth.

Al Saling and **Dannielle Daubresse** of Wayne announce the birth of **Katarina Angelique Saling** June 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins four brothers, A.J., 15, Justin, 12, Nathan, 6, and Alex, 2. Grandparents are George and Vicki Daubresse of Canton.

Glen and **Cheryl Paputa** of Plymouth announce the birth of **Laurel Suzanne** May 12 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She joins a brother, Evan, 3. Grandparents are Bernard and Winnifred Bordeau of Dearborn Heights and Eugene and Delphine Paputa of Dearborn.

Allen and **Bonnie McKiddy** of Livonia announce the birth of **Brandon Lee** June 24 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Alonzo McKiddy of Livonia, and Mary and Henry Broughton of Westland.

Jo-Ann Fabrics observes sewing month

Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts of Canton is joining sewing retail stores across the country in a national education campaign aimed not only at people who sew at all experience levels, but also those who have never sewn a stitch.

Co-sponsored by the American Home Sewing and Craft Association and the International Association of Floor Care and Sewing Professionals, "Sew America: Each One Teach One" is the home sewing industry's latest initiative to "get people sewing."

On Saturday, Sept. 20, Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts in Canton will focus on home decor sewing to promote the event.

According to AHSCA, an estimated 30 million Americans sew, and sewing is a $3.5 billion industry in the United States.

The popularity of sewing and craft shows on cable and public television has created a new interest in this traditional art.

"The motivation to sew has changed over the years," said store manager Terry Cordero. "People are turning to sewing for a fun, creative outlet that gives them a sense of satisfaction."

In fact, a recent clinical study commissioned by AHSCA and reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association indicates that sewing may be a "stress buster."

Researchers found that when compared to other activities requiring similar hand/eye coordination, sewing actually lowered heart rate, blood pressure and perspiration – three common measures of stress in women.

New technology is also adding speed and accuracy to sewing. There are new one-touch sewing features and computerized sewing machines that have the ability to interface with personal computers offer consumers endless embroidery options.

Sewing has also stepped into cyberspace. Hundreds of thousands of Internet subscribers are seeking sewing information from product information to trends and techniques.

Sites like www.sewing.org and www.joann.com offer great ideas and free projects as well as links to other sites.

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MHS's 120th anniversary is 'PAWS for Celebration'

It promises to be the entertainment and social event of the season.

The Michigan Humane Society will hold its 120th anniversary extravaganza, "PAWS for Celebration" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Somerset Collection's Neiman Marcus Store in Troy.

An evening of dinner, dancing and entertainment, the event will feature the legendary talents of Ed McMahon, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and a fashion show, featuring the latest from the country's top designers, including Pam McMahon.

The evening also will include a live auction of exceptional items, including a portrait by the acclaimed Russian artist Serguei Timtchenko and art work created at the Center for Creative Studies.

Five of the best students from the center participated in a summer course created exclusively for the development and fabrication of the auction items.

Chad Lockart, a senior in industrial design, created "Sublimation," a sculptural lamp that reflects the human role in nurturing and protecting wildlife and natural resources.

Sean Evans, a senior in crafts, created "A Dog's Reliquary" that has a golden bone as the religious relic in this whimsical ceramic reliquary.

Paul Bramel a junior in industrial design, created "Time Out" a bronze mantle clock that caringly communicates the support, love and protection that humans must give to animals, if they are to survive well into the future.

Marco Garcia, a senior in fine arts, created "Jaguar Bench," a bronze jaguar legs and head connected by a slab of limestone to sit upon. The jaguar was an important figure in the Aztec heritage of Garcia.

Patte Vandenburg, a junior in crafts, created "A Garden Gate," a colorful garden gate of bronze and glass depicting a human tree surrounded by silhouettes of animals.

Also on the auction block will be an original Pam McMahon creation, a portrait of the highest bidder and his or her pet by Timtchenko and a fashion package, including hotel accommodations and two tickets for Spying Collections Fashion Show.

Guests also will enjoy will delight in a strolling dinner and enjoy the cuisine of more than 20 metro Detroit restaurants, including Andiamo in Bloomfield Township, Auer's Bakery in Pontiac, Big Rock Chop & Brew in Birmingham, Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, Charley's Crab in Troy, Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, Ernesto's in Plymouth, Le Petite Fleur in Birmingham, Mac & Ray's in Harrison Township, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train in Walled Lake, Neiman Marcus Cafe in Troy, Paint Creek Cider Mill in Lake Orion, Peter's Palate Pleaser in Bloomfield Hills, Phoenicia in Birmingham, Pike Street in Pontiac, Roma Cafe in Detroit, Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and Unique Restaurants, Mac Prentice in Bingham Farms.

Party goers also will enjoy dancing to the music of Jerry Fenby.

"For 120 years, the Michigan Humane Society has rescued and provided care and shelter for hundreds of thousands of animals and has united loving pets with countless Michigan children and families," said Lil Erdeljan, co-chair of PAWS for Celebration. "For people who care about animals and desire a wonderful evening of excitement and celebration, PAWS for Celebration is a must attend event."

Tickets are $ 300 for Humane Society Benefactors (all of the evening's festivities, including a special cocktail reception and VIP loge seating for the fashion show, art auction and entertainment extravaganza), $175 for Humane Society Patrons (all of the evening's festivities including a special cocktail reception and theater-style seating for the fashion show, art auction and entertainment extravaganza) and $75 for Humane Society Friends (dinner, dancing and limited seating and standing room for the Frankie Valli show Time).

Hour will be 6 p.m. until midnight for benefactors and patrons and 8:30 p.m. to midnight for friends.

"PAWS for Celebration promises to be the largest fund raising event in Michigan Humane Society history," said co-chair Denise Lutz. "It provides a wonderful opportunity to both experience a spectacular night of dinner, dancing and superb entertainment while supporting the animals that have touched the hearts and lives of our families and friends."

For tickets or more information, call the Michigan Humane Society at (313) 872-3400.

Tickets available for Zonta benefit

What a surprise: *Margo Worley, a volunteer at Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center proudly shows off the designer handbag she won when her name was drawn for the surprise door prize at last year's Zonta of Northwest Wayne County's fall fashion benefit.*

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Time is running out to enjoy and evening of food and fashions while helping Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center.

Zonta of Northwest Wayne County will host its fifth annual evening fashion show, highlighting the latest fall apparel at Parisian's Laurel Park Place store, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25.

Entitled "Zonta Presents – Fashion With a Flair!," the fashion show will preview latest casual, formal, professional, evening wear and accessories.

Following the runway presentation, there will be time to shop and indulge in gourmet coffees and desserts.

Three $25 Parisian gift certificates will be awarded in addition to a surprise door prize, donated by the store, and other gifts provided by Zonta.

Last year, Margo Worley, a volunteer with the Women's Resource Center, walked off with a designer purse as the surprise door prize winner.

The $20 ticket also entitles fashion show goers to a 15 percent discount that evening as well as Friday-Saturday, Sept. 26-27.

The event brings together women from the community together to benefit service projects dedicated to improving the stature of women.

Zonta International is a worldwide organization of women executives in business and the professions who work to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

Tickets can be ordered in advance by leaving a message for Kathleen Diggs, chapter treasurer, at (313) 459-8374, or by sending a check, payable to the Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, to Diggs at 11812 Tall Tree, Plymouth 48170.

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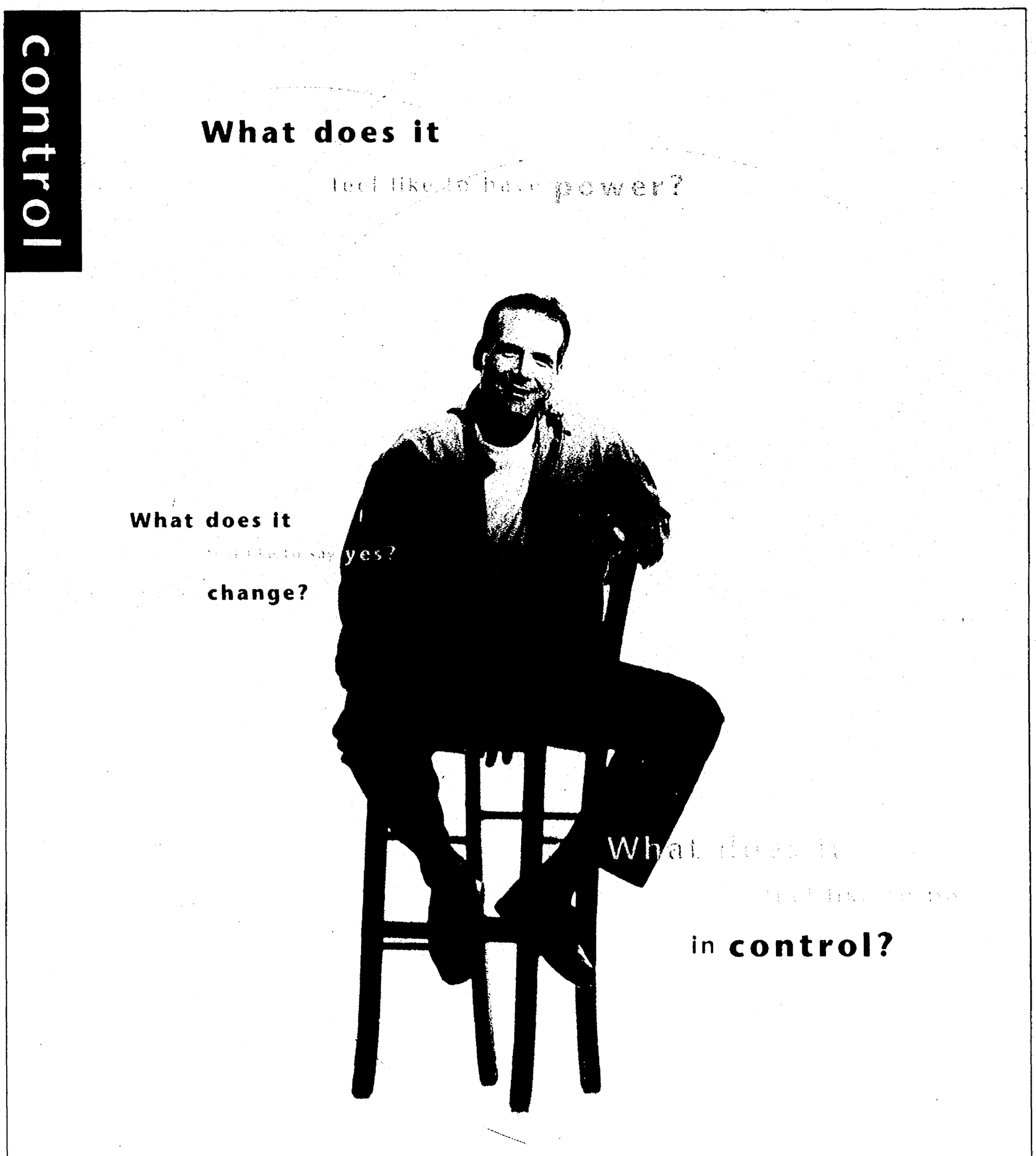
For registration information, call (313) 453-5534.



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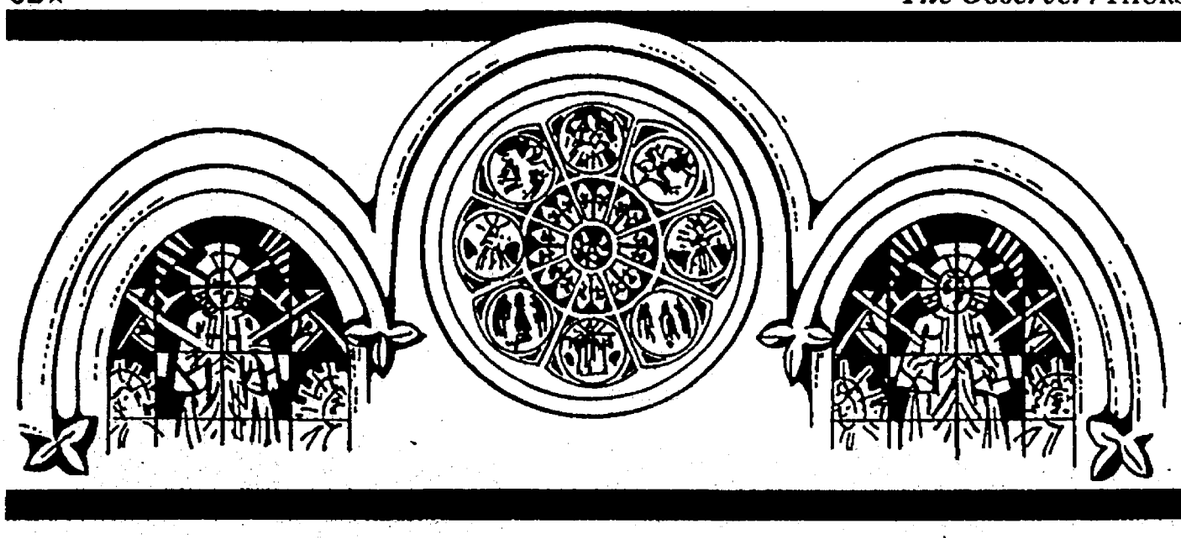

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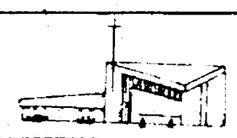

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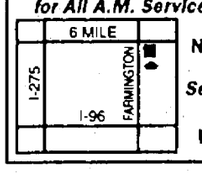

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Taming Our Desire
Rev. Bob, preaching
Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Children-Youth-Adults

Worship Together

Central UM kicks off 175th anniversary celebration

Almost 30 years ago, just two weeks before his untimely death, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached his last sermon at Central United Methodist Church in Detroit.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, his youngest daughter, the Rev. Dr. Bernice King will preach from the same pulpit to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Central United Methodist Church, long known for its witness of peace and justice.

King will deliver the sermon during the church's Saturday Night Central worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday Night Central is an innovative alternative worship-with-the-arts service that will feature performances by Detroit musicians saxophonist George Benson, bassist Don Mayberry and singer Angie Smith.

Regular celebrants will be jazz saxophonist Beans Bowles, gospel pianist Bobbi Thompson, classical organist Patrick Kuhl and poets Aurora Harris and Ron Allen.

Immediately following the church service, King will attend a 7:30 p.m. reception at the church and sign copies of her new book, the first she has written, "Hard Questions, Heart Answers," which will be available for purchase after the service.

King, 34, the youngest of four children, is best remembered as the five-year-old in the Pulitzer Prize winning photograph taken of her as she lay in her mother's lap during her father's funeral. At age 17, she addressed the United Nations in her mother's stead and found her gift for oratory.

She is an assistant pastor at an inner-city church in Atlanta, Ga., where she oversees the Youth and Women's ministries and mentors teenaged girls.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Spelam College, was ordained in 1990 and holds a master of divinity and doctor of law degree, both from Emory University, and doctor of divinity degree from Wesley College.

As a dedicated advocate for at-risk youth, her book is divided into two parts – "Disturbing the Comfortable" and "Comforting the Disturbed" – and incorporates such subjects as gun control, teen pregnancy, the death penalty and the deep-rooted racism that still plagues the country.

She is working on he second book, a memoir of her life's journey, due out in 1998.

King believes it is not enough to say people should love Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, but should respect him and "pick up where he left off."

"If we are truly going to celebrate life, we must be honestly committed to working toward eliminating ... what Dr. King called the triple evils of poverty, racism and war," she said.

Central United Methodist Church was incorporated in 1822. The present church building at 23 E. Adams in Detroit's Grand Circus Park, was built in 1867.

"What we are proudest of is that Central United Methodist Church has a 175-year-old history of consistent dedication to furthering peace and fighting injustice here at home and worldwide," said Central's pastor, the Rev. Edwin Rowe.

For more information, call the church at (313) 965-5422.

Rev. Dr. Bernice King

RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

BIBLE STUDY

The Plymouth-Canton Daytime Women's Class of BSF International will begin its year with an introduction class for interested women 9:10-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The class will meet on a weekly basis through the middle of May.

The study this year will be the Acts of the Apostles. There is no fee for the class. For more information, call Joyce at (313) 453-1361.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

St. James Presbyterian Church has begun its weekly programs at the church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The Cantus Choir and Youth Chimes meet after the church service on Sundays with the youth groups meeting at 6:30 p.m. that day. The Men's Breakfast and discussion groups meets at 8 a.m. Wednesdays, while dinner is served at 6:15 p.m., followed by handbells and adult Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 8 p.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries will present an open forum on "Why Do People Choose to Live Together Rather Than Get Married," facilitated by Tony Valenti, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Cost will be $4.

The ministry also is offering a three-part workshop, "Finding Your Compatible Partner," with Dr. Richard Matheny, at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, in the church's Youth Room. Cost is $26 in advance and $29 at the door.
For more information about the programs or to register for the workshop, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

IN CONCERT

Jeanne Cotter will bring her gift of music to Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cotter will share her all-original piano pieces and songs and share her stories of a spiritually rich life. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door for adults and $5 for children 7-12 years old.

Cotter also will conduct the Way of the Woman Workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the church. The workshop is a chance for women to reflect on their truest self, reconnecting with their inner voice of wisdom. Through story, music, ritual and reflection, she will challenge women to ponder what it means to have been given "my song," how they have been living it and what holds them back from singing that song.

The $15 registration fee includes lunch. To register, call the church at (313) 459-9842.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 12-14, Oct. 10-12 and Nov. 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Paul Clough and Dick Bount conduct a Talk It Over town meeting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Child care will be provided and a free will offering will be accepted.

Single Point also is hosting a fashion show at 7 p.m. Sept. 19 in Knox Hall (tickets cost $5 and include the show and a light meal) and a 7-week fall divorce recovery workshop at 7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 18, also in Knox Hall. Cost is $25 in advance, $30 for those who register the first night of the workshop and $15 for those repeating the program. Registration can be completed by mail or at the Single Point office.

Other activities include outdoor tennis 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Rotary Park, Six Mile east of Farmington Road, Livonia, and outside volleyball (weather permitting) at 6 p.m. Thursday at Rotary Park ($1 donation to maintain equipment).

For more information, call Single Point Ministries at (313) 422-1854. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

BLOCK PARTY

The congregation of Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, in the parking lot of the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. There will be food, games, entertainment, clowns, puppets and more. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call (313) 421-0472.

Rally Day

St. John's Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., Redford, will hold a Rally Day and inaugurate its new e on Sunday, Sept. 14. Special activities are planned for the annual Rally Day, when Sunday School classes resume after the summer break.

Sunday School classes for both youth and adults will begin at 9 a.m. Fellowship time will be at 10 p.m., followed by worship at 10:30 p.m. Teachers and other staff people will be installed during the worship service.
For more information, call the church at (313) 538-2660.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Bible healings today" on Sept. 14, "Why don't you go to doctors?" on Sept. 21 and "Basic Christian Science feelings about the Bible, Christ Jesus, 'Science and Health' and Mary Baker Eddy" on Sept. 28.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold a first anniversary dinner-dance Sunday, Sept. 14, at 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Cocktails will be at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing at 8 p.m. Tickets cost $75 per person or $750 per table. Advanced reservations are necessary and can be completed by calling (800) 741-7183.

TEAMKID

TeamKid, a unique club which blends activity with interactive learning, discipleship and Bible memory, will meet 5:45-8 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 14, ay Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The program is for children in grades 1-6 and provides practical Biblical answers in a fun and interesting setting. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-0472.

COVENANT PLAYERS

St. Matthew United Methodist Church will host a presentation by The Covenant Players during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 14, at the church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Two folding chairs and a table are the basic equipment of The Covenant Players, What's needed is the audience's imagination. The group will perform for those 4 years old through high school in the fellowship hall before preforming in lieu of a sermon during worship. The theme will be "Recommitment to Church and Community."

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

INFORMATION CLASS

Information on spiritual issues, such as sin, forgiveness, after life and different religions, will be shared in adult information classes offered by Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Sunday, Sept. 14, at the satellite church, 46001 Warren Road, and 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the Church in Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road. Each session will run for 10 weeks

There is no fee to attend, but registration is requested. For more information, call Bob D'Ambrosio at (313) 522-6830.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The Lord-Roberts IV will perform in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft Road. Their music consists of many styles from folk to opera and different instruments are used. There will be no charge, however, a free will offering will be accepted. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Men Who Make a Difference, a small group of Christian men dedicated to the biblical principles of building a "Godly Man," will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. The group is open to men of all denominations who wish to diligently seek the face of Jesus. For more information, call 9313) 421-0472.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Calvary Baptist Church will offer its Precept Upon Precept study of the Book of James Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 16, at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. There will be morning or evening sessions to chose from. Both sessions will feature small group discussions of daily homework, interesting lectures, fellowship and refreshments. The cost of the workbook is $19 and comes in either the English or Chinese version.

The church also is sponsoring a Weigh Down workshop, a 12-week program that teaches participants techniques to identify true stomach hunger and to stop eating when full. There are no special foods, pills or gimmicks. The cost is $103 for first-time attendees.

For more information or to register for either program, call the church at (313) 455-0022.

RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Mel's Christian Women's group is holding its annual rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16-Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Fr. Furlong Activities Building, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights.

• The Presbyterian Women of Garden City will have their annual fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road. There will be a bake sale and lunch and beverages will be available.

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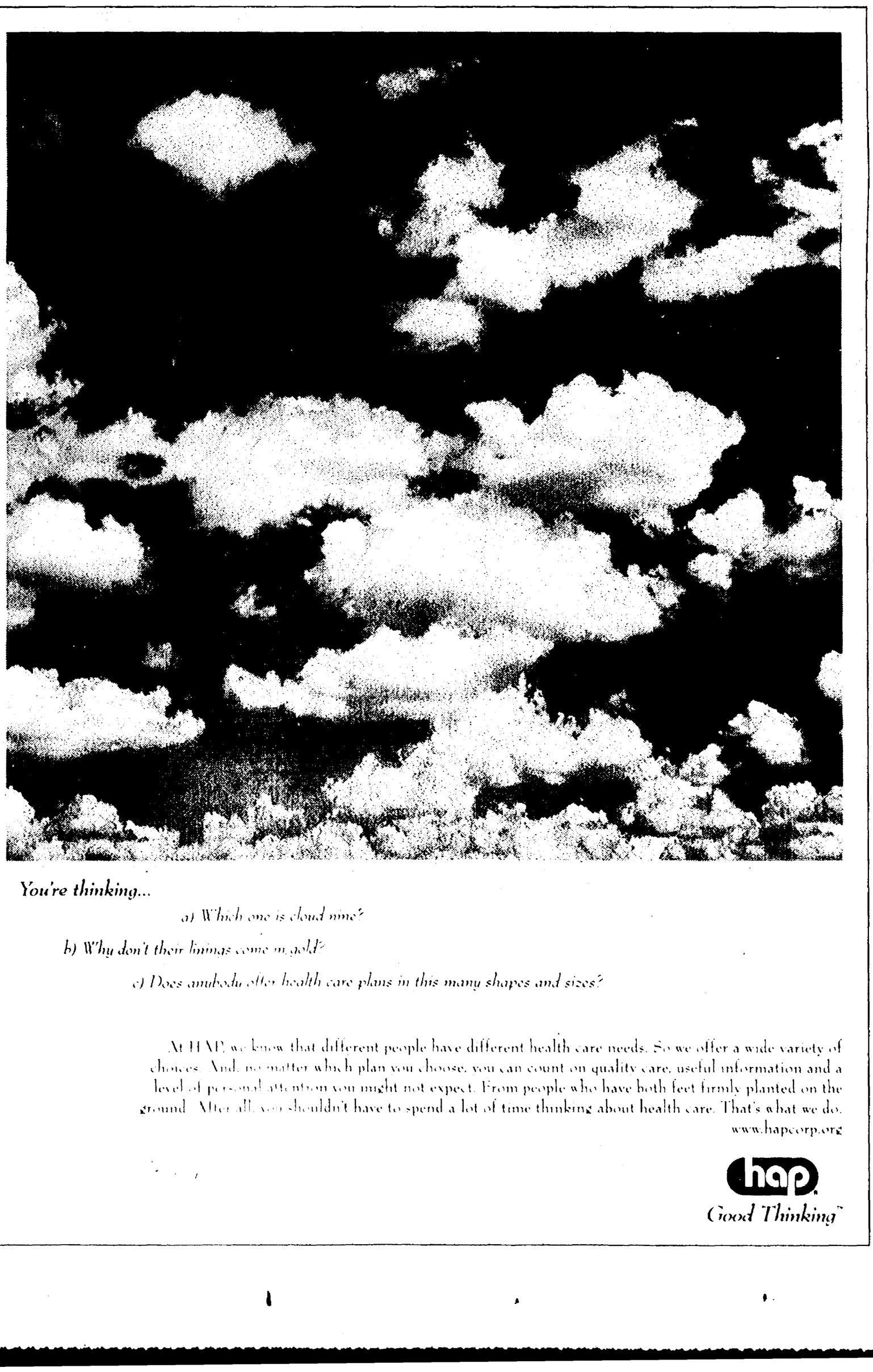

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Him: seriously good-looking, professional SWM, H/W proportionate, active, with killer sense of humor. Me: pretty, slender, brunette SWPF, 40-something, great smile and heart, but clueless. Help me locate this fugitive. ☎5827

SOUTHERN LADY
Widowed black Christian lady, 40 seeks Christian black male, 45-55, for friendship and laughter only. ☎5817

ABOVE AVERAGE,
are you? 26, 5'81/2", 131lbs, golden-brown/green, single. I love heels and clogs too, Kensington to D.S.O. You are: 5'11"+ WM, college-educated, slender. I can laugh at my short comings, can you? ☎5645

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL
Independent female, 34, 5'7", slim, long brown hair, enjoys sports, dining, dancing, traveling. Seeking thoughtful SW gentleman, 30+, N/S. ☎5647

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
Athletically built SBF, 34, physically fit, seeks SWPM, 35-40, 6'2"+, fit and athletic, for dinners, movies, walks, etc. N/S, social drinker. ☎5605

LOOKING FOR A HERO
Cute, nice DWF, 35, 5'7", 126lbs, fun, down-to-earth, one son, N/S, enjoys jogging, biking, biking, concerts, travel. Looking for SWM, 35-49, who's fun, caring, financially secure, N/S, to enjoy life with. ☎5818

WARM, IRISH HEART
Intelligent, attractive, slender, vivacious DWPF, 28, 5'7", dark/green, seeks tall, handsome, athletic S/DWPM, 33-45, college-educated, with kind heart, for conversation, friendship, possible LTR. Race open. ☎5737

SOMEONE SPECIAL
DWF, 37, 5'9", attractive, N/S, one child, secure, serious interests, open, seeks honest, affectionate, financially secure S/DWM, 34-50, 5'9"+, N/S. ☎5698

HI
Professional SWF, 27, who likes to: go camping, football games, concerts, the beach, and other fun stuff. Seeking someone who's silly and fun, values friendship, motivated and responsible. ☎5470

LOOKING FOR FUN
Seeking WM, 26-40, to share fun times with. If you want to know more leave a message, all calls answered. ☎5471

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN
Non-smoking AF, 36, seeks attractive, health-conscious, dependent-free WM, 30-40, 5'9"+, for casual dating, possible LTR. ☎5378

STILL SEARCHING
Tall, attractive SWF, 36, never married, yet. Height/weight proportionate, dark/hazel, enjoys movies, concerts, rollerblading, and back rubs, seeks tall, SWM, 5'11"+, who is sincere, with sense of humor and open to a lasting relationship. ☎5235

WHERE ARE YOU?
SWF, 25, brown/blue, employed and educated, seeks SWM, 25-35, who is financially secure and enjoys going out, along with quiet evenings at home. ☎5238

HELLO FRIEND
Attractive, intelligent, refined yet fun, slender, tall SF, 51, smoker, enjoys intimate dining, movies, interesting conversation, home life. Seeking intelligent, tall, classy, marriage-minded gentleman, 50+. ☎5745

SEXY BUT WHOLESOME
Petite, Italian DWF, very young 47, N/S, N/D, great sense of humor, enjoys ethnic dining, comedy clubs, the beach, seeks attractive DWM, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎5730

'97 PURPLE PROWLER
You're handsome, live life to the fullest, passionate, sense of humor, man of distinction. I should have stayed longer, ask for a ride 8/24, 13 and crooks mobile. ☎5731

COULD CONNECT...
with tall, H/W proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. ☎5732

A TOUCH OF CLASS
Easy on the eyes, N/S, social drinker, enjoys the better things in life such as theater, dancing, dining, travel, long walks, good conversation. Seeking tall man, 55-65, 6'+, with similar interests. ☎5733

LOOKING FOR MR. WONDERFUL
DWF, 45, blonde/blue, single mom of 11 year-old, responsible, but with a great sense of humor. Seeking that wonderful guy, with similar qualities, N/S, N/D, for a great relationship. ☎5619

I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES
Attractive, slender, intelligent, refined, affectionate, humorous JF, 54, blonde/green, 5'5", seeks classy gent, who is sweet, intelligent, honest, polite, for a real relationship. ☎5421

ANTIQUE HUNTER
Cute, outgoing, fun lady, 5'3", long red hair, slim, wants to meet great guy, 55-62, to share love of flea markets, antique shows, travel, etc. Oakland County area only. ☎5846

WITHIN 10 WEEKS
Psychic says I will meet Taurus, teacher/counselor with nice hair. Don't make me wait 10 weeks. Me: 5', blonde/green, 125lbs, health-conscious, N/S, social drinker, likes to laugh, cute and sexy. S/DWM, 45-50 only. ☎5664

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 41, petite, blonde, single parent of one, seeks marriage-minded male, 42-46, that knows how to treat a lady. Must be honest and loyal. Give me a call. ☎5633

THAT CERTAIN CHEMISTRY
Attractive, slim SWF, 5'6", blond/blue, seeks attractive, muscular SWM, 37-44, 5'10"+, N/S. Emotionally and financially secure a plus. If you're fun, you might be the one. ☎5642

LOOK NO FURTHER
DWF, late 30s, attractive, the ultimate "brat", with the devil in her eye. Would like to meet DWM, athletic type, who likes music, boating, and movies. Royal Oak area. ☎5611

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Tall, slim, (young 50), N/S, social drinker, professional likes golf, cross-country skiing, dining out, travel, would like to meet male with similar interests. Children ok. ☎5557

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA
DWF, 41, 5'5", blonde/hazel, full-figured, mom of two, N/D, N/S, enjoys dancing, playing cards, movies, easy listening music. Seeking tall, romantic, caring, trusting SM, 40-45. ☎5455

LOOKING 4 SOMEONE SPECIAL
Down-to-earth, caring, giving, affectionate, sense of humor, easygoing, enjoys bingo, going for rides, dancing, shows, open to new things DWF, 5'1", blonde, nice-looking. Seeking man 45-55. ☎5475

LOOKS UNIMPORTANT; BUT
intelligence, spirituality and healing naturally are, and George Clooney look-a-likes are welcome. SW pretty, petite, youthful, non-smoking activist, 47, seeks non-prejudiced, politically left WM, 35-57, for fun, art, lectures, friendship/relationship. ☎5726

SOULMATE, WHERE ARE YOU?
SWF, mid-40s, dark hair/eyes, seeks outgoing, fun-loving SWM, mid-30s-mid-40s. My interests: bowling, bingo, auto races, spectator sports, gambling trips, walking, funny movies. ☎5727

LOOKING FOR A KEEPER?
Attractive, intelligent, loyal, full-figured SWF 36, long brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentleman to share time with, children welcome, wives aren't. Let's not be lonely. ☎5738

CUDDLER
DWF, young 62, full-figured, shy cuddler, seeks romantic, caring, honest guy for friendship which could lead into something more serious. ☎5697

UNCHAINED MELODY
Slim, attractive DWPF, 50, N/S, seeks S/DWPM, 45-55, 5'8"+, H/W proportionate, for C&W dancing, rollerblading, and companionship. ☎5636

SINCERITY A MUST
Looking for a friend. I have a variety of interests, form Rachmaninov, to Tony Bennet, from Lake Michigan to Las Vegas. DF, 56, N/S. Seeking man 56-65. ☎5641

SEXY, SASSY AND CLASSY...
30-something, is seeking Prince Charming, but will settle for frog with sense of humor. ☎5652

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D.
Cultured, mean apple pie. Golf, tennis, and skiing enthusiast. Theater addiction, dance fever. Seeking male counterpart, 34-47. ☎5656

FUN FRIENDSHIP ROMANCE
Affectionate, caring, down-to-earth DWF, 42, 5'5", medium build, brown/green, with sense of humor. Seeking S/DWM, 40-45, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker, to enjoy our shared/new interests. Make me laugh! ☎5665

UNCONVENTIONAL
Attractive SWF, 20, 5'4", brown/brown, college student, into music and shows, hardcore, ska, punk, art, movies, and going out. Seeking SWM, 18-25, with similar interests and an open mind. ☎5520

SLENDER
DWF, 50, 5'7", 120lbs, advanced degree, N/S, social drinker, homeowner, with a positive outlook, enjoys cultural events, dancing, and sports. Seeking companionship, for starters. ☎5606

HOLD MY HAND
SF, 42, 5'8", short reddish-brown hair, medium build, enjoys quiet dinners, movies, evenings at home. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-55, who is romantic, caring, financially secure, and enjoys doing things together. Smoker, social drinker. ☎5608

GARDEN CITY GAL
DW mom, 43, 5'6", plus-sized, witty, shy and romantic, enjoys gardening, comedy clubs, quiet times. Let's talk! N/S, N/D, N/Drugs. ☎5614

CUTE & CLASSIC
SBF, 49, loves jogging, sporting events, movies and quiet evenings. Seeking attractive, single gentleman, over 48, with similar interests. ☎5540

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE?
So am I. Attractive, sexy DWPF, 40ish, enjoy walking in my Nikes, or going to the theater in my heels. Seeking financially/emotionally secure, family-oriented DWM, 40-50ish, for serious LTR. ☎5543

ATTRACTIVE FUN-LOVING
Fit, active, professional SWF, 40, 5'7", enjoys golf, tennis, travel, etc. In search of active professional, relationship-minded individual, SWM, 35-45, N/S. ☎5547

ETHNICITY UNIMPORTANT
You're on my mind, but so very hard to find. Pretty DWF, 54, enjoys laughter and good conversation, fine dining, occasionally casinos. Seeking SM, 45-65, for friendship and dating. ☎5549

LADY
SPF, biracial, 46, full-figured, attractive, pleasant, enjoys traveling, jazz, concerts and movies. Seeking SM, 40-50, 6'+, financially secure, race unimportant, for dating, possible relationship. ☎5550

SMART MOUTH FEMALE
40s, petite, attractive, looks calm, scares easy. Nice truck, no property. Seeking 35+, tall, attractive, patient working guy. Friends first. No professionals, smokers, drinkers, overweight or Momma's boys. Salesmen ok. ☎5552

ARE YOU FOR ME?
SWF 37, 5'3", 135lbs, fairly attractive, seeks WM, 36-55, to be honest, caring, loving, sincere, and marriage-minded, for happiness together. Must be financially secure. ☎5511

FUN, PROFESSIONAL
DWF, 48, 5'3", 135lbs, enjoys most sports, golf, skiing, hockey, football, nature, travel. Seeking fun-loving, affectionate, kind, N/S WPM, 43-55, for LTR. ☎5514

KEEPER OF MY STARS
Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 43, 5'7", brown/hazel, N/S, enjoy sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature S/DWM, 38-52, 5'7"+, N/S, who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. ☎5567

CURVY CONTOURS
DWF, 40-something, copper-colored hair, N/S, social drinker, seeks gentleman, 6'+, for romantic dinners, weekend travel. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎5568

KIND-HEARTED
DWF, 40, auburn/green, 5'5", 120lbs, N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, antiques, art fairs. Seeking tall, fit WPM, 36-43, N/S, N/Drugs. ☎5454

IS IT YOU?
Attractive French-Canadian, American-born female, speaks French, good sense of humor, enjoys outdoor activities, gardening, good food, travel. Seeking companion to relax and chat, and speak French with. ☎5420

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SWF, 40, 5'7", 115lbs. I'm selective, successful, and honest. I don't smoke or drink, and have no dependents. Seeking the same qualities in a trim, tall, 38-48 year-old SWM. ☎5360

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive, full-figured SWF, brown/green, enjoys fireplaces, up North, being together. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 40-52, who is loving, kind and needs a good woman. ☎5362

TALL SLENDER BLONDE
Catch your attention? Actually I'm more like Rosie with red hair. DWF, 39, good sense of humor, like to do just about everything, but tired of doing it alone. Looking for a LTR, possible marriage. ☎5370

HAPPILY EVER AFTER?
SWF, 40, attractive, intelligent, has spent enough lonely weekends to last two lifetimes. If you are SWM, 50+, N/S, who is extremely generous with time, attention and affection, let's talk. ☎5233

MOTORCYCLE?
Love Harley men. It must be something in the jeans! Romantic, passionate brunette; early 40s. Business owner, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland. ☎5234

Men Seeking Women

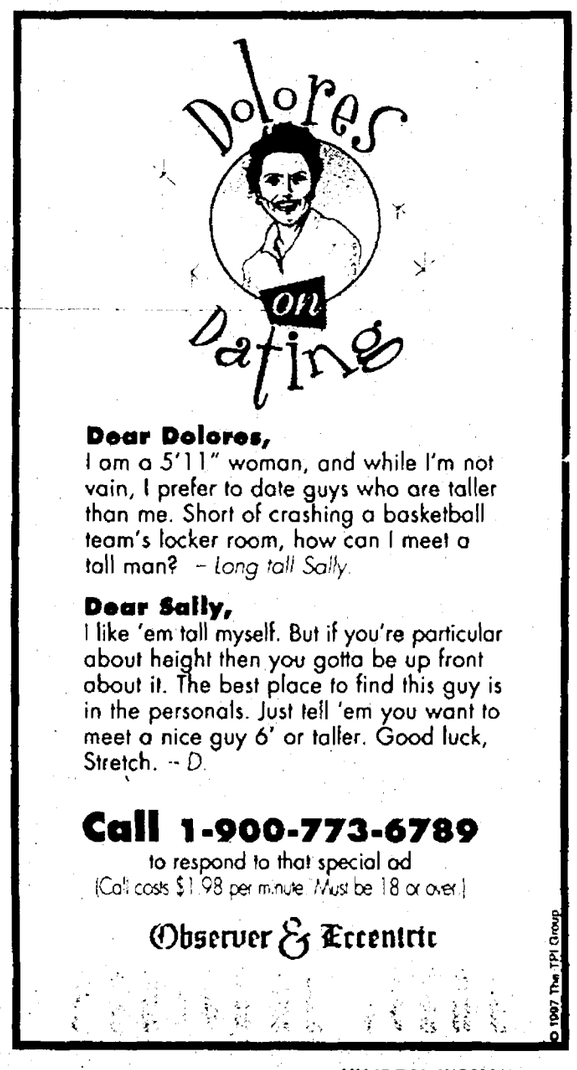
SLOW HAND, EASY TOUCH
Handsome DWPM, 49, 6', 175lbs, N/S, financially secure. Enjoys travel, outdoor/indoor sports, theater, and movies. Seeking SWPF, 38-48, 5'5"+, financially secure, outgoing, looks good in jeans/formal attire, for LTR. ☎5824

WIN THIS TAURUS!
(astrologically speaking). Handsome 1955 model, low maintenance, high appreciation, seeks caring, careful, WK driver, age unimportant. ☎5820

BY PASSING THIS AD?
Think again? Mellow SWM, 42, wise, witty, loves a challenge, broad interest, seeks special connection with delightful lady, for fun and romance. ☎5831

GENTLEMAN, YOUNG 50S
Hardworking seeks companionship of good woman to enjoy the beauties of what life has to offer. Dining out, quiet evenings at home, outdoors, having fun. ☎5700

EMILIO ESTEVEZ...
look-alike. Turned over age 35, low miles, runs great, one horsepower, no luggage rack, will take best lady. Westside. ☎5638



Dear Dolores,
I am a 5'11" woman, and while I'm not vain, I prefer to date guys who are taller than me. Short of crashing a basketball team's locker room, how can I meet a tall man? – *Long tall Sally.*

Dear Sally,
I like 'em tall myself. But if you're particular about height then you gotta be up front about it. The best place to find this guy is in the personals. Just tell 'em you want to meet a nice guy 6' or taller. Good luck, Stretch. – *D.*

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PRINCE OF THE CITY
SBPM, 36, 6'1", 225lbs, athletic build, financially secure, marriage-minded, seeks SF, 5'7"+, H/W proportionate, long hair, educated, career woman without children. ☎5830

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Attractive SWM, 34, 6', 175lbs, brown/brown, caring, affectionate, understanding, enjoys camping, candlelight dinners, moonlight walks, sports(bowling). Seeking woman, 32-42, with similar interests, for possible LTR. No games. ☎5832

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Attractive, down-to-earth, WPM, looking for that special someone, who is attractive, loyal, sincere, for friendship and maybe more. Someone looking for romance and friendship. Give me a call, so we can talk. ☎5823

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SWM, 27, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed. Seeking attractive SWF, 18-35, H/W proportionate, must be outgoing, and enjoy sports. ☎5828

RENAISSANCE MAN
Lover of music, the Renaissance Festival, the wilderness and much more. I'm a 30 year-old, Novi area SWM, seeks a fair maiden, 21-45, for a hopeful relationship. ☎5821

A GREAT DATE!!
Handsome, professionally employed, in shape, very funny SWM, 30, seeks smart, sexy female, for dining, museums, concerts, shopping, etc. Age/race open. All calls answered. ☎5747

LOOKING FOR LOVE
SWM, 31, 5'8", blonde/brown, slim, incurable romantic loves, movies, staying fit, and spoiling lovely lady. Seeking SWF, 21-31, for friendship, possible relationship. Flowers and teddy bears a must. ☎5735

MY IDEAL WOMAN...
is SWF, 38-48, medium build/full-figured, proportionate, who's romantic, loving, enjoys the outdoors. If this is you, call me: SWM, 35, N/S, smart, sincere, handsome, fun, ready for a good time. ☎5729

ADVENTUROUS
SWM, 28, 5'10", 155lbs, professional, dark hair and eyes, considered good-looking, enjoys traveling, skiing, sporting events, good conversation, humor, romantic dinners and much more. Seeking an outgoing and attractive woman. ☎5825

ROMANTIC WARRIOR
College-educated, athletic, adventurous, creative, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts, open-minded. Seeking fit, witty SWF, 20-40, for possible relationship. ☎5661

SEEKS SLENDER BRUNETTE
Pretty, long-haired SW/H/AF is who this well-employed, well-adjusted, passionate SWM, 38, 160lbs, short brown/blue, loves dearly. Job, car, nice. Don't hesitate to call. ☎5816

TALL GENTLEMAN
Humorous SWM, 36, 6'4", attractive. Seeking SWF, 27-40, who's attractive, enjoys comedies, movies, walking, or just fun. Plymouth area. ☎5826

SINCERE PHYSICIAN...
seeks petite, professional woman who is honest, sincere, and wants to be treated like a lady. ☎5749

SANDY HAIR, BLUE EYES
Trim, somewhat rugged SWM, 35, 5'11", good-looking, would appreciate a nice, sweet, trim gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods and back roads on motorcycle or working around home, garden. Kids ok. ☎5643

CALL MY DAD
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 38, 5'9", Catholic, brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys movies, cooking, candlelight dinners, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF with kids, for companionship, monogamous relationship. ☎5651

HONEST, ROMANTIC
SWPM, 33, 6'2", medium build, black/brown, enjoys working out, camping, music, travel. Seeking SWF, 21-38, for dating, possible LTR. ☎5653

FINANCIALLY SECURE
Retired SBCM, 38, 6', enjoys sports, movies, quiet evenings, travel. Seeking SF, with similar interests, for LTR, possible marriage. ☎5658

LOOKING FOR THE ONE
Caring, passionate, fun, lovely Caucasian gentleman, 35, N/S, enjoys outdoor activities, the lake, dancing, music, weekend car trips. Seeking SWF, N/S, medium/full-figured, who is loving and good-hearted. Age open. ☎5667

A YOUNG ROBERT REDFORD
SM, 5'10", 165lbs, blond hair, homeowner, self-employed, loves the outdoors, boating, skiing, hiking, picnics, working out, traveling. Seeking tall female. Must workout, have a sense of humor and be employed. ☎5604

TOP NOTCH
Attractive, bright, humorous, caring, dynamic, well-educated, engineering manager, mid-40s, empty nester, slim, athletic build, seeks healthy, slim, attractive, mid-40s. ☎5696

BEASTIE BOYS,
Smashing Pumpkins, Led Zeppelin(my three favorites), good-looking, tall, athletic, outgoing SWM, 22, great personality, enjoys concerts, the outdoors, music(all types), biking. Seeking slender SWF, 18-28, with similar interests. Friendship first. ☎5750

E-MAIL ME
SM, 5'9", brown/brown, enjoys sports, golfing, fishing, outdoors, skiing, hanging out with friends, quiet evenings at home, C&W music, and having fun. ☎5736

MOONGAZING OPTIMIST
SWM, 43, dashing, affluent, achiever, positive outlook on life, seeks adventure and romance with pleasurable, spirited WF, age open. ☎5739

ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE
Maybe it's me you're searching for. Jovial, dynamic, great-looking, SWM, 40, enjoys adventure, spontaneity, mystery. Seeking carefree, outgoing SWF, age unimportant. ☎5741

LIVONIA RESIDENT
SBM, 30, 6'2", 210lbs, N/D, N/D, have all accessories for LTR. Seeking SWF, 21-28, enjoys music, sports, dancing. Let's talk. ☎5743

NO SECRETS
Slim, trim, financially secure DWM, mid-30s, homeowner, with very mild herpes, enjoys Harleys, camping, movies, dining, etc. Seeking honest, caring, active, playful, young lady, under 40, for LTR. North Oakland. ☎5744

FRIENDLY, HARD-WORKING
Fit SM, 53, 5'9", 160lbs, seeks physically fit, SF, under 45, under 5'7", enjoys outdoors, books, movies. Let's meet. Smoker ok. Kids a plus. ☎5746

READ THIS, THEN CALL IT
Are you tired of third wheel syndrome? Do you like the outdoors, social gatherings, movies or cards? SWM, 27, 6', average, attractive and hard-working. ☎5694

SEEKING FOOTBALL FAN
SWPM, 35, 5'11", brown/blue, 195lbs, employed, no dependents, good sense of humor, seeks SWF, 30-40, who enjoys attending Michigan State football games and more. ☎5695

GARTH BROOKS LOOK-ALIKE
Attractive male, seeks SWF, songbird/guitarist (25-35), to country karaoke, and play music with. Also enjoys 99.5 concerts, and dancing. Visit Nashville with me, possible LTR? ☎5748

OLD-FASHIONED GUY
Romantic, handsome, honest, sincere, athletic, intelligent SWM, 23, N/S, good morals/values, seeks slender, pretty SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities/interests, enjoys music, good conversation, outdoors, mountain biking working out. ☎5742

LOVES ROLLERBLADING
Fun, handsome, outgoing, athletic SWM, 21, 5'11", enjoys summertime, cycling, movies, working out, rollerblading at Kensington/Metro Beach, seeks sincere, fit, attractive SWF, 18-25, for friendship, summer fun, maybe more. ☎5670

MY MOTHER SAYS...
"Someday you'll meet a special woman and make her very happy. You're handsome, intelligent and sincere." SWM, 24, enjoys outdoors, music, romance, seeks slender, energetic SWF, age unimportant. ☎5829

SEEKS MODEL/DANCER
Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11", seeks athletic, caring, affectionate, slim WF, 18-32, with good personality, for friendship, maybe more. Your call could bring us together. ☎5740

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Handsome, mature, honest, romantic, sincere, athletic SWM, 24, 5'11". Enjoys sunsets, moonlit walks, outdoors, music, biking. Seeking pretty, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-28, to talk, walk, and journey through life with. ☎5639

LOOKING FOR LOVE?
Romantic SWM, 27, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music, romantic times, seeks sincere, SWF, 21-29, for possible LTR. ☎5822

IVORY SEEKS EBONY
Attractive, slim, affectionate WM, late 40s, intelligent, outgoing, humorous, sincere, seeks similar black female for occasional LTR ☎5634

PICTURE PERFECT
Is a romantic comedy type relationship possible? SWM, 40, handsome, humorous, playfully hip, enjoys the interplay of romance, hilarity. Seeks to tickle the fancy of WF equivalent. ☎5654

CREATIVE MUSICIAN
Good-looking SWM, 23, dark/green, unique, romantic, open, communicative, athletic, clean-cut, deep-thinking, song writer/drummer. Seeking pretty, slender, creative, spontaneous, sweet SWF, 18-32, who also loves music. ☎5660

ON THE GO
Young WPM, 48, 5'10", handsome, large frame, dances often, has handicap of 6 golfing. Seeking attractive WF, 35-55, comfortable in jeans or formal gown at private country club. ☎5602

VERY LOVING MAN
Very handsome, caring gentleman, looking to share life with a kind woman, emotionally/financially secure. I'm sure I can bring joy into your life. ☎5613

ATTRACTIVE & INTELLIGENT
Witty, honest, college-educated, trim DWPM, 47, N/S, enjoys bridge, tennis, dancing, movies, and moonlit walks. Seeking attractive, trim, educated WPF, 37-49, with similar traits and interests, for LTR. ☎5819

STRAIGHT EDGE
Cute, funny SWM, 25, enjoys skateboarding, rollerblading, music (70s rock, punk, ska). Seeking SWF, 18-27, to hang with, maybe more. Is this what it takes to meet other straightedge people? ☎5833

RELATE, THEN IT'S A DATE!
Slim, sensual, Taurus, spiritual SJM, 44, 5'9", 155lbs, seeks relationship-oriented SWF, soulmate, 33-43, who enjoys boating, beach walks, volleyball, movies, art fairs, dancing, coffee houses, ethnic dining. ☎5834

TAKE A CHANCE
SWPM, 41, 5'8", fit, dependent-free Catholic, communicative, humorous, introspective, enjoys bicycling, jogging, eclectic taste in music/movies. Seeking trim, educated, emotionally available SWF, 30-40, to share happy, healthy relationship. ☎5724

CUTE BUTT
Down-to-earth DWM seeks kind-hearted lady, who still values family, and enjoys flowers, will answer all calls. ☎5734

BRAD PITT TYPE
Sexy, long blonde/blue, 6'2", 32, fun, kind, reliable, sharp dresser, good listener, 100% healthy. Seeking selective, slender peach, 21-38, 5'6"+, for more than a guest appearance. ☎5699

DARE 2 BE DIFFERENT
Good-looking, thoughtful, caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 5'7", 180lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, travel, warm vacations, holding hands, long walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for LTR/monogamous relationship. ☎5637

ROMANTIC
Sensitive, considerate DWM, 57, N/S, N/D, interests vary from family activities to craft shows, country music to dancing, cookouts etc. Desires to meet special white lady, 40-55, who is marriage-minded. ☎5640

A GOOD CATCH
Attractive, SWM, 39, 5'8", blond/blue, 160lbs. Enjoys dining out, movies or quiet nights at home. I have no children. Seeking attractive female, height/weight proportionate, for casual or LTR. ☎5644

NO GAMES
SM, 5'9", 220lbs, easygoing, truck driver, enjoys dancing, barbecues, friends. Seeking loving, caring SF, 45-50, spontaneous, H/W proportionate, for LTR. ☎5649

HAS ALMOST EVERYTHING:
success, good looks, warm heart. Athletic SWM, 42, great communicator, seeks intelligent, attractive S/DWF, for special relationship, possible LTR. Age open. ☎5650

MASCULINE, MUSCULAR, SEXY
SWPM, 44, 6'1", 195lbs, enjoys music, sports, fishing, bowling, dancing. Seeking slim, sexy SF, 25-45, with same interests, for friendship, maybe more. ☎5655

ITALIAN STALLION
SWM, 44, 6', attractive, muscular, very active, financially secure. Seeking attractive, fit female, 45 or under, for possible relationship. ☎5657

LIVONIA ROMANTIC
SWM, 53, secure, likes movies, sports, travel, dining, quiet times. Seeking SWF, 43-50, N/S, N/D, for companionship to LTR. ☎5659

SWM, OVER 60
Wanted: female, 50-60, light drinker/smoker ok, who enjoys boating and camping. Can talk over coffee. ☎5663

SWM, 30
Construction worker, 6', 195lbs, have one daughter. Seeking Ms. Right, SWF, 25-35, to share life with. If you like romance and having fun too, you and I could make a love connection. ☎5666

HANDSOME ENGINEER
Young-looking DWM, 53, 6'1", 195lbs, N/S, graduate degreed (MBA), excellent health/physical condition, ex-Marine. Seeking very attractive woman, shapely, with great legs, friendly, someone special for permanent relationship. ☎5516

KIND-HEARTED
SBM, 42, 5'7", 170lbs, with a medium build, easygoing, knows how to treat a lady. Seeking a S/DWF, 18-50, for friendship and fun. ☎5518

VEGETARIAN
SWM, 49, 5'11", N/S, no dependents, financially secure, physically fit, seek SWF, 30s to early 40s, N/S, with same qualities, who is very health-conscious, and a vegetarian. ☎5607

HAKUNA MATADA
Affectionate, compassionate SM, 46, 6'2", 270lbs, enjoys the outdoors, golfing, and quiet evenings at home. Seeking slender female, 25-45, for dating and possible relationship. ☎5609

CURIOUS GEORGE
Very attractive SWM, 29, 6'1", 190lbs, likes bike riding, movies, concerts, dining, hockey. Seeking attractive SWF, 25-35, with similar interests, who is honest and likes to laugh. For LTR. ☎5610

HANDSOME, KIND TEACHER
DWM, 44, 6', 200lbs, teacher, full-time dad, loves guitar, outdoors, family cottage in northern Michigan. Seeking SF for serious, loving relationship. N/S, social drinker. ☎5615

Sports & Interests

HORSE LOVER
SWM, 45, seeks partner for harness race horse. ☎5517

GOLFER WANNABE
SWF, N/S, good-looking, clumsy, non-athletic, seeks, SWM, N/S, 40-50, good-looking, non-clumsy, athletic golfer, to give pointers on how to play the game. ☎5182

LET'S TEE IT UP
Pretty, independent, slender, good golfer seeks handsome, trim, gentleman golf partner, young 50s, for tournament play. Let's exchange rounds of golf; your club or mine? ☎5356

Seniors

PHONE PALS
Livonia senior, WF, interested in senior phone pals, for friends to talk to. I'm Catholic and I love pets and friendly people. All calls will be returned. ☎4967

GET UP AND GO!
DWF, attractive, slim, intelligent, down-to-earth, 56, smoker, reading, dining out, plays. Seeking man, 5'8"+, N/Drugs, N/D, no couch potatoes, no games. ☎5363

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Christ Our Savior's Canton Campus dedicates windows

Fourteen years ago, Harry Flagg started a hobby that will now last for years to come.

The Livonia resident is the designer and artist of a set of stained glass windows that will be dedicated Sunday, Sept. 14, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus. Christ Our Savior's assistant pastor, the Rev. Mark Bayer will dedicate the windows at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Flagg, 68, started working with stained glass as a hobby some 14 years ago because of his interest in art and a desire to "keep myself busy working with my hands."

He took a few classes, bought some basic equipment and went to work. A retired project manager for Gavco Audio Visual Company, he has transformed his basement into his workshop. It is there that he designs and creates original stained glass pieces for homes, offices and now a church.

The Rev. Luther Werth, pastor, felt a need to replace the sanctuary altar glass in the satellite church which Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia acquired in February 1996.

"We were in the process of updating and remodeling and realized that the windows were the focus of the church sanctuary," Werth said.

He first contacted Marv Oldenburg, a member of the congregation who also has done some work with stained glass. Oldenburg developed the concept and design, but turned it over to Flagg for the construction of the window.

Flagg took the concept and finalized it into two separate window panels. The left window, entitled "The Resurrection," features four women at the empty tomb of Jesus.

The right panel, "The Magi," depicts a scene of the Wise Men who came to worship Jesus at His birth.

The upper panels contain beveled glass in the shape of a small cross. The entire sent of four windows are framed by a large, free-standing wooden cross.

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus is at 46001 Warren Road. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

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Clothing, furniture, household goods, kitchenware, sewing needs, games and toys will be sold, with the bag sale starting at 3 p.m.

• St. Valentine Parish will have its fall rummage/bake sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the church, 25800 Dow, off Beech Daly, south of Five Mile Road, Redford.

REDFORD CLERGY

The Redford Clergy Association will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the R.C. Dunkelberger Activity Center at Presbyterian Village Redford, 17383 Garfield Redford. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the meeting. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Alexandra at (313) 541-6487.

NEWBURG NIGHT OUT

Newburg United Methodist Church's Newburg Night Out, an evening program of church activities for people of all ages, resumes at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

There will be choirs and drama for children and youth, interesting adult classes, a program for young children and child care. Dinner also will be available 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Gutherie Hall. Cost is $3 for adult, $2 for children.

For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, monthly meeting will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church, Haggerty south of Five Mile Road. The speaker will be the Rev. Dave Blake. For information, call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

The group also meets on Sundays for breakfast and Mass – 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia – call Val at (313) 729-1974; and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinochle at 7 p.m. every other Friday – call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

SINGLE SPIRIT

Single Spirit of Ward Presbyterian Church will host a coffee house at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, on the second floor of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Singles ages 20-35 will enjoy coffee and dessert and listen to Son of Adam, a Christian band with an "alternative" sound. Cost will be $8 per person.

For more information, contact Jennifer at (248) 649-2904 or the Single Spirit office at (313) 422-1809.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have a flea Market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in the south parking lot of the church, 20601 Beech Daly Road, Redford. Baked goods will be available along with table rentals. For more information, call the church office at (313) 534-4907.

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Looking for ways to stretch your dollar? A money management workshop will be offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 21 and 28 and Oct. 5, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The video-based program taught by Merl Terry will present financial planning concepts to help you stretch your dollar, develop a home budget and learn cash flow techniques. Registration cost is $10 per workbook ordered. For more information, call Bob D'Ambrosio at (313) 522-6830.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

Yohann Anderson, a composer and creator of the popular "Songs song book used by many churches and Emmaus groups, will present a "Let's Sing Shop – The Art of Relaxed Song Leading" 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Participants will learn how to increase the participation, singing and communication in their groups. Participants will experience a unique relational learning style that's fun for all ages.

The cost is $15 (bring a bag lunch) and is designed for youth leaders, Emmaus musicians, children's ministries coordinators, choir directors and anyone who leads music. For more information or to register, call JoAnn at Songs and Creations at (800) 227-2188.

MUSICAL DRAMA

The Youth Department of the Full Gospel Temple of Westland will present the musical drama, "Live the Difference," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the church, 34033 Palmer Road. People who attend will be challenged and inspired by the free presentation. For more information, call (313) 326-3333.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. For more information, call John at (313) 422-5611.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worship services at 2 p.m. Sundays at the Open Door Church, 33105 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (810) 471-5282.

FROM THE HEART

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers From the Heart Cancer Support Group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Rooms B2 and 4 at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. c For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1826.

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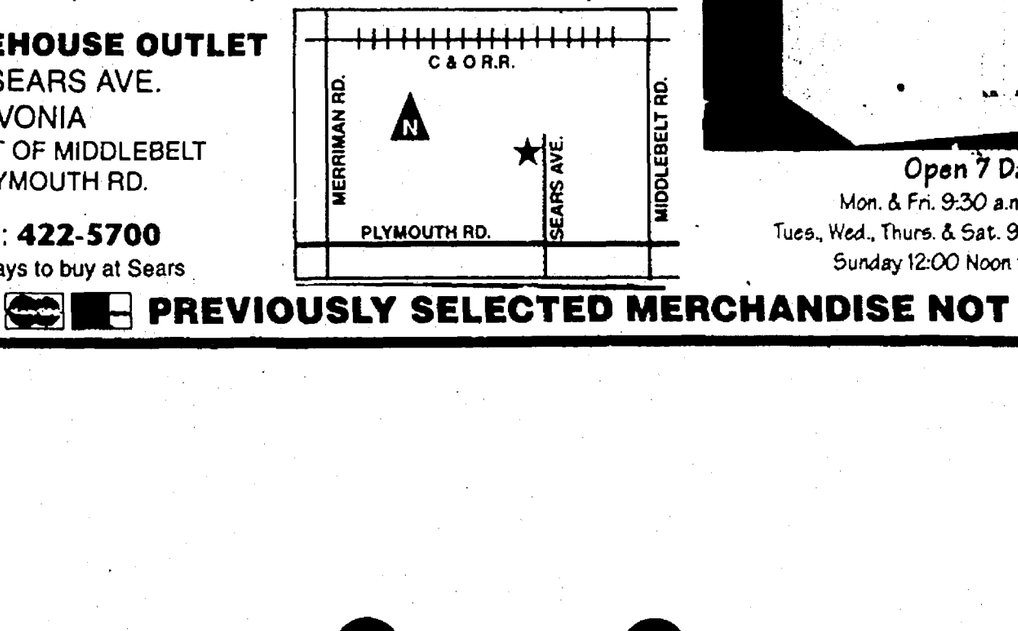

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CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is $20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

GARDEN CITY AFROTC
Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFROTC craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY
Space is available for Marshall Elementary School's 12th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school, 33901 Curtis Road, west of Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 476-6234 or (248) 478-6421.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER
Crafters are needed for the Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts sponsored arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For information, call the department at (313) 722-7632, Doris at (313) 326-0146 or Donna at (313) 453-5719.

ST. AIDAN'S
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan's Church's 14th annual craft show Oct. 18 at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (313) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's annual Fall Festival of Fashion show, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (810) 477-8902 or Margaret at (313) 261-3737.

ST. JUDE CIRCLE
The St. Jude Circle of St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a craft show Oct. 25 at the church, 271010 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (313) 522-2963.

ABUNDANT LIFE
The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Angelic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (313) 595-0011 or (313) 595-8062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY
Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admission will be $1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 523-0022 or (313) 523-9200.

ST. MEL'S
Crafters are needed for St. Mel's annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 in the school gymnasium, 7520 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. For table information or an application, call (313) 261-6881 or (313) 274-6270.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University will hold its 13th annual holiday arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1-2 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will be $2 for adults and children under age 12 free.For more information, call (313) 432-5603.

LIVONIA YMCA
The deadline for the 13th annual Livonia Family YMCA's Mulberry Holiday Market has been extended to Sept. 15. The market will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. Cost is $70 for a 10- foot by 8-foot booth. Tables are available for $12. For more information, call the Y at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 310.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are wanted for Livonia Stevenson high School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10- by 10-foot or 6- by 16-foot spaces are available for $55. Chairs (no tables) are available on request and a limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no additional charge. For more information, call (313) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
The Mother Cabrini Guild of Ss. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor its 15th annual arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, west of Merriman Road, Westland. Table space (8 feet by 2 1/2 feet) costs $25. Call Winnie at (313) 722-8098 or (313) 722-1343.

KETTERING ELEMENTARY
The Kettering PTA will have its 11th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the school, 1200 S. Hubbard, Westland. For more information, call Kathy at 722-7433 or Jamie at 467-8085.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church's craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables cost $20; long tables are $25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (313) 722-7225.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Exhibitors are wanted for Grace Lutheran Church's annual art and craft show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth sizes are 6 by 9 feet and 8 by 10 feet. Call Tina Greniewicki at (313) 591-3099 or (313) 464-2727 for more information.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will sponsor a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 425-0603.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Filiatraut honored

The Detroit Lions named John Filiatraut of Livonia Churchill as the inaugural winner of the High School Coach of the Week award.

Filiatraut, making his varsity coaching debut, was honored after Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak Friday with a 26-8 victory over Redford Union. It was Churchill's second win in the 1990s.

"It was a great win for us," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "John has the players thinking positively and has generated a lot of enthusiasm for this football team."

Each week throughout the season, one coached that best develops his players' character, discipline and football skill will be recognized for his commitment to the team, school and community. The winner is selected by a panel of three sports writers — Mick McCabe of the Detroit Free Press, Jane Bos of the Grand Rapids Press and Hugh Bernreuter of the Saginaw News.

The weekly winners receive a $500 donation to their school's football program and will be honored Dec. 21 at the Lions-Jets game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Youth baseball tryouts

The Michigan Lake Area Rams will hold baseball tryouts for players (who remain 17 on July 31, 1998) on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Oakland University.

For more information, call George Drallos at (248) 394-1149, Rich Hynes at (248) 623-6538 or Dave Mitchell at (248) 620-9697.

3-on-3 soccer champs

Five members of the Livonia Youth Soccer League Express, an under-13 boys soccer team, has qualified for the National 3-on-3 Soccer Tournament in January in Florida.

The five players, who won qualifying tourneys in Birmingham (July 12-13) and Indiana (Aug. 16-17), include Bobby Geisinger, Jake Horgan, Jeremy Horgan, Elisha Sage and Vimlesh Shukla.

Soccer runners-up

•The Livonia YMCA Meteors, an under-17 Littles Caesars Premier League team, finished second in their division weekend at the Palatine, Ill. Celtic Labor Day Tournament.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Mike McGrath, include: Vanessa Byerle, Kersten Conklin, Mary Gignac, Susan Hill, Sara Lizbinski, Becky Peterson, Lindsay Pfeifer, Natalie Pickelhaupt, Jill Richardson, Paula Shureb and Stacey Supanich, all of Livonia; Tiffanie Hembrough, Westland; Jamie Jakacki, Farmington Hills; Julia DiPonio, Novi; Andrea Deshong, Becky Guibord, Jane Hefferan and Lindsay Theisen, Dearborn. The assistant coach and trainer is Derrick Steele.

•The Livonia Y Meteors, a under-16 girls team, reached the finals recently of the Romeo Peachfest, allowing only one goal in the preliminary round before losing a hard-fought game in the championship.

Members of the Meteors include: Alexis Bowman, Allison Curd, Lorianne DeDomenico, Laura Hucal, Kristen Katcherian, Stephanie Lauder-Goff, Beth Poulos, Kelly Ross, Patti Sullivan, Melissa Sultana, Kara Tweadey, Kelly Upton, Carly Wadsworth, Dana Wantin, Katie Westfall and Leah Winiesdorffer.

The Meteors are coach by Bob Westfall and Pete Vladovich. The manager is Randy Upton.

Cage wheelers wanted

The Westland Wizardz, which placed second in last year's Class C state championship, will hold and open practice and tryout from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Bailey Center.

Players under-16 are also wanted to participate in starting a junior league. (You must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian to be eligible.)

Sponsorship is also needed. For more information, call or leave a message for Margaret or Barb at (313) 722-7620.

Area golf divots

Steve Robinson, 12, of Livonia, carded an ace on the 130-yard, No. 12 hole on July 30 at Oasis Golf Center.

He's in the money

Negotiations tug-of-war ends for Westland lefty

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

The Seattle Mariners raised their money offer — so Ryan Anderson decided to get down to business.

Anderson became a Mariner on Monday when he agreed to an estimated $2 million to $2.2 million signing bonus — less than he wanted but more than Seattle originally offered.

"They came up (with their offer)," Ryan's father and advisor, Gus Anderson, said Tuesday. "But they stuck to their guns.

"But we're ending up happy. It's a helluva chunk of money for a young kid. The main thing is he had to get to work. He couldn't let that money go and go on to college.

"He missed out on rookie league (baseball), which we had hoped he would do. However the (Arizona) Instructional League is starting Sept. 16th. He's leaving next Tuesday for that."

The signing, though less than the family would have liked, still made the Westland native the best-paid No. 19 choice in draft history and was equal to or better than signing bonuses paid the fourth and fifth selections in the draft.

"We decided to go ahead and sign," Gus Anderson said. "It'll be better for Ryan all the way around. Seattle is one great team. They will treat Ryan well."

The 6-foot-10 Anderson got a nice sweetener in his contract — an invitation to spring training with Seattle next year and a chance to learn first-hand from his idol, 'The Big Unit,' Randy Johnson.

"That's rare," said Gus Anderson, who also wrangled four years at the University of Michigan or the equivalent for his son. "Ryan's looking forward to that, too.

"It's going to give him the chance to talk and maybe get some ideas from Randy Johnson."

The family flew to Seattle for a Wednesday press conference, after which it remained to watch the Mariners play the hometown Detroit Tigers.

Detroit General Manager Randy Smith said before the draft four factors figured into their selection and, while signability was one of them, they did not feel the Andersons would ask for the moon.

The Tigers ended up taking Matt Anderson (no relation) with the first pick in the draft. At press time they had not come to terms with the relief ace from Rice University.

Other clubs must have been put off by either the signability issue or reports of the player's behavior (Smith said those reports were not a factor in the Tigers' decision) because 18 teams passed on the tall left-hander.

"Everybody had him rated No. 1," Gus Anderson said. "Everybody considered him and (Florida State outfielder) J.D. Drew No. 1.

"The Tigers wanted to draft him. We know that. The only reason they didn't was they thought they couldn't come up with enough money.

"But we didn't put a dollar value on Ryan until a few weeks ago."

Seattle originally offered $1.3 million while the Anderson family, represented by Alan and Randy Hendricks, countered with $2.6.

Mariners' President Chuck Armstrong told Anderson "as much as we want Ryan, we can't do that kind of money."

"His big money will be coming after he's earned it," Gus Anderson said. "It's probably a good way to go anyway. Let's earn some of this money."

Seattle is getting what scouts described as a clone of Randy Johnson, a fearsome left-hander who is one of the most dominating pitchers in the game.

"You're looking at a kid with size, coordination and athletic ability," said Ken Madeja, the Seattle scout who began watching Anderson before he attracted national attention at Dearborn Divine Child.

"But the big thing," Madeja said, "is that you don't see many kids who are that coordinated for his size.

"He's throwing 94-95 MPH right now and in the next couple of years he should be able to add 3-4 miles on that once he gets stronger physically."

The signing whisks Anderson out of the limelight in Detroit, where the family felt his off-field actions attracted too much attention.

"It's over with," Gus Anderson said. "The Detroit papers were terrible to Ryan. They insisted on assassinating his character in public. That's nasty. We know what kind of kid we've got."

Anderson will report to the instructional league for a week's worth of practice and getting into shape. Which he'll need because he pitched less than 40 innings this summer while negotiations dragged on.

Then comes five weeks of games with the six Arizona-based teams.

"Ron Romanick, who pitched in the big leagues and is our roving pitching instructor, will be in charge," Madeja said. "Ryan will work on mechanics with the other pitching coaches."

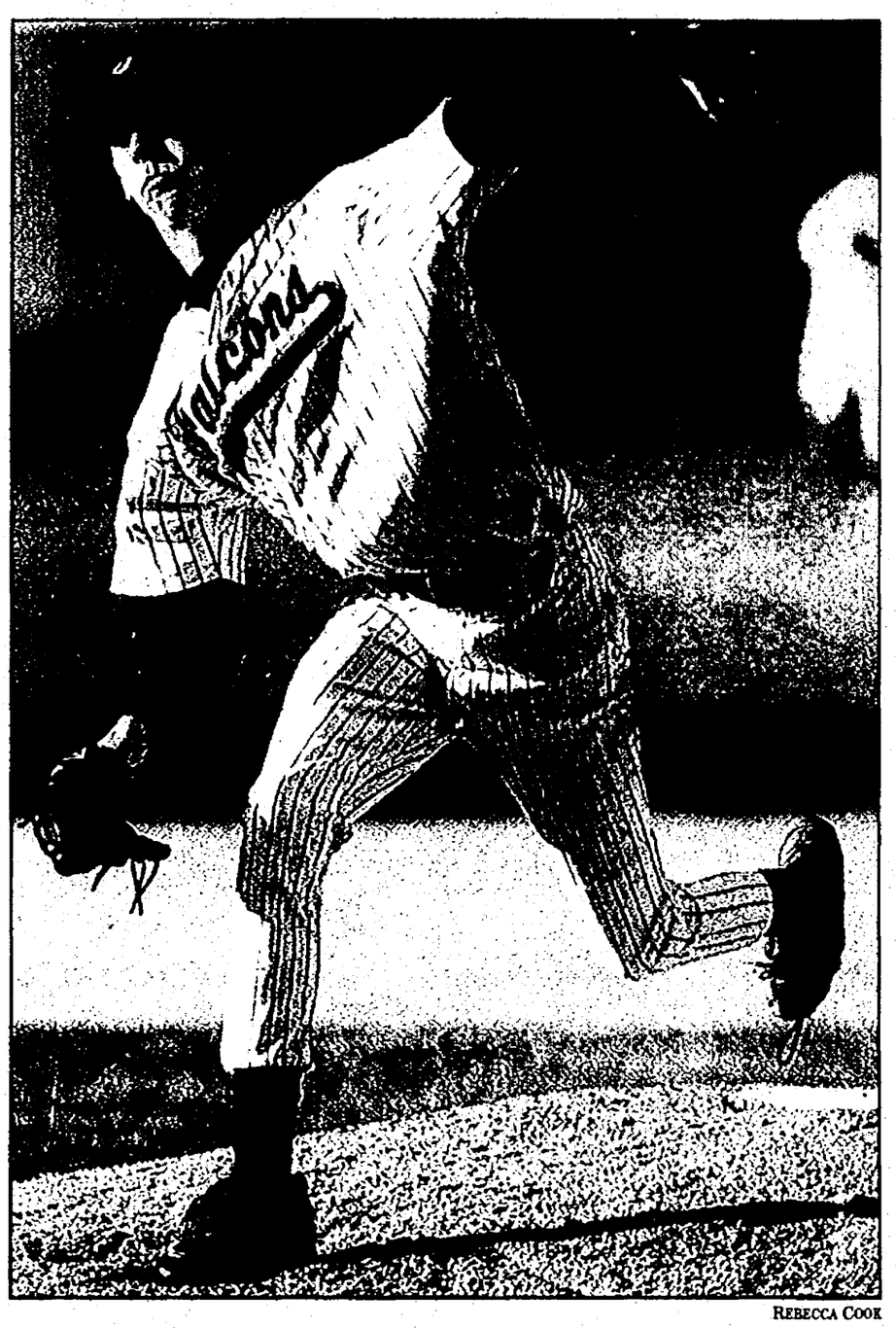
Anderson was 5-2 with a 0.68 ERA and two saves for Divine Child. Three of his wins were no-hitters and he had 133 strikeouts in 51⅓ innings.

"Now it's up to him," the youngster's father said. "He's got a lot of work ahead of him. He's just a young kid going into the work force. He's just a raw talent at this point in his life.

"As far as the money, that's another story. We're ending up being happy with what he got. It's now up to Ryan to prove that he is a No. 1 draft choice."

Time, as usual, will have the final say.

Brad Emons also contributed to this report.



REBECCA COOK

$2 million kid: *Westland's Ryan Anderson, a first-round pick of the Seattle Mariners, will finally launch his professional career.*

BASEBALL

In hot pursuit

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Sprint race: *Westland John Glenn's Jeff Shelby (front), who had the Rockets' only goal, breaks to the ball ahead of Livonia Franklin's Mike Vega. See boys soccer roundup on C4.*

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Spartans show form at Kensington meet

Churchill gains 7th in 32-team field

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson did little to dispel its No. 1 ranking in girls cross country by winning the 32-team West Bloomfield Invitational championship Saturday at Kensington Metropark.

The Spartans, who have finished second in the state Class A cross country meet the past two seasons, unseated defending West Bloomfield champion Beaumont, Ohio and Class A champ Sterling Heights Stevenson to win the crown.

Stevenson had 62 points, followed by Beaumont (130), Brighton (144), Birmingham Seaholm (160), Sterling Heights Stevenson (168) Saline (189) and Livonia Churchill (208).

And although teams such as Rockford, Grosse Pointe South and Ann Arbor Pioneer went elsewhere, Stevenson gave notice it is the team to beat in Class A this season.

Beaumont's Lindsay Numastil was the individual winner. She covered the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 50 seconds.

Stevenson, meanwhile, had three in the top 10 led by second-place finisher Andrea Parker (19:55.3), third-place finisher Kelly Travis (19:57.8) and eighth-place finisher Kelly McNeilance (20:21.0).

Parker, who is emerging as one of the state's top runners, is a sophomore who ran varsity last year, while Travis and McNeilance are fourth-year seniors.

"In Andrea's case it's a matter of maturity," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "Last year her goal was to be on the varsity. Her goal this year is to be the best runner and to be as good as she can possibly be. And after the first couple of meets she's done that. She has confidence and it's no surprise to me she's made this kind of leap."

Travis, who was fourth in Class A last November, is recovering from a stress fracture suffered near the end of track season.

"She's been mending this summer and she didn't run at all until the middle of July — she took six weeks off," Holmberg said. "Gradually she's been working back. She's going four days per week and will probably now start going five.

"I was very happy with what she did. When she's 100 percent she goes hard the first mile, but Saturday I told her to stay with Kelly (McNeilance) and Andrea. We tried to run her conservatively."

Rounding out the Spartans' varsity contingent was junior Christy Tzilos, 24th (21:11.1); junior Kim McNeilance, 25th (21:16.3); junior Katie Sherron, 31st (21:30.6); and senior Danielle Harris, 37th (21:36.8).

"The most amazing and gratifying thing about this meet is that we could

Please see GIRLS MEET, C4

Hat trick for Farmington teams

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Five Observerland teams will be involved in games matching unbeaten football teams this weekend, and three of them are Farmington schools.

It was a clean sweep for the Farmington in the opening week — the first time that's happened in more than a decade.

Farmington Harrison defeated Oxford as expected, 28-15, but Farmington and North Farmington pulled off upsets (if you believe the Observer predictions) with impressive victories.

Farmington's 24-7 win over Novi and North Farmington's 41-0 thrashing of Hartland helped the Western Lakes Activities Association go 4-1 against the Kensington Valley Conference.

The other teams in games that will pair 1-0 teams this week are Livonia Churchill, which plays North Farmington, and Redford Thurston.

Overall, it was a good opening week for yours truly and Observer colleague Brad Emons. Dan O'Meara was 15-2, missing on the aforementioned Farmington games (How does the Farmington sports editor do that?), and Emons 13-4.

Here's the scoop on this week's action:

GRID PICKS

FRIDAY GAMES
(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Garden City (0-1) at Edsel Ford (1-0), 3:30 p.m: The Cougars are coming off a 20-3 loss to Crestwood in which Mike Wrobel's 35-yard-field goal accounted for their only points. The Thunderbirds didn't exactly set the sports world on fire but managed a 19-17 win over Madison Heights Bishop Foley. **PICKS:** Ford has no clunkers in its garage.

Fordson (1-0) at Wayne (0-1), 7 p.m.: It appears the Tractors have another good team as quarterback Carlos Smith and Fordson dominated Divine Child, 31-8. The Zebras, who have a new quarterback for the first time since 1992 following the graduation of Lorenzo Guess, will try to rebound from a 33-12 drubbing by Adrian. **PICKS:** The Tractors are in high gear.

Woodhaven (0-1) at Redford Union (0-1), 7 p.m.: The Panthers, who were winless last season, had their losing streak extended to 10 games by Livonia Churchill, 28-6. Woodhaven also was unsuccessful in its opener but managed to score 22 points in a 13-point loss to Wyandotte, which is expected to challenge Fordson for the Mega-Red title. **PICKS:** The Warriors cage the Panthers.

Redford CC (1-0) at A.A. Pioneer (0-1): The Shamrocks looked pretty good Saturday night at the Silverdome as they steamrolled Detroit Pershing in typical CC fashion, 35-6. The Shamrocks recovered quickly from the shock of having the opening kickoff returned 90-plus yards for a Pershing touchdown and led 24-6 at halftime. Surprisingly, CC passed for 161 yards, including a touchdown to Don Slankster. The Pioneers, meanwhile, gave up a lot of points in a 48-19 loss to East Lansing. **PICKS:** CC goes to 2-0.

N. Farmington (1-0) at Liv. Churchill (1-0): When these teams met a year ago, it was a contest between winless teams; this year it's the battle of the unbeaten. The Raiders scored twice in the final minute last year to earn their only victory, 27-14. North turned in the biggest surprise of opening week when it plastered Hartland 41-0 and avenged a 35-6 defeat in the '96 opener. Senior tailback Kirk Moundros led the charge with 240 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Churchill ended a 28-game losing streak in coach John Filiatraut's debut by beating Redford Union, 26-8. Senior Dave Derigiotis rushed for 143 yards and two scores. **PICKS:** The Raiders keep it going.

Liv. Stevenson (0-1) at Liv. Franklin (1-0): Both teams were outgained in their season openers, but the Patriots managed to win while the Spartans didn't. Franklin was outgained 282-155 by Lincoln Park but won 13-8 when junior Brad Tibas returned a fumble 44 yards for a score in the fourth quarter. Dearborn won the yardage battle (213-153) and the battle on the scoreboard (21-7) with Stevenson, which lost only to Franklin (29-7), John Glenn and Harrison last year. **PICKS:** Emons is standing with the Spartans, but O'Meara is being patriotic.

John Glenn (1-0) at Ply. Canton (0-1): The Rockets opened with a 37-8 rout of Detroit Mackenzie, but senior quarterback Justin Berent hurt a knee in the process. The injury isn't believed to be serious; however, it's doubtful he will play this week. The Chiefs, who lost 41-7 to Monroe, have a big challenge trying to stop Glenn running backs Reggie Spearmon (182 yards/one TD) and Antonio Gibson (109 yards/three TDs) in the win over Mackenzie. **PICKS:** The Rockets are fueled for another win.

Ply. Salem (0-1) at Northville (0-1): Both teams try to rebound from opening losses, but both played pretty good opponents, too. Salem lost to Belleville, one of the Mega Red favorites, 20-7; and Northville was the only WLAA team to lose to a KVC school, preseason co-favorite South Lyon (along with Brighton), 26-17. The Rocks beat the Mustangs on a late field goal last year, 17-14. **PICKS:** Northville squares its record with a win.

Farmington (1-0) at W.L. Western (1-0): The last time these teams met (1994), the Falcons won, 21-10, and went on to have their best season in a decade with a 6-3 record. Junior quarterback Scott Kneller had a good debut as Farmington rallied from a 7-0 deficit to beat Novi and avenge a 28-7 loss last year. The Warriors, who crushed Milford 49-19, are the defending Class AA champions and have another strong team led by senior quarterback Frank Stanford. **PICKS:** The Falcons are better, but the Warriors will win.

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

Crestwood (1-0) at Thurston (1-0), noon: The Eagles are off and running after stomping Taylor Kennedy in their season opener, 30-0. The combination of Nick Dedeluk (through the air) and Brad Meece (on the ground) led Thurston to the win. The Eagles have to contain Crestwood backs Ramsey Saab (two scores) and Robert Akers (100 yards) who played big roles in a 20-3 defeat of Garden City. Thurston won last year, 36-19. **PICKS:** Thurston stays unbeaten.

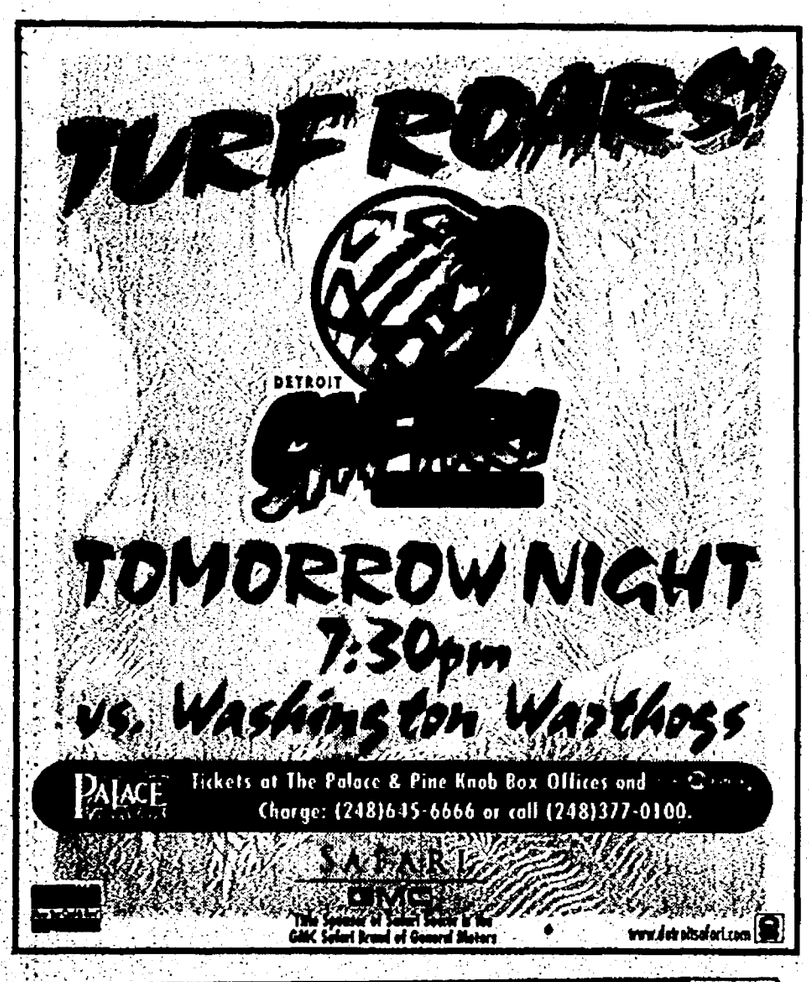
W.L. Central (1-0) at Farm. Harrison (1-0): The Hawks will have to play a little better, especially on defense, than they did in their 28-15 win over Oxford. Central crushed perennial KVC doormat Lakeland as it usually does, 44-0, but the Vikings are expected to be a contender in the WLAA. Running behind a big line with bookend tackles (290 and 310 pounds), Central tailback Nathan Bruce rushed for 168 yards and four scores. **PICKS:** The Hawks are at home; go with Harrison.

Clarenceville (0-1) at Lutheran North (1-0): Despite Walter Ragland's 136 yards rushing and Craig Rose's 189 yards passing, the Trojans fell a point short in their opener, losing to Liggett, 27-26. They will try to go over the top and win this week against the Mustangs, who edged Lutheran East, 10-7. **PICKS:** Emons takes Clarenceville; O'Meara sides with North.

Liggett (1-0) at Luth. Westland (0-1), 2 p.m.: The Warriors will have to contain Liggett tailback Kevin Espy, who rushed for 126 yards, caught three passes for 74 yards and scored four touchdowns in a 27-26 win over Clarenceville. The playing field should be a little more even after Lutheran Westland's 41-6 loss to Metro Conference favorite Harper Woods. **PICKS:** The Knights have shining armor.

Borgess (1-0) at N. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.: The Spartans picked up where they left off last season, whipping Ecorse. Borgess opened and closed the 1996 campaign with lopsided wins over the Red Raiders. The Spartans venture into the south-central region of the state to play the Rams, who lost 12-0 to Reading in their first game. North Adams has nine starters back from last year's 7-2 team, led by quarterback Kevin Kittle (6-1, 195). The Rams had four coaches in five years until Stan Drewno took over two years ago. **PICKS:** Emons predicts a successful trip for the Spartans, but O'Meara says the Rams spoil the weekend for Borgess.

St. Agatha (0-1) at Pickford (0-1), 7:30 p.m.: The Aggies are *on the road again* when they travel to the Upper Peninsula to take on the Panthers, who defeated St. Agatha last year, 28-6. The Aggies held Holy Redeemer, which was unbeaten in the regular season and made the state playoffs last year, to a touchdown but lost, 7-0. It was an improvement over a 26-0 defeat in '96. Rapid River, meanwhile, rolled over Pickford, 37-0. **PICKS:** The Aggies bring back a victory.



PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Shamrocks go to air for win, stop Pershing

Warriors drop opener, 41-6

Detroit Pershing's Donny Scott returned the opening kickoff Saturday against Redford Catholic Central 96 yards for a touchdown.

The good news for Pershing is Scott got five more chances to return kickoffs. The bad news is each kick-off came after a CC score.

The Shamrocks recovered from the early deficit to score five unanswered touchdowns and win the season opener in the Prep Bowl, 35-6, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Shamrocks had their typically effective running attack, and believe it or not, threw for more than they gained on the ground.

When was the last time that happened at CC?

CC senior quarterback Adam Tubaro had an impressive debut, completing seven of nine passes for 161 yards and one touchdown. The Shamrocks gained 151 yards rushing, led by senior fullback Chris Dueweke with 91 yards on 18 carries and three touchdowns.

It looked like the Shamrocks would be content with just the run early, scoring on a 12-play 61-yard drive capped by Dueweke's three-yard run. Dueweke had eight carries for 37 yards on the drive, which was kept alive with a 10-yard pass from Tubaro to tight end Nick Brzezinski on third down and seven.

The first of Aaron Rock's five extra points made the score 7-6.

The Shamrocks unleashed their passing attack the next possession as Tubaro tossed a 46-yard scoring strike to tight end Don Slankster with 1:41 left in the first quarter for a 14-6 lead.

The Shamrocks built the lead to 28-6 at halftime, adding an 86-yard scoring drive and another touchdown courtesy of a bad snap on a punt before the first half ended.

The long drive was capped by a 12-yard run by Josh Christenson with 6:22 left. A pair of first-down passes – a 12-yard catch by Slankster and a 38-yard grab by Justin Cessante – advanced the ball to the 12.

The CC defense held the Doughboys without a first down in three plays and a bad snap on the punt gave the Shamrocks a first down on their 12.

Four plays later, Dueweke scored on a fourth-down and one on the Doughboys three for a 22-point halftime lead.

The Shamrocks closed out the scoring with 3:18 left in the third quarter when Dueweke ended a 60-yard six-play drive with a one-yard dive.

Tubaro was 2-for-3 through the air on the drive, completing a 16-yard pass to Slankster and a 34-yard toss to Joe Jonna.

Slankster finished with three catches for 74 yards.

CC had 20 first downs to the Doughboys' six. Pershing had 20 yards rushing and 45 passing.

Senior linebacker Joe Sgroi led the Shamrocks with nine tackles, two unassisted. John Abshire had six tackles, including one sack. Cessante had five tackles and a fumble recovery.

Jason Hamilton punted twice for an average of 43.5 yards.

•HARPER WOODS 41, LUTH. WESTLAND 6: It wasn't quite what Gary Kamin expected in his head coaching debut Saturday for Lutheran High Westland.

Host Harper Woods, 8-2 last year, racked up 333 yards on the ground en route to a convincing Metro Conference victory.

Last year, Harper Woods pinned the only defeat on Lutheran Westland's 8-1 season with a 16-14 season-opening win.

"We just didn't show up mentally," Kamin said. "There really wasn't anything good anywhere on the field."

Senior Frank Hess had 176 yards in 18 carries and two touchdowns, including a 70-yard run. Junior Lee Dorchak added 137 yards in 19 carries and two TDs.

Lutheran Westland's lone TD came at the end of the second quarter when junior quarterback Gordie Engel scored on a 38-yard run.

Harper Woods, a playoff team last year, led 27-6 at intermission.

The Warriors, who had only seven offensive possessions, rushed for just 94 yards. Engel was one of 11 passing, three of which were drops, for 8 yards.

Defensively, Lutheran Westland was led by Chris O'Brien and Mike Baltz with eight tackles apiece. Bob Fox added seven tackles and a fumble recovery. Dan Anderson and Matt Meyer also recovered fumbles.

Lutheran Westland returns to action Saturday at home against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, a 27-26 winner last week over Livonia Clarenceville.

"Liggett threw the ball like crazy last week and they're a little faster than Harper Woods," Kamin said. "I truly feel we could have beaten Harper Woods if we had shown up. I feel we have a better chance this week if we're into it mentally."

Injury-bug can't block Ocelots, 2-1

COLLEGE SOCCER

Injuries, injuries, injuries.

That's the easiest way to sum up Schoolcraft College's soccer seasons, both men and women.

The men were deeper to begin with, and so survived a bit better. Last Saturday, the Ocelots scored twice in the second half, then held off a late Lakeland CC comeback to post a 2-1 victory at Lakeland.

The win boosted SC's record to 3-2 overall, 2-0 in Region 12 play.

"We played well," said SC men's coach Van Dimitriou. "They're a good team, a solid team. I'm still not quite happy with our midfield and forward play, but we've been mixing it up a lot.

"This week, for the first time all season, we've got just about all our players back."

Dimitriou has been without Billy Krips, Pete Lechowicz (from Livonia Stevenson), Shaun Pratt, Jim Bullock (Stevenson) and Mike Dean for all or part of the season thus far. All but Dean are ready to go, and Dean should be within a week.

After a scoreless first half against Lakeland, SC's Travis Miller (Redford Catholic Central) — normally a keeper but now playing forward — intercepted a Lakeland defender's errant pass and converted it into a goal and a 1-0 SC lead at the 55 minute mark.

Twenty minutes later, Ryan Konley (Plymouth Salem) took a throw-in from Kevin Fritz and drilled a shot into the upper corner of the net, making it 2-0 in SC's favor.

Lakeland rallied for a goal with eight minutes left, but the Ocelots controlled play the rest of the way — thanks in part to the strong defensive play of sweeper Chris Jaskolski (Salem).

SC women tie one

The Lady Ocelots have been battling the same injury problems the SC men's team has, only with a shorter roster to work with.

The result: "I think we've had one game that we've gone the whole way with 11 players," said coach Bill Tolstedt. "I don't think I've ever had a team with this many injuries. So far, good fortune has not yet smiled upon us."

Of course, that's about as many as he's had on his roster until this week. Just added were Melissa Antieau and Kaleigh Kociszwski, the latter whom is a keeper from South Lyon, and her addition is a welcome one. Starting keeper Samantha Swinkey suffered a leg injury that could keep her out for two weeks.

Last weekend at the College of DuPage Tournament in Glen Ellyn, Ill., SC lost 4-1 to Meramec CC, then tied Florissant Valley CC 2-2.

In Saturday's loss to Meramec, the Ocelots managed to keep it close until the last 15 minutes. It was 1-1 at the half, SC getting its goal from Lisa Tolstedt. Meramec got a goal 10 minutes into the second half, then added two more down the stretch.

In the tie against Florissant Valley last Sunday, SC had a 2-0 lead at halftime, with goals by Jenny Worley and Julie Majewski, but couldn't hold on because of injury problems. Once again, the Ocelots finished the game with eight players due to injuries.

Both Florissant Valley goals came in the final 15 minutes.

"I have to say, they really do stick together," said Tolstedt of his team, now 0-3-1.

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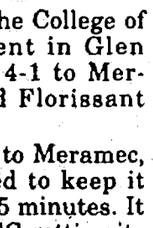

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Pioneer dunks Blazers; Guard duo leads Pats

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Leading scorer: *Sara Tacia pumps in two of her eight points in Huron Valley's 19-17 loss to St. Al's.*

Ann Arbor Pioneer pulled away in third quarter with a 19-9 run en route to a 67-50 girls basketball win Tuesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood.

Sarah Kutschinski led Pioneer in scoring with 16 points, but it was the work of 6-foot senior point-guard Julie Epton (14 points) which doomed Ladywood.

"We're not used to playing against a 6-foot point guard," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "They (Pioneer) played an extended zone. Defensively she (Epton) is the key to their team and offensively she is their key. She's a great player."

Senior guard Kelly Jeffery paced Ladywood with 15 points, including three triples. Senior forward Jenny Lachapelle added 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who trailed by only six at intermission, 32-26.

Ladywood is 1-2 overall, while Pioneer, a state Class A quarter-finalist a year ago, is 4-1.

In other games:

•FRANKLIN 52, GARDEN CITY 45: Maybe a Gus Macker format would have been more appropriate for Tuesday's meeting between Livonia Franklin and Garden City.

Franklin's tandem of Tera Morrill and Julie Warner was just a little much for Garden City's pair of Sarah Talbot and Shannon Faber in Tuesday's non-league game hosted by the Cougars.

Morrill scored 21 and Warner added 19 to combine for 40 of the Patriots' points. Senior forward Lori Jendrusik scored all eight of her points in the first half for the Patriots.

Warner made nine of 12 free throws along with playing a strong floor game.

The rest of the team scored only four points.

Talbot had a career high 19 points and nine rebounds and Faber scored a career-high 15 points to combine for 34 of Garden City's point total.

The rest of the team scored only six points.

GC is winless in two starts, while Franklin is 2-2 overall.

•STEVENSON 49, WYANDOTTE 47: Good things generally come from good work.

Livonia Stevenson is learning that lesson of life this season as they've helped their team to a 4-1 start.

Sophomore forward Katie King took an inbounds pass in the paint and scored to give her team a 48-47 lead and freshman guard Lindsay Gusick's late free throw sealed the two-point win

GIRLS HOOPS

Tuesday night at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Gusick stole the Wyandotte inbounds pass after King's basket and was fouled hard to the floor as she swooped in for a layup. She made one of the two free throws and Wyandotte's off-balance buzzer shot was no good.

Wyandotte, 1-2 overall, jumped out to a 12-8 lead but Stevenson took a 24-22 halftime edge and was up 33-29 after three periods.

The Spartans made all but five of their 25 foul shots to just 7-of-13 free throw shooting for the home team.

Eight girls scored led by King's 11 points. Junior forward Stephanie Dulz scored seven and had 10 rebounds while Gusick scored seven and had five steals.

Colleen Brenneman was six of six from the line.

•LIGGETT 39, LUTH. WESTLAND 34: Not much question what the Warriors' girls will be working on this week.

Not after a 1-for-21 Tuesday night at the foul line doomed Lutheran High Westland to a loss at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

"You know how high school athletics are made up of incidents and memories?" Coach Ron Gentz said. "This is one of those I'd like to forget."

Jenny Schulz scored nine points while Sharon Greer and Anna Schwecke had six apiece for Lutheran Westland in both schools' Metro Conference opener.

Lutheran Westland is now 0-4 overall while University-Liggett is 1-2. Junior point guard Karah Knope led Liggett with 13 points.

•ST. AL'S 19, HURON VALLEY 17: The Hawks couldn't get off the last-second shot they needed to tie or win.

Instead they suffered their first loss of the season in three games despite holding St. Alphonsus scoreless in the second quarter.

Sara Tacia scored eight points for Huron Valley Lutheran to lead all scorers but the Hawks made only eight of 40 shots in the game.

There were only 13 fouls called, also. Huron Valley Lutheran made 1-of-5 free throws in the game at Marshall Middle School and St. Alphonsus went 0-for-6.

•LUTHERAN EAST 56, C'VILLE 9: The Trojans' Metro Conference season got off to a rocky start Tuesday night with a 47-point loss to Harper Woods Lutheran East on the road. Livonia Clarenceville coach Rosie Marano didn't pull any punches about her team's performance.

"We didn't come to play," she said. "We had a lack of hustle and a lack of intensity out there. We didn't execute any of the fundamentals. There was no boxing out, no teamwork at all."

Lutheran East took a 16-3 lead after the first quarter and added to its lead the three following periods. Clarenceville failed to score in the third period.

"We played very poorly," said Marano, whose team is 2-2 overall. "I think this is the lowest we can get."

Rachael Koernke was Clarenceville's leading scorer with four points.

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Northwood rules Madonna tourney; WHAC honors freshman Malewski

VOLLEYBALL

Madonna University's volleyball team managed to survive pool play losing just one of 13 games in Saturday's 10-team Madonna Invitational. But the Lady Crusaders couldn't match Northwood University, which beat them three-straight in the final.

Still, Madonna freshman Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week honors for her tourney performance. Malewski, a middle hitter, led the Crusaders with 56 kills and a .444 kill percentage; she added three solo blocks and 21 block assists, six service aces and 17 digs.

Madonna went 4-0 in pool play, beating Huntington College 15-9, 15-4, 15-4; University of Michigan-Dearborn 15-7, 15-12, 16-14; Olivet Nazarene 15-6, 17-15, 15-12; and St. Xavier University 15-9, 15-8, 11-15, 15-10.

But Northwood, which also lost just one game in pool play, knocked off the Crusaders in the championship match in straight sets, 15-7, 15-7, 15-10.

Northwood's Lucie Jara was named the tournament's most valuable performer.

Madonna's other tournament standout was Karin Sisung, who joined Malewski on the all-tournament team. Sisung had 51 kills, nine aces, a team-best 49 digs and 13 total blocks.

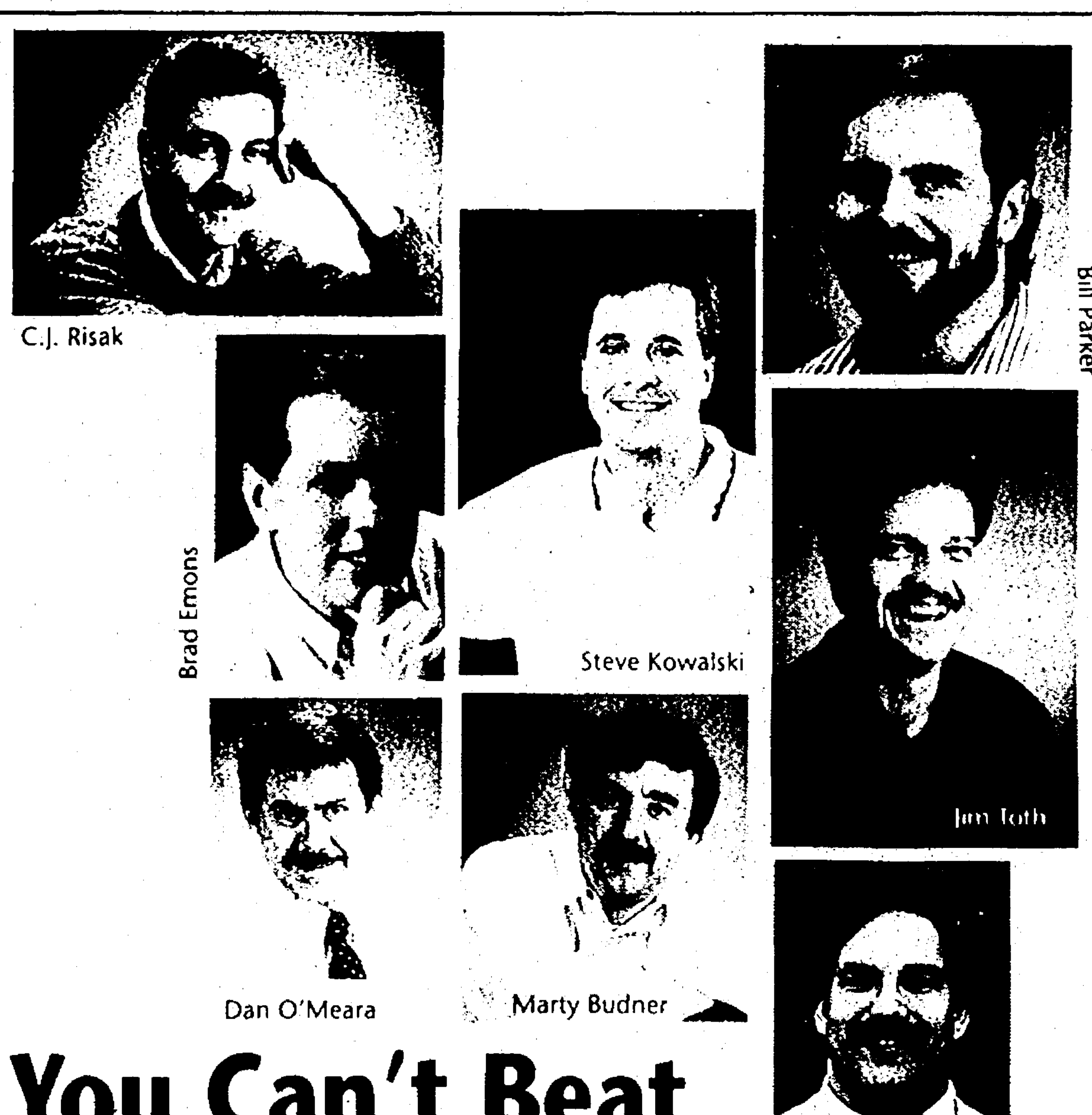
Next best for the Crusaders were Erin Gregoire with 42 kills, four aces, 47 digs and 10 total blocks; setter Deanna Helsom with 14 kills, 170 assists to kills (10.63 per game) and 12 aces (both team highs), 31 digs and nine blocks; and Rayna Vert with 29 kills (.328 percentage), six aces, a team-best eight solo blocks and 16 block assists.

On Tuesday, Madonna slipped to 7-3 with a 16-14, 12-15, 15-12, 15-9 loss to Saginaw Valley State at Madonna.

Sisung's 13 kills topped the Crusaders, but she also had 16 kill errors for a -.052 kill average. Sisung added a team-high four service aces, six digs and four blocks.

Malewski had 12 kills, seven digs and 10 blocks; Nicole Scharrer contributed 11 kills (.375 average) and seven blocks; Vert had 11 kills and 10 blocks; Gregoire finished with nine kills, a team-high 12 digs and five blocks; and Helsom totaled 40 assists to kills.

SVSU improved to 6-4 with the win.



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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Glenn 1st at Dearborn

Westland John Glenn repeated as boys champions of the eight-team Dearborn Invitational cross country meet hosted Saturday by Dearborn High.

The Rockets scored 33 points followed by Dearborn (50), Trenton (93), Redford Union (120), Dearborn Edsel Ford (122), Birmingham Groves (141), Wayne Memorial (162) and Ypsilanti (170).

Dearborn's John Mungai was the individual winner, covering the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 57 seconds.

Justin Keyes of Glenn was second in 18:00.

Other Glenn finishers included Paul Galbraith, fourth (18:13); Josh Keyes, fifth (18:25); P.J. Wolocko, sixth (18:35); and Kevin Durigon, 16th (19:19.

Wayne's Andy Prieskorn was seventh in 18:44.

Glenn's other finishers included Eric Sleep and Tom Tourikis finished 43rd and 44th, respectively, in 21:14 and 21:28.

Spartan harrier 2nd

Livonia Stevenson senior Rob Block earned a runner-up finish in Saturday's West Bloomfield Invitational held at Kensington's Metropark.

Milford Lakeland, led by Mike Gow's first-place time of 16:30.3, took the team title with 123 points.

Rounding out the top seven teams were Traverse City (164), Grand Ledge (176), Troy Athens (222), Redford Catholic Central (223), Ann Arbor Pioneer (236) and Plymouth Salem (242).

Block, a senior, was just over five seconds behind Cow in 16:35.6.

CC, meanwhile, was led by Joe Hubert, who took 28th in 17:36.3.

Other Shamrocks in the top 50 included Matt Shannon, who was 37th (17:45.0) and Mark Coleman, who was 42nd (17:48.1). Teammate Jeff Haller and Jim Curtiss took 60th and 66th, respectively.

Salem's top two finishers were Ian Searcy, who was eighth in 16:52.7, and Jon Little, who was 11th in 16:54.6. Bobby Cushman added a 48th in 17:56.3.

North Farmington, 20th in the team standings with 472 points, had Jon Berman finish 22nd in 17:25.4.

Stevenson, 22nd in the team standings with 490, had Romeo transfer Joe Verellen take 46th in 17:52.2.

In Class B-C, Jackson Lumen Christi took the team title with 87 points.

Lutheran High Westland was 13th with 276 as Andy Ebendick took 33rd (18:33.9); Chris Latimer, 39th (18:45.7); and Ken Broge, 49th (19:07.7).

On Tuesday, Lutheran Westland improved its dual meet record to 4-0 by winning a five-school meet at Cass Benton Park.

Lutheran Westland led the way with 15 points, followed by Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day (45) and Harper Woods (85). Host Plymouth Christian Academy and Warren Bethesda did not score.

The Warriors were led by Ebendick who was second (18:17); Latimer, third (18:27); Broge, fourth (18:35); Jason McFall, fifth (19:42); Steve McFall, sixth (19:49); and Clark Covert, seventh (20:06).

Girls meet from page C1

have taken our top two quality kids out and still won the meet," Holmberg said. "We have kids here for the fourth year and they have the same type of attitude — they're going to outwork everybody and the young kids have bought into that."

Depth is also something Holmberg can draw from with the likes of Leslie Knapp, Julie Sachau and Delia Dumitrescu.

"Those girls could run on most varsity teams," Holmberg said. "They are very competitive kids who are pushing the top seven."

Another area team emerging as a potential state qualifier is Churchill.

The Chargers were led by junior Ashley Fillion, who finished sixth in 20:17.1.

Three others finished in the top 50 including Renee Kashawlic, 19th (21:04.1); Jenny Duncan, 41st (21:40.2); and Alison Fillion, 47th (21:44.2).

Plymouth Salem, 10th overall with 277 points, was led by Evelyn Rahhal, who was 20th (21:05.2), and Ellen Stemmer, 44th (21:41.9). Farmington Hills Mercy's top two runners included Jackie Segue, 40th (21:40.0) and Erin Thomas, 48th (21:46.4).

In the Class C-B Division, Jackson Lumen Christi, led by individual winner Jenny Ziegler (21:00.8), took the team title with 87 points. Lutheran High Westland was 12th with 329 and Farmington Hills Harrison was 16th with 511.

Jessica Montgomery of Lutheran Westland was 15th in 22:54.7, while Harrison's Amy Schaner took 18th (22:58.6) and Lynn Andrzejewski was 37th (24:02.5).

On Tuesday, Lutheran Westland finished second in a tri-meet held at Cass Benton Park.

Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day won the meet with 26 points followed by Lutheran Westland (41) and Harper Woods (64).

Lutheran Westland's finishers included Deb Unger, third (24:24); Mary Ebendick, seventh (24:50); Sarah Voigt, eighth (25:16); Kelly Clark, 12th (27:16); Jessica Anthony, 13th (27:18); and Holly Foreman, 14th (27:26).

BOYS GOLF

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 210
NORTH FARMINGTON 218
Sept. 9 at Fellows Creek

Glenn scorers: Chris Tompkins, 37 (medalist); James Daniel, Justin Fendelet, 42 each; Kyle Gierada, 44; Jeff Sosnowski, 45.

North scorers: Derek Spicer, 40; Byron McCoy, 41; Brandon Finkel, 44; Mike Barnett, 45; Greg Kozlowski, 46.

Glenn's dual meet record: 3-0.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 202
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 205
Sept. 8 at Idyl Wyld

Churchill scorers: Chris Lavaque, 39; Tom Fitzstephens, 40; Carl Routzahn, Tom Sherman, Evan Chall, 41 each.

Western scorers: Chris King, Terence Wilkerson, 38 each (co-medalists); John Sarris, Randy Burt, Jeff Wolf, 43 each.

Churchill's dual meet record: 1-1 overall.

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 210
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 212
Sept. 4 at San Marino

Harrison scorers: Jeff Boxman, Kenny Lee, 39 each (co-medalists); Brian Grohman, 40; Chris Soctt, Chad Hines, 46 each.

Churchill scorers: Evan Chall, 41; Zak Kowal, 42; Carl Routzahn, 45; Randall Bobolge, 46; Tom Fitzstephens, 48.

Harrison's dual meet record: 2-0.

GIRLS TENNIS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 7
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1
Sept. 8 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Cherie Berner (LF) defeated Nicole Robert, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Izabel Bota (WJG) def. Laura Conrad, 6-2, 6-0; **No. 3:** Jade Fukuda (WJG) def. Karen Koleczko, 7-5, 6-3; **No. 4:** Pam Sielski (WJG) def. Katie Brown, 6-1, 6-3;

No. 1 doubles: Stacy Stevens-Jenny Hsang (WJG) def. Annemarie Lipinski-Karen Savage, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Amanda Parks-Jennifer O'Rourke (WJG) def. Elizabeth Zarb-Amy Widrosky, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 3:** Stephanie Fedulchak-Christian Miller (WJG) def. Lauren Kuzmanovich-Lisa Wiklanski, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Megan Lyons-Rajni Dashairya (WJG) def. Danielle Coleman-Christina Clutter, 6-0, 6-1.

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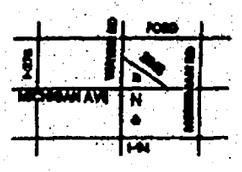

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Franklin hands Rockets 1st defeat of year

Westland John Glenn went down to its first boys soccer defeat of the young 1997 season Monday to visiting Livonia Franklin, 2-1, but the Rockets earned kudos for their performance.

"They're a decent team and much improved," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Their goalie (Justin Ballard) did a nice job. And number eight (John Sterling) and No. 15 (Jeff Ruppel) played very well."

Glenn is now 4-1 overall, while Franklin improved to 3-4.

"This is the first time we finally came out and played a full game," Hebestreit said. "We had a totally different system in place and we put a lot of pressure on them offensively."

In the first half, Franklin jumped out to a 1-0 lead on freshman Ken Douglass' goal on a back door play after junior Fernando Cazares dribbled the ball to the corner.

Five minutes into the second half, Glenn's Jeff Shelby tied it on an assist from Matt Trussler.

But Franklin sophomore Ross Bohler tallied the game-winner just a minute later on an assist from senior Adam Shanks.

Franklin goalkeeper Jeremy Bruckner, with the help of junior Bill Fischer and Douglass, then held Glenn scoreless the rest of the game.

"Under the conditions, we played well," Glenn coach Jerry Poniatowski said. "Franklin beat us to the ball. But it was a real good game. I have no complaints. It's a good rivalry and it was a clean game."

BOYS SOCCER

•**STEVENSON 7, W.L. WESTERN 1:** Sophomore Mike White had two goals and two assists Monday as Livonia Stevenson (2-1-1 overall) scored five unanswered goals in the second half at Walled Lake Western.

Tom Eller, Adam Coulter, Ryan Broderick and brothers Sergio and Tommaso Mainella added the other goals for the defending state Class A champs.

•**CHURCHILL 5, N. FARMINGTON 2:** Rob Bartoletti's hat trick carried Livonia Churchill (2-0-3 overall) to the victory Monday over visiting North Farmington.

Shawn Murray scored the Chargers' other two goals.

Dave George and Joel Stage each contributed two assist. Mike Friedland added one.

Churchill led 4-0 before North (3-1) scored.

On Saturday, Mark Sicilia notched two goals and added one assist as the Chargers won at Rochester, 3-2.

Dan Ott contributed the other Churchill goal, while Murray and Stage each got credit for assists.

Goalkeeper Steve Kleczynski made eight saves in the win over Rochester (0-4-1) and had seven more in the victory over North.

•**DeLaSALLE 4, REDFORD CC 1:** After 50 minutes of no scoring, Warren De La Salle's offense hit high gear Tuesday night in defeating Redford Catholic Central at Roseville Memorial Field.

DeLaSalle's Peter Salas broke a scoreless tie 10 minutes into the second half on a shot from the outside. The ball deflected off of a Shamrock defender in going into the net.

The Pilots' Joe Simon made it 2-0 a few minutes later. CC cut the deficit in half with 25 minutes to go in the game, but couldn't manage any more offense.

Simon and Eddie Kiefer added insurance goals for Warren.

"The key to the game was that we crossed our outsides very well," DeLaSalle coach Thaier Mukhtar said. "We scored all of our goals from the outside.

"That's the key to our game, utilizing the whole field."

The Shamrocks fell to 1-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division and 3-2-2 overall.

De La Salle moved into first place with a 1-0-1 mark in the division. The Pilots are 3-1-3 overall.

•**WAYNE 1, CARLSON 1:** Ryan Marel's goal with three minutes left in the game gave Gibraltar Carlson (3-0-1) a tie Monday with host Wayne Memorial (0-2-1).

Wayne led 1-0 at intermission on Justin Beseler's goal.

The Zebras' keeper was Matt Arnett.

•**BAPTIST PARK 8, HURON VALLEY 0:** Westland Huron Valley Lutheran is still seeking its first victory after three tries as host Taylor Baptist Park scored three goals in the opening seven minutes to earn the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory.

Baptist Park, which led 6-0 at halftime, was sparked by Jim Watkins' five goals.

Huron Valley goalkeeper Jared Ridenour made 16 saves.

The Hawks, who also have yet to tally a goal in three games, lost last Thursday at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Park, 5-0.

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Tough to beat

Despite losses, Spartans remain strong

BY BRAD EMONS
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■ GIRLS SWIMMING

It sounds like a broken record, but Livonia Stevenson is again the favorite to win the Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim relays — for the seventh straight year.

The all-relay format begins at 5 today at Plymouth Salem High School and the Lady Spartans appear to have another powerhouse despite the loss of six-time individual state champion Anne Aristeo.

Adrienne Turri
Stevenson

"Anne was the only state qualifier we lost to graduation," said coach Greg Phill, who guided the Stevenson to a third-place finish last year in the state Class A meet. "And obviously you can't replace her at a championship meet. She scored a lot of points and it's tough to make that up. I think we lost more than anybody at state."

Aristeo, an Olympic Trials qualifier who will swim this fall for Stanford, takes with her the state mark in the 500-yard freestyle (4:48.67) and firsts in the individual 200 freestyle (1:49.41) and 200 freestyle relay (1:37.82).

Three members of that 200 freestyle relay quartet, however, return this fall including seniors Adrienne Turri, Jordyn Godfroid and Marti McKenzie.

"We're still a pretty good team," Phill said. "(Birmingham) Seaholm (defending champ) should be the favorite and Ann Arbor Pioneer and (Bloomfield Hills) Lahser will be good. We still have a pretty good team and we'll be there somewhere in the top five."

Last Thursday, Stevenson met seven state qualifying cuts en route to a season-opening 107-79 dual-meet victory at Grosse Pointe North.

Senior Becky Noechel teamed up with Turri, Godfroid and McKenzie for a first and a state qualifying time of 1:55.4 in the 200 medley relay.

Turri added firsts in the 100 butterfly (1:01.5) and 100 backstroke (1:01.1), both state cuts. In last year's state meet, Turri took sixth in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:00.22.

Junior Julie Kern, who won the 500 freestyle (5:10.5) and took a second in the 200 freestyle (2:00.1), also has already qualified for state.

Other Stevenson firsts in the North dual included Godfroid in the 50 freestyle (26.3), sophomore Jessica Makowski in the 100 freestyle (57.1) and sophomore Katie Ballantine in diving (200.5 points).

Sophomore Megan Moceri, who will swim the 200- and 500 freestyles, along with the 200 individual medley, added a third and a state cut in the 500 freestyle (5:25.33).

Stevenson's 400 freestyle relay team of Kern, Moceri, Turri and junior Meghan Lesnau,, which finished second against North (4:49.6), also met the state cut.

One of the team's most versatile swimmers, sophomore Katie Clark, is currently out with a shoulder injury.

In last year's state meet, Clark teamed up with Mocero, Kern and Aristeo for a third in the 400 freestyle relay (3:33.15), the second-best time in school history.

"We really can't load up on relays right now until Katie comes back," Phill said. "She's getting over her injury, but she may not be ready until mid-October."

The Spartans will also rely on senior Marla McKenzie in the 100 butterfly and freshman Lindsay Dolin in the 100 backstroke.

Another promising freshman, Valerie Sierzega, was lost recently for the season when she broke both ankles.

But despite the setbacks this season and the graduation of Aristeo, the Spartans remain Observerland's best.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 12
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Fordson at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Woodhaven at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Salem at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Crestwood at Thurston, noon.
W.L. Central at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. North, 1 p.m.
Liggett at Luth. Westland, 2 p.m.
Borgess at N. Adams-Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Pickford, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 11
Flint Valley at St. Agatha, 5 p.m.
Luth. W'sld at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Fairlane, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7 p.m.
Mercy at Flint S'western, 7 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Borgess, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Woodhaven, 7 p.m.
Canton at Flint Powers, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Tay. Kennedy, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 12
Agape at Ypsi Calvary, 5:15 p.m.
Immac. Concept. at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
(Schoolcraft College Invitational)
Country Day vs. Det. King, 6 p.m.
Marian vs. Traverse City, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Schoolcraft Invitational, 6 & 8 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 12
Redford CC at Chippewa Valley, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Garden City at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Trenton at Thurston, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. A.P. Inter-City at Haggerty Field (Hines), 4:30 p.m.
(Huron Valley Tournament)
Agape at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Taylor Bapt. at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Huron Valley Tourney, 10:30 a.m.
Lakeland at N. Farmington, 11 a.m.
Novi at Canton, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 13
Cuyahoga (Ohio) at S'craft, 1 p.m.
Spring Arbor at Madonna, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 13
S'craft at Central Michigan, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 14
Hillsdale at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13
Schoolcraft at Grand Rapids, TBA.
Madonna at Converse Invitational in Melbourne, Fla., TBA.
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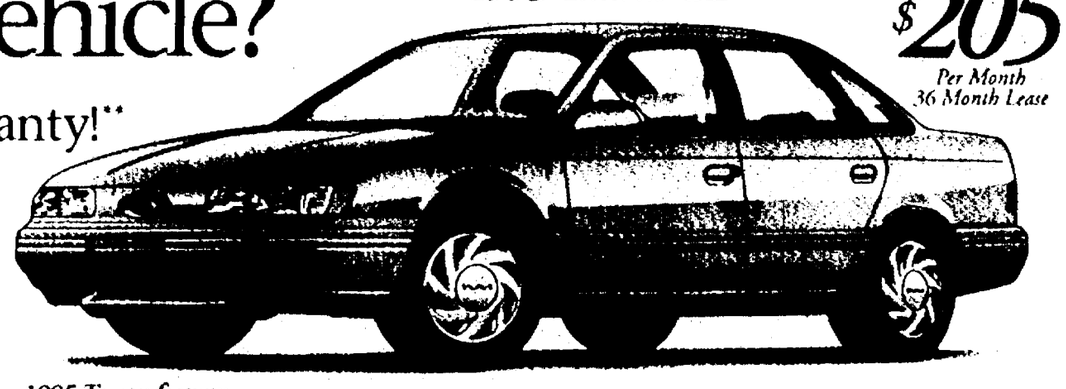

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Detroit rappers ICP perform at the State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open 6:30 p.m., show 7:30 p.m. Tickets $10 in advance, $13 the day of the show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

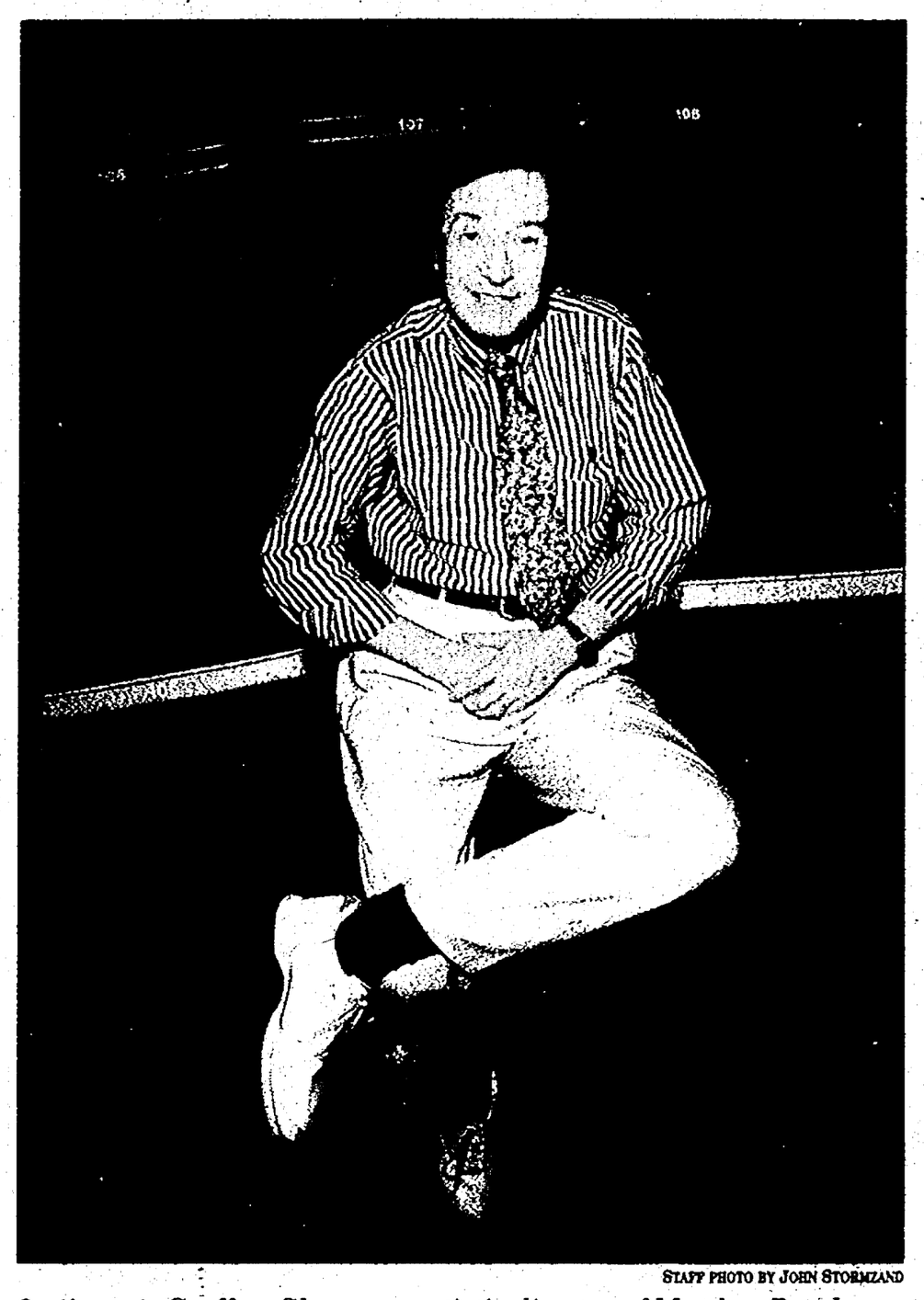
SATURDAY

Paul Bramel's bronze mantle clock is one of the items to be auctioned at Paws for Celebration an event to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the Michigan Humane Society. For tickets or more information, call (313) 872-3400, ext. 317.

SUNDAY

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Falsettos" 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre in West Bloomfield. Tickets $13 to $23, call (248) 788-2900.

Hot tix: *Jerzy Semkow leads the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as they open their 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall in Detroit, Sept. 11-13 with concerts featuring 13-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. Tickets range from $42 to $17 (box seats $60) call (313) 833-3700.*



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On the set: *Geoffrey Sherman, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre has tried to reach out to other audiences and to offer more diverse material for the core audience.*

Meadow Brook Theatre 1997-98 Season

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

Tickets: Season subscriptions range from $119 to $197 per person. Call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Preview tickets for "Over the Tavern," 8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Sept. 17-19, $18; opening night 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, $32. Regular performance tickets range from $22 to $32.

- **"Over the Tavern"** – by Tom Dudzick, a family comedy about a boy growing up Catholic in Buffalo, a regional theater hit (Sept. 17-Oct. 12)
- **"Three Tall Women by Edward Albee,"** – a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a mother and son, focusing on three women at different ages (Oct. 22-Nov. 16)
- **"A Christmas Carol"** – by Charles Dickens with direction and adaptation by Charles Nolte, the seasonal favorite returns with Booth Colman as Scrooge (Nov. 28-Dec. 28.)
- **"Thunder Knocking on the Door"** – by Keith Glover, a "bluesical" with music by Keb'Mo featuring a guitar cutting contest with a supernatural being (Jan. 7-Feb. 1)
- **"What the Butler Saw"** – by Joe Orton, a comedy about marriage for adults set in an insane asylum (Feb. 11-March 8)
- **"Murder by Misadventure"** – by Edward Taylor, a murder mystery featuring a spat between mystery writers (March 18-April 12).
- **"Lost in Yonkers"** by Neil Simon, another Pulitzer Prize winner about growing up above a candy store in 1942 Yonkers, N.Y. (April 15-May 10).

Storytelling

MEADOW BROOK CONTINUES THE TRADITION

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The theme of this year's Meadow Brook Theatre season is "family." The season begins with a Catholic family in Buffalo seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy and ends with a Jewish family in Yonkers seen through the eyes of two boys in their early teens.

Artistic director Geoffrey Sherman talks about creating an "arc" for this season and for the past two seasons during which Sherman has tried to broaden Meadow Brook's place in the family of Detroit-area theaters.

As a not-for-profit, professional theater operating under the auspices of Oakland University, Meadow Brook occupies a special place. It's primary audience has been white, middle class and suburban. But Sherman has tried to reach out to other audiences and to offer more diverse material for the core audience. He said he wants to create "a gray audience" for a theater that welcomes everyone.

Sherman relaxed his long, slim body in a trailer dressing room at Meadow Brook Theatre. During a long conversation, he discussed how Meadow Brook fits into the Detroit theater scene, his philosophy of regional theater and the upcoming "family" oriented season.

Sherman came to Meadow Brook after establishing a reputation as both a New York director and a regional theater director. He came to the United States from his native Britain 20 years ago. He has directed soap operas and talk shows for NBC, off-Broadway shows, free lanced around the country and spent four years directing the Portland Rep in Oregon before coming to Meadow Brook.

Sherman's first step in developing a season is selecting the plays.

"It's done by me as artistic director by reading plays, seeing plays elsewhere on both sides of the Atlantic," Sherman said. "It's also developed through the filter of our mission statement. Our mission statement commits us to producing works that illuminate the latter half of the 20th Century."

Sherman has tried to concentrate on recent plays that "truly represent our times."

This season includes two Pulitzer Prize winners, Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women" and Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers"; a musical based on the blues, "Thunder Knocking on the Door"; Joe Orton's comedy "What the Butler Saw"; a new comedy about growing up Catholic, "Over the Tavern"; the murder mystery "Murder By Misadventure"; and the return of Charles Nolte's version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" featuring veteran actor Booth Colman.

Sherman discovered what happens when you try to change a tradition when he tried different versions of "Christmas Carol." The audience response was loud and negative.

"We are returning to the original production that people loved for more than a decade," he said.

"I regret having made some people unhappy by changing a tradition in a way that they found distasteful. It's like changing a church service."

Audience response is one of the elements that helps Sherman develop a season.

"I've tried to set up a communication link, tried to set up a dialogue with talk back," he said. "I length-

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THEATER

What's up: *Diana (right, Jeanine Matlow) tries to hear what is being said between Sydney (Gary Sekerak of Bloomfield Hills) and Grace (Trisha Ali) but they're up to the same thing in the third of four one-act plays in Neil Simon's comedy "London Suite," opening Sept. 12 at the Players Guild of Dearborn.*

Players Guild of Dearborn like family for members

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Players Guild of Dearborn opens its 70th anniversary Friday with Neil Simon's classic "London Suite," a hilarious compilation of stories taking place in one lavish London hotel room.

The volunteer group, which owns its theater, has been involved in a fund-raising campaign, and recently installed air-conditioning, and renovated restrooms to make them handicap accessible.

"We didn't want to exclude people from the audience by not being handicapped accessible," said member Mary Porretta of Troy. "We hold a 50/50 raffle at every performance."

For their 70th anniversary season, the Players Guild of Dearborn is presenting some classics such as the "Music Man," and "1940s Radio Hour," and some newer works such as "Crimes of the Heart," and "Sly Fox."

Players Guild of Dearborn draws its audience from all over western Wayne County including Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Downriver and Dearborn. A script committee meets regularly to review scripts for consideration, and also surveys the audience.

Porretta and her husband, George, met at the University of Detroit where they were both involved in theater. Mary joined the Players Guild in 1987, her husband joined a year later. They used to live in Dearborn but now live in Troy, and Mary said the long drive to Dearborn to stay involved is worth it.

"We've formed friendships, which

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Players Guild of Dearborn

Where: 21730 Madison. (southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive).

Show times/tickets: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets $10. Students under 18 (with proper ID), $8 on Sundays. Call (313) 561-TKTS.

Season schedule:

- **"London Suite"** – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12-13; Sept. 19-20; Sept. 26-27; and Sunday, Sept. 28. A complimentary "Afterglow" reception will take place after the opening night show, (Friday, Sept. 12) in the Club Room of the Players Guild.
- **"1940s Radio Hour"** – Friday & Saturday, Nov. 7-8; Nov. 14-15; Nov. 21-22; and Sundays Nov. 16 and 23.
- **"Sly Fox"** – Friday & Saturday, Jan. 9-10; Jan. 16-17; Jan. 23-24; and Sunday, Jan. 18.
- **"Crimes of the Heart"** – Friday & Saturday, Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, March 13-14, and Sunday, March 15.
- **"Music Man"** – Friday & Saturday,, April 24-25; May 1-2; May 8-9; May 15-16; and Sundays, May 3 and 17.

MUSIC

What: "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring Slava Semyonov and Natalya Semyonova with Robert Sattler and special guests artists The Ortega-Soave Quartet presented by Musica Viva International Concerts in cooperation with the Michigan Accordeon Society

When: 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14

Where: Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills

Tickets: $16, prepaid; $18, at the door. (248) 851-6987; (248) 626-4625; (313) 563-3376

Musica Viva celebrates 'soul' of world culture

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Cultural understanding never comes easily or quickly. But that hardly discourages Bloomfield Hills-based Musica Viva.

What Ginka Gerova-Ortega, founder/artistic director, and the many volunteers of the nonprofit have in mind is simply to expand cross-cultural understanding by bringing the indigenous sounds of the world to the metro area.

For the last 11 years, the Musica Viva international concert series has imported string quartets, flamenco guitarists, classical tango and Afro-Peruvian singing, to name just a few of their acts with a distinctive cosmopolitan flavor.

This Sunday, audiences with an international auditory appetite will be stretched further with "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring Russian spouses Natalya and Slava Semyonov. Natalya plays the domra while Slava is the founder of the modern performance school of the bayan – a reference to the Russian word for a concert accordion.

"He's been called the 'Rubinstein of the bayan,'" said Gerova-Ortega, an acclaimed international flutist in her own right and former student of virtuoso Jean-Pierre Rampal.

The accordion? Arguably, the Rodney Dangerfield of instruments among the refined musical mediums?

Well, revolution *is* in the air.

A grand sound

"World music is exploding," said Gero-

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Guest artists: *Musica Viva International Concerts presents "The Russian Virtuosi," featuring virtuoso bayanist Slava Semyonov (right) and his wife Natalya.*

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ened the preview season to involve the audience in the production. We now do three previews for each show and use comments to clarify what we're doing. We've made changes based on audience comments."

When selecting the plays, Sherman tries to find thematic links.

"This season the thematic link is the family in all its glory, functionaility and disfunctionality," Sherman said.

After selecting several scripts, Sherman has the artistic and administrative staff read them to begin the winnowing process. Then the list is shortened again based on whether the theater can afford to produce it.

The theater operates on a $2-1/2 million budget. Sherman said that when he arrived two years ago up to 85 percent of the budget was coming from earned income instead of the usual 60 percent earned, 40 percent contributed.

"As we're doing more challenging plays, we run the risk of an audience not always liking the plays all the time," Sherman said.

For the first time, Oakland University is now providing direct support in the form of a three-year reducing subsidy designed for the theater to work down to a zero deficit. The theater also receives money from the state-supported Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. It does not receive any National Endowment for the Arts money.

Sherman is quick to say that Meadow Brook Theatre is "more than just a production line for plays." Since coming to the theater, Sherman has been interested in diversifying the audience and expanding the theater's outreach programs.

"My briefing when coming here was to open up the artistic policy and make it more inclusive," he said. "I had built a reputation in New York for working with playwrights of color."

One of Sherman's early Meadow Brook successes was a critically acclaimed production of August Wilson's "Piano Lesson," the first play by a black playwright ever performed at Meadow Brook.

He has since worked with Detroit's Plowshares Theatre Company on a joint production of "I Am A Man" last season. This year's co-production with Plowshares is "Thunder Knocking on the Door" featuring a black cast in a musical play by Keith Glover with music by blues artist Keb'Mo.

Meadow Brook's new associate artistic director is Debra Lynne Wicks, an African-American. Wicks has performed as an actress and directed more than 40 regional theater, summer stock and university productions, including Meadow Brook's production of "The Piano Lesson."

"I think we as human beings, as our information network has expanded, we've become more compartmentalized and tribal in outlook. Prejudice is the result of ignorance," Sherman said.

He is committed to other outreach programs, particularly taking Meadow Brook Theatre on the road.

"We have a duty to take our work elsewhere," Sherman said. "What is it about the arts in America that people have ceased to care. America may be a great society but can't be a great culture without the arts."

Sherman said the concentration of arts in the big city centers has alienated many people who live in small towns and resent the idea of having their taxes support arts they can't enjoy.

Last year, Meadow Brook experimented by sending a road production of the comedy "Beau Jest" to several communities up north. Next spring, Sherman wants to develop specially designed productions that can be performed inexpensively in school gymnasiums, libraries and small theaters.

"We want to present the best we have to offer," Sherman said.

Other outreach programs include special performances for school groups, a "Page to Stage" literacy program with Pontiac and Avondale schools and offering help to other professional theater groups in the form of costumes, sets and technical expertise.

Sherman is dedicated to the "theater experience."

"What we're doing is continuing the tradition of storytelling," Sherman said. "The interaction of audience and actor is unique. It's a totally different experience from cinema. The community created for every single performance of a play is unique."

Sherman said some people are afraid of theater and he wants Meadow Brook to be the theater that overcomes that fear.

Associate director: *Debra Lynne Wicks was recently named associate director at Meadow Brook Theatre. Her duties will include directing plays, assisting with casting and play selection as well as overseeing Meadow Brook Theatre's educational outreach programs.*

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va-Ortega. "We're discovering the expression of the 'soul' in the farthest places in the world."

Think about it: first the Berlin Wall came down and the subsequent flood of expression from formerly repressed citizens of Eastern European countries rushed past historical and geographical boundaries.

So, it's only natural to move on to more serious issues like dispelling the stereotypes of the accordion.

If a bouncing polka band, a pasty-faced Lawrence Welk or a merry barrel-chested Italian fellow come to mind, then you haven't kept up with recent changes.

On the world stage, the portable pleated instrument with a vertical keyboard and metal reeds is not only being rediscovered, its versatility is being celebrated.

"The accordion is becoming associated with a certain lifestyle," said Gerova-Ortega. "The sound and color of the instrument is as grand as an organ."

For Gerova-Ortega, this Sunday's concert is just another step toward prying open the door to cross-cultural acceptance. Semyonov's original compositions are influenced as much by classical music as Russian folklore.

"It's much easier to present the same type of music over and over," she said. "It takes a while for audiences to cross over."

In the age of multiculturalism whereby the world is electronically bound without the benefit of an historical context, "acceptance" may also be another way to build "cultural tolerance."

The rampant strife in Bosnia, the former Soviet Republics, the Middle East, Africa and ongoing disturbances among minorities and majorities in countries throughout the world give rise to the hope that world music can accomplish what politics cannot.

A colorful world

Like many in today's world music scene, Musica Viva concerts help redefine the "world rhythm" by promoting cultural pluralism and an expanded notion of concert-worthy music.

While the works of great composers like Bach, Beethoven and Mozart are continually presented in traditional venues, world music reflects a contemporary "cultural sound" worthy of similar respect, said Gerova-Ortega.

Ironically, world music is as evasive to define as the notion of a "world people." Diversity and harmonic evolution are the only constants.

For instance, world music extends from the jungles of Brazil, to the sounds of the indigenous tribes living in the Andes, African chants, American jazz, songs from black Peru and Cuban a cappella.

The musical diversity, according to Gerova-Ortega, is a starting point to explore other elements of a culture.

"A composer comes from a milieu, a tradition. When you hear music that you like, don't you ask: 'Where did the composer come from?'" said Gerova-Ortega, who emigrated from Bulgaria in the early 1960s.

In what seems as much an anthropological pursuit as a musical exploration, Musica Viva's season reflects Gerova-Ortega's curiosity to inquire into other cultures.

Upcoming concerts include Susana Baca, an Afro-Peruvian singer; the Leipzig String Quartet; classical guitarist Philip Caudelazia; and a festival of world music in mid April, featuring Latin jazz.

In early May, Musica Viva will held the 10th annual Flute Festival, a venue for Michigan flutists along with guest artists from the international stage.

"The world is so colorful because people are always bringing their own fresh ideas to try to 'touch people,'" said Gerova-Ortega. "That's the beauty, the treasure of world music."

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transcend the miles," she said. "Everyone is so committed to doing a fabulous job. The volunteers infuse commitment, it's motivating and catchy, you want to do it."

Over the years she has been on stage, helped with props and lighting, fund-raising, and publicity. "You just kind of grow with it," she said.

Lisa Andres of Livonia and her family has been involved in the Players Guild of Dearborn since 1981. Lisa's husband is a past president of the group.

They joined shortly after they were married, and their three children have grown up with the guild.

"I just love it," said Andres who has been in shows, directed, worked on costumes, and helped out back stage. "We've made so many friends. It's just fun. Everything I do there is for love. Everyone's like a family."

Six years ago Andres helped start Guildings, the Guild's youth theater group, which presents one show a year. Andres writes the shows and tries to cast as many children as possible.

"It really teaches them commitment," she said about the children involved in theater. "It helps them be more outgoing. They have fun, and make friends. It's good for them to up there on stage with other children, and to count on them."

Fall art, music, theater classes enrich young people

Henry Ford Community College and the Dearborn Community Arts Council will offer a Saturday Enrichment Program for Young People this fall.

The program, offered for children ages four to 16, will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 13 to Oct. 11.

Youngsters can choose from Mixed Media and Music, Music, Music (for ages four to six); Intermediate Music (ages six to eight); Slabs, Coils and Functional Forms and Performance Theater, (ages six to nine); Mixed Media and Basic Drawing (ages 7-10); Animation (ages 10 to 12); Performance Theater (ages 10 to 14); Beginning Creative Photography and Intermediate Creative Photography (ages 11 to 14); and Pottery on the Wheel (ages 11 to 16).

Classes are offered on Henry Ford Community College's main campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn and at the college's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail at Outer Drive and Warren.

For registration information and exact dates, times, locations, and fees, call the Dearborn Community Arts Council at (313) 943-3095.

■ Also of note:

The Livonia-Theatre Guild is offering an Introduction to Creative Dramatics for students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Classes meet for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4. The cost is $45 per person. Call (313) 531-0554 to register, or for more information.

Classes will be at the Theatre Guild's playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly Road (just south of Five Mile Road) in Redford.

Students will learn about different acting styles, warm-ups, improvisation, and have fun too. They will do an audition and performance at the end of the course for their parents.

THEATER

JET's 'Falsettos' sounds in perfect harmony

Jewish Ensemble Theatre presents "Falsettos" in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, through Oct. 5. Call (248) 788-2900 for tickets and show times. Tickets range from $13 to $23. Senior, student and group discounts available.

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're looking for some fine entertainment that's slightly offbeat, you can't lose with "Falsettos," now on-stage at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre.

Directed by Nicholas Calanni, the musical (in which all lines are sung, not spoken) centers around a rather ordinary Jewish guy named Marvin who finds himself facing some really big problems. He has a wife and an adolescent son, and he's fallen hard for a hunky guy named Whizzer.

The Tony Award-winning "Falsettos," written by William Finn and James Lapine, is the first musical ever produced at the JET. Let's hope it's the beginning of a trend. From its opening number, "Four Jews in a Room Bitching," to the concluding "Falsettos," this is simply delicious theatre.

What makes it delicious? Begin with some savvy performances by a cast that seems tailor-made for these upbeat-downbeat tunes and the funny/sad/provocative flavor of this timely play that deals with everything from AIDS to family values to "nouvelle bar mitzvah cuisine."

John Sartor's Marvin seems as ordinary – and as complex – as your next-door neighbor. Somehow, he makes this character – who leaves his wife and young son for the distinctly-less-than-perfect Whizzer – both totally convincing and utterly sympathetic.

As the luscious lug, Whizzer, Brian Schulz gets the chance to wear a lot of tight jeans and muscle-hugging T-shirts, while he's winning our hearts as well as Marvin's. No small amount of his appeal lies in his way with a song, especially the confessional, "The Games I Play."

In the role of Trina, the attractive but often-confused wife, Milica Govich turns in an irresistible and effortless performance. "The only thing that's breaking up is my family," she sings. "But me – I'm breaking down."

Let it be noted that we should all possess such charm and style as we fall to pieces.

Jeff Nahan, as the therapist who can't resist Trina, is maybe the most lovable lecher you'll ever come across. And Judy Dery and Barbara Coven as the "lesbians next door" are a talented and dynamite duo.

Finally, Nicholas Cornfield as the caught-in-the-middle, adolescent son, turns in a performance that flirts with brilliance. His Jason is as subtle as he is lively, as able to touch your heart as to tickle your funny bone.

William Finn's music is under the first-rate direction of Ben Cohen. This translates into a confident cast, and proof that it's not necessary to possess a grand singing voice to deliver a song in a very big way.

Combine all of the above with some especially zippy pacing, plus some creative and careful attention to lighting (Mark Berg), costumes (Edith Leavis Bookstein), and sets (Monika Essen), and it's hard to find a single false note in this rendition of "Falsettos."

In the act: *John Sartor (left to right), Nicholas Cornfield and Milica Govich in JET's production of "Falsettos."*

MUSIC

A new and familiar face at DSO's opening concert

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its new 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall tonight with Polish conductor Jerzy Semkow and 14-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. The program features Beethoven's Leonore Overture No. 3, Mozart's Piano Concerto in C major (K. 467) and Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

Since last year's concert season, the historic Orchestra Hall neighborhood has undergone a dramatic physical change. Patrons can see Phase I of the $80 million Orchestra Place Development Project, a new five-story office/retail complex and an 800-car parking deck.

New sidewalks and lamppost banners have also been added to the area. And in early 1998, a new restaurant, Duet, will open near the corner of Woodward and Mack Avenue.

Kicking off the new DSO season, WQRS-FM (105.1) will feature a special opening night broadcast starting at 7 p.m. The show will be hosted by Dave Wagner and feature interviews with musicians, conductors, ticket holders along with recordings of the evening's repertoire.

What: Detroit Symphony Orchestra 1997-98 opening concert, featuring conductor Jerzy Semkow and pianist Helen Huang
When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 11-12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13
Where: Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Tickets: $17-$42, box seats: $60. (313) 833-3700.

Upcoming concerts:

Classical Series

■ "A Celebration of Music for Film - I" – 8 p.m. Fri., Sat., and 3 p.m., Oct. 3-5; "A Celebration of Music for Film - II" – 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Sat., 3 p.m., Sun., Oct. 9, 11, 12

■ Isaac Stern performs new work, Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements. 8 p.m. Thur., Fri. & 8:30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 6-8

The Pops Series

■ Dave Brubeck, 8 p.m. Thur., 8:30 p.m. Fri., Sat, 3 p.m. Sun, Oct. 16-19.

The Ameritech Jazz Series

■ Vocalist Cleo Laine & John Dankworth, clarinet, 8 p.m. Thur, Oct. 23

■ House of Blues Tour, 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 5

■ Sonny Rollins, 8 p.m., Sat, May 16

Featured performers: Semkow and Huang

Over the years, Jerzy Semkow has been one of the DSO's favorite performers.

His conducting posts include tenures at Music Director of the St. Louis Symphony, Principal Conductor of the Royal Danish Opera and the Royal Danish Orchestra in Copenhagen, and Music Director of the Orchestra of Radio-Televisione Italiana in Rome.

Semkow's recordings include the first complete original version of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov." Among his other recordings are major orchestral works by Tchaikovsky and Brahms, the last ten Mozart Symphonies with the National Philharmonic of Warsaw, and Scriabin's Symphony No. 3 and Symphony No. 3 with the London Philharmonic.

Piano prodigy Helen Huang makes her Detroit debut. Her impressive list of engagements include performances with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, The Cleveland Orchestra, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony and the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

In 1995, Huang appeared with the New York Philharmonic under Kurt Masur, playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 23. The concerto was recorded and released on Haung's debut CD later that year. She made her national television debut in a concert with the Boston Pops Orchestra for PBS' "Evening at the Pops."

Music Director Neeme Jarvi will lead the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and guest pianist Murray Perahia in three performances at Orchestra Hall 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21.

The program will include Estonian composer Rudolf Tobias' Overture to "Julius Caesar," a piano concerto by German Romantic composer Robert Schumann, and Danish composer Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 5.

In the first behind-the-scenes Pre-Concert Conversation of the season WQRS Program Director Dave Wagner will be the guest on Sept. 12.

This series of informal and lively discussions is free to all ticket-holders, and takes place every Friday on the Orchestra Hall stage. Call (313) 833-3700 for more information.

Local poet to present reading in Hamtramck

Pat Kearney of Rochester Hills will present a poetry reading at the Hobby Horse Series 8-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. The series is held at Doc Z's Tavern, 2764 Florian, Hamtramck, (313) 875-3627.

There is a $2 cover charge.

Amy Woody hosts the series, which features poetry, selected music, and special guests on the second Sunday of every month.

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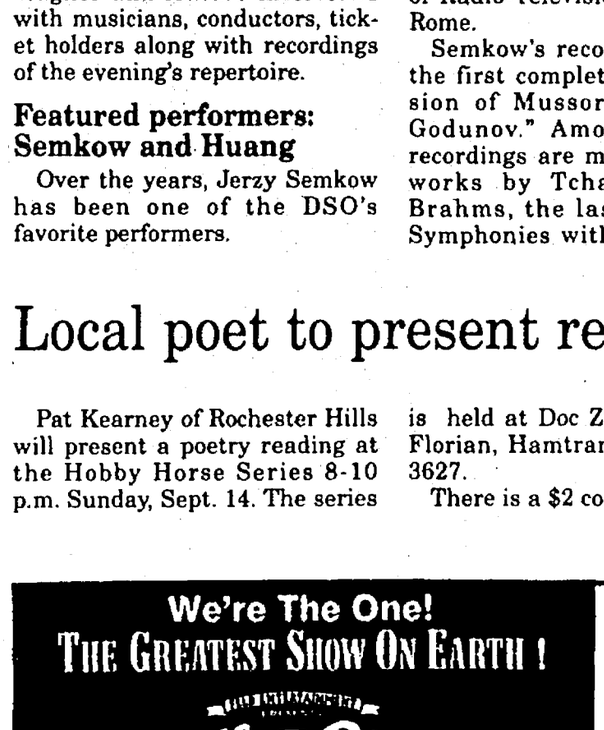

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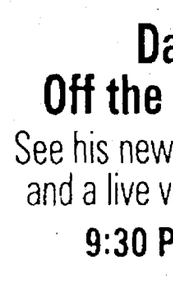

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THEATER

1515 BROADWAY
"Punk," a performance work by Patrick Burton, previews Thursday, Sept. 18-Friday, Sept. 19 ($8), and opens Saturday, Sept. 20, and runs weekends through Sunday, Sept. 28 ($13), at the theater at 1515 Broadway, Detroit. 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 8 p.m. Thursday and Sunday. (313) 965-1515

ALTERNATING CURRENTS
"Just a Phase (A Sapphic Tale)," a new romantic comedy by Royal Oak playwright Therese Szymanski, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Trumbull Theatre, 4208 Trumbull, Detroit. $6 advance, $8 at door. (248) 541-8316/308-5777

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
"Falsettos," through Sunday, Oct. 5, as the JET, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. $13-$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"Over the Tavern," preview productions 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17-Friday, Sept. 19, with shows running Saturday, Sept. 20-Sunday, Oct. 12, at the theater in Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. 8 p.m. preview performances ($18), 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays ($22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays ($22), 8 p.m. Fridays ($26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays ($22), 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays ($32), 2 p.m. Sundays ($22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays ($26.50), with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 377-3300

MUSIC HALL THEATER
"Why Good Girls Like Bad Boyz," gospel musical stage play by Angela Barrow and Lizzie Berry, Sept. 16-21, Music Hall Theater, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. Tickets $19 to $26.50, call (313) 963-7622 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

COMMUNITY THEATER

ANN ARBOR CIVIC THEATRE
Sept. 15-21, theater week filled with events leading up to the Sept. 18-21 (8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday) production of "Lost in Yonkers" at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater in the Michigan League on the University of Michigan campus, tickets $16 adults, $14 students/seniors, (313) 971-2228. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 theater tour and volunteer information; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 auditions for Stephen Sondheim's "A Little Night Music;" 7 p.m. Sunday Sept. 28 Readers Theatre begins for anyone interested in exploring dramatic texts in staged readings. Events take place at the playhouse at 2275 Platt Road, south of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. (313) 971-0605

AVON PLAYERS
"Gypsy," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 continues weekends through Oct. 4. Performances 8 p.m. except for 2 p.m. Sunday matinee at the playhouse on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. Tickets $13, student, senior citizen and group rates available, (248) 608-9077.

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
"London Suite," opens 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 continues weekends through Sept. 28. Performances 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 21730 Madison (southeast corner of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. Tickets $10, student discount for Sunday performance, (313) 561-TKTS. Complimentary afterglow after opening night.

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"Plaza Suite," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 19-20, 26-27 and Oct. 3-4, and 6 p.m. Sundays Sept. 21, 28 at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road (between Haggerty and Northville roads), Northville, $9, $8 advance. (248) 349-7110

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS
"Rumors," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Thursday, Sept. 25-Sunday, Sept. 28, Friday, Oct. 3-Sunday, Oct. 5, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake Road (between Crooks and Livernois roads), Troy. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays. $11, $10 Thursdays and Sundays for seniors and students. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS
"And On the 8th Day He Saw a Play (and He Saw It Was Good) /a Performance of One Acts" benefit performance 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. $10. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

THE THEATRE GUILD
"The Mousetrap," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20, 26-27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 28 at the theater at 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. $10, $9 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN
"Little Red Riding Hood," 2:30 Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 7, 14 and 21, 135 E. Main St., Northville. $5.50. No children under age 3 1/2. (248) 349-8110.

Piano prodigy: *The Detroit Symphony Orchestra opens its 1997-98 concert season at Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 13 with Polish conductor Jerzy Semkow on the podium and 13-year-old piano prodigy Helen Huang as the soloist. Tickets range from $42 to $17 (box seats: $60) call (313) 833-3700.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, between Novi and Taft, $12 per person, $10 advance, benefits Lions/Lioness charities. Registration at 6:30 p.m. (248)344-4633

MOTOR CITY NATIONALS
Featuring hot rods, street rods, custom and classic cars through 1972, swap meet, live nostalgic entertainment, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. $10 adults, $8 seniors ages 60 and up, $6 ages 7-12. (510) 838-9876/(248) 377-0100

PUBS AND CLUBS
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 tour of Smiley Mansion followed by dinner at the Detroit Historical Museum, $42 Detroit Historical Society members, $52 nonmembers. (313) 833-1405 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 Belle Isle Appreciation Day at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, free with special pass from Friends of Belle Isle. (313) 331-7760

RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Sept. 28 on Dixie Highway, one mile north of Mount Holly between Pontiac and Flint, $12.95 adults ($11.50 advance), $5.95 children ages 5-12 ($5 advance). 1-800-601-4848

THE AMERICAN WOODWORKER SHOW
Friday, Sept. 12 to Sunday, Sept. 14, Novi Expo Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission $10, 1-800-914-9395.

TASTE OF TRENTON
Noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 on Third Street between West Road and Maple. (313) 675-6500

CHORAL

THE INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR
20th annual concert of the Inspirational Choir of Greater Christ Temple Church under the direction of Detroit radio personality Carl B. Phillips, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, 210 Hilton St. (one block east of Woodward Avenue), Ferndale. (248) 414-3700

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Featuring conductor Jerzy Semkow and pianist Helen Huang performing Beethoven's "Leonore, Overture No. 3," Mozart's "Piano Concerto in C Major, K. 467," and Brahms' "Symphony No. 4," 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11-Friday, Sept. 12, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $17-$42, $60 box seats; With conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Murray Perahia performing Tobias' "Overture to Julius Caesar," and Schumann's "Piano Concerto," and Nielsen's "Symphony No. 5," 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Orchestra Hall. (313) 833-3700

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Sunday, Songs and Symphony" benefit featuring bassist Stephen King of Livonia, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh Road), Livonia. Besides concert of light, classical and popular tunes, benefit includes 30 area restaurants offering samplings of food, and a silent auction. $25 in advance, $30 at the door. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741.

MUSICAL THEATER ENSEMBLE OF ARMENIA
A magical evening of song and solidarity (directed by composer Artur Grigorian) in celebration of the sixth anniversary of Armenia's independence, presented by Armenia Fund U.S.A., 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, at the Southfield Center for the Performing Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road), Southfield. $20 adults, $5 children 14 and under. (248) 552-8975/642-7950

UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY
Cecilia Bartoli recital rescheduled to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 in Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. $20, $40, $50, $60. Chicago Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 and Friday, Sept. 26 at Hill Auditorium, $55, $45, $35, $20; Chamber Music with members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Rackham Auditorium, $36, $34, $30, $22. (313) 764-2538

POPS/SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

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9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

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AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS
Open auditions for Garson Kanin comedy "Born Yesterday," 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21-Monday, Sept. 22, at the Avon Playhouse on Tienken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Nov. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22. (248) 651-9518

CONLEN PRODUCTIONS
Open auditions for male and female sopranos for the role of Amahl in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at Covenant Community Church, 25800 Student Street, on Beech Daly one block north of Five Mile, Redford. Rehearsals begin immediately for performances Dec. 27-28 and Jan. 3-4. (313) 459-2332

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (between I-95 and Lyndon), Livonia. Tenor and bass voices especially needed. Membership not restricted to Livonia residents, and sight-reading is not a requirement. (313) 525-1447

NOVI CONCERT BAND
Band has opportunities for adults who play any instrument to join it for its 1997-1998 concert season. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. There are no auditions. (248) 932-9244

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS
Holding auditions for its new season, open to anyone in the metro Detroit area interested in performing classical choral literature. Rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Room 134 of Varner Hall. Call (248) 370-2030 or (248) 370-2038 for information.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
Entering 25th season and calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth, (313) 455-4080

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
Auditions for the musical "Babes in Toyland," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-18, 60 actors/singers dancers need for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little sheep, and an army of dancing soldiers, all ages welcome, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Participation fee upon casting: $100 PCAC members, $125 nonmembers. Performances Dec. 5-7, school tours Dec. 8-18. (313) 416-4ART

BENEFITS

DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHORUS
"Falsettos," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets $25 with proceeds to benefit Detroit Together Men's Chorus, Michigan's oldest and largest gay men's chorus. (313) 893-3631 or (248) 588-4743

JET THEATRE
"Crimes of Fashion," the season's campiest event where guests become crime solvers and mystery becomes fashionable, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection South, Troy. Tickets $50-$1,000 to benefit JET Theatre's Educational Outreach Program. (248) 788-2900

PAWS FOR CELEBRATION
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 gala evening of dinner, entertainment (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons), fashion show (latest designs in women's and canine's fashions), art auction (work created by Center for Creative Studies students) to benefit the Michigan Humane Society and celebrate the nonprofit organization's 120th anniversary. Patron ($175) and Benefactor ($300) ticketholders will join Master of Ceremonies Ed McMahon for cocktails at 6 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy. Tickets $75 each for Supporters. (313) 872-3400

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

JINGLE BEL, INC.
Classes for children (ages 3-16) in chorus, theater, instrumental music, and visual art begin Sept. 16 at Precinct Five, 1551 East Auburn Road at Emmons, Rochester Hills. Information (248) 375-9027, registration (248) 656-6808

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD
Is hosting a children's acting workshop for children in kindergarten through ninth grade for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. The cost is $45. Call (313) 531-0554 for information.

JAZZ

TERRY CALLIER
8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $12 in advance. 18 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 544-3030

HANSOLO
With Acufuncture perform as part of "The Sessions," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2747

KIMMIE HORNE
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (jazz/pop) (248) 852-0550

"JAZZ ON THE RIVER ... DIVERSE RHYTHMS UNITING THE COMMUNITY"
Ortheia Barnes, the Sun Messengers, marching bands, and clowns kick off the 1997 United Way Community Services' Torch Drive during the public concert, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Hart Plaza, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 226-9484

DAVE KOZ
3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 626-4533

SHEILA LANDIS
With her trio, 8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages; With her quartet, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, as part of a benefit for Mayor Dennis Archer, Cafe Ricardo, 15103 E. Warren, Detroit; With her trio, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18-Friday, Sept. 19, Lentine's Southern Barbecue, 41240 Hayes Road (north of 18 Mile Road), Clinton Township. Free. All ages. (248) 645-2150/(313) 271-4441/(313) 881-8610/(810) 412-2233 (Latin jazz/jazz)

PHIL LASLEY TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

CARL MICHEL TRIO
8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Sept. 13, Agape Caffe, 205 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400

ROBERT PIPHO TRIO
8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SUNNY WILKINSON
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

ALEXANDER ZONJIC AND FRIENDS
5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Crowne Plaza Hotel Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. $10; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, and Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Scallops, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. $10. 21 and older. (313) 965-0200/(248) 656-2525

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK MARKET
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-4300

DICK GAUGHAN
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $12.50, $11.50 members, students and seniors. All ages. (Scottish folk) (313) 761-1800

IMMUNITY
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Captain Tony's Key West Bar and Grill, 3336 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 288-6388

LLOYD LONG
1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, classical and acoustic finger style guitar (folk), at Dixboro Dulcimer Store, 5740 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 665-2357

PAT'S PEOPLE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Cowleys' Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Irish folk music) (248) 474-5941

STEEL PULSE
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $17.50 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ARMY SONG AND DANCE COMPANY
Dance troupe performs Ukrainian military and folk dances, with men's chorus and orchestra, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. $28.50 Canadian with $2 discount for students and seniors. Prices include GST. (800) 387-9181

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

JAN KRIST
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 338-6200

THE NIELDS
With Michelle Malone, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, The Ark, 316 S Main St., Ann Arbor. $10, $5 for University of Michigan students with ID. All ages. (folk rock) (313) 761-1800

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $9, $8 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (313) 761-1800

SUZZY ROCHE
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1800

DANCE

NOVI SIXTH GATE CLOGGERS
Clogging beginner classes start 12-1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi. $20 Novi residents, $24 nonresidents for 10 weeks. Intermediate and Advance classes available. (248) 349-2589 or (313) 453-7543/347-0400

POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF DEARBORN
Looking for new members, registration continues through October at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 19100 Ford Road, Dearborn. Polish dancing and language classes available for ages three and up. Also looking for dancers to form a new group (ages 17 and older) with the goal of competing in the International Festival in Rzeszow, Poland in 1998. (313) 581-3181

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 13 at Italian Cultural Center, Warren. $7 members, $6 nonmemebers. (313) 526-9432 or (810) 573-4993

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Eric Kirkland and Jim Hamm, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 (no cover)-Friday, Sept. 12 ($8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 ($8); Tommy Chunn and Ross Amicucci, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 (no cover)-Friday, Sept. 19 ($12), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 ($12), 36071 Plymouth Road, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Bill Hildebrandt, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13 ($10, $20.95 dinner/show package); Chris Penny, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20 ($10, $20.95 dinner/show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Chris Zito, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 ($7), 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday Sept. 12-Saturday Sept. 13 ($10), Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 ($4), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Mike Armstrong and Tim Lilly, Thursday, Sept. 11-Sunday, Sept. 14; Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Brad Upton and Kevin Kramis, Wednesday, Sept. 17-Sunday, Sept. 21, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Showtimes 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Special engagements excluded. (248) 542-9900

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT
"Send in the Clones," at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, through October, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free improvise

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tional comedy set by the cast is after every performance on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and after the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. $8 Wednesdays, $14 on Thursdays, $15 on Fridays, $19.50 on Saturdays and $12 on Sundays. (313) 965-2222

SECOND CITY TOURING COMPANY
Returning to Varner Recital Hall on the Oakland University campus 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Tickets $12, senior citizens $10, students $6. Call (248) 370-2020 or (248) 370-3013.

MUSEUMS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Backyard Monsters: The World of Insects" display runs through Sunday, Sept. 28, at the museum, at the science center, 5020 John R (at Warren Road), Detroit. Admission $6.75 for adults, $4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400.

POPULAR MUSIC

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Rookies, 3905 17 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(810) 268-9696

APHEX TWIN
With Sneaker Pimps, Linoleum, and Luke Vibert a.k.a. Wagonchrist, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. $15 in advance. All ages. (trip-hop) (248) 333-2362

BAD LIVERS
With Valentine Six, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $8 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

BAKED POTATO
With Deep Space Six, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Gimmicks inside Airway Lanes, 4825 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funk) (313) 996-8555/(248) 674-0426

CAREY BELL
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. $10. 21 and older. (blues harmonica player) (313) 278-5340

BETTER DAYS
10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 549-2929

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
With Gary Primich, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students and seniors. All ages. (blues) (313) 761-1800

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m.-midnight Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

BLUE CAT
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17-Thursday, Sept. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433/(248) 644-4800

BLUE RAYS
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

BLUE SUIT FEATURING GENE MORGAN
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE
With Big Block, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance. 19 and older. (soulful rock) (313) 996-8555

BUDDY POPPS
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 996-2747

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

BUSTER'S BLUES BAND
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

THE CIVILIANS
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Gimmicks inside Airway Lanes, 4825 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Mr. Sports, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 674-0426/(248) 349-9110/(313) 534-7420

CODE BLOOM
With Abruzzi Drive, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 513-8688

COURT RECORDERS
With Voodoo, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

THE COYOTES
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic) (248) 338-6200

THE CRYSTAL METHOD
With DJ J. Infexus, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. $12 in advance. All ages. (trip-hop) (248) 334-1999

TOMMY D BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Cowleys' Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Lumberjacks Tavern, 1655 Glengary Road, Walled Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 474-5941/(248) 624-6007

THORNETTA DAVIS
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $13.50. All ages. (soul/blues) (313) 761-1800

DEEP SPACE SIX
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (313) 996-2747

DEMOLITION DOLLRODS
With Red Aunts and The Dirt Bombs, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

RICK DERRINGER
With Robert Noll Blues Mission, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (rock/blues) (810) 778-6404

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

TIM DIAZ
With Gary Rasmussen and Dion Roddy, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic) (248) 544-1141

DOG'S EYE VIEW
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $8.50 in advance, $10 at the door. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (248) 335-8100

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Troll for Trout, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

ERNIE DOUGLAS
With Kevin the Uncanny magician, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Gold Dollar Show Bar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. $4, $3 for Detroit Musicians Alliance members. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 833-6873

GLEN EDDIE BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $7 in advance. 18 and older. (Deadhead) (248) 544-3030

EMERSON, LAKE AND PALMER
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. $22.50 and $12.50. All ages. (classic rock) (248) 377-0100

FAITHLESS
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $7 in advance and at the door. All ages. (electronica/pop) (248) 335-8100

"FLINTSTOCK '97"
With the Rustic Overtones (rock/reggae/ska), Peter Mulvey (modern rock guitar), Army of Juan (ska), The Dan-k Trio (reggae), Formula Five (blues), Fudge Gun (straight-edge punk), Full on the Mouth (techno modern rock), Lack of Afro (psychedelic funk), Liquid Eclipse (ambient funk metal), Phunky Lab Monkees (Latino rap), The Wives of Bath (art pop), and Cultural Vibes (DJs), 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The University of Michigan - Flint's Recreation Center, Flint. $5 with student ID, $7.50 general admission, available through Ticketmaster. (810) 762-3431

JOHN FOGERTY
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $27.50 in advance. All ages. (rock) (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and Friday, Sept. 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450/(248) 543-6911

FOSTER KIDS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (acoustic) (313) 996-2747

STEWART FRANCKE
With Susan Calloway and Sun 209, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Michael McDermott, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $10, $9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (acoustic rock) (313) 875-6555/(313) 761-1800

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

ROBBIE FULKS
With the Gigantics, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $6 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

FUTURE PRESIDENTS
With The Triggers, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

GERALDINE FIBBERS
6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

ISAAC GREEN AND THE SKALARS
With The Articles and Magadog, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10 in advance, $13 day of show. All ages. (horror rap) (313) 961-5451

JILL JACK
8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older; With Mike Nolan, Stewart Francke, and Broken Toys, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $5 suggested donation goes toward The Bonfire Review, an art journal designed to be a vehicle for aspiring local artists to be paired with accomplished artists. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older; 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury, Dearborn. Free. All ages. (roots rock) (248) 642-9400/(248) 334-9292/(248) 544-1141/(313) 271-4442

JOYRIDE
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-2747

"JUST NOT SINGING THE BLUES"
Benefit for Autism awareness with Lightnin' Creole, Val Ventro, Pete "Big Dog" Fetters, and Franklin Street Blues Band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-4566

MIKE KING
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 544-1141

KING SWEAT
10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

KNEE DEEP SHAG
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

JOE LABEAU AND THE COOL FLAMES
7-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, The Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

JOHN D. LAMB
With his band, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Frigates, 1103 E. Lake Dr., Novi. Free. 21 and older; Solo, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Ernie's Kings Mill, 16655 19 Mile Road, Clinton Township. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9607/(248) 332-HOWL/(810) 286-8435

LE CLICK
Featuring Swedish diva Kayo Shekoni, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. $7 in advance. 21 and older. (dance band) (248) 334-1999

MARY LOU LORD
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. All ages. (pop) (313) 761-1800

LUNA
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (alternapop) (313) 833-POOL

MASCHINA
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

LONNIE MACK
8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $15 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 544-3030

TAJ MAHAL AND THE PHANTOM BLUES BAND
With Anders Osborne, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $17 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (313) 833-9700

MAN OR ASTROMAN?
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. All ages. (experimental) (313) 961-MELT

THE MAYPOPS
With Lucky Haskins, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $4. 19 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 996-8555

MORSEL
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk/rock) (313) 485-5050

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

MOTORHOME
With Monophonic 100, Godspeed, and You Black Emporer, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $3. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

MOTOR JAM
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Woody's Diner, 208 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-6911

BOBBY MURRAY BAND WITH LENNY WATKINS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

MUSTARD PLUG
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (313) 485-5050

MYSTERY TRAIN FEATURING JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

STEVE NARDELLA TRIO
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

NIHILIST SPASM BAND
With Gravitar, and Princess Dragon-Mom, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave. (north of Warren Avenue, between Palmer and I-94), Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (noise rock) (313) 832-2355

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 581-3650

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Goose Island Brewery, 1538 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. $5. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 682-4566/(313) 278-5340

OUTER DRIVE
With Flow Mojo and Nova, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. $2 before 10 p.m., $4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

OVERTHROW
With Apocalypse Later and Vietnam Prom, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Groove Room, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. $2 before 10 p.m., $4 afterward. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 589-3344

PANTERA
With Coal Chamber and Machine Head, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. $22.50 reserved and general admission floor. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

GREG PICCOLO AND HEAVY JUICE
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

PINE CREEK BLUES FESTIVAL
With Big Dave and the Ultrasonics, Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents, and The Witch Doctors, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Pine Creek Golf Course, 50521 Huron River Dr., Belleville. $10. 21 and older. (313) 483-5010/(248) 437-7466

PURPLY FLY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk) (313) 832-2355

R.H. FACTOR
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

RIGHTEOUS WILLY
9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 543-4300

"ROCKABILLY AND SWING FALL SHOWCASE PART I"
Featuring Swingin' Demons, Starlight Drifters, Gino, and Nobody's Business, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $8. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030

SCHUGARS
With the Michigan Stick Trio, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Overtime Sports Tavern, 27206 Michigan Ave., Dearborn Heights. $3. 21 and older. (pop) (313) 277-5010

SHAPES BETWEEN US
8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 642-9400

SISTER SEED
8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 642-9400

SLOAN
6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $12 in advance. All ages. (alternapop) (313) 961-MELT

SOLID FROG
With South Normal, and The Deterants, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 855-3110

SUPERDOT
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (313) 485-5050

THRALL
With Buzzkill and Feisty Cadavers, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

TOP KAT
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-2747

TINA TURNER
Saturday, Sept. 20, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, as part of Hudson's Team 500, an ongoing effort to raise $1.5 million for 10 Detroits arts and cultural organizations. $150 includes performance, cocktails, dinner, dancing and entertainment. (rock) (888) 882-5765

2XL
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213/(248) 543-4300

VUDU HIPPIES
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Mr. Sports, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford Township. Free. 21 and older. (alternapop) (313) 534-7420

JAMES WAILIN'
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19-Saturday, Sept. 20, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300/(313) 581-3650

WEEN
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $15 in advance and at the door. All ages. (whiny alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

J.C. WHITELAW
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 338-6200

LUCINDA WILLIAMS
With R.B. Morris, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $15 in advance and at the door. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100

(YOUNG) PIONEERS
8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Zoot's Coffeehouse, 4470 Second Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (rock) (313) 832-6621

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
"Magic Dick and His Flying Trick" dance party with DJs D. Wynn, Theo Parish, Algorythm, and CyberSoul, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13; "The Hush Party," house music with DJs Cecil Gibbs and Cent Mondays; "Transit," funky acid house and hip-hop with DJs Johnny Saco and Matt Clarke Tuesdays; and "Family Funktion," with funk, house, acid jazz and hip-hop with DJs Jim Stone, Papa Ron and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

THE ARK
"Women on Wax" dance party featuring Detroit-area female DJs, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the club, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $5. All ages. (313) 761-1800

BIRD OF PARADISE
Acid jazz night, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesdays at the club, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. $3. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

CLUTCH CARGO'S
"The River Lounge" Fridays with lounge music and guest band, in the Mill Street Entry, lower level of Clutch Cargo's. Free before 9:30 p.m. 21 and older; Four levels of music – lounge, flashback dance music, acid jazz, and trance – 8:30 p.m. Saturdays with guest band in Mill Street Entry. Free before 9:30 p.m. 21 and older. Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 333-2362

THE GROOVE ROOM
Formerly 3-D, "Temple of Boom" featuring live local bands, 9 p.m. Thursdays. $2 before 10 p.m., $4 afterward; "Love Factory" dance night 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays and Tuesdays; "Vibrator" dance night with house music spun by DJ St. Andy, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344

INDUSTRY
"The Planetarium," alternative dance night with DJ Darren Revell and Johnny Edwards from 96.3 WHYT-FM, 9 p.m. Thursdays. 21 and older. Cover charge; "Club 95.5 Live," dance music night hosted by WKQI-FM, 8 p.m. Fridays. 21 and older. $5; "Saturday Night Fever Disco Party," 9 p.m. Saturdays. 21 and older. $5; Techno/alternative rock dance night, 9 p.m. Sundays. 18 and older. Cover charge. (248) 334-1999

THE MAJESTIC COMPLEX
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MOVIES

'Full Monty' bares it all for hilarious laughs

TICKETS PLEASE

JOHN MONAGHAN

Things look bleak for Jimmy and his mates. The unemployed steel workers hang out at the job office so much, they don't even bother filling out applications anymore. They figure they have a better chance hitting the lottery than landing a decent job.

Then Jimmy hits on a bright idea. If women will pack a club by the hundreds to see those pansy Chippendales strip to their Jockey shorts, what would they pay to see some homegrown talent go all the way?

They call it "The Full Monty," which is also the name of this charming British import opening Friday at the Main Art Theatre and elsewhere. Basically it's a one-joke affair, but by the time this new breed of strippers takes the stage, that joke is a pretty hilarious one.

None of the men, you see, have what you would call a buff physique. Ringleader Jimmy is as scrawny as his buddies are fat, old, and clumsy.

After a series of disastrous auditions, he enlists an older black man who Frugs and Jerks through his tryout but may have some hidden talents (his friends, after all, call him "Horse.")

He also gets the reluctant help of their former foreman, a proud man who refuses to tell his wife that he lost his job. He's brought on board because he has taken ballroom dance classes and can direct the performance.

The line is rounded out by a pale-skinned, red-headed night watchman (he provides the practice space), and a handsome young man who fancies himself another Donald O'Connor. (His attempts to replicate the dancer's acrobatics from "Singin' in the Rain" are hilarious.) Robert Carlyle, who played the psychopathic Begbie in "Trainspotting," has the requisite everyman quality for the role of Jimmy. He's so likable and naive that you almost fall for his dopey "let's put on a show" plan to retain partial custody of his son.

He has a slightly fiendish streak as well, like when he and his friends decide to rattle an uptight colleague during a job interview by dancing a pair of plaster garden gnomes outside the window.

Director Peter Cattaneo, in his feature debut, stretches his thin premise into an amusing 90 minutes. He's helped by an able cast, including Tom Wilkinson as the foreman and Mark Addy as Jimmy's best friend, who is most reluctant to bare it all on stage because he is so overweight.

And while the movie's incidental music is the hokiest, the '70s Disco nuggets used for the dance scenes are priceless. When the Muzak turns to Donna Summer's "Hot Love" at the local unemployment office, you can tell who those prospective dancers are. They're the ones bumping and grinding while the others wait dourly for relief checks.

Like "Brassed Off" earlier this year, "The Full Monty" has a genuine charm that's nearly immune to criticism. Sure it's form isn't much to look at, but once those guys get on stage and strut their stuff (to the music of Tom Jones, no less), you can't help but feel exhilarated.

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

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. ($5.50; $4.50 students/seniors)

The Alloy Orchestra The Boston-based musical ensemble returns for a third time to the DFT to perform live behind four classic silent films. 7:30 p.m. Sept. 12: an encore presentation of Fritz Lang's futuristic "Metropolis" (Germany - 1925). 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13: Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." (USA - 1928). 3 p.m. Sept. 14: The original "The Lost World" (USA - 1925). 7 p.m. Sept. 14: Dziga Vertov's experimental "Man With the Movie Camera" (USSR - 1929).

"A Tickle in the Heart" (USA/Germany - 1996). 7 p.m. Sept. 15. A documentary look at a trio of klezmer musicians who stage a European "comeback tour" 60 years after their initial success in New York.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. ($2)

"Chasing Amy" (USA - 1997). 9:30 p.m. Sept. 11. Writer/director Kevin Smith's ("Clerks") third film in a trilogy about life in the New Jersey suburbs. Here a young comic book artist falls for a woman only to find out that she's gay.

"Caddyshack" (USA - 1980). 9:30 p.m. Sept. 17. Mayhem erupts on at a posh country club when Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield hit the links in this irreverent cult comedy which gets even more popular with age.

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. ($6.50; $4 students, seniors and matinee; $3 twilight)

"Shall We Dance?" (Japan - 1997). A Japanese businessman breaks free of the monotony of life when he spontaneously decides to take a ballroom dancing class."

"Mrs. Brown" (Britain - 1997). When Britain's Queen Victoria mourned the loss of husband Albert, she formed an unconventional friendship with a Scottish Highlander. Judi Dench and Billy Connolly star.

"Box of Moonlight" (USA - 1997). John Turturro plays an uptight engineer who learns life lessons from a mysterious drifter. Directed by Tom DiCillo ("Living in Oblivion").

"In the Company of Men" (USA - 1997). The year's most controversial film is about two Midwestern junior executives who seek revenge against all the women who've done them dirt. They plot to seduce the same unsuspecting young woman and then summarily dump her. (Starts Friday)

"The Full Monty" (Britain - 1997). A group of unemployed steel workers decide to try their hand at male stripping. The only problem: Their non-Chippendales physiques. (Starts Friday.)

Redford Theatre 13670 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. ($2.50)

"Raintree County" (USA - 1957). 8 p.m. Sept. 12; 2, 8 p.m. Sept. 13 (organ overture begins a half hour before show time). Elizabeth Taylor plays a Southern belle around the Civil War in this overblown Hollywood melodrama. Montgomery Clift co-stars.

Windsor Film Theatre 2135 Wyandotte Street West, Windsor, Canada. Call (519) 254-FILM for information. ($5.25; $4 US.)

"When the Cat's Away" (France - 1996). 7 p.m. Sept. 11 - 14. When an unattached young woman loses her pet cat, she searches her Paris neighborhood - brings romance, adventure, and an understanding of the world around her.

"Female Perversions" (USA - 1996). 9:15 p.m. Sept. 11 - 14. Tilda Swinton ("Orlando") plays a lawyer who works outside the parameters of morals to get what she wants. Based on a book by Louise Kaplan.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 12

"THE FULL MONTY"
Strapped for cash, and inspired by a visit from the Chippendales dancers to their town, six out-of-work steelworkers try to turn things around by forming an unlikely act. Stars Robert Carlyle, Mark Addy.

"THE GAME"
Psychological thriller about an emotionally removed man who is invited to play a mysterious game involving characters who may or may not be real. Stars Michael Douglas and Sean Penn.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 19

"A THOUSAND ACRES"
Based on Jane Smiley's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a family that is divided after long-guarded secrets, rivalries and desires are discovered. Stars Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer, Jason Leigh, Jason Robards.

"IN & OUT"
This "out-of-the-closet" comedy is about a small town acting teacher whose homosexuality is accidentally "outed" by a former student. Stars Kevin Kline, Joan Cusack, Matt Dillon, Debbie Reynolds, Bob Newhart, Tom Selleck.

"LA CONFIDENTIAL"
Three LAPD officers become separately entangled in a web of intrigue and deceit that threatens to destroy them. Set in the early 1950s. Stars Kevin Spacey, based on novel by James Ellroy.

"WISHMASTER"
Folklore says find a lamp and rub it and a genie appears to grant three wishes. This is Wes Craven's take on the story: the real genie usurps the world for himself.

"GRAVESEND"
Exclusively at the Star Southfield. A dark and edgy drama about four friends who are confronted with the greatest problem in their lives when someone is accidentally killed. The story follows them through a rough Brooklyn neighborhood and a series of strange encounters with personal conflicts. Stars Michael Parducci.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 26

"THE EDGE"
Psychological thriller about two men who must rely on each other to survive when their plane crashes in the remote Alaskan wilderness, while confronting their increasing and equally dangerous personality conflicts. Stars Anthony Hopkins, Alec Baldwin.

"SOUL FOOD"
A young man struggles to keep his embattled Chicago family together after their matriarch becomes ill. Stars Vanessa Williams.

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 3

"U TURN"
A desperate man and his Indian wife, the heat and a small town in Arizona drive a stranded gambler to risk his life for love and money. Stars Sean Penn, Jennifer Lopez, Nick Nolte.

MERRICK MORTON/REGENCY ENTERPRISES

Drama: *James Cromwell stars as Captain Duley Smith (left to right); Guy Pearce as Detective Ed Exley; Russell Crowe as Detective Bud White and Kevin Spacey as celebrity cop Jack Vincennes in "L.A. Confidential," a powerful crime drama opening at metro Detroit theaters Sept. 19.*

Southfield hosts classic film series

The City of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department's Cultural Arts Division opens it Classic Cinema Series 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 with the film "Gentlemen's Agreement" at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

Judge Stephen Cooper of the 46th District Court will lecture prior to the film starring Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and John Garfield. "Gentlemen's Agreement" won an Academy Award for its adaptation of the Laura Z. Hobson novel of the same name. Peck stars as a writer pretending to be Jewish and discovering rampant anti-Semitism.

Tickets are $3 per person and include light refreshments. Special rates are available for groups of 20 or more, call (248) 424-9022.

The film series offers viewers a chance to get reacquainted with, or perhaps view for the first time, a timeless film from the past. All films begin at 7 p.m. in the Southfield Centre for the Arts.

"Stormy Weather" is the second film of the series on Friday, Nov. 21. The film, one of Hollywood's rare, all-black musicals, stars Lena Horne, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, Cab Calloway, Nicholas Brothers and Dooley Wilson. The film follows a husband and wife as they struggle to make it in show business.

On Jan. 16, the series goes international with the French classic "Les Miserables." Feb. 20, two great movies come to the series, "Bronze Buckaroo" and "Harlem Rides the Range." Both movies were produced by, and star, native Detroiter Herbert Jeffries and are set in the wild west and feature all-black casts.

On March 20, the series examines the beginning of World War I with the film "The Day That Shook the World."

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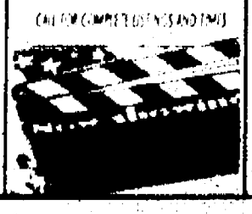

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STREET SCENE

Stewart Francke branches out with new pop sounds

CHRISTINA FUOCO

Pop singer Stewart Francke was getting bored with his straight-up rock 'n' roll sound. So while recording his latest album "House of Lights," he took his style a step further.

"House of Lights," which hit stores Tuesday, Sept. 8, infuses drum loops and pop sounds thanks in part, Francke said, to producers Brad Fairman and Dave Feeny.

"They helped me contemporize the sound and bring in drum loops. It made it more rhythmic, more compelling. It made it not so much a straight up rock 'n' roll album, which is cool but I was just getting bored with it."

Stewart explained that he figured if he was interested in it, his fans may be as well.

"I wanted to make it a little more funky. I listen to the radio a lot. I love the radio. I hear people complain about the radio but the choices you have in Detroit, the radio's great. You always hear a great song. It's pretty cool."

On the radio, he "was hearing different rhythms. A lot of the samples are taken from '60s groups. None of them are brand new, but they're used in an innovative way. I was listening to more R&B, a little bit more rap. I would hear it and say, 'That's cool.' I liked it as a fan."

"House of Lights" explores what it means to live in "a committed relationship, in a situation where you can't just cut and run. You're not an outsider. ... Some of the songs are about what happens when people decide they can't live with those constraints any more," Francke said.

In "Rebecca," for example, the main character is having an affair.

"She drives home to her children after having this affair. There's a line in the song, 'A soul fallen to temptation/Forever shall that soul repair.' It's just so true. Everything counts. You live with everything you do. There's a price on everything you do. That's kind of what I wanted to get to with this song," Francke explained.

The first single will be "Upon Seeing Simone," on which legendary Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder sings harmony.

"It's got the horns and stuff. That's probably my favorite track. It's exciting. It's a fun song to listen to no matter how many hundreds of times I've heard it," Francke said.

"It tells a story. With the last couple of records, they aren't comprehensive reflections of who I am, in the sense that there wasn't a lot of humor in them. For the people who know me, I'm not serious that often. All my friends and I we just cut up all the time. I'm glad I got a little humor in that song."

The song is about a man who protests his innocence to his wife about a girl he used to know. "She had a tube top double stop and switchblade eyes/Her hair cut like a man and adolescent thighs. She said, 'It's a long way from New York City, but I found the fare for a Greyhound Bus. Don't tell me you love me or say that I'm pretty. There ain't a man here who hasn't known my sweet touch,' " Francke sings.

"Everybody says rock music or pop music has to be about the basics – cars, sex and girls. But it doesn't have to. I thought, 'Why can't I put this in rock 'n' roll music? Why can't I write about things that everybody thinks about?" Francke explained.

With "House of Lights," Francke is doing things his way.

"I learned a lot about the business and everything like that," Francke said of his previous releases, 1995's "Where the River Meets the Bay" and 1996's "Expecting Heroes."

"I've been learning all along for the last 10 years. I decided I was going to do all the work myself. Why not instead of making $1 a record, why not make $7 a record. Granted that means I'd have to get all the cash up front, manufacture the record, put it our yourself. You kind of do that anyway. If you really want to do it right, you have to work so hard to begin with. I enjoy the business end of it."

He's getting a little help, however. MS Distribution in Chicago will distribute "House of Lights" throughout the United States, while Immediate Records will take care of Europe.

Songwriting, however, is the first and foremost concern.

"I just wanted to make a pop record with melodies people could sing. That just appeals to me right now. I listen to the Beatles, a lot of Brian Wilson. I like Ben Folds Five a lot. But I do it in my own way. You can't really imitate anything because it ends up sounding like me anyway."

Stewart Francke performs with Susan Calloway and Sun 209 at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge is $5 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (313) 875-6555. Other performances include: 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, with Michael McDermott at the Ark, 316 S. Main St., in Ann Arbor. Tickets for the all-ages show are $10, $9 for members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1800; 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, with Barb Payton at the Atwater Block Brewery, 237 Jos. Campau, Detroit. (313) 393-2337; A free show at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Harmony House, 30830 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 626-4533; and at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, as part of the grand opening celebration of Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. (248) 203-0005.

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Celebrating release: *Stewart Francke performs Friday, Sept. 12, at Lili's in Hamtramck and Sunday, Sept. 14, at The Ark in Ann Arbor to promote his new album "House of Lights."*

Galleries look forward to an exciting autumn season

BACKSTAGE PASS

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This is the second week that Backstage Pass is being pre-empted for Detroit Public Television's annual Summerfest pledge campaign. But fear not; we're back next week with the final summer season installment of never-before-aired songs from our stellar roster of musical guests and highlights from our first season. And starting Oct. 2, keep every Thursday night at 9:30 free; that's when we start our second season of covering Detroit's myriad cultural and arts events.

Last week, we used the break to preview the upcoming theatrical season. Anticipation runs high for the visual arts' new season of shows, too. So I called our correspondents in the visual arts to preview the season in the Metro area's galleries.

They're looking forward to an exciting season overall. But, of course, I pressed them for highlights. Gerry Craig, the curator of the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery at the Detroit Zoo, was busy with an opening of her own, "Coral Reef Masterpieces," a collection of underwater photos of choral reefs from around the world. But she took time to give recommendations. "The Detroit Artists' Market is having a great show called 'Un-Defining Crafts.' Also, the Center Gallery at the Center for Creative Studies is doing a show called 'Goddesses' through the end of October. Both galleries are non-profits, and they're both really great shows."

Art critic Marsha Miro concurred with Gerry on "Goddesses" at the Center Gallery. "They have a great group of Detroit-area artists looking at how we pick and personify the 'best' of the female species." She had her own list, too. "The Leon Golub-Nancy Spero show at Wayne State's new gallery in Old Main is a great initiation. The artists have strong social consciences and see art as having relevance beyond wall decoration.

"And the Jim Chatelain-Ron Nagle show at Revolution in Ferndale. Chatelain gets the pulse of Detroit into his figures and still lifes. They're just weird! And Nagle, who's from California, can get more pop, funky, sun-drenched energy into a ceramic cup and still make it sophisticated, like Walt Disney visiting Da Vinci – that's the kind of fusion he gets. He uses '50s linoleum patterns that look like they could have been done by Jackson Pollock."

David Rau, the curator of education at the Cranbrook Art Museum, tried to be modest and avoid gushing Cranbrook's season, but eventually my pestering won out. "Cranbrook is introducing its 'What's Next' season with three exciting shows: 'The Sound of One Bomb Clapping' features a remarkable collection of drawings, installations, taped performances and sculptural artifacts that document the work of Swiss artist Roman Signer.

He often harnesses natural forces – like wind, water and fire – in the form of explosives to create poetically resonant and playful works of art." Finally, art meets pyrotechnics! Beavis and Butthead would approve. Also in the series are the exhibitions "Do It," an exhibit of works made by people following step-by-step directions from a roster of international artists, and "Ambiguous Signifiers: The Drawings of Claudia Goulette."

I let David select other highlights. "The Pontiac galleries continue to thrive with their great 'First Fridays' openings. Once you hook into that scene, you can visit a lot of galleries and see a lot of art, plus a lot of clubs and great places to eat. Of course, the Splendors of Ancient Egypt at the DIA is getting rave reviews. Now that the summer tourists are gone, we locals should make a point of seeing it."

All in all, it looks like another busy art season in the galleries. But, as Marsha points out, the seasonal overview shows trends both good and bad. "The work of major artists from all over the world are coming to town.

That galleries are hosting significant contemporary artists across a whole range of media means the community is supporting that level of show with both attendance and sales. At the same time, the galleries that show Michigan and local artists are struggling. We've even lost a couple.

You don't want the local artists moving away because they're not being supported. Maybe we're finally seeing the downside from some of the major cuts in funding for the arts. It's deflating for the local scene because you lose a kind of funky, grass-roots energy with the number of alternative spaces diminishing." We can't let that happen!

This season on Backstage Pass every Thursday at 9:30 on Channel 56, we'll keep giving you the information you need to support Detroit' vibrant art scene. The rest is up to you. Now get out there!

Tina Turner sings benefit

Hudson's and the electrifying entertainer Tina Turner have teamed up for an intimate evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing and entertainment, including a performance by Tina Turner, to support Detroit's Cultural Center at a benefit being held Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The benefit is part of Hudson's Team 500, an ongoing effort to raise $1.5 million for 10 Detroit arts and cultural organizations.

Just 500 tickets will be available for this benefit extravaganza. Proceeds from the benefit will provide financial support for the numerous cultural institutions.

Tickets for the benefit evening are $150 per person, Hudson's will match the tax deductible portion of each ticket sold. Supporters of each of the 10 institutions have been mailed invitations to the benefit.

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DINING

Restaurant owners hope to 'stir up' Northville

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Fun and upbeat, Cary Beale and John Janviriya are hoping to "stir" things up a little in downtown Northville with their Stir Crazy Cafe, which opened Monday.

The partners grew up in Southfield, and now live in Farmington Hills. They got their building permit in March, and started renovating the former Domino's Pizza with help from Greg Eittlman Design of Northville.

Stir Crazy's conservative exterior blends in well with the Northville's historic downtownscape, but the interior is very modern, yet inviting, warm, open and airy. It overlooks Northville Downs in back.

Friends since kindergarten, Beale and Janviriya, both 23, complement each other like salt and pepper. Beale has a business background, Janviriya is an artist and cook.

"I like working with people," said Beale who earned an associate's degree in restaurant management from Lansing Community College.

"The dining experience is supposed to be fun," said Janviriya. "Everything here is a new creation. I never eat at home and know what I want from the waitstaff, and restaurant."

Their mission statement is "customer satisfaction regardless of cost," and the partners aim to deliver.

"This is an entertaining dining experience," explains Janviriya, "but the food should be fresh, not burnt, and the service prompt."

"Smile we are on stage" – is one of their mottos. They want Stir Crazy to be a friendly place where employees extend a warm sincere welcome to customers, and bid them a "fond farewell," with a "thank-you for your patronage.

The Mongolian Barbecue-style of eating can be a little overwhelming to people for the first time. There are so many decisions to make – what kind of meat will I have? what kind of vegetables? Seasoning?

Diners are invited to step into the kitchen and make themselves at home. First stop is the salad bar, then you have to choose what kind of meat you want – chicken, beef, pork, lamb, calamari, shrimp, cod, turkey. They also have tofu. Then there's a wide variety of vegetables to choose from, broccoli, red, yellow and green peppers to name a few, spices and sauces "from mild to savory, from zesty to flavorful." The chef will prepare your dish while you wait, and watch.

Customers who don't have all-you-can-eat appetites will appreciate the one trip stir-fry and salad bar option. There's a kid's menu, and you can also order just the salad bar.

Rice and tortillas are served hot with your meal. Fresh Italian penne pasta is also available. Ask your server for a list of beverages and desserts. The tortilla is so you can make your own roll-up sandwich.

In the future the partners plan to introduce soups and appetizers to the menu.

"We priced ourselves to be a good value," said Beale. "We wanted to attract a younger crowd, and welcome all the new families in the area."

Beverage choices include eight different varieties of Snapple, other soft drinks and bottle juice.

"Customers will get a free bottle of spring water with their meal," said Beale. "We enjoy drinking it, and thought it would be a nice touch."

Kids get a free balloon.

Stir Crazy Cafe

Where: 144 Mary Alexander (directly behind the gazebo) downtown Northville, (248) 380-9400

Hours: 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday & Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Lunch served until 4 p.m. daily.

Reservations: Accepted for parties of six or more.

Credit Cards: All majors accepted.

Menu: Mongolian-style barbecue

Prices: Lunch $6.75 and $8.75. Dinner $9.75 and $11.75, Kids 10 and under $5.50. Children's menu includes stir-fry, age 10 and under, $4.50 lunch; $5.50 dinner. Kid's menu includes chicken strips, hot dog, or peanut butter & jelly served with french fries, for $3.75.

Carry-out: Stir-fry available, $6.75 includes rice and tortillas.

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Stirring up Northville: *John Janviriya (left) and Cary Beale opened Stir Crazy Cafe, a Mongolian-style Barbecue restaurant, on Tuesday in downtown Northville.*

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features theme dinners, menu changes, and restaurant openings. Send news items to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn

Culinary tour of Germany, the third in a series of four tributes that comprise the 1997 International Journey of Food and Wine at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn, Sept. 7-14. The tribute includes German menu in the grill, wine maker dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, and wine tasting, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Call (313) 441-2100 for reservations and information.

Mon Jin Lau

Kick off the fall season at Mon Jin Lau in Troy, and Merchant's Fine Wine, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15. Wines for sampling, and Mon Jin Lau's excellent appetizers. Cost $35 per person, call (248) 546-7770 or (313) 563-8700 for tickets and information.

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SPECIAL DINNER

"Fire on Ice" Cigar and Dinner Extravaganza in honor of the Detroit Red Wings, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. Tickets $97, portion of proceeds will be donated in the name of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergi Mnatsakanov to the William Beaumont Closed Head Injury Fund. Call (248) 305-7333, Ext. 126.

Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute

Third annual food sampling and silent auction Thursday, Sept. 18 at Oakland University, Rochester. The institute recommends that its patients follow a vegetarian diet consisting of no more than 10 percent fat. The public is invited to bring a dish for six that is 10 percent or less in fat. Interested individuals should submit their recipe for analysis by the institute dietitian. Dress for the evening is casual. The auction starts 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The cost is $5 per couple, or $3 per person. To register, or for more information, call Jan Peabody-Kratt (248) 370-3198.

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