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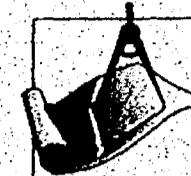
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Auto Zone OK'd over opposition



Heavy opposition from neighbors didn't stop approval of a auto parts chain's plans to build a new Westland store. At the same meeting, council rejected a plan to build a child care center after neighbors objected.

A retail auto parts chain plans to build a new Westland store despite heavy opposition from neighbors who fear it will hurt property values and spur traffic congestion.

Some residents are threatening to move out of Westland if Auto Zone builds a store southeast of Bock and Wayne Road.

"If it does go through, I'll be gone," Bock resident Tina Simpson said Monday.

But it did go through. Saying they had no legal basis to deny it, Westland City Council members Monday approved an Auto Zone site plan rather than risk a company

lawsuit that they knew they couldn't win.

"If we don't let them do it, the court will, anyway," Mayor Robert Thomas warned.

Not only did the company meet all site plan requirements, attorney Bryan Amann said, but Auto Zone agreed to stipulations on adjacent property it owns.

The company agreed to preserve buffer zones for nearby homes and to restrict to residential any possible development near Auto Zone.

Even so, Amann said, "there is absolutely no plan to develop it."

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Council rejects child-care plan

ruptive to the neighbors," Councilman Glenn Anderson said.

In a sweeping vote, the seven-member council rejected Westland businesswoman Terry Leberle's plans to provide child care from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in a former medical office. She needed special land use approval.

"I'm very disappointed in the decision," Leberle said, adding that she will look for an alternate site. "I'm not ruling out other options."

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Puppy love



Lucky dog:
The Pet-A-Pet program came to Kid-Junction in Wayne this past Monday. Ammie Gordon, 6, of Romulus (left to right), Mark Bailey, 7, of Canton, Deondre Bell, 4, of Westland and Emily Rich, 4, of Wayne were among 45 children ages 3-10 who had the opportunity to pet a smooth-coated collie, Dixon, owned by Judy Kirkeby of Dearborn Heights and other animals.

Pet-a-Pet Club brings furry friends for visit

Smiling, 9-year-old Krystin Foster patiently waited her turn to pet Nell, a 3-year-old golden retriever.

"I think she's a good dog, and she's friendly," the Westland girl said. "I'd love to have a dog like that."

Krystin and other children Monday opened their arms to Nell, two other dogs and a canine-friendly cat, Sara, when pets and their owners visited Kiddie Junction Nursery School in Wayne.

It marked the first time that volunteers from the area Pet-a-Pet Club brought their furry friends to the nursery school.

The group, which needs more volunteers, takes pets to schools, nursing homes, hospitals and hospices to visit children, senior citizens and dying

patients.

Pet-a-Pet Club volunteers note that simply petting an animal can help lower blood pressure, relieve loneliness and depression, spark laughter and prompt socially withdrawn children to open up.

"Some patients will respond to pets when they don't respond to other humans," Pet-a-Pet volunteer Carol Strom said. She owns Raisin, a 3-year-old Portuguese water dog.

On Monday, children interacted with Nell, Sara, Raisin and Judy Kirkeby's 4-year-old, smooth-coated collie, Dixon.

All of the pets passed a popularity test with the children, although some



Happy cat: Sarah Marshall, 3 (left,) and Emily Rich, 4, pet the cat Sarah, owned by Ruth Curry of Redford.

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Program helps youths explore police careers

Brian Laperriere, 16, spends more time in police cars than most peers his age.

But he's not a troublemaker. Far from it.

Laperriere is one of 26 young people involved in Westland Police Explorers, a program that gives them firsthand experience in law enforcement.

"I wanted to get a feel for what police work would be like," he said. "We get to ride along with the police officers and stuff like that."

Like many explorers, Laperriere is considering a real-life career as a police officer. He plans to study law enforcement in college following his upcoming senior year at John Glenn High School.

Why police work?

"It makes me feel good that I can do things to help

people," he said.

Police explorers not only ride with officers, but they also help out with community events such as the Westland Summer Festival and fund-raisers for such programs as DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).

Laperriere participated in a Kmart-sponsored Race Against Drugs, a recent event that allowed young children to drive on a makeshift race track set up in the store parking lot.

"The kids drove these lawn mowers, and we sat on the back to make sure they were OK," Laperriere said.

Explorer adviser Skender Gocaj, a Westland police officer, said 17 former explorers have become full-

fledged officers during the last eight years.

Gocaj was among the first three explorers to become Westland officers, along with Matthew Bobby and David Dinsmore.

Learning firsthand

"The explorers get to ride along with the officers at least 12 hours a month, and they get to see booking procedures and other things that police officers do," Gocaj said.

Laperriere's grandmother, Arlene Laperriere, said she believes the program is helpful to potential police officers like her grandson.

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Child care from page A1

ing Westland out."

The controversy pitted neighborhood tranquility against the child care needs of parents who work late hours.

Katrina Dixon of the Detroit area Child Care Coordinating Council urged council members to consider evening-hour child care needs of single working mothers and dual-income families.

"I'm here on behalf of families that need care, and they need care off-hours," she said. "This needs to be in somebody's neighborhood."

Leberle told the council she wanted to fill a void.

"It's unbelievable what these people have to go through to find quality child care for their children," she said.

But residents said increased traffic and late-night hours would disrupt their neighborhood and pose possible dangers to children who ride their bikes and play in the area.

"We have tried desperately to keep the children safe in that area, and we do not want an accident to occur," Patricia Varley, a mother of two, said.

The 2,295-square-foot building that Leberle wanted to use has been closed about a year. It housed a dermatology clinic and, from 1963 to 1985, a general practice medical office used by Dr. Adam Frent.

Frent told the council that a business operating until 12:30 a.m. would bother his 92-year-old mother, who still lives nearby.

"The idea of having somebody there until 12:30 at night would really frighten her," Frent said.

"Having a motel for children until 12:30 a.m. is kind of monstrous."

Councilman Charles "Tray" Griffin made the motion to deny the child care facility.

"I think the hours are something that is an intrusion into the neighborhood," he said.

His colleagues agreed, although Councilman Charles Pickering said he would have supported an earlier closing time of 6:30 p.m., which the Westland Planning Commission recommended.

But Leberle has said earlier hours wouldn't fill the need for evening child care. Her business would have accommodated as many as 40 children ages 2 1/2 to 10 years old.

"This is the age when they should be taken care of," Leberle said Tuesday during a telephone interview. "This is a critical stage in their development."

She noted that society is increasingly concerned about violence committed by children who may not be receiving the supervision they need.

"We have to take care of the kids now," she said.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli, saying she often babysits her grandchild in the evening, told Leberle she understands the need for late-hour child care. She urged Leberle to seek another site in Westland.

Leberle said Tuesday she will seek another site — hopefully one that won't anger neighbors who consider child care "an inconvenience" near them.

"It seems like they don't want it anywhere," she said.

On display



Race car: Jordan Clare, 10, and his mom, Marta, check out a Jeff Gordon stock car at the Westland Car Care customer appreciation day last Friday. Gordon fans were undoubtedly happy that the racer won the Pepsi 400 NASCAR race over the weekend at Michigan Speedway.

Zone from page A1

Neighbors such as Simpson questioned why Auto Zone would build a store in a neighborhood that so vehemently opposes it.

She also threatened that residents will drive out of their way to shop at Murray's auto parts store, farther north on Wayne Road.

"We'll go out of our way to drive down to Murray's, because you've gone out of your way to come into our neighborhood," she said.

Auto Zone plans to build its store on 1.4 acres of the 6.1 acres it owns near Wayne and Bock, Planning Director Tod Kilroy said.

Some neighbors and Councilman Charles Pickering said they suspect that someone will eventually propose to develop the rest of the property.

"I think there's a developer in the wings sitting there waiting

for this to be approved," Bock resident Tom Szymanski said, accusing Amann of telling "fairy tales" to win support for Auto Zone's proposal.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc later came to the defense of Amann, whom he has known since childhood.

"There was no attempt to deceive anybody here tonight," LeBlanc said.

A lengthy debate culminated with the council splitting 5-2 to approve the site plan, with opposition votes from Pickering and colleague Justine Barnes.

Pickering said his vote didn't reflect opposition to the legal site plan, but to the stipulations that he said will lessen the city's control over the property.

Council members voting for the site plan included Charles "Tray" Griffin, Sharon Scott, Sandra Cicirelli, Richard LeBlanc and Glenn Anderson,

Oakwood sets up rides for seniors

Many older adults may feel frustrated because they can't easily get to medical appointments.

Now, Oakwood Healthcare System has an answer for seniors who need to get to the Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne, said Lynn Smith, spokeswoman.

The center is offering new transportation help through Nankin Transit, a regional dial-a-ride service, she said.

The service, which is free after seniors pay a \$1 initial fee, is open to people 50 and older living in Garden City, Westland, Inkster and Wayne.

The seniors will receive the free transportation vouchers from the center, entitling them to unlimited shuttle service to and from the center on Venoy and Annapolis.

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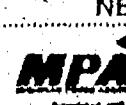
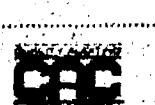
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ALLYSON M. BETTIS,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF WESTLAND

Surplus Vehicle Auction and Other Miscellaneous Items

The City of Westland will be holding a public auction to dispose of surplus vehicles on Saturday, August 29, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Vehicles will be available for inspection beginning at 9:00 a.m. The auction will be held at the Department of Public Service yard, located at 3713 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. These vehicles are offered "AS IS" only. The City of Westland makes NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND with respect to these vehicles.

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For a complete list of

On a roll



Bowled over: Above, Bill Walker gets ready to roll a strike Friday during the Westland Chamber of Commerce annual bowling outing at Westland Bowl. At right, U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers gets ready to bowl during the event. Chamber members and their guests competed for prizes, raised money for the chamber, and at dinner provided by Val's Catering.



Pet from page A1

youngsters had a favorite.

"I like the curly dog," 8-year-old Roger Groce said, referring to Raisin. "He jumps through hoops."

But his sister, Ammie, 6, preferred Sara, a 1-year-old stray cat who was taken in when she wandered to a Dearborn Heights animal clinic run by Pet-a-Pet president Ruth Curry's son.

"I like the cats because they're more furrier than the dogs," Ammie said.

Teaching children

Pet-a-Pet volunteers used Monday's visit to teach youngsters how to care for pets and to avoid pulling their ears and tails.

Lori Clinton, Nell's owner, also had her dog display some pet tricks. When Clinton asked the children to raise their right hands, Nell laid down. When the youngsters raised their left hands, Nell sat up.

"She can catch a Frisbee, too," Clinton said. "But she won't jump to get it. She waits for it to come down to her level. She's a little lazy."

Pet-a-Pet president Ruth Curry said Sara the cat is popular wherever she goes.

"We take Sara all over to hospitals and hospices to see AIDS patients and other people," Curry said.

Nell seemed particularly fond of Sara, impatiently waiting for a chance to play as Sara sat in one little girl's lap.

"By the time Sara leaves, she's usually wet where the dogs have licked all over her," Clinton said.

Kiddie Junction president Pat Bakopoulos said she hopes to expand the Pet-a-Pet program to her other child care business of the same name in Westland.

"I think it's a very good pro-



Tricks: Raisin, a Portuguese water dog, performed the trick of throwing a dog biscuit from his nose to catch it.

gram," she said. "It's nice for the children that the animals are coming to their setting."

Pet-a-Pet was started in 1986, and it has grown from a handful of volunteers to more than 300 people.

But Curry said more volunteers are needed because the program is continuing to expand. Pets don't need any special training; they only have to be friendly and have current vaccination records.

Program details

Most sites involved in Pet-a-Pet receive monthly visits of one hour.

To join the program, call Curry at (313) 535-0410 or Joann Gressens at (248) 464-8944.

Following are some specific locations where volunteers are

needed:

■ Marquette House, an assisted-living senior citizen complex on Marquette in Westland. This program is being started at 10:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. To help, call Curry or coordinator Dennis VanDeworp (734) 459-5891.

■ Hope Care Center, a long-term nursing facility in Westland that has a Pet-a-Pet program at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Call Dennise Asbury at (313) 467-8263.

■ Roosevelt-McGrath School in the Wayne-Westland district, which offers a program at 2 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Call Joanne Johnson at (734) 421-1614.

Clerk appointment OK'd

Flanked by family members, longtime city employee Patricia Gibbons reached a career milestone Monday as she was sworn in as Westland's new city clerk.

In a brief statement, Gibbons gave a nod to her predecessor, retiree Diane Fritz, as she assumed her new job.

"I just hope I can carry it out as effectively and professionally as Diane," she said.

Gibbons, whose starting salary will be \$59,618, drew unanimous support from the seven-member Westland City Council.

Her appointment came as no surprise. She emerged as a clear front-runner during interviews with three finalists that also included clerks from Plymouth and Grand Ledge.

"A lot of times you have to go outside the community to realize what you've got at home, right here in the community," Councilman Glenn Anderson said Monday.

"Pat Gibbons outshone by far the others," Councilman Richard LeBlanc said.

Gibbons had worked for the city for 21 years and has served as deputy city clerk since 1992. Residents attending Monday's council meeting applauded her appointment.

She will be on probation for six months, after which the council will evaluate her performance.

In a new twist, council members have agreed to give the city clerk an annual performance review, which Fritz didn't for-

mally face in her 20 years as clerk.

Some council members had suggested that measure long before city clerk finalists were even named.

"I'm glad that we finally have it," LeBlanc said.

Gibbons had been serving as acting city clerk since July, although Fritz agreed to stay on for six months as a \$60-an-hour consultant. Fritz was hired to help with the transition and this year's election.

Even so, Gibbons' "acting" job is over following Monday's appointment.

"Pat knows what she's doing," Councilwoman Justine Barnes said. "We're glad she's aboard."

Board urged to change policy

BY BETH SUNDRA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Gay and lesbian activists on Monday night marked the anniversary of a policy change they oppose.

A year ago, the Wayne-Westland school board reversed an earlier decision and removed the words "sexual orientation" from the district's non-discrimination policies. School board members had added the term in January 1997. The words were deleted on an attorney's advice.

Monday night, activists filled the half-hour citizen comment segment of the board meeting with pleas to the board to reinstate "sexual orientation" in district policies. They also held a rally after the meeting in the administration parking lot.

But school board President David Cox, after the meeting, countered that the speakers had not demonstrated that the district's current policies don't already protect gay students and employees of the district.

Saying the board relied on flawed legal advice, Sean Kosofsky of the Triangle Foundation, a foundation for gays and les-

bians based in Detroit, urged the board to change its position.

The recent climate in America has turned against gays and lesbians, he said, citing Pat Robertson's recent prediction that natural disasters will befall Disney because of its sexual orientation policies. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's statements comparing homosexuality to kleptomania and alcoholism and full-page ads in national newspapers claiming that gays and lesbians can be saved from their lifestyle.

He urged board members to reinstate the policy now.

But Cox said the speakers Monday and over the past year at school board meetings have not proved there is a problem with the district's policy with any concrete examples.

The board has maintained from the beginning that the policies in place now protect everyone, he said.

"What we want to do is what is right for the students in the district," he said.

If the board had some reason to reconsider it would, he said. "We haven't learned that yet," he said. "Show us where our policy doesn't protect everybody."

School board member Teresa Robbins said she agrees with Cox. Attorneys have given the recommendation for the policy's wording, she said.

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Explorers from page A1

"I think it's a good program," she said. "It gives them definite firsthand knowledge of their prospective profession early on."

Gocaj also said being an explorer is a humbling experience.

"You get to help a lot of people," he said.

Explorers help raise money for needy families during holidays, and they perform tasks such as directing traffic for the city's Fourth of July fireworks event.

This summer, 11 explorers and three advisers went to the Washington, D.C., area for the National Law Enforcement Explorers Conference.

They came home ranked in the Top 10 among 1,000 explorer teams for displaying the right skills during a mock search-and-arrest scenario.

"They did a real good job," Gocaj said.

Gocaj, Bobby and police Officer Tom Edwards accompanied explorers Laperriere, Charles Barnum, Ryan Farmer, Josh Honkanen, Jason Latzman, Rick LeBlanc, Chris Mandeville, Jason Manning, Rob Mason, D.J. Overaas and Kevin Serra.

The explorer's program is no free ride for participants, who have to buy their own uniforms for \$150 to \$200, Gocaj said. They don't get paid for their work, either.

But they do receive some community support. For the national conference, they used vans from

North Bros. Ford and Red Holman Pontiac, and they also got some monetary help from Westland Jaycees and Westland Police Department unions, Gocaj said.

Good experience

"Most of the explorers are interested in law enforcement, and the experience they get riding along with police officers is invaluable," program supervisor Sgt. Jeff Gillespie said.

An explorer is typically 15 to 21 years old.

During the trip to Washington, explorers happened to be touring a police memorial when news began spreading that two Capitol police officers had been shot to death.

"Here we were at the police memorial mourning dead officers, and two get killed," Gocaj said.

It marked another lesson for explorers, who learn that the job they're considering isn't always the safest they could choose.

But that doesn't deter explorers like Laperriere, who is learning about the job early so that he can be a good police officer.

Has he learned a lot as an explorer?

"Definitely," he said. "It's a good program."

For more information on the Westland Police Explorers program, Gillespie said he can be reached at (734) 467-3249.

Sgt. Jeff Gillespie
—program supervisor

■ Most of the explorers are interested in law enforcement, and the experience they get riding along with police officers is invaluable.

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY J. QUINN

Funeral services for former Livonia resident Shirley Quinn, 61, of Dexter will be 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Officiating will be the Rev. Brendan J. Walsh. Visitation is noon to 9 p.m. Thursday and 9-10 a.m. Friday at the Muehl Funeral Chapel in Ann Arbor. Scripture services are 7:30 p.m. today, Thursday.

Mrs. Quinn, who died of a heart attack while horseback riding in Georgia at a family reunion, was born in Detroit.

Surviving are: husband of 42 years, Charles; sons, Tim and Tom; daughter, Janis; and three grandchildren. Members of Mrs. Quinn's family reside in Westland and Garden City.

JONNA L. LANNERT

Funeral services for Jonna

Lannert, 52, of Westland were July 10 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton, with burial at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Raymond W. Lumley.

Mrs. Lannert, who died July 6 in Westland, was born in Port Huron. She was a clinical psychologist.

Surviving are: daughters, Sheri Lumley and Carie Taylor; mother, Trudy Goodman; brother, Jim Goodman; sisters, Joria Ackels and Jeri Runsey; and three grandchildren.

BILLY HICKS

Funeral services for former Plymouth resident Billy Hicks, 66, of Decatur, Tenn., were Aug. 18 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth.

Mr. Hicks, who died Aug. 14 in Athens, Tenn., was born in Niota, Tenn. He worked in the shipping and receiving department at the General Motors Corp. Livonia Spring and Bumper Plant, retiring in 1978 after 31 years of service. He came to the Plymouth community in 1955 from Tennessee. He lived in Plymouth 27 years and moved back to Tennessee in 1989.

He was a member of the United Auto Workers. Mr. Hicks loved gardening and woodworking. He loved being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed family gatherings.

Surviving are: wife, Helen; sons, Dennis of Westland, Ronald of Westland and Steve of Decatur, Tenn.; brother, Eugene Hicks of Norwood, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

St. Matthew Lutheran pastor dies at age 73



Longtime pastor:
The Rev. Ralph Fischer had served as pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland since 1972.

The Rev. Ralph Fischer, long-time pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland, is remembered as a person who touched the hearts of those around him.

Funeral services for the Rev. Fischer, 73, of Westland were Aug. 19 in St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Westland, with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Gary D. Headapohl.

The Rev. Fischer was wonderful to work for and with, according to Patricia Angove, who has worked as school secretary at St. Matthew for 18 years.

"He was a very caring and giving person. He had such a strong, strong faith," she said. "He gave me my faith."

"He seemed to care about everybody," she said.

He especially loved teaching children, she said. "He always said that was his favorite," she said.

"He was a good friend and a great pastor," said Adolph Klein, 71, of Westland. Klein joined the pastor's Bible class shortly after the Rev. Fischer joined the church in 1972.

"I will miss him saying 'faithful, faithful, faithful,'" Klein recalled.

Klein also remembered the pastor visiting him in a hospital after surgery in 1980 and last year.

Michèle Weiss, church secretary for four years, recalls that the Rev. Fischer was a "very outgoing person, always upbeat and laughing and a wonderful boss."

"He was a joyous person to be around. He always made your day."

Even after the Rev. Fischer received the pastor emeritus title in 1996, he continued to work 40 hours a week.

"He touched a lot of hearts," she said.

The Rev. Fischer, who died Aug. 15 in Westland, was born in Auburn, Mich. He was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Fischer.

He spent his boyhood in Rocky Ford, Colo., where his father served as missionary for the Colorado District.

In 1933, he and his family moved to Detroit, where he attended Bethlehem Lutheran Day School for a year and a half. Later, he moved to Pinconning, Mich., where he graduated from Pinconning High School.

In 1942, he entered Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., and

upon graduation, he entered Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., in 1945. He graduated in 1949 where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in divinity. He continued in graduate school and received his master's degree in sacred theology.

He had done additional graduate studies at the seminary toward his doctorate in theology.

His thesis is currently under review by the seminary and continuing to be edited by his son, the Rev. Thomas Fischer.

He received his doctorate in divinity on May 26, 1995.

The Rev. Fischer married Erna Delores Lehenbauer on July 29, 1951, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, Mo.

After their marriage, they moved to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Mountain View, Calif., on Oct. 6, 1951. He started and developed this new mission.

In September of 1967, the Rev. Fischer accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Reese, Mich., where during his stay he developed one of the largest Bible classes in the area. He served as president of the Saginaw Valley Pastoral Conference

for two years and as pastoral adviser to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

In September of 1972, the Rev. Fischer came to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland where he served until his death. He has served as counselor of the Dearborn Circuit, on the program committee of the Counselor's Conferences, was a conference lecturer, authored a booklet on evangelism, was a lecturer for retreats, biblical studies on Revelation and doctrinal studies, and conducted marriage and family seminars in Toronto, Ontario, and other locations.

Surviving are: sons, Timothy Fischer of Clarkston, and the Rev. Thomas Fischer; daughter, Kristi Parrent; brother, (his twin) the Rev. Carl Fischer; sister, Ruth Richert; friend and companion, Willa Allen of Redding, Calif.; and grandchildren, Kerri, Kelli, Michelle, Nicole, Michael, Kevin and Christopher.

The Rev. Fischer is preceded in death by his wife, Erna.

Memorials may be made to Windows of Memory (St. Matthew Lutheran Church), Hospice of South East Michigan or Concordia Seminary (St. Louis) Scholarship Fund.

Westland woman, 74, dies after car accident on Sunday

A 74-year-old Westland woman died Sunday after the car she was driving hit another vehicle head-on at Palmer and Hambleton, east of Wayne Road, police said.

Nella Jean Bates apparently crossed the center line and drove into oncoming traffic while she was driving west on Palmer at 12:20 p.m., Westland police Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

"Traffic had stopped in front of her, and for some reason she went across the center line," he said. "We don't know if she was going to make a turn, or pass, or if she may have been trying to avoid the stopped traffic in front of her."

Bates' 1986 Mercury hit a 1985 Mercury being driven east by a 36-year-old Westland man, who has been released after being treated at Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis Center in Wayne, Brokas said.

"He called this morning, and he's doing fine," Brokas said Tuesday.

Traffic apparently had stopped on Palmer while a motorist was turning onto Hambleton, he said.

An investigation is continuing, and police are awaiting word from the Washtenaw County Medical Examiner's Office on the exact cause of Bates' death, Brokas said. She died several hours after the accident.

Bates was born June 27, 1924, in Emporia, Kan. A homemaker, she had also lived in Garden City and Wayne.

Survivors include: son, Donald W. Neview; friend, Charlotte; brother, Robbie Williams of Clio; grandchildren, Holly Bowser and Kirk Burns.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Donald P. Neview and Jessie T. Bates.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. Officiating is the Rev. William Eversole. Visitation is today, Thursday, until 9 p.m.

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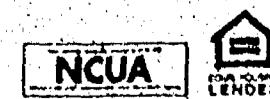
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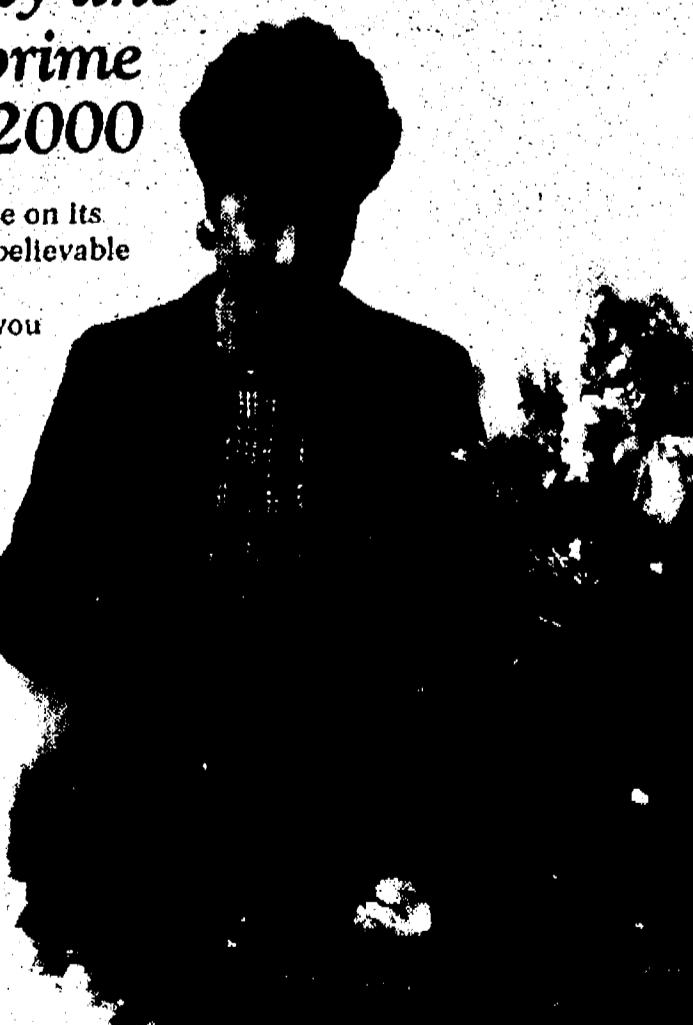
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Lawmakers say presidency is damaged

"Indeed, I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. It was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible."

With those words, President Bill Clinton addressed the nation Monday night, just hours after sitting before a grand jury investigating his actions, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to do so.

Lawmakers believe the presidency has been damaged, and at least one from Clinton's own party — U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, D-Ann Arbor — believed any effort to avoid telling the truth is "unacceptable."

"While I recognize that sexual matters are — and should be — private, the president's personal behavior has become public and I cannot condone it," Rivers said.

in a prepared statement. "I am disappointed in him and believe that he has done damage to the dignity of the office and himself."

"However, what is more important to me is the president's acknowledgment that he 'misled' the American people regarding this relationship with Ms. Lewinsky."

"Any effort to avoid telling the truth — directly or semantically — is unacceptable to me and is contrary to the way I believe elected officials should behave."

Clinton also said he "misled" people and his public comments and silence "gave a false impression" about the matter.

Questions of impeachment or further legal action regarding perjury or subordination of perjury can only be answered upon Congress' receipt of the independent counsel's report, Rivers said. Charges against Clinton "can be resolved only with fact,

evidence and the rule of law," Rivers said.

The Constitution has been with us for more than 200 years and the independent counsel's investigation has lasted more than five years," Rivers said. "Clearly, we can wait a little longer to handle this correctly."

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Hills, believes Clinton did not reveal much of his five-hour testimony in his five-minute address.

"My reaction was pretty much

the same as it was before the speech," Knollenberg said. "There wasn't anything revealing about the speech."

He spent a lot of time concerned about (independent counsel) Ken Starr."

When asked whether Clinton should be impeached, Knollenberg said that was a process up to Congress once Starr sends his report to House Judiciary Committee chaired by U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. That committee will vote on the report and

may recommend legal action which could include impeachment, censure or other penalties to be forwarded to the House and later the Senate.

Knollenberg didn't believe Congress would act on Starr's report until after the election. Starr's report may be ready by Labor Day. "People have to understand that we haven't gotten through this yet."

Clinton has damaged his credibility throughout the United States and the world, Knollenberg said.

"I've said for months the presidency has been weakened by (Clinton's) problems. I think the presidency has suffered by virtue of his own mistakes."

Clinton's relationship with Congress has not been "all that great," Knollenberg said. "None of his initiatives have caught fire. None of the Democrats have pushed hard for his initiatives."

Knollenberg also disagreed with Clinton supporters who criticized Starr for spending \$40 million on the investigation. "Think of the money that would have been saved if the president didn't drag it out."

Knollenberg wondered how world leaders would even trust Clinton.

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., was vacationing this week and not available for comment, but staff members said Tuesday he has not commented throughout Starr's investigation of Clinton, nor on the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.

U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., issued the following statement: "This is a painful moment for the country and for the president's family. Like most people, I just hope we can get this behind us and continue to focus on the business of the country."

County health agency offers free back-to-school immunizations

It's time again for parents to make sure their children are all set with backpacks, shoes and school supplies.

Wayne County health officials also want to remind parents that list should include immunizations.

Wayne County will offer free immunizations at 12 locations, including Livonia and Westland.

Health officials are urging parents to review their chil-

dren's immunization records to make sure they are up-to-date before school starts.

"Protecting children and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases is a major public health concern," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, medical director of Wayne County Health Department.

"Parents can go to their primary care physician, participate in local immunization fair or

visit one of our health department clinics to get their children vaccinated against childhood diseases."

The Wayne County Health Department offers free shots at 12 locations to parents who do not have money or insurance coverage to pay for shots. Clients who do have insurance will be asked to provide information regarding their health plan.

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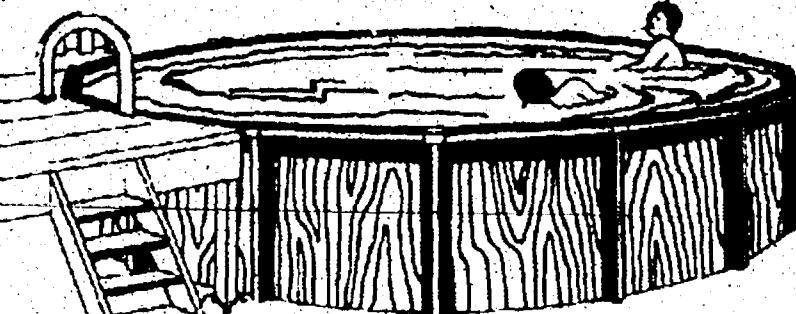
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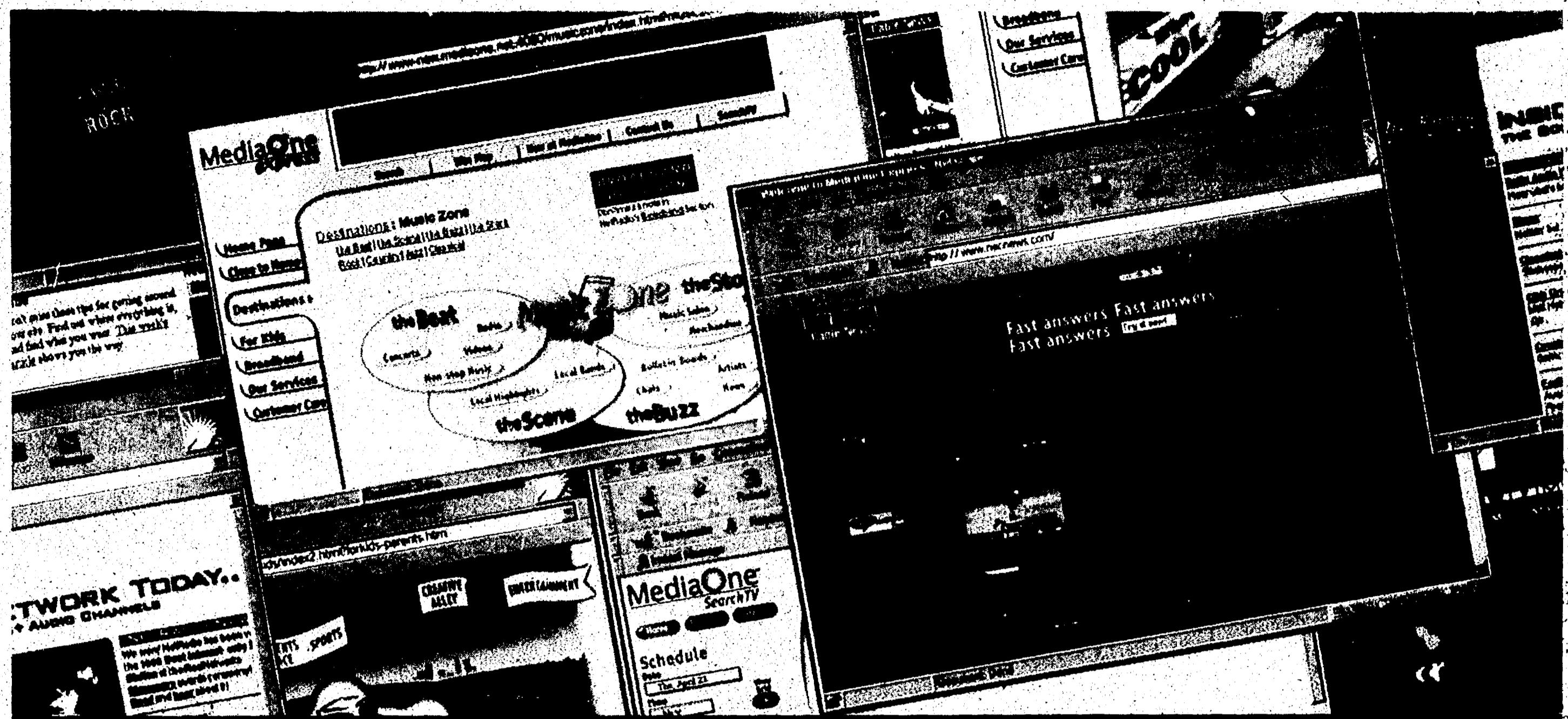
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Abraham to chair Clean Michigan campaign

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The two political parties are united, more or less, on the Clean Michigan bond issue on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Both say vote "yes," and both say "give us the credit."

Gov. John Engler tapped U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, a fellow Republican, to chair the campaign, saying he "can't think of a more appropriate person."

"Abraham has been a leader on the federal brownfields cleanup, he has worked to ensure continued research fund-

ing for the Great Lakes Environmental Research Labs and Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, and has worked hard to secure funds for pollution-ridden rivers and improve the quality of drinking water."

Engler didn't mention another Abraham skill: As a former state party chair, he knows how to raise money and run campaigns.

Abraham's term doesn't expire until 2000, so his calendar is relatively free this year.

Abraham also uses a term Engler won't admit exists: "urban sprawl." The senator said

the ballot proposal will "create jobs, roll back urban sprawl, improve environmental health and safety, and enhance quality of life for our families."

Among Democrats, only former state Sen. Lana Pollack, now president of the Michigan Environmental Council, deplored the Abraham appointment, saying he had no identification with environmental issues.

But her organization now supports the proposal, now that the governor has adopted Democratic amendments.

Democratic House Speaker Curtis Hertel of Detroit put this spin on the issue: "Thanks to action by the House Democratic majority, the environmental bond initiative ... is more than an economic development tool. If approved by Michigan voters, it will invest millions not originally sought by the governor in clean water, pollution prevention and lead cleanup."

The major components, if voters say yes:

- \$335 million for urban industrial brownfields.
- \$50 million to upgrade facil-

ties and roads at 53 state parks.

- \$50 million for nonpoint source pollution control (runoff).

- \$25 million for sediment cleanups of nine rivers.

- \$50 million for waterfront redevelopment.

- \$50 million for local parks and recreation.

- \$20 million for pollution prevention.

- \$5 million for lead contamination abatement.

- \$90 million for clean water to protect rivers, lakes and streams.

All suburban area legislators supported the package of bills to put the bond issue on the ballot except Sen. Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and Rep. Alan Cropicay, R-DeWitt. Rep. Lyn Banks, R-Redford, missed the vote.

Meanwhile, another group is pressuring Engler and big-city mayors to reveal more than required under a federal Safety Drinking Water Act.

The group is called Michigan Clean Water Action, with spokespersons in Lansing (Nolan

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Residents win trip to bridge walk

Two western Wayne County residents have won a trip to Mackinac Island on Labor Day weekend.

Tom Mifaud of Garden City and Linda Buescher of Livonia will participate in the Governor's Mackinac Bridge Walk, each winning a trip for two in Wayne County's 1998 Walk Michigan drawing.

Each will get to choose a guest and join nearly 70,000 other walkers. Mifaud and Buescher are among hundreds of walkers who stroll in various Wayne County park locations every year as part of the Walk Michigan program.

Walk Michigan is sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, and local parks and recreation departments throughout Michigan. Wayne County Parks and Recreation has been involved with Walk Michigan since its inception in 1985, and is one of a few areas in the state to offer this program on a year-round basis.

Walk Michigan is an annual fitness program open to individuals of all ages and organized to promote good health and highlight Michigan's many recreational facilities.

Each time someone takes part in a Walk Michigan event, he or she gets a chance to win a trip to Mackinac Island and participate in the Governor's Bridge Walk.

Scheduled Walk Michigan days at Nankin Mills includes: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20; 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22; 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3; 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12; 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17; and 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.

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but shots will be given at no charge.

Children seeking vaccinations should be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian. Also, parents are asked to bring their youngster's immunization record to the clinic.

Parents can bring their children to these locations:

■ St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Phone is (734) 727-7056 for "Under Two" Days. Walk-ins on the first Wednesday of the month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In August and September, "Under Two" days will be the fourth Wednesday of the month.

■ Westland Health Center, 2501 S. Merriman. Phone is (734) 467-3319. Walk-ins Mondays 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. to capacity. By appointment, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8-11 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. By appointment, Wednesdays, 8-11 a.m. 1-3:30 p.m., and an evening clinic, 4:30-7 p.m.

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The news release from the governor's office was unusual because it mentioned somebody else's name first.

"United States Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman and Michigan Gov. John Engler have reached agreement on a framework for the operation of the Michigan Employment Service," it said.

The deal ended Engler's suit against the federal government for money to operate the Employment Service the way he wanted. Here's the governor's office's summary:

"Under the agreement, there will be a transition plan through June 30, 1999. As soon as possible, all former state Employment Service workers transferred to the Unemployment Agency will be offered reinstatement in the Employment Service by the state to positions comparable in responsibility and which provide at least the same salary and benefits."

"Michigan will take steps to assure that staff-assisted services, along with computer access, are part of the delivery system for job seekers."

"The U.S. DOL has agreed to

restore funding to Michigan for all allowable Employment Service system and overhead expenses, as well as for those services delivered by merit staff employees."

"The state has agreed to work collaboratively with unions representing Employment Service workers to assure involvement of all parties in the process of development and implementation."

"The state will drop its appeal of a lawsuit pending in federal court and has agreed not to pursue other legal, legislative or policy solutions."

New crime

State Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, didn't mention Engler's name, but his news release said he was pleased the governor signed his bill creating new criminal penalties for weapons of mass destruction.

Public Act 207 makes it a crime to manufacture or use biological, chemical or radioactive substances for harmful purposes — to kill, injure, frighten or harass people. Penalties: 15 years to life, with 20 years added

if the targets are schools, churches, hospitals or public buildings.

Gibe at Fieger

Now the Libertarian Party of Oakland County joins the fray in criticizing the lip of Geoffrey Fieger, Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

Their complaint: Fieger on election night attributed his primary victory in part to "libertarians."

"I've never heard of Libertarians as a party supporting Mr. Fieger," said party secretary Lorna Tate, adding that it can't be because it's a competing political party. While it has a full slate of education and two Supreme Court candidates, the Libertarians failed to nominate anyone for governor.

John Hand, Libertarian vice chair, said the party invited Fieger to speak but said he "dashed out the door" without answering questions.

AG hits phone rates

Attorney General Frank Kelley wants the state Public Service Commission to order

Ameritech Michigan to cut one of its rates — access charges that users pay to use other companies to carry toll calls within their area codes.

Ameritech Michigan's monthly access charges are: 53 cents for residence and business single-lines, \$1.50 for second residence lines, and \$2.40 on business multi-lines.

In contract, Ameritech Ohio charges a flat 15 cents for all classes of customers, Ameritech Wisconsin charges a flat 16 cents, and Ameritech Illinois 39 cents.

Who's giving what?

You don't have to travel to Lansing or even your courthouse to learn who is giving what to political candidates.

The secretary of state's office is using its Internet site to post campaign finance statements for all candidates, political, independent, party and ballot proposal committees. It covers what's required under the state Campaign Finance Act.

The Internet site is www.sos.state.mi.us/cfis/cfonl.htm

Verdi Opera to close out summer concert series

On Tuesday, Aug. 26, the Verdi Opera Theatre, accompanied by the Redford Symphony Orchestra, will give a performance at Bell Creek Park in Redford Township. It will feature soprano Kimberly Swan, mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing and baritone Dino Valle, the artistic director. These performers have worked with opera companies throughout the United States and Europe.

This concert will be the grand finale of the 1998 Wayne County Parks Summer Family Entertainment series. Bell Creek Park is located at Inkster Road in Redford Township just north of Five Mile Road.

Funding for the series has been made possible through the parks millage.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

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The federal act requires reports to be sent annually beginning in October 1998. The Michigan group wants Engler and Lansing Mayor David Hollister to respond by this Oct. 15 whether they will require more information in the clean water reports.

So far, no comment from the governor's office.

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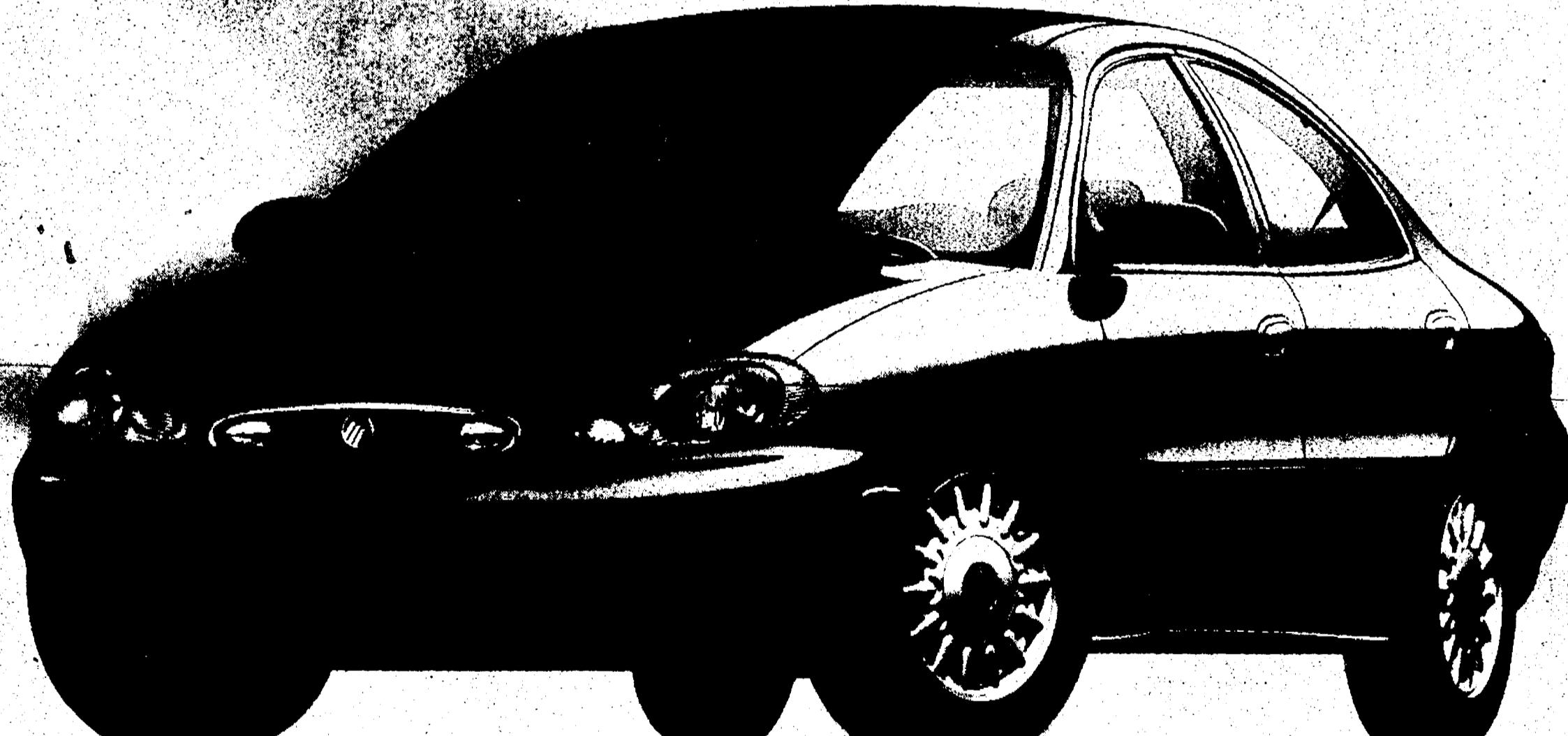
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Dental detective

Teamwork garners Livonia dentist national recognition

BY CAROL HOPKINS
SPECIAL WRITER

Imagine being able to identify a person by only one tooth.

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Warnick, 58, is Wayne and Oakland counties' chief forensic odontologist, the person who assists the county medical examiner using a corpse's teeth, jaw and dental work to identify a previously unidentified person.

He is also an adjunct clinical professor with the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, coordinating the undergraduate and post-graduate forensic odontology courses.

For the past 30 years, the personable Warnick has also run a general dentist practice in Livonia. He works there with his daughter, Emily, 31. He and wife, Elizabeth have another daughter, Melisa, who is a business development professional.

Flight 255

Warnick's talents came into play when 156 passengers died in the 1987 crash of Northwest Flight 255. In a nightmarish situation, with burned and mutilated bodies strewn over hundreds of yards, Warnick and a team of dentists went to work.

"We ID'd 130 of the victims dentally," he said.

The crash spurred him to action. After his work was finished, he continued to talk about what had happened with his wife. She suggested he put what he learned down on paper. The result was the Forensic Dental Identification Team Manual, a guide for assembling and equipping mass disaster dental teams.

To date, the book has been a great success, distributed to 900 locations around the world. Today, as a team leader with the Michigan Dental Association Forensic Dental Identification Team, he is recognized as one of the top five people in the nation in setting up forensic dental teams.

Warnick never started out with the idea of becoming a dental detective. After graduating from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry in 1964, the native Detroiter went into the Air Force and got his first exposure to forensics. While at Loring Air Force Base in Maine, he was called upon to assist with an airplane crash. Six crewmen had burned in the crash and he was asked to ID the victims using dental records.

"It was easy," he said. "We knew who was on the



Teamwork: Dr. Allan Warnick has run a general dentist practice in Livonia for more than 30 years. Joining him in the office these days is his daughter, Emily, 31.

Plane and the records were all there."

As for working with the dead, a task that sends shivers up many spines, Warnick explains, "It's never bothered me."

Early years

After that experience, he was sent to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology for training. He didn't get back into a forensics situation until the early '80s when his wife's teacher friend asked if he could examine one of her students to see if she

had suffered any abuse around her mouth.

That moment of detective work made Warnick think again about going back into forensics. He took more pathology courses and, afterward, made an appointment in 1983 to meet with then Wayne County Medical Examiner Werner Spitz, who tested his knowledge and gave him the go-ahead to work at the office. For the next six months, Warnick reported (for no salary) to the old morgue in Greektown every Wednesday where he would observe the doctors and staff at work in the post-

O&E, HomeTown to host job fair at Laurel Manor

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and the HomeTown Newspapers will host a Job Fair 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the Laurel Manor Banquet and Video Conference Center in Livonia.

The job fair will feature recruiters from various industries including The Kroger Co., Comtempora, Prudential Preferred, Dean Witter Morgan Stanley, Family Neighborhood, Skyway Precision, Snelling-Livo-

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Rouge grants help communities

Finding illicit sewer connections will be easier soon in Westland, thanks to some federal money.

The Rouge Program Office has awarded \$210,000 to Westland to seek alternative measures to control water pollution in the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. About \$210,000 in federal money will be used to pay for the program, while Westland has earmarked \$21,000.

Wayne County commissioners approved an agreement Aug. 6 between the county and the city of Westland.

One of the \$231,000 in programs will include the use of television cameras to inspect sewers for illicit connections, such as sanitary pipes from

homes and businesses to storm pipes. Officials want to find these connections and disconnect them, as they add to the stormwater and sanitary flow into the Rouge.

"(The contract) was approved because of the illicit and illegal connections, and now, they'll find out where these connections are," said Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland.

Richard Dittmar, director of Westland's Department of Public Service, said the camera can videotape or televise pictures of the sanitary and sewer pipes. Eight department employees would be trained once the equipment arrives. The camera will pick up cracks or leaks in pipes, or where tree roots may have entered the pipes, Dittmar said.

"We can check the sewer leads to someone's house," Dittmar said.

He expects about five or six blocks of sewers will be videotaped.

"It will be lowered off the truck, and it runs on crawlers, like a little bulldozer," Dittmar said. Repairs will begin about six months after videotaping begins, Dittmar said.

Dittmar didn't expect to find many illicit connections, but believes videotaping the sewers helps the city do its share to keep the Rouge clean.

"It's a big help with our sewer leads," Dittmar said.

More work proposed

Several other projects from a second round of proposals have been selected by the Rouge Program Office for funding that will help create a regional general information system. Among them, according to agency or community, include:

■ Garden City: wetlands education, \$75,000.

■ Plymouth Township: Plans and construction of interpretation and educational system along Tonquish Creek, \$45,000.

■ Friends of the Rouge Middle 1 and Lower 1 Subwatershed frog and toad survey, \$25,000.

establish a computer data base of permits from paper copies, \$42,500.

■ Livonia: general information system to support illicit discharge elimination plan, sampling data, link Department of Public Works complaints, digital photos, on-site septic system layer and identify land use, \$33,600.

■ Westland: general information system of septic field data and soil erosion, obtain septic field and water/sewer data, link data from television sewer monitoring, link data for soil erosion, \$24,000.

Recreation and habitat projects and the maximum federal share towards these projects include:

■ Garden City: wetlands education, \$75,000.

■ Plymouth Township: Plans and construction of interpretation and educational system along Tonquish Creek, \$45,000.

■ Friends of the Rouge Middle 1 and Lower 1 Subwatershed frog and toad survey, \$25,000.

Battle lines form over legalizing assisted suicide

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Bipartisan battle lines are forming for the Nov. 3 fight over legalizing physician-assisted suicide in Michigan.

Meanwhile, Gov. John Engler has signed the bill making assisting a suicide a felony as of Sept. 1. "It will give prosecutors the tools they need to convict those who assist someone in ending their life, and it will put out of business those who prey on the vulnerable," he said as he signed Senate Bill 200.

The tools: five years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000 for those who assist and those who have knowledge of a planned assisted suicide. It would apply to Jack Kevorkian, the retired West Bloomfield pathologist who admits to assisting more than 100 in dying, and those who participate in planning or carrying out the suicide.

The new law doesn't apply to withholding or withdrawing medical treatment, Engler said. It also allows prosecutors to use other theories — such as common law cases — to prosecute.

The ballot proposal legalizing physician-assisted suicide is expected to be a debating point between Engler, who opposes suicide, and Democratic gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger, who is Kevorkian's attorney and landlord.

The ballot proposal would overturn the felony law and replace it with one providing guidelines for assisted suicide.

Pierce said Merian's Friends is seeking to raise \$2 million to campaign for the ballot proposal. The group is named for Merian Frederick, who ended her life at 72 while suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.

Merian's Friends lists as honorary co-chairmen two metro area prosecutors: John O'Hair of Wayne County and Carl Marlinga of Macomb. Topping the list are former Gov. and Mrs. William G. Milliken.

Democratic lawmakers supporting the proposal legalizing physician-assisted suicide are U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers of Ann Arbor; state Sens. Jim Berryman of Adrian, Gary Peters of Bloomfield Township, and Alma Smith of Salem; and state Reps. Eileen DeHart of Westland, Liz Brater and Mary Schroer of Ann Arbor, Burton Leland, Ed Vaughn and Ted Wallace, all of Detroit; former Sen. Lana Pollack of Ann Arbor and former Rep. Lyn Jondahl of Okemos.

Republican notables include Reps. Barbara Dobb of Union Lake, Don Gilmer of Augusta, and former Reps. Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills and Susan Munsell of Howell, along with Milliken-era national committeeman Peter Fletcher.

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State chamber supports bond proposal

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted to support the proposed \$675 million Clean Michigan Initiative bond issue on the November 1998 statewide ballot.

If approved by voters, the money will be used to pay for environmental and natural resources-protection programs that will: clean up and redevelop contaminated sites; protect and improve water quality; reduce pollution; abate lead contamination; reclaim and revitalize community waterfronts; enhance recreational opportunities; and clean up contaminated sediments in lakes, rivers, and streams.

"The Michigan Chamber was actively involved in getting this proposal on the November ballot

and will be equally active in the campaign for voter approval," said Jim Barrett, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber.

The proposed Clean Michigan Initiative bond issue was placed on the ballot as a result of overwhelming bi-partisan support in both the State House and Michigan Senate. U.S. Sen Spencer Abraham will head up the campaign.

The proposed \$675 million environmental bond program will target:

- \$335 million on brownfield urban redevelopment;
- \$90 million on clean water projects;
- \$50 million on waterfront development;

■ \$50 million on non-point source cleanup;

■ \$50 million on state park and local park programs;

■ \$25 million on river sediment cleanup;

■ \$20 million on pollution prevention; and

■ \$5 million on lead abatement.

The proposed Clean Michigan Initiative will have a positive impact on the quality of life of all Michigan residents," said Kevin Korpi, director of environmental and regulatory affairs for the Michigan Chamber.

If approved by voters, it will provide essential funds to continue the commitment made with the 1988 Quality of Life Bonds and Michigan's model

brownfield redevelopment program established in 1985 (Part 201).

"Brownfield redevelopment enhances effective land use and local economies by reinvesting in urban areas and reducing development pressures on green space and farm land," added Korpi. "Based on the documented needs, without the Clean Michigan Initiative funding, there will only be adequate monies to meet Federal Superfund matching requirements and a portion of our acute health and environmental needs."

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization that represents 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce.

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er of Ypsilanti.

Pierce blasted SB 200's sponsor, Sen. William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, as "the Religious Right's champion from western Michigan."

The Michigan Catholic Conference praised VanRegenmorter "for sponsoring this legislation." MCC's Paul A. Long, vice president for public policy, said, "Any efforts to change this law will result in nothing short of the direct killing of vulnerable patients and must be vigorously opposed."

"Efforts and energies should

now be used to promote Michigan's law on advanced directives, hospice care, and to ensure that patients receive appropriate pain relief, which is their right."

To support the ballot proposal for physician aid in dying, contact Merian's Friends at 1-888-217-0700. It seeks donations, speakers, professional help, office assistance in western Wayne and Washtenaw counties and true life stories.

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067 99 0010 000	Vacant	Bri-Maur Investment Corp. 1970 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, MI
068 02 1427 001	Vacant	Michael & Lucylie Velkov 33685 Louise, Fraser, MI 48028
073 01 0034 000	Vacant	Michael & Lucylie Velkov 16626 Gallagher, Detroit, MI 48234
073 01 0062 000	Vacant	Donald R. Brown 8 North Eastway, Pontiac, MI 48342
073 01 0064 000	31547 Alpena	Military Order of Purple Heart Service Foundation 937 Manufacturers, Westland, MI 48186
073 01 0094 000	Vacant	James L. Smith 26521 Baldwin, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
073 02 0178 000	31813 Bay	Military Order of Purple Heart Service Foundation 937 Manufacturers, Westland, MI 48186
073 02 0286 000	Vacant	William C. & Deanna K. Zettel-Bruder 31815 Bay Ct., Westland, MI 48186
073 03 0300 000	Vacant	Brightmoor Tabernacle 2655 S. Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034
073 03 0368 000	Vacant	S. Goldman, F.S. Babbin, & S. Fried DBA BFG Invest. Co. 25625 Southfield #204, Southfield, MI 48075
073 04 0518 000	Vacant	S. Goldman, F.S. Babbin, & S. Fried DBA BFG Invest. Co. 25625 Southfield #204, Southfield, MI 48075
074 01 0736 000	33307 Belding	S. Goldman, F.S. Babbin, & S. Fried DBA BFG Invest. Co. 25625 Southfield #204, Southfield, MI 48075
074 05 1078 000	34159 Decatur	Harold Foreman 33643 Coachlight, Southfield, MI 48075
074 05 1114 000	Vacant	Federal Nat'l. Mortgage Assc % Regional Counsel 150 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606
075 01 0018 002	Vacant	Cecil J. & Edith F. VanValkenburgh 41921 Huron River, Belleville, MI 48111
075 02 0007 000	1857 Christine	Michael D. Doman 3743 Conrad, Brighton, MI 48116
075 02 0024 000	2213 Christine	James F. & Charlene Coursey 8105 Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116
075 10 0317 303	Vacant	Michael D. Doman 33309 Belding, Westland, MI 48186
082 01 0044 000	4871 Matthew	Art Daniels Realty Inc. 34159 Decatur, Westland, MI 48186
082 02 0136 000	5679 Farnum	Dudley Adle 34159 Decatur, Westland, MI 48186
082 02 0150 000	5640 Farnum	Ronald E. & Marie Oltersdorff 34159 Decatur, Westland, MI 48186
083 01 0791 003	Vacant	Ronald E. & Marie Oltersdorff 30148 Bock, Garden City, MI 48135
083 01 0794 002	Vacant	Brightmoor Tabernacle 2655 S. Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034
083 01 0795 000	Vacant	Claude A. Burlingham 35717 Columbia, Wayne, MI 48184
083 01 0796 000	Vacant	City of Dearborn Heights 6045 Fenton, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
083 01 0812 000	Vacant	Roy A. St. Arbor 100 Lafayette, Warren, MI 48091
083 01 0813 000	Vacant	Elizabeth I. Lane 100 Lafayette, Warren, MI 48091
083 01 0814 000	Vacant	Laverne Wright 2213 Christine, Wayne, MI 48184
083 01 0816 000	Vacant	2213 Christine, Westland, MI 48186
083 01 0822 000	Vacant	James R. & Delores Scott 7640 Woodview #1, Westland, MI 48185
083 02 0019 000	Vacant	Thomas Hines 15042 Petoskey, Detroit, MI 48238
083 02 0020 000	Vacant	Leila A. Johnson 15042 Petoskey, Detroit, MI 48238
083 02 0020 000	Vacant	Derwin & Charlene Cunningham 4871 Matthew, Westland, MI 48186
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083 02 0022 000	29212 Van Born	Hester Parron 3725 Congress, Detroit, MI
083 02 0023 000	Vacant	Greenbriar Construction Co. 26021 Southfield, Lathrup Village, MI 48076
083 02 0028 000	Vacant	Bernard Nathan PO Box 155, Southfield, MI 48075
083 02 0029 000	Vacant	Melvin Kepes PO Box 155, Southfield, MI 48075
083 02 0030 000	Vacant	Greenbriar Construction Co. 26021 Southfield, Lathrup Village, MI 48076
083 02 0041 000	Vacant	United States of America, Dept. of Treasury United States of America, Dept. of Treasury
083 02 0057 000	Vacant	Lorrie Rosen 27200 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
083 02 0060 000	Vacant	Lorrie Rosen 29700 Harper #1, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082
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083 02 0068 000	Vacant	Lorrie Rosen 29700 Harper #1, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082
083 02 0069 002	Vacant	Internal Revenue Service PO Box 3330500 Stop 47, Detroit, MI 48232
083 02 0073 002	29118 McDonald	Bessie M. Whitman 1876 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48211
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083 02 0090 000	28999 McDonald	Bessie M. Whitman 1876 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48211
083 02 0093 000	Vacant	Essie Hobson 29031 Annaplois, Inkster, MI 48141
30728 Fernwood, Westland, MI 48186	Vacant	Willie Bello Mangrum 5096 S. Clarendon, Detroit, MI
30728 Fernwood, Westland, MI 48186	Vacant	E. Barnes, J.T. Patterson, Jr. & J. Parker, Jr. Trustees for Jehovah's Witnesses West Unit 3239 Henry Street, Inkster, MI 48141
30728 Fernwood, Westland, MI 48186	Vacant	29433 Thomas Circle, Inkster, MI 48141
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John Glenn High School honor roll listed

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ADKINS, OUSMAN AFZAL, ARIANA AKERS, ERIK ALDER, JASON ALDER, KEVIN ALEXANDER, PATRICK ALEXANDER, MELISSA ALLEN, NICHOLAS AMAD, ROLA ARNOLD, JENNIFER AVERY, IAN BAIN, SARAH BAIN, LISA BAKER,

SHANNON BAKER, SUZANNE BALAN, MARIA BALDYSZ, MARTA BALDYSZ, BRYAN BALILO, CHARLES BANASZAK, SUSAN BANDI

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TURE, AUTUMN COVER, LAURA COX, ZACHARY CRAWFORD, SAMANTHA CREWS, MARTHA CROFTS

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Girle Calloway

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Melvin Hoberman

24634 Five Mile, Detroit, MI 48239

Lloyd Chayet

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Morse Preston

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Isaac Washington

29072 Powers, Westland, MI 48186

Metropolitan Acceptance Company

PO Box 3666, Detroit, MI

Dorothy E. Ralston, Trustee

12030 Belle Isle Drive, Stanwood, MI 49346

Diamond Mortgage Corp.

PO Box 8395, 1825 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

Commerce Mortgage Corp.

2307 Greenfield Rd., Southfield, MI 48075

Vera Williams

22009 Keefer, Southfield, MI 48034

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998

Transition time

Clerk's office has new leader

It's a time of transition in the Westland city clerk's office, and the Westland City Council has moved now to set things back on course.

Congratulations to new Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons. A longtime employee of the city, Gibbons has years of experience in the clerk's office and has been deputy clerk since 1992.

She was appointed as acting clerk in early July and on Monday was confirmed as the person to replace retiring city Clerk Diane Fritz, who retired June 30 after long-time service with the city, leaves large shoes to fill, according to those who work with her.

Many in Westland were concerned that Fritz's absence could leave the clerk's office in chaos. With the primary just over and a busy general election on the horizon, not having a clerk who's up to speed could spell disaster.

To counter that, the council retained Fritz as a consultant during the transition. Fritz has a reputation for her impeccable performance as clerk. We commend Fritz for a job well-done and for her willingness to help the city during this time of transition.

In searching for a clerk, the council solicited applicants, narrowed the field to three, interviewed the three finalists and then took the extra step of asking a panel of clerks from other cities to ask the three finalists technical questions about the job.

Gibbons came out on top. After years of working with Fritz, she has gained a working

knowledge of the city clerk's office. As one of the outside clerks said, she had the knowledge of Westland to hit the ground running.

We think council members deserve praise for taking that extra step. Asking outside clerks to ask questions and then make an assessment of how the candidates did, gave the council an outside view of the candidates based on their technical knowledge of the job. In essence, personalities and politics were put aside and job skills and knowledge were given priority.

The council is also taking the added step of formulating an employee performance review for the clerk's position, which was not in place in the past. This will help give assurances to the Westland council and residents that the job is being executed properly.

While it remains to be seen if Gibbons will have a successful tenure as Westland city clerk, it only makes sense to give the most knowledgeable person the job.

The promotion has the extra bonus of offering an opportunity for advancement to someone who already has had a long career in Westland. Promoting from within gives others working in city government the incentive to strive to do their best if they are interested in advancing in the future.

Now Gibbons gets the chance to continue serving Westland — the city which she also calls home. We wish her success in her new endeavor.

Newspapers are user-friendly

An Observer community editor was trying to call his local fire department the other day. He needed to clarify some information for a story he was writing.

When he called the number for the department, he got into a voice mail system. Now he wasn't calling the emergency number. That's what 911 is for. But it started us thinking. Just suppose ...

"Good Morning. You have reached the Hometown Public Safety Department. If you wish to report a fire, press 1. To report an automobile accident, press 2. If this is a police emergency, press 3. To request EMS assistance, press 4. For instructions on performing CPR, press 5."

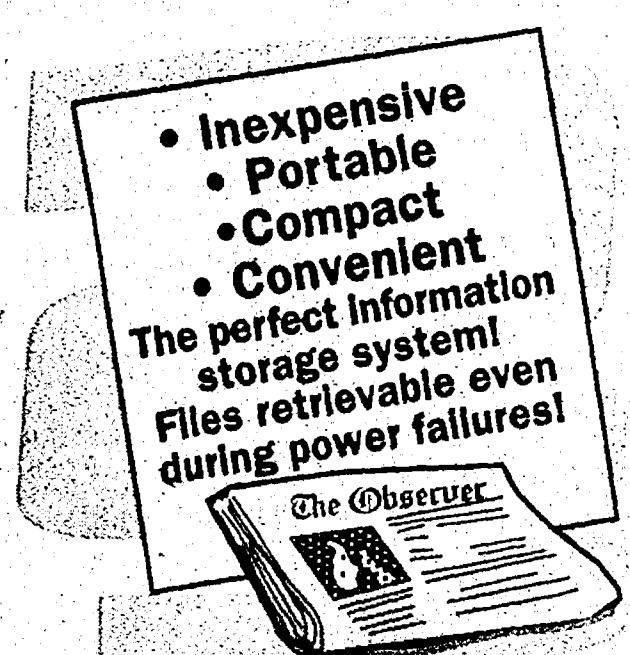
"Hello, you have reached the Hometown Fire Department. To report a residential fire, press 1 now. If you're reporting an industrial or commercial fire, press 2. To report a chemical explosion, press 3. For vehicle fires or emergency rescue service, press 4 ..."

Things haven't gone quite that far yet. But if you've ever "pressed" your way through a voice mail loop, only to end up back at the "main menu" without ever encountering a live human voice, you know the frustration that can go along with technological innovations.

Those "cordless phones," the ones you can take with you to the basement or the bathroom or the outdoor pool, are great inventions (once you get used to the "echo" in the earpiece) ... until the battery goes dead in the middle of a conversation.

That 87-channel cable-TV service you subscribe to is another modern marvel (until the cable goes out and you're staring at a screen filled with snowflakes), so why does it so often seem that there's still "nothing to watch"?

The Internet can bring information from all over the world right to your desktop (assuming that a "server" isn't down somewhere), but when a search engine tells you that your



We'll take a good, old-fashioned newspaper any day.

request for data returned 2,231,724 "hits," trying to find the precise information you want isn't as easy as it seemed.

Maybe it's our personal bias or fear of the new millennium, but for all of the breakthroughs of the "Information Age," we'll take a good, old-fashioned newspaper any day. It's just ink on paper, it tells you what you want to know and when you've finished reading it, you can use it to line the birdcage or wrap the garbage.

It'll be on your doorstep when you expect it (unless we have a computer system crash) or you can walk to the corner convenience store and buy a copy out of the box. Just make sure you bring the exact change (quarters only, please).

QUESTION:

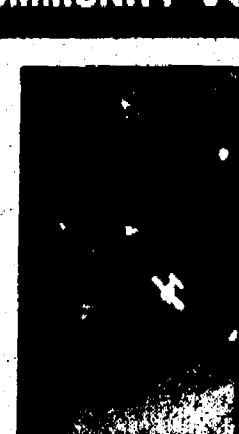
What is your favorite type of pet?



"Dogs. They're easier to train."

Mark Davis

Age 10



"Cats. They're more furred."

Ashly Montrose

Age 9



"Dogs. They're more friendlier."

Krystin Foster

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"Dogs. I don't very much like cats."

Ryan Smith

Age 7

We asked this question at Kiddie Junction child care center in Wayne, where pets visited youngsters Monday.

Summer fun



Happy together: Day campers enjoy a lap sit game at the summer day camp at the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA recently. Children have joined in the fun for the past nine weeks with the camp ending this week.

LETTERS

Cooper School reunion

School reunions were held on the grounds of one-room schools in Nankin Township at the turn of the century. Newspaper articles from the Plymouth Mail Newspapers relate that Cooper, Patchin and Perrinsville schools were holding reunions.

In August 1907, there was a newsclip about a reunion address written by Ella Warner for the first Patchin School reunion.

A paper read at the third Patchin School reunion was titled, "Old Landmarks." Landmarks in the Patchin School District No. 3 were revisited by former pupils. It mostly described dwellings and their locations of former pupils.

An annual reunion of Perrinsville School was also attended by former residents of the neighborhood. Quote: "The festivities continued throughout the entire day with a basket lunch being enjoyed at noon time."

The 1937 Cooper School reunion was referred to as an annual event. Prizes were given to the oldest teacher and pupil. Former teachers, pupils and friends of Cooper School were invited to pack up a picnic basket for what would be a happy occasion.

A former Cooper pupil named Joe Parr who was born in 1877 wrote a poem in 1938 called, "Cooper School homecoming." Some of his thoughts in the poem sum up what school reunions are all about. He said to come back and meet old friends, talk over old times and view old landmarks. Two lines of his poem were "Oh, come where we first learned life's golden rule/To the scenes of our childhood and the old Cooper School." School reunions continued to be a way for fellow classmates to gather and reminisce about the good old school days.

Cooper Elementary School in Westland is holding a reunion on Sunday, Aug. 30, from 8 a.m. to dusk. The reunion site will be the same as last year — on Hines Drive at Ann Arbor Trail across from the historic Nankin Mills. Those planning to attend should bring their picnic baskets filled with food, drinks and tableware. Bring and share your Cooper School memorabilia. An 176-page book on the history of Cooper School will be for sale by the Cooper PTA. The book "Tracing Our Roots, Cooper School Past and Present" was revised this year and will sell for \$5.

For more information on the Cooper School reunion, please contact Gayle Bates Crawford at (248) 474-3787.

Ruth Dale
Westland

Alan's big bubble

Can Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan continue to provide the liquidity necessary to support global financial markets? Obviously not. Some markets are already being sacrificed.

A dollar bubble is bounding around the global economy wreaking havoc wherever it lands. Last year Thailand, Korea and Indonesia were sacrificed. This year Hong Kong, China and Russia may go. Further, Mexico, Brazil, Singapore and South Africa among others are threatened.

The global "bubble economy" has been allowed to go unchecked for too long. Now it's payback time. Unlike in the 1920s and 1960s, when the Federal Reserve "took the punch bowl away," this time there was a failure of nerve by the Fed.

In the 1990s, public policy by popularity poll invaded not only the White House, but the Federal Reserve as well. History will not be kind to Alan Greenspan for trying to be a "nice guy" to the Wall Street-Washington elites. Because that was never in his job description.

But, what about all those long-term mom-and-pop 401(k) investors? Will they be asked to be cannon fodder in defense of our New Era cult of equities? Will the Fed get off with one of those recently popular mea culpa speeches? I think not.

Be advised, there has never been a time in history when the great mass of people became rich through stock market speculations. Not one.

This time will be no different.

Walter Warren
Westland

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POINTS OF VIEW

What's in a name? It all depends on who you ask

I'm frequently amazed by the changing use of common words by businesses or people placing help wanted ads.

I'm not talking about cars being called "personal transportation vehicles," but people who call themselves something like "communications specialist."

Does that mean the individual is a receptionist who answers a front desk phone in an office or the CEO of Ameritech?

Another one which continually amazes me is someone who says he/she is in the transportation business.

Does that mean the person is a taxi driver or the chairman of General Motors?

On the management side, there used to be an "employment office" in the old days where people came to

apply for jobs.

About 20 or so years ago, the name was changed to "personnel office."

Now, it's "human resources."

If you check the want ads for teaching openings, some want "educators" with at least an associate degree in child care and development. Many of the jobs advertised are, in reality, baby-sitting openings at private child care centers.

One of my favorites is "adult films and entertainment" which quickly translates into hard or soft pornography.

In a political campaign many years ago, I covered a mayoral candidate who worked as a half-time food services supervisor for the local school district.

His opponent, a mayor seeking a second term, usually referred to the challenger as a "short order cook."



LEONARD Poger

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During the mayoral campaign, the challenger distributed a campaign brochure listing all the wonderful things he would do as mayor as well as his "professional background."

One entry attracted my curiosity.

It said that he was "A U.S. Justice Department administrator."

The casual reader of those campaign brochures, which includes most voters, may have concluded that the challenger was the right-hand man to the U.S. attorney general, advising him on national legal issues and court cases.

But I knew from prior contacts that the candidate had no legal background or experience.

When I questioned the candidate about it, he was slightly embarrassed about his real background.

It came down to the candidate previously serving in the Army, specializing

in food services. He prepared meals three times a day for hundreds of soldiers.

There is no doubt that those in the food service field provide a valuable service. After all, people have to eat, usually three times a day, seven days a week.

After being discharged from the Army, he took a job as a middle manager in the federal prison at Milan. For those who haven't memorized the federal government's organizational chart, the prisons are under the Justice department.

So the mayoral candidate translated his being a cook for a prison into being a "Justice Department supervisor."

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Engler becomes part of state's Religious Right

Say it ain't so, John. The young baseball fan's words to Shoeless Joe Jackson during the 1919 era "Black Sox" scandal come to mind as one peruses Gov. John Engler's campaign pamphlet attack on the Michigan Constitution.

For six years Engler has wrestled quietly with the Religious Right into his Republican Party. Now he has given in, adopting their deviant tactics in attacking "government schools."

Distributed in Detroit, Engler's pamphlet stoops to this kind of reasoning: Suppose a government restaurant put only one dish on the menu; suppose a government auto dealer offered you only one kind of car; well, that's how public schools are operated. "The government has decided where your child will go to school," it says. "It's too important to trust the choice to you."

The Engler pamphlet then offers

this gratuitous slur against public schools: "Sorry if the school is dirty and crime-ridden."

Of course, government isn't in business. If it were a business:

You could select which building inspector from which township could check the construction of your house.

You could select which judge would hear your case (as Geoffrey Fieger tried to do in his judge-shopping suit — for which he was fined \$7,500).

Your subdivision association could select which police officers it wanted to patrol the area.

Anyone should be able to see the point: Government isn't business. And yet it offers Michiganders several educational choices: neighborhood public school, public school of choice, private school (if you pay for it), parochial school (if you pay for it), home teaching and some (frequently inferior) charter schools.

Now, you have to read the Engler

pitch in context. A sinister, Midland-based group that calls itself "School Choice Yes" is pushing, in a totally dishonest way, a change in Michigan's long-standing prohibition against state money to a religious denomination.

Since at least 1908, the Michigan Constitution has declared, "No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose."

A 1970 voter-approved amendment was just as clear: "No public monies or property shall be appropriated ... directly or indirectly to maintain any private, denominational or other non-public pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school. No payment, credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition, voucher, subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property shall

be provided" for any nonpublic school.

Watch how Gary Glenn, president of School Choice Yes, attempts to deceive voters with his presentation: "Do you support providing parents of younger children a Parental Choice Tax Credit ... ?" (Italics added.)

Then Glenn resorts to the big lie technique: "Do you support amending Michigan's Constitution to remove the discriminatory language that specifically prohibits offering a tuition tax credit to parents ... ?"

The constitution, you know, doesn't "specifically" prohibit a tax credit to "parents." It prohibits your state tax dollars going to private and denominational schools.

We in the media have been slow to report on this issue. We get so tangled up with candidates' name-calling, or who's to blame for potholes, that we place an inadequate spotlight on the Religious Right's agenda. We focused so much attention on the gubernatorial



TIM RICHARD

primary that we haven't watched the way freshman state representative candidates are phrasing the school money issue.

Allowing state aid to private and parochial schools is at the top of their dishonestly worded agenda.

And John Engler, who has kept the Religious Right under a tight leash for six years, has finally joined it.

Et tu, Iohannes?

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Getting good workers no easy task

The piece in the Sunday paper got it right: The productivity gains in the auto industry that have fueled a 10-year run of increased output and improved profits are just about to run out.

Following the trail first blazed by Toyota, the American auto companies — Ford, Chrysler, General Motors — started introducing all kinds of snazzy technology to the assembly line. Computers managed just-in-time parts deliveries and monitored quality control. Robots replaced workers in all kinds of tasks, ranging from welding to painting.

As the UAW knows all too well, the net effect of all this investment was to increase productivity and reduce the need for labor. While output has remained high, the number of labor hours required to make a car has dropped all across the board, resulting in historic high profits for the auto companies.

But most of the low-hanging fruit of productivity increases has been picked, now that the computers and robots have been on the line for a while. Any further increases will have to come by the slow, cumbersome process of working effectively with the labor force to see what tiny steps in the manufacturing process can be continuously improved.

Ah, yes, as they say at GM headquarters, the labor force. With unemployment at all-time low levels, Michigan is now facing an absolute shortage of skilled labor. Moreover, thousands upon thousands of skilled workers are going to be retiring from work on the line over the next 10 years. Companies are beginning to wise up to the fact that getting and training productive workers will be among the greatest challenges over the next decade.

So it is with some astonishment that I noticed that the Congress actually did something sensible this month and passed something called the Workforce Investment Act. The product of five years of bipartisan work, the new law will recast the country's job training system to encourage individual workers to get the skills they need to get and keep high-paying, productive jobs in the new economy.

None will be the 60-odd programs that used to produce a bureaucratic maze. In will be one-stop job training centers; anybody ever see a simple, easy-to-use listing in the local telephone directory, Job Training, located in local communities, supervised by consolidated local workforce boards?

During the 1980s, I served as the chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council, the main state body dealing with job training, at one point becoming (inadvertently) the nation's longest-serving JTCC chair. It was frustrating work because of all the unbelievable



PHILIP POWER

bureaucracy produced by the federal law. But it was exciting, because we got to focus on the big issue, investing in human capital that underlies all gains for both workers and corporations.

At one point, a number of us realized that the federal law had things backward. In traditional top-down thinking, it assumed that if you inflicted job training on workers, eventually they would want training. Wrong, of course. Because there was no incentive, there was no buy-in from workers.

Some of us even argued at that time that a better way of doing things was to re-jigger the unemployment compensation system and provide workers that had lost their jobs with vouchers that could be spent on training that could get them back to work. Possibly because it included use of the dreaded word, voucher, the idea provoked a lot of resistance.

But just after Bob Reich was appointed President Clinton's first secretary of labor, some of us went to see him to pitch the idea of incentive-based job training vouchers. He bought the idea, and it has at last emerged in the new bill as Individual Training Accounts.

As is the case with any large piece of federal legislation, there are lots of complicated provisions in the Workforce Investment Act. But the fact that the act focuses on the key thing — investing in the skills of our workers — is altogether worthy of praise and admiration, especially at a time when cynicism toward the political system abounds.

That's why the conference on labor force training and productivity, jointly sponsored by Oakland University and Public Policy Associates, is so timely. It will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. I'll be giving the luncheon keynote. If you want more information, just call (248) 370-3125.

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All together

Family ties: Five generations were gathered at the recent Marisnick family reunion. At center is great-great grandmother Mary Marisnick, and from left, her daughter (great-grandma) Martha Stubblefield, her daughter (grandma) Debbie Bush, her daughter (mom) Tonya Perkey, holding her daughter, Kayla. All are residents of Westland.



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Get creative in handling kids' boredom

Do you have a bored child who mops around, claiming that "There's nothing to dooooooo!" If you're a parent who feels like leaving home and joining the circus because the kids seem to be stuck in a terminal whine then this is your lucky day. After you read this, you will not only know what to do with the bored child, but you will find that you will be rewarded with a child who can now support himself.

Begin by responding to your child's comments with a proposal. Tell them that you'd like to help them feel less bored. Prep them by telling them to start thinking about all the things they enjoy doing.

"Ya know Ashley, I can see how your boredom is making the summer go by too slowly. So I have an idea for you that is going to take your input. Start thinking about everything in the world that you really like, from cooking to staring at the stars ... everything."

"Tomorrow we'll sit down together and list all those things on paper. Then I'll help you figure out a way to take one of those ideas and make some money with it. Interested in some extra money?"

Give your child time to think about what they enjoy before jumping in. After they've written down several ideas, your next task is to help them figure out how to make money doing what they enjoy.

The following examples might help:

- "I like making jewelry with beads." Make 10 sets of wrist or ankle bracelets and necklaces. Get the permission from a local YMCA, neighborhood swimming pool or grocery store to sell them in front of the establishment.

■ "I like animals, especially dogs." Start a dog walking service. (See below for advertising methods.)

■ "I like organizing the stuff in my room. Promote yourself as a "For Kids Only" garage sale expert.

■ "I like math." Become a summer mathematics tutor for children who need special help.

■ "I like doing magic tricks." Hire yourself out as a magician who performs for children's birthday parties.

■ "I like baking cookies." Become the traveling cookie salesperson in your neighborhood. Provide subscriptions for people to buy four batches of your cookies, a different kind each week.

■ "I like stones/shells." Create decorative flowerpots by gluing your favorite collectibles on them and sell them door-to-door.

To advertise your service or product, utilize bulletin boards located in book stores, bagel stores, drug stores, grocery stores, hair salons and churches near you. Create a simple flier that includes your phone number which then can be torn off. Place a laminated sign on a stick at the front of apartment complexes, subdivisions or at major roads.

Once the word gets out that your child is looking for business, you'll be surprised at how others will start to

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It's 'Tubby' time

Purple, green, yellow and red. For the diapered set, those are the colors of their new idols

Step aside, Barney. Move out of the way, Big Bird. For the diapered set it's Tinky Winky, Dipsy, La-La and Po, the "Teletubbies."

Young children love the show, a British television import, but opinions are mixed among adults. The show's creator says "Teletubbies" is a "Sesame Street" primer" for young children, but critics say the show's simplicity is "dumbing down children's television."

So parents, what do you think about "Teletubbies"? Do your children adore them? We'd like to know, so give us a call at (734) 953-2131 after 6 p.m. Be sure to leave your name and phone number and short explanation.



Relaying the message



On the job: Justine Paduch of Livonia (top photo and at left) demonstrates the computer system that relay representatives like herself and Tamara Clark (also at left) of Westland use to provide telephone services to hearing and speech impaired people from throughout Michigan at the Michigan Relay Center in Dearborn. The center, one of two such facilities in the metropolitan area, handles TTY calls for the state's 38 different telephone companies.

Center keeps impaired in touch

Have you ever answered the telephone only to hear that it's someone from the Michigan Relay Center? Have you hung up, thinking it's just another annoying telemarketer?

If you have, you may have given someone the "silent treatment."

Housed in Ameritech facilities in Dearborn and Birmingham, the MRC is a conduit to the hearing community for people who are hearing or speech impaired.

"Our big challenge is to educate the hearing community," said Tamara Clark of Westland, a line administrator at the MRC in Dearborn. "When this center first opened, it was very difficult to get people to understand that we weren't solicitors. But once they understand and know what the MRC is, they're very good and very patient."

The MRC handles calls from throughout Michigan on behalf of the state's 38 telephone companies, fielding 4,000 phone calls a day and some 150,000 calls a month. The Birming-

ham center is open 24 hours a day seven days a week, while the Dearborn center is open 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Customers use a keyboard device, a teletypewriter (TTY), to contact a relay representative who puts the caller in touch with the recipient by giving the TTY message orally and waiting for the response.

"It's like you picking up a phone and getting a dial tone," said Clark. "They get the same thing ... anything, in any language, good, bad, ugly, whatever conduct, in any way they want."

"Every type of call you have the ability to make, they have the ability to make. The only calls we don't do are 900 and 976 calls, which usually are recordings."

Word for word

Relay representatives like Justine Paduch of Livonia type the responses verbatim, no easy task considering the average person can speak 200

words a minute. They type what they hear, including background noises, and can't participate in the conversation or repeat earlier portions of the conversation.

"Once the conversation starts, I'm not a part of it; I can answer any questions beforehand, but not later," said Paduch, who has been a relay representative for six years. "I type everything I hear. I type what the background noise is ... belching, smoking, washing dishes, baby crying.

"If you call and hear noises and they say they can't talk right now, you understand. But when you just type that the person can't talk right now, they wouldn't understand. So it takes on a whole new meaning when you include that information."

Paduch is an 18-year Ameritech employee who worked as a secretary in the headquarters building until eight years ago, when she quit and left the state for two years. When she came back to Michigan, she followed

the advice of her ex-boss and applied for a MRC job. She was hired a month later.

"It was good move for me; I really like it," she said. "It's the longest (six years) that I've stayed at a job. There's no in-and-out basket. When you hang up, you're done."

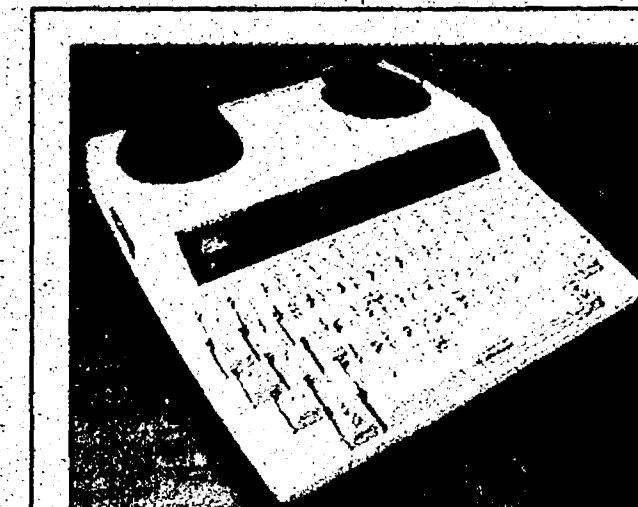
As a relay representative, she can't limit the length of the call or edit its content. She can't volunteer information, such as telling the recipient that the caller is hearing impaired.

"The hardest thing is we can't help them (the callers)," said Paduch. "If they get stuck on a word and we could do it better or be quicker, we can't. They have to do it themselves."

"We can't do it for them; we can only give them the ability to do it for themselves."

Michigan's MRC is the only center in the country to provide interpreters trained in American Sign Language to help make ASL-based calls sound

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In touch: The keyboard of the teletypewriter serves as the impaired person's connection to the telephone system.

Don't give someone the 'silent treatment'

If the Michigan Relay Center calls you, don't hang up. If you do, you could be giving the "silent treatment" to callers who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

The center is a system that allows speech and hearing impaired people to communicate by telephone. By using a teletypewriter, they can make or cancel appointments, order a pizza and conduct countless other personal and business calls.

The hearing or speech impaired person uses the TTY to contact a relay representative who delivers

the message to you orally, then waits for your response. If you hang up, you could render the TTY caller silent because the relay service is their only "voice" for telephone conversations.

You can "talk" to TTY users by calling the center toll-free at (800) 649-3777. Tell the relay representative the name, area code and telephone number of the person you would like to reach. You may need to tell the representative your long distance company, if you are placing a toll call.

Calls placed through the relay center, whether local or long dis-

tance, are charged the same as if the hearing or speech impaired person had dialed the other person directly. The relay representative also can provide information on a call's charges upon request.

Calls made through the center are not edited by relay representatives who also are forbidden to disclose information from the calls. Also, no records are kept.

For more information about the center, visit the relay Web site at www.ameritech.com/relay.

And remember ... Don't hang up, when the MRC calls you.

Calendar looks at Detroit's history day by day

Hey, did you know that ...

Before Joe Louis, there was Tommy Burns of Detroit who became the world heavyweight champion on Feb. 24, 1906.

Or that Babe Ruth hit the longest home run in baseball history - 626 feet - at Navin Field in Detroit on June 8, 1926.

Or that on Sept. 23, 1934, the Detroit Lions beat the New York Giants 9-0 at the University of Detroit Stadium in the first National Football League game.

Fodder for sports buffs? Items for a trivia game? Possibly, but definitely just a few of the facts that fill each day of the Detroit Historical Society's "The Days of Detroit" 1999 calendar.

"The calendar is a viable way to get a lot of information about Detroit out to people," said Jim McConnell, who with his wife, Annette, headed the volunteer effort to produce the calendar. "I knew a little bit about Detroit when we started; now I know more. I've gained a new understanding of the history of Detroit."

An educator in the Dearborn Public Schools, the Livonia resident tapped his experience as state Department of Education coordinator for the 1976 bicentennial and 1987 state sesquicentennial observances to bring structure and develop a goal for the

work being done by the society's committee in charge of history.

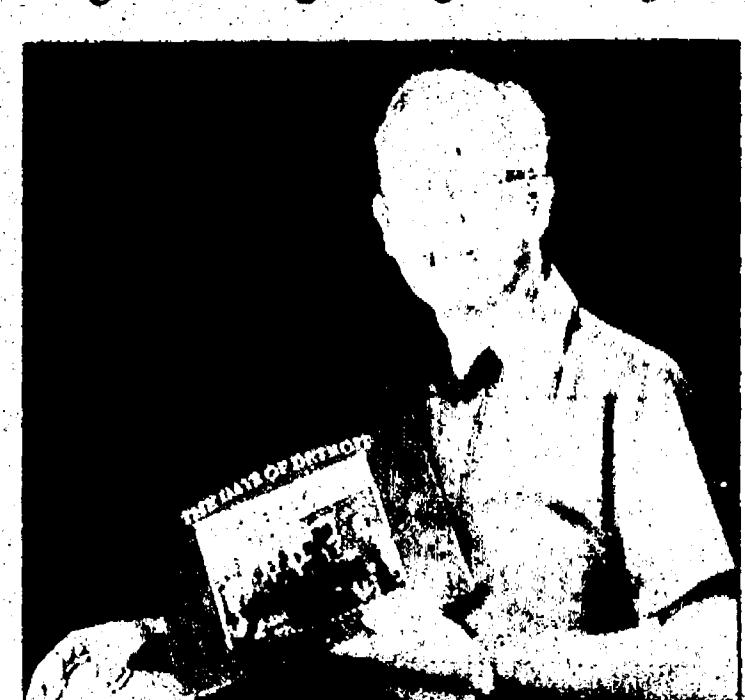
The idea was to find events in Detroit's history for each day of the year to do a book, aptly named "Days of Detroit." The work involved a lot of individual research and sources such as a historical guide published by the Detroit Public Library for the city's 250th birthday in 1981.

"When you look for events that relate to the history of Detroit, it means southeast Michigan, so we even did mailings to all area historical societies to get information," McConnell said.

Organizing information

As co-chairman, Annette has had the job of organizing the information and has used a computer to create a data base with more than 2,000 events listed by day. After almost two years' work, there are now 13 categories and 36 pages of information about events shaping Detroit's history.

She also has started working on the book, which has helped the committee reconcile problems like having three dates for one event. Annette started with the 1920s and, instead of one-liners, is writing 75 words about each event.



First time effort: Jim McConnell is proud of the "Streets of Detroit" calendar he helped produce for the Detroit Historical Society.

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conversational. In other states, representatives relay exactly what is typed on the TTY, even if it's not understandable, Clark explained.

Relay representatives receive training in the deaf culture to educate them about what is and is not appropriate. There also is a consumer advisory board that includes members of the deaf community that advises the center on what things are needed and wanted.

"It's more or less sensitivity training," said Clark. "If you're not around deaf culture, you're not used to it, and you're not aware of the those things that

would offend them, things like deaf mute. They're not mutes, they can speak."

Confidentiality is a big part of the service the MRC provides. The center doesn't keep or make tapes of the calls, and relay representatives can't discuss what they have heard.

"The biggest issue is confidentiality, and it's something everyone here takes very seriously," Clark said. "We can't talk about anything or the types of calls we get."

"The customers have to be completely comfortable with us. If we don't have their trust, they're gone."

While use of the MRC is free, the usual telephone charges apply as long as the caller is on the line. Some calls may be short, like scheduling or canceling a doctor's appointment, but calls to relatives and friends could last four or more hours, according to Clark.

TTY units can be costly. A basic unit for the hearing impaired can cost around \$200, but the Braille version for customers who are both deaf and blind can cost as much as \$5,000. The TTYS can be purchased, but civic organizations like the Lions Club and Kiwanis can provide the equipment to

people who need it.

At present, 36 deaf and blind individuals use the system, and everything the representatives type is transcribed into Braille for them.

Clark joined the relay center when it opened in 1991. A recently divorced mother of two in need of a job with medical benefits, she started at the Birmingham center and moved to Dearborn five years ago.

Like Paduch, she enjoys her job and the opportunity to do other things. She has taken sign language classes at the center, recently helped with a presentation during Deaf Awareness

Week at Somerset Mall and does outreach to educate the growing number of aging residents who are turning to the relay center for help.

Her work also has led her to pursue a degree in gerontology at Madonna University.

"In this department, you're able to grow as much as you want," she said. "I hope I can stay here until the end of my career. It's satisfying. I enjoy my job and I'm comfortable here."

Because the relay center is fairly new, it's a learning process for both the hearing and non-hearing communities. The two women lament when they hear

stories of business that has the equipment, but lacks personnel trained to recognize that a series of quick tones is an indication of a TTY call.

They recognize the difficulty of such calls for hearing people, who will address their answers to the relay representative with "ask them" or "tell them."

"Imagine what the deaf person thinks when they see 'tell them' or 'ask them,'" she said. "It gets frustrating because you want the call to go nicely."

"The biggest thing both sides can do to help us is to be patient and pay attention," Clark added. "If people would just listen..."

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"When you're working with 365 specific items, you could have mistakes," McConnell said.

In May 1997, the committee had enough information to do a calendar and approached Stephen Polk, chairman and CEO of R.L. Polk & Co., a month later about doing one for 1998.

Polk was very supportive and agreed to help underwrite the project, but he pointed out that the committee was six months too late for a 1998 edition.

The committee also found out that R.L. Polk through its subsidiary, Advertising Unlimited Inc., is the largest publisher of calendars in the country. Based

in Sleepy Eye, Minn., AUI publishes 40 million calendars each year.

"We went to him for money and didn't realize he had such capabilities," McConnell said.

With Polk on board, the committee made sure it had an event for each day of the year, but in the fall of 1997 realized it was missing an important element — the artwork.

Finding illustrations

Going back to his sesquicentennial days, McConnell recalled a collection of paintings done by Robert Thom in the 1960s as part of a "History of Michigan"

series. The paintings were done for Michigan Bell Telephone Co., so McConnell contacted Bell's successor, Ameritech. Ameritech agreed to let the paintings be used to illustrate the calendar. The committee found 11 that were appropriate for the publication.

"Finding the paintings was what I call the great scavenger hunt at Ameritech," McConnell said. "There were a few that fit and some by a stretch of the imagination."

The only non-Thom painting featured in the calendar is the circa 1899 "Detroit Street Scene" used on the cover and for May.

Done in Thom's style by Doug Parrish, the most prominent person in the painting is Stephen Polk's great-grandfather, Ralph Polk, who started the publishing company in 1870. The painting hangs in Polk's Detroit offices.

"The Days of Detroit" calendar costs \$11.95, plus 6-percent state sales tax and is available in the Old Detroit Shop at the Detroit Historical Museum or by mail (add \$2 for shipping and handling) through the Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward, Detroit 48202. Credit card orders can be made by calling (313) 833-7937.

Proceeds from the calendar will go to the Detroit Historical Society, which is the major source of money for the Detroit

historical museums, including the Detroit Historical Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum and historic Fort Wayne.

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call your child, especially if the product looks good or they themselves are highly responsible. People want to help children when they see that they are industrious or resourceful.

I recently saw this ingenuity in a 10-year-old boy at an outdoor flower show. He had a rolling cart with signs on both sides that read: "One Boy and a Cart." With a line-up of cus-

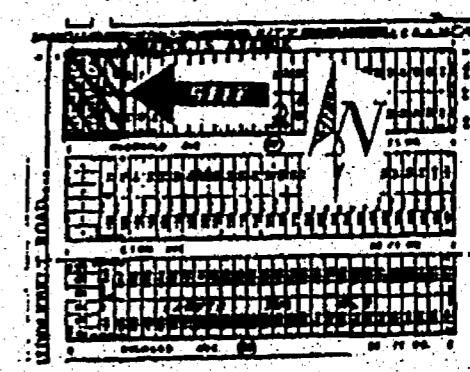
tomers, he took all of their flats of flowers to their car for \$5. Everyone felt like a winner.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs, a special projects coordinator for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools and private therapist, write her at The Observer News-papers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

CITY OF WESTLAND REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, which affects property at the following location:

#1983A, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Service Station with Convenience Store on Lots #7 to #19 and #74 of Carver Subdivision, 4621 S. Middlebelt Road, SE Corner of Middlebelt Road and Annapolis Avenue, SW-36, Salem Beleah.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 1, 1998. Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48155.

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 1998

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe and Waynick. Absent and excused was Councilmember Wiacek. Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettie, and City Attorney Cummings, Department of Public Service Director Barnes, and Streets, Sewer, and Water Supervisor Morton.

♦ Item 08-98-347 Moved by Waynick; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting of July 27, 1998. AYES: Unanimous.

♦ Item 08-98-348 Moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Councilmember Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker. Motion passed.

♦ Item 08-98-349 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To award the consent agenda bids, as recommended by Administration, Items A-8-a through A-8-d: a. To award the bid for Bagged Cement @ \$4.90/bag to West Friendship Materials, in the amount of \$3,500.00, Account No. 594-780.00. b. To award the bid for Asphalt Mix and Tac Coat to Barrett Paving Materials, in the amount of \$4,500.00, Account No. 593-801.693. c. To award the bid for Ready Mix Concrete to National Block, in the amount of \$20,000.00, Account No. 593-801.693. d. To award the bid for Yellow Fill Sand to R & E Trucking @ \$5.50/ton, in the amount of \$10,000.00, Account No. 594-775.700. AYES: Unanimous.

♦ Item 08-98-350 Moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas; RESOLVED: To authorize the firm of Wade-Trim Associates, Inc. to begin the design phase of the Project, engineering and soil borings, at a cost not to exceed \$82,000.00. Funds to be appropriated from the Major Street Fund, Account No. 202-202-337.010, in the amount of \$74,200.00 and the Water Sewer Fund, Account No. 592-593-972.000, in the amount of \$7,800.00. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker and Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

♦ Item 08-98-351 Moved by Kaledas; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award the bid for the two (2) year purchase order for Office Supplies to Office Depot, Appropriation No. Various Accounts (728,000), in the amount limited by each department's budget. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

♦ Item 08-98-352 Moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve and accept the Letter of Understanding with the City of Westland for Youth Assistance Program services and facilities. AYES: Unanimous.

♦ Item 08-98-353 Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the Blanket Purchase Order in the amount of \$6,750.00 to reimburse the City of Westland for the number of Garden City youths participating in each five week session. Sessions will vary in cost due to fluctuations in the number of youths participating. Purchase Order is issued in the Account No. 778-801.400. AYES: Unanimous.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items: 1. St. Raphael Festival Carnival Fee Waiver. 2. The 3rd Comcast Franchise Extension. 3. Michigan-Shiga Sister State Relationship. 4. MML - Convention.

♦ Item 08-98-354 Moved by Dodge; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To waive the carnival fee of \$200.00 for St. Raphael Church on September 18, 19, and 20, 1998. AYES: Unanimous.

♦ Item 08-98-355 Moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To introduce an Ordinance to extend the term of a certain franchise agreement with Comcast Cablevision, Inc., and set a public hearing on same for August 31, 1998, at 7:30 p.m., at City Hall. AYES: Unanimous.

♦ Item 08-98-356 Moved by Briscoe; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve three (3) Councilmembers to attend the MML Convention, September 8, 9, and 10, 1998. AYES: Unanimous.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Alpin-Chatterly

Evelyn Heads of Bellingham, Wash., and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles Alpin of Florida announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Valerie Christine, to Scott Michael Chatterly, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Chatterly of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Seahome High School in Bellingham and Western Washington University. She is employed as the laboratory director by Emission Technologies in Bellingham.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, Central Michigan University and the American University Medical School. He completed his residency at Cornell University and a fellowship at Dartmouth College. He is employed as a pathologist in Mt. Vernon, Wash.



An August wedding in Bellingham is planned.

Chandler-Mufarreh

Connie Chandler of Commerce Township announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer, to Samer Farah Mufarreh, the son of Farah and Nadia Mufarreh of Westland.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Donald E. Chandler, is employed as an ultrasound technician by Henry Ford Health System.

Her fiance is the owner of Tech Plaza Shoe Service.

A September wedding is planned at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Livonia.

**Bloomfield-Earnst**

Edward and Carole Bloomfield of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Gaye, to Todd Douglas Earnst, the son of Roland and Judy Earnst of Buchanan, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Churchill High School and 1996 graduate of the Cincinnati Bible College. She is the former resident director of Rine Dorm at Cincinnati Bible College.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of Buchanan High School and a 1996 graduate of the Cincinnati Bible College. He is employed as a family and youth minister at First Church of Christ in Jackson.



A September wedding is planned at Memorial Church of Christ in Livonia.

Long-Thomas

Ginger Long and Donald Thomas, both of Westland, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is retired from Winkelman's. Her fiance is retired from The Detroit News.

A September wedding is planned at St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Redford.



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Mammel-Dixon

Danielle Nicole Dixon and Steven Thomas Mammel were recently married at St. Edith Church in Livonia. The Rev. James Scheick officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Mary Ann Dixon of Livonia. The groom is the son of Thomas and Kathy Mammel of Saline.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, and a 1997 graduate of the University of Baltimore with a juris doctorate degree. She is employed as an attorney for Kotz, Sangster, Wysocki and Berg, P.C., in Detroit.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Milan High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree. He is employed as an engineer at Atwell-Hicks in Ann Arbor.

After greeting guests at Laurel Manor in Livonia, the couple honeymooned in Jamaica. They are making their home in Livonia.



as an engineer at Atwell-Hicks in Ann Arbor.

Hosler-Papierski

John and Ruth Hosler of Rockford announce the engagement of their daughter, Melanie Anne, to Bryan Gerard Papierski, the son of Gary and Carolyn Papierski of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Rapids Community College.

Her fiance is a graduate of the Art Center in Pasadena, Calif.

An October wedding is planned.

**Goodchild-Forrester**

Keith and Susan Goodchild of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Jason Forrester, the son of Donald and Joyce Forrester of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the Plymouth Christian Academy. She is employed at Hamilton-Hallmark Electronics.

Her fiance is a graduate of Ferris State University. He is employed by the Ford Motor Company.

An April wedding is planned.

**Kammeraad-Malkiewicz**

Peter and Judith Kammeraad of Plymouth Township announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Dean Malkiewicz, the son of Dorothy McLean-Covietz of Plymouth Township and Daniel Malkiewicz of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in psychology and anthropology and the Center for Humanistic Studies with a master's degree in clinical and humanistic psychology. She is employed in the mental health field.

Her fiance is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in speech and language pathology and is working on his master's degree at the university.

An August wedding is planned.

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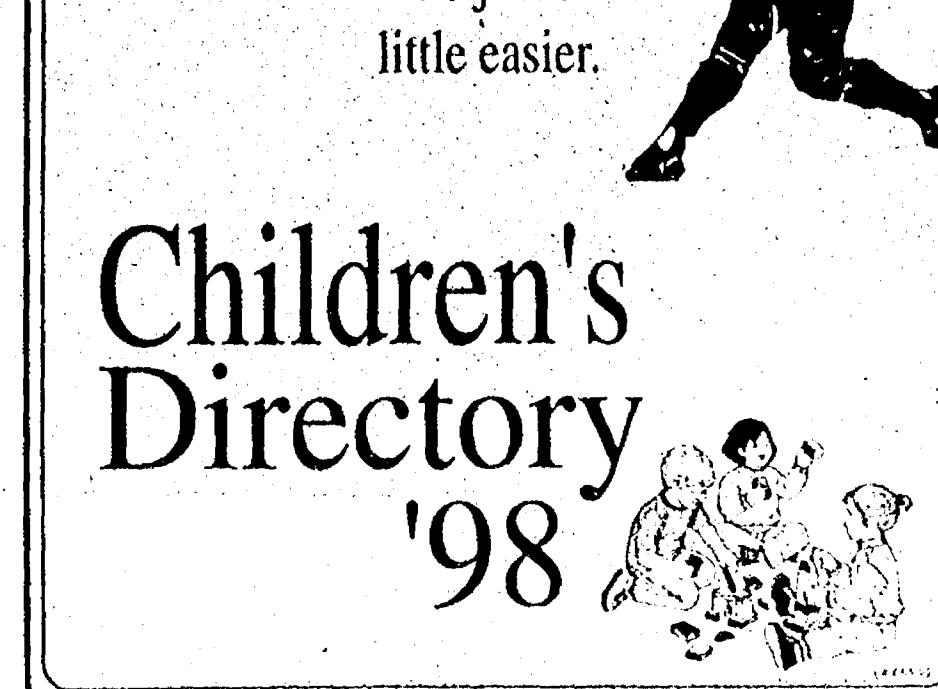
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UPCOMING EVENTS

LIBRARY DISPLAY

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SUMMER CONCERTS

CULTURAL SOCIETY

All concerts are free and will begin at 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Pavilion behind the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Rain location is the Bailey Center. Aug. 23 - to be announced.

AT THE LIBRARY

TRAINING

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

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

RECREATION

SWIMMING HOURS

Westland Bailey outdoor swimming pool and water slide is open noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. For lessons, call (734) 722-7620. Birthday packages are offered including two large pizzas, one large pop, paper products, games for the kids and entrance to the pool and water slide. Call ahead for birthday reservations. Discounts are offered for groups by calling ahead, (734) 722-7620.

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

FIGURE SKATING
The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:30 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1091.

CHAMBER EVENTS

FIVE-STAR EXPO

A Five-Star Expo will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. The chambers of commerce involved include: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland. More than 70 tables will be available for members of the five chambers of commerce. An exhibition table will include a white tablecloth (skirting not provided) and an oppor-

tunity to hold a door prize drawing and offer giveaways. Packages available are: 8-foot or 10-foot table or space, \$100; 10-foot-by-1/2 foot (no table) space for free-standing exhibits, \$100; contributing sponsorships including brochure, flier, newsletter and newspaper inserts, announcement at event, display table or space, chamber Internet home pages and admission tickets, \$300. Spaces are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. For information, call (734) 326-2222.

WESTLAND MALL

FASHION SHOW

Westland Shopping Center will be hosting a "Cotton Rules for Back to School" fashion show at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, in the East Court. The shopping center and Cotton Incorporated, the marketing and research company representing upland cotton, are sponsoring a promotion which offers shoppers the chance to get a \$10 gift certificate toward future purchases of cotton merchandise. Shoppers can turn in receipts from cotton merchandise totaling \$150 or more to the Westland Shopping Center Customer Service Center in East Court until Aug. 30 to get a gift certificate.

FASHION SHOW

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

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

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

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood.

Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool.

Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3 and 4 year olds meet

Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708 for more information.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year.

Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. An open house is planned for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4:50 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus.

For information on participating or volunteering, call Lea'ette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m.

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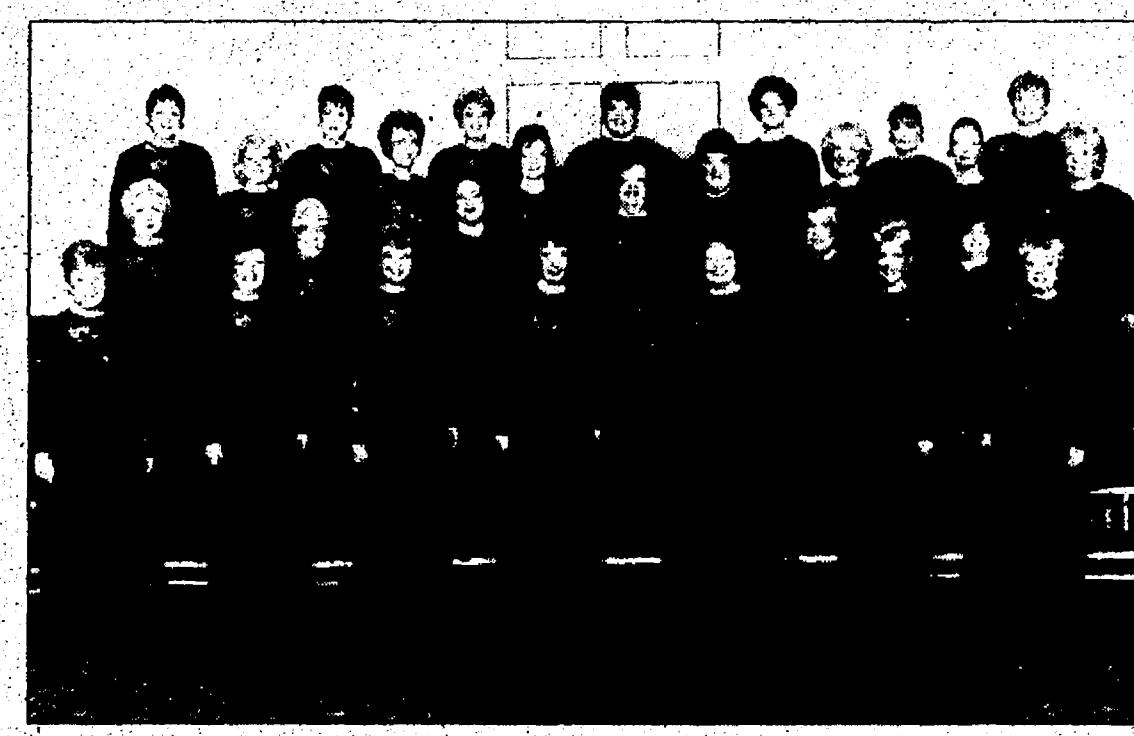
Additional Info.:

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

CALENDAR FORM

Use additional sheet if necessary.

County Connection Chorus



In tune: The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a group of women who sing in the barbershop style, was recently awarded third place small chorus in a regional competition. County Connection Chorus, under the direction of Kathy Van der Weele of Westland, is comprised of women from five Michigan counties. The group, which has 25-30 members, rehearses Tuesdays at the UAW Local 898 Union Hall in Ypsilanti. The chorus performs barbershop arrangements of contemporary songs such as "Weekend in New England," "My Guy" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" as well as original compositions. Year-round performances include Christmas carols at Briarwood Mall, Domino's Farms Festival of Lights and the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. This year's annual show will be a cabaret style performance titled "That's Entertainment," on Oct. 18. For more information on this year's show or tickets, call (734) 697-7452. For information on joining the chorus, call (734) 995-4110.

Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

DRESSES ON DISPLAY

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

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. On Friday, Aug. 28, the group will attend a Tigers vs. Devil Rays game. Departure from the center is at 5 p.m.; game starts at 7 p.m., with return between 11 and 11:30 p.m.

Register at the front desk or call the Friendship Center for more information, (734) 722-7632.

DINNER THEATER

A trip to a performance of

"Phantom" at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, \$40 cost including lunch and show, is planned for Tuesday, Oct. 6. Departure from the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Cornwell's 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Show time is 2 p.m.

Return to the center between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Open to the first 19 paid members.

MONDAY MEAL/DANCE

NEW VOICES

Michael and Linda Baldwin of Redford Township announce the birth of **James Michael** Dec. 14 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Gerald and Gertrude Bazner of Dearborn Heights and Gerald and Kathy Baldwin of Brooklyn, Mich., formerly of Northville. Great-grandmother is Jeanette Bazner of Dearborn Heights.

Scott and Regina Clark of Garden City announce the birth of **Trevor Norman** May 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gary and Diana Ritchie and Bill and Cindy Hamilton, all of Garden City.

Michael and Katherine Burke of Pinckney announce the birth of **Ashton Michael** May 19 at Providence New Life Center in Novi. Grandparents are Sue and Ken Shuman of Novi. Great-grandparents are Bob and Millie Warner of Ocala, Fla., formerly of New Hudson, and Ruth Shuman of Farmington.

Billy and Michelle Wicker of Garden City announce the birth of **Andrew Cooper Maxim** May 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Billy, 22 months. Grandparents are Phillip and Linda Hamilton of Wayne, Debra and Roger Fielder of Belleville and Bill Wicker of Wayne.

Michael and Lisa Norwood of Livonia announce the birth of **George Louis** May 16 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins a brother, Jackson, 2. Grandparents are Mary and Lewis Buhagiar of Dearborn Heights and Ella and Dennis Norwood of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Herman and Beruta Norwood of Wood Dale, Ill.

Glen M. and Michelle Bleim of Garden City announce the birth of **Samantha Michelle** May 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Kas, 5, and a sister, Krista, 2. Grandparents are Roy and Easter Bleim of Westland, Ken and Nancy Allen of Sarasota, Fla., and Carl and Gwen Hady of Jackson.

Jeff and Nicole Jennings of Westland announce the birth of **Brooke Michelle** May 29 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Rayma Lewis of Wayne, Mike Boulet of Norwalk, Calif., and Linda Dauphinais of Statesville, N.C.

Jess Jeff and Belinda Jennings of Westland. Great-grandparents are Ray and Jackie Gagnon of Wayne, Mary and Lester Chapman of Westland, Mary and Grover Jennings of Westland and Gaston and Irene Boulet of Quebec, Canada. Great-great grandparents are Norma and Lloyd Oberg of Vandalia, Ill., and Mae Jannett of Beckmeyer, Ill.

Shawn Bialkowski of Lincoln Park and **Lisa Schwedt** of Westland announce the birth of **Chance Genevieve** May 18 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings James, 8, Angela, 7, and Saige, 1. Grandparents are Eileen Bialkowski and Lynn Bialkowski, both of Lincoln Park.

Kimberly Goldring of Inkster announces the birth of **Devin James Goldring** June 3 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He has two brothers, Anthony Goldring and Billy Ray Morrow, and a sister, Cassandra Lee Muncey. Grandparents are Jessie Szabla and James and Kathy Goldring, all of Westland.

Gary and Lisa O'Keefe of Canton announce the birth of **Colleen Elizabeth** April 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two brothers, Daniel, 3½, and Stephen, 2. Grandparents are Richard and Evelyn O'Keefe of Livonia and Stan and Adele Michalik of Canton. Great-grandmother is Maria Testan of Dearborn Heights.

Terry and Debbie Wansac of Westland announce the birth of **Rubbe June** on June 5 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Terence and Juanita Wansac of Dearborn Heights.

Scott and Donna Kohler of Redford announce the birth of **Trevor William** April 18 at Sinai Hospital, Detroit. He joins a brother, Brandon Richard, 2½. Grandparents are Beverly Westerman of Farmington Hills, Alice Kohler of Farmington Hills and R.J. and Linda Dauphinais of Statesville, N.C.

Jacob Conley of Westland and **Jennifer Baker** of Wayne announce the birth of **Brandon Jacob Baker** May 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Terry and Julie Conley of Wayne and Debbie and Carl Baker of Westland.

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Starbucks Coffee Company and Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan are teaming up to give area children the chance to read.

People are asked to drop off a new or slightly used children's book at any one of the 10 Detroit-area Starbucks as part of "All Books for Children" book drive running now through Sunday, Aug. 23.

We are grateful to Starbucks for their support in targeting the issue of literacy with an emphasis

on education among today's youth," said Leonard Krichko, executive director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. "We hope the ABC book drive will enable us to provide quality reading materials and the formation of a lifelong joy of reading for thousands of children in southeastern Michigan."

Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan recently received 1,000 books from the ABC holiday "book buy,"

launched in November 1997. In that venture, Starbucks and eight other companies gave one million new books to deserving children across the U.S.

Starbucks stores are at 135 S. Woodward, Birmingham; 22155 Michigan Ave., Dearborn; 33199 Grand River, Farmington; 27795 Novi Road (at the West Oaks II Shopping Center), Novi; 31105 N. Woodward and 300 S. Main St., Royal Oak; Applegate Square, 29999 Northwestern Highway, Southfield; 2800 Big

Beaver (Somerset Mall) and 1921 Big Beaver at 16 Mile Road and John R., Troy; and 6765 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

"The ABC book drive provides a convenient and inexpensive way for any consumer to make a positive impact on a child's life," said Peggy Goodwin, Great Lakes marketing manager for Starbucks Coffee Company. "All participating customers will receive a bookmark as a thank you for donating a book."

Nominations sought for foundation award

The Michigan Women's Foundation is seeking nominations for its 1999 Women of Achievement and Courage award series.

This is the first time in the award's 10-year history that nominations are being accepted from anyone.

The award celebrates the diversity of accomplished Michigan women who have performed supremely in their roles as volunteers or agents of change. It also is meant to encourage young women to pursue roads of achievement.

Criteria on which nominees will be selected are:

- Commitment to community service as evidenced by time and resources given.
- Outstanding achievement within her profession or community as noted by her effect, demonstrated success and recognition by her peers.
- Demonstrated leadership indicated by her innovation, strength, flexibility and risk-taking.
- Empowered and inspired by

other women as mentors or role models.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Aug. 21. For more information, call the Michigan Women's Foundation at (734)

542-3946 or (616) 458-1557.

Past recipients have included Betty Ford, Susan Watson, Florine Mark, Eleanor Josatis, Irma Elder and Esther Gordy Edwards

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SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

St. John Bosco Catholic School is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Located at 12170 Beech Daly Road, Redford, the school offers a morning or full-day kindergarten through eighth-grade programs. A latchkey experience also is available! The school also is accredited by the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools. For more information, call (313) 937-3856.

HEALTH SEMINAR

Graeme Coad, chaplain of Halilahaj Acres in Shelby, N.C., will share his journey to health through diet changes after being diagnosed with inoperable prostate cancer, at a free health seminar, "How To Eliminate Sickness," at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Crestwood High School auditorium, 1501 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. Coad will emphasize the wisdom of the Genesis 1:29 diet of raw fruits and vegetables handed down to mankind in the Garden of Eden. For more information, call Nancy Rigsby at (313) 563-7286.

RAINBOW FESTIVAL

St. Sabina Parish will have its Rainbow Festival 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the church, 25606 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Telegraph Road. Fish/pierogi dinners will be served on Friday. Polish dinner on Saturday and pork/chop dinner on Sunday. There also will be a cash bingo, Las Vegas rooms, game booths, live music and dancing, kiddie rides, arcade, snack bar and beer tent. For more information, call (313) 561-1977.

CONCERT IN PARK

Canton Community Church will host its annual concert in the park, "The Temptations of Gospel," featuring The Resurrection Vocal Band, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The band, which originated in Detroit, has

been dazzling audiences around the nation with its refreshing style of gospel music. The concert is free of charge. For more information, call the church office at (734) 455-6022.

'MAFIA TO MINISTER'

Former mobster turned minister, Tom Papania will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at the Tri-City Christian Center, Michigan Avenue at Hannan Road, Canton.

Papania worked his way up in organized crime to a trusted employee in the Gambino crime family. Bomb threats and contracts on his life could not stop his crime spree until Christ did in 1984. Sentenced to a maximum security cell at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, he was released a year later. Since that time, he has traveled nationally and internationally, sharing his personal story.

For more information, call the center at (734) 326-0030.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road south of 13 Mile Road. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses as well as a Thursday Night Study Group, led by minister Barbara Clevenger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile Road west of Novi Road. For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication

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MOM TO MOM SALE

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sunday School will hold its opening day assembly at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Registration for children ages 5 and older will be available. A youth group and an adult education class also will be offered. All programs are open to the community, and non-members are welcome. For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

BLOOD DRIVE

Newburg United Methodist Church will hold its 75th Sunday Blood Drive 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. People age 17-70 who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in reasonably good health can donate blood. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood donation appointment.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Newburg United Methodist Church will have women's retreat, "Discerning God's Will: Paying Better Attention to God,"

skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, Sept. 18-20 and Oct. 9-11, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524 or visit it at <http://www.rc.net/detroit/wwme>.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call John Frith at (313) 537-7865 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

HEART TO HEART

If it has been a while since you recharged your spiritual batteries, then consider joining a mission, "Heart to Heart," Saturday-Wednesday, Sept. 26-30 at St. Theodore Parish, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The Rev. Hugh Burns will be the host and will present for teens through senior citizens. Using humor, his inspirational

talks are based on scripture and church teaching and encourage a life meaning of hope and joy in the Catholic Church.

Charlotte Cowdin will lead the retreat. Cowdin, diaconal minister and certified associate in Christian education, is a freelance retreat leader and consultant in Christian education. She has served at the Clarkston United Methodist Church and is employed as a teacher/consultant of health occupations and as a public health nurse.

The deadline for registering is Sept. 9. The cost is \$41 and includes double occupancy rooms and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Beverages will be available throughout the retreat. To register, send a check, payable to Newburg United Methodist Church, to Heather Perkins at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia 48150-3461. For more information, call the church at (734) 422-0149.

WORLD BAPTIST MEETING

First Baptist Church of Canton is hosting the World Baptist Fellowship semi-annual meeting Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 19-21. The event is expected to bring 200-300 visitors from the United States. For more information, call the church at (734) 981-6460. First Baptist Church is at 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

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VILLAGE PAINTERS

The Village Painters will have their third annual Treasure Chest craft show 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 526 Farmer, Plymouth. There will be handpainted furniture, decorative tin, ornaments, Santas, jewelry, oil paintings, watercolor, a tea room and bake sale. There also will be a raffle with a first prize of a hope chest-sized painted trunk and matching mirror, second prize of a painted bench and third prize of a Christmas wreath with painted ornaments. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Peggy Mack at (734) 379-3934.

ST. MEL'S

Crafters are needed for St. Mel's fifth annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26 at the church, Inkster Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn

Heights. Table rental plus a 5-by-10-foot space is \$30. Space only is \$25. There will be food and beverages, a special crafters' raffle and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Debbie at (734) 261-6881.

SACRED HEART

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

ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Arts and crafts, bake sale, luncheon and raffles will be featured. Table rental is

\$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

RAMALLAH CLUB

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

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its seventh annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. There will be door prizes, food and drinks. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call Diane at (734) 422-4507 or Garrett at (734) 464-7425.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

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

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday

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

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

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

WESTLAND FREE METHODIST

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

ABUNDANT LIFE

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

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul's Lutheran Church's 11th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt at Eight Mile,

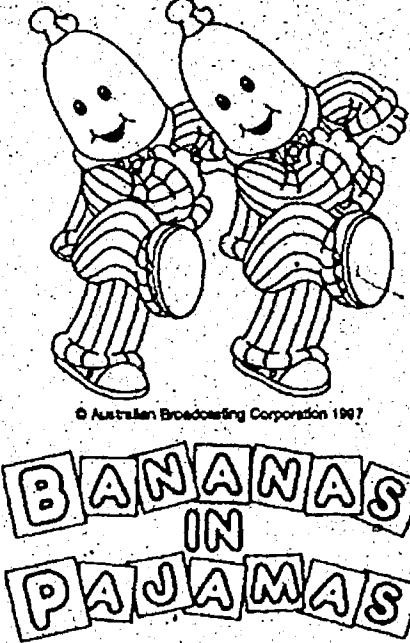
Farmington Hills. Tables cost \$25 each. For more information, call (248) 476-0841.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

Ss. Simon and Jude Church is seeking crafters for its 16th arts and craft boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14, at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There will be free door prizes every hour, snack food, bake sale, and crafts of all kinds. For information about tables, call (734) 722-8098 or (734) 722-1343.

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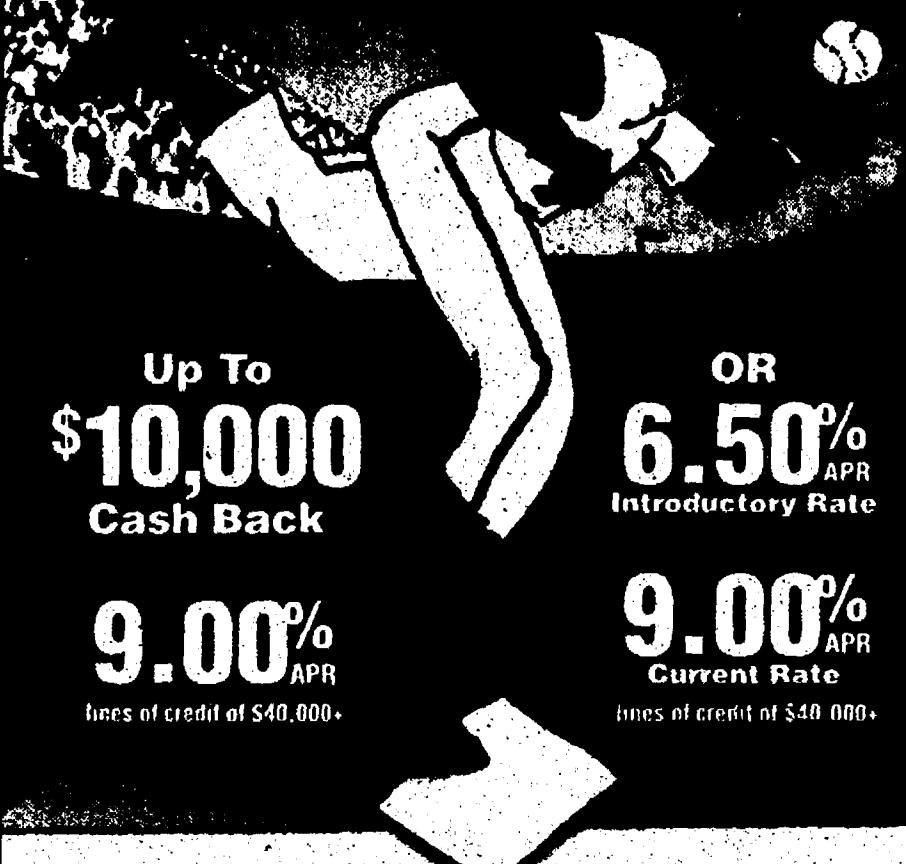
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Area golf divots

■ Robert Armstrong of West Bloomfield shot a 70 to earn medalist honors in the U.S. Senior Amateur Open Qualifying event Monday at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden.

Four others also qualified for the U.S. Senior Amateur, which will be played Sept. 12-17 at Skokie Country Club in Glencoe, Ill. — Tom Arch (Hillside) and Paul Voss (Grosse Pointe Shores), 72 each; Roy Vomashek (Marion) and Terry Shook (Grosse Pointe Woods), 73 each (by playoff).

Other area scorers included Claud Johnston (Westland), 76; Fred Backiel (Westland), 79; Jack Moores, Jr. (Plymouth), 80.

■ Ryan Shamrock, 16, of Westland carded an ace recently on the 124-yard, No. 8 hole at Fellows Creek (West Course). He used a gap wedge. Shamrock shot 38 for nine holes.

Youth soccer runner-up

The Livonia Y Meteors, an under-12 girls Premier League girls soccer team, finished second in last weekend's St. Clair Shores Waterfront Invitational.

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

The team manager is Paulette Baker.

Soccer players wanted

■ The Livonia Youth Soccer Club has openings for the fall 1998 season for boys under-12 (born between Aug. 1, 1986 to July 31, 1987) and girls under-14 (born Aug. 1, 1984 to July 31, 1985).

For more information, call (734) 525-0238.

■ Soccer players are needed to replace injury players on a Little Caesars Premier League girls soccer team (born after July 31, 1979 and before Aug. 1, 1983).

For more information, call (734) 464-9114.

Youth baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the new Michigan Wolverines AAA Farm Club 13-year-old baseball team will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 29-30 at Heritage Park, located on Canton Center Road (between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue behind the Canton Township Police Station).

The team will compete in the Little Caesars Federation.

Players must be 13 for the 1999 season and cannot turn 14 prior to Aug. 1, 1999.

For more information, call Terry Powell at (734) 394-0425 or Gary Mancini at (734) 454-1104.

Suburban hockey camps

Suburban Hockey Schools will conduct its preseasn conditioning camps Aug. 24-27 at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The Learn to Check program is geared toward quirk players moving up to the pee wee level and for current pee wee and bantam players who need instruction in the techniques of checking.

The Learn to Check program is offered noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 24 and 25, or Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 26 and 27.

The Shoot to Score program is open to all ages and will show players proper shooting technique and will help players improve their scoring skills. The program is offered 2:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 24-25.

The Defense Clinic is open to all ages and will focus on the skills a defenseman needs to excel in the game of hockey. The program is offered 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 26-27.

The cost of each program is \$80 per player for the two-day sessions. Call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 for more information or to enroll.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150; or send via fax to (734) 691-7279.

Sorentino new Clarenceville A.D.

Chuck Sorentino is the man who has the task of reshaping and revamping Livonia Clarenceville's athletic program.

The 43-year-old Sorentino became A.D. and assistant principal at the Class C school on Aug. 4. He replaces Harold Makinen, who left after only one year on the job to take a principal's position at Newberry in the Upper Peninsula.

Sorentino, a psychologist, brings with him nine years experience as a counselor and administrator at Dearborn Divine Child.

He is a 1973 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and holds graduate

degrees from Eastern Michigan and Madonna universities. Sorentino also taught at Redford CC.

He also spent three years (1978-80) as an assistant baseball coach under Frank Corej at CC. The Shamrocks captured the state Class A title in 1979.

In addition to his duties as A.D., Sorentino will work directly with Clarenceville principal David Simowski in the areas of attendance, discipline and academic matters.

"I'm looking forward to building a sound athletic program along with a strong academic program — the two go hand-in-hand," Sorentino said. "My experience is to teach life success skills. Sports is an extension of the

classroom."

One of Sorentino's first duties as A.D. was to hire a replacement for girls varsity basketball coach Rosie Marano.

After two weeks of searching, Sorentino hired Paul Prybylski.

Statewide practice, which officially opened Aug. 10, was slated to start Tuesday at Clarenceville.

"I'm going to do a complete evaluation of the entire athletic program," Sorentino said. "We want to get as many kids as possible and attract them to the program."

"We want to have a JV football team and a JV girls basketball program. It's too late this year, but I think it can happen next year."

Clarenceville's football roster numbers total just 23.

"It's going to be a process, but we'll get there," Sorentino said. "The people here have a great reputation for being cooperative and I've heard they're great to work with."

"This is great for me because I believe I've been given a lot of gifts and now it's time to show my stuff."

Sorentino is also seeking a track coach for the spring season.

For more information, call (248) 478-8926.

The new Clarenceville A.D. also announced that Clarenceville girls gymnastics will become part of the Farmington Schools Unified team.

Fancy footwork:

The 1998 boys soccer season begins in earnest this weekend.

Among the players returning this season are

(left) Mike

Kivunen of

Livonia

Churchill and

John Sterling

(right) of West

land John

Glen. The two

are battling for

the ball in last

year's district

final. Both play

ers are seniors.

There is only one

new coach in the

area, Lars

Richters, who

takes over for

Walt Barrett at

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Lutheran is cur

rently without a

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Passing the torch

Richters' task is to carry on Stevenson tradition

PREVIEW

(Livonia) Churchill, (Bedford) Catholic Central — if we're fortunate enough to meet them down the line.

"Plus the Troy schools, both of whom we'll be playing."

Richters isn't coming in as a stranger. He's been helping Barrett for the past three seasons and thus knows the talents of the kids who will make up the team.

"There's been a lot of talk about Walt stepping down and my taking over," he said. "But the part I love a lot more than discussion and rumors is the part on the field."

"It's been a great week of getting to know the guys on a different level, getting on the practice field."

"I can't wait to get the games started. The best part is what happens on the field, that's the part I really love."

Redford Catholic Central enjoyed a 13-6-3 season last fall and captured a district championship. The Shamrocks have a chance to do well again this season even though they must replace a lot of talent.

"We have some talent," coach Dana Orsucci admits. "But it's going to take some time to mold everything together."

"My gut feeling is that (Plymouth) Salem's going to be up there again. And in this area, (Livonia) Stevenson, (Livonia) Churchill, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, and to a certain extent, Catholic Central."

"The players are a lot better nowadays than I was," he said. "There are a number of teams that are going to be a great challenge."

"There's the Plymouth schools,

of beating any team in the state.

"Salem didn't lose a lot of people. Lars (Richters) is a great coach and a great guy. And Churchill is going to be strong again."

"It's been no surprise the last couple of years that Stevenson has done well. And Churchill has gotten close, Canton has gotten close and Salem too."

"This area is just so rich in talent it just spills over to all the schools. I don't want to run into any of them in the playoffs. They all seem to turn it up once the state playoffs start."

"It's a sentiment echoed by Chad Campau of Churchill. He's another coach who believes you can't lose scheduling tough competition — even if you get beat."

He's scheduled Novi, Redford Catholic Central, Rochester Adams, Troy and Troy Athens.

"If you look at our league," Campau said, "we have to be, if not the top, one of the top two leagues in the state."

"Our conference has been in the state finals every year but one since they started. It's too bad we all knock each other out so early."

"If you can claim you're one of the top teams in the Western Lakes, you're doing pretty well."

Livonia Franklin should be strong. It has a veteran team returning led by second team All-Area midfielder Bill Fischer.

The Patriots have a classy group of midfielders who will be looked on to stop penetration before it gets started, then do a lot of Franklin's scoring

itself.

"We've been working on our game plan all summer," Coach Dave Hebele said. "The attack is a lot different than last year. We have to get the numbers up front to attack."

"We should be in every game we play."

Another of the area's top powers last year was Division IV district winner Lutheran High Westland. It should be tough again.

The Warriors lost some heavy hitters to graduation, including All-Stater Brad Woehlke, Scott Randall, Eric Falkenberg, Chris Broge and Ben Heiden.

But if Lutheran Westland lost a ton of talent, it has a ton and one-half coming back, including sweeper Ryan Ollinger, stopper Mike Randall, midfielders Clint Gowen and Adam Voigt plus goalkeeper Andrew Giesman.

So the Warriors seem to have the defense to uphold last year's No. 9 ranking.

Things are looking up at Livonia Clarenceville, too. The Trojans won a game this year even before their schedule started.

They were informed in January one of their 1997 opponents had used an ineligible player, thus changing last year's 0-13 record to 1-12. Hey, it's a start.

Everybody gets off to a fresh start in the next two weeks.

"It's going to be fun," Orsucci said. "It's always a challenge and it's always a good time."

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CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF AREA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Chad Campau, fourth season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 14-3-4 (WLAA co-champions, District champions).

Season opener: 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 at Novi.

Notable losses to graduation:

Rob Bartoletti (first team All-Area, 24 goals); Dave George (two-time first team All-Area defender); Mike Skolnik (first team All-Area, five shutouts in goal); Mike Slack; Joel Stage; Matt Buzewski.

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Promising newcomers: Lori Abdullai, Jr. midfielder; Dave Campbell, Jr. midfielder; Alan DeLoye, Jr. defender; Brian Druchniak, Jr. goalkeeper; Tim Kaminski, Jr. midfielder; Paul Karolak, Jr. forward; Kevin Kotzman, Jr. defender; Justin Parzuchowski, Jr. defender; Nick Stage, Jr. defender; Ricky Strain, Jr. defender; Aaron Velk, Jr. midfielder; Eric Sicilia, So. midfielder.

Campau's 1998 outlook: "I think we're going to surprise a lot of people. Of our returning corps of seniors, five have been on the varsity the past two years."

"And we return four starters and the people filling in are doing a nice job right now. We'll also be

a well-conditioned team."

"Once again we hope to challenge for the division title, and hopefully defend our conference championship (shared with Plymouth Salem) from last year."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dave Hebestreit, fourth season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 9-10-2.

Season opener: 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 at Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day Tournament vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Notable losses to graduation:

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Season opener: 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24, vs. Troy.

Notable losses to graduation: Steve Roy; Naum Popovski; Ryan Broderick; Steve Sheet; Brandon Good; Brian Prost.

Leading returnees: Tom Eller, Jr. forward (first team All-Area, six goals, four assists); Joe Suchara, Sr. goalkeeper (second team All-Area); Sergio Mainella, Sr. midfielder/forward; Jon Mathis, Sr. defender; Tony Maldonado, Sr. forward; Mike White, Jr. midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Mike Thomas, So. midfielder; Josh Swin, Jr. defender; Martin Kennedy, Sr. forward.

Richter's 1998 outlook: "I love the team. I feel like there's a good blend of senior leadership and younger players who can contribute, have an impact."

"But on the other hand, I know there's a lot of talented teams out there. More so than when I played. There's much more parity now."

"The crazy but yet exciting thing about high school soccer is you never know what can happen. You could see just by watching the World Cup that you just never know."

"I really like the boys on our team. I'm excited to see what happens."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fourth season.

League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 8-10-1.

Season opener: 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, vs. Redford Thurston.

Notable losses to graduation:

None.

Leading returnees: John Sterling, Sr. forward (co-captain, second team All-Area); Ian Bain, Sr. midfielder/forward; Justin Ballard, Sr. goalkeeper; Tony Canfield, Sr. fullback (co-captain); Adam McGahan, Sr. forward; Jim McPartlin, Sr. midfielder/forward; Steve Barsy, Sr. midfielder; Kevin Denrich, Sr. fullback; Matt Trusler, Jr. fullback/forward; Derek Gismondi, So. fullback; Jeff Shelly, Jr. forward; Corey Dahn, So. fullback.

Promising newcomers: None.

Poniatowski's 1998 outlook: "Coming into this league four

years ago we were very happy just to score a goal. We still are, but we're trying to settle in."

"They're all tough games so we'll be out there scrapping as best we can."

"If the guys have a good attitude during the season, we'll be all right."

"I'll tell anybody this is the toughest league in the state. You just go out and play your best."

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Dana Orsucci, third season.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Last year's overall record: 13-6-3 (District champions).

Season opener: 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 vs. Dearborn Edsel Ford at Whitman Center.

Notable losses to graduation:

Casey Cook (second team All-State, first team All-Catholic); Matt Kessler (first team All-Area, first team All-Catholic, 11 shutouts in goal); Shaun Kahane (first team All-Catholic); Jeff Boogren (second team All-Catholic); Bill Scherle (second team All-Catholic); Joe Digirolamo.

Leading returnees: Andrew Kogut, Sr. midfielder; Pat Griffin, Jr. midfielder; Ken Toporek, Jr. defender; Kevin Graff, Sr. defender; Pat Gannon, Sr. defender; Josh Brooks, Jr. forward; Gavin Walsh, Sr. midfielder/forward; Mark Sulkowski, Sr. forward.

Promising newcomers: Eric Sulivan, So. goalkeeper; Skylar Szwedek, So. forward; Sean Langan, Jr. defender; Chris Podolak, Jr. midfielder; Matt Epacs, Jr. forward; Nick Snow, Jr. midfielder.

Orsucci's 1998 outlook: "This year we have a lot of new faces on the varsity. But so far it's been going pretty well."

"It's strange. It's kind of a semi-rebuilding year but we have some veterans returning."

"It's going to take some time to mold and we'll go slowly. A lot of the juniors coming up weren't on the team last year."

"I enjoy working with these kids a lot. Their attitude is good. Their work ethic is really good. I'm happy with how they're responding."

"We have some talent. We're trying to mix everything together and come up with the right chem-

istry and combination. Hopefully, we'll be on the same page after awhile."

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Larry Brenner, fourth season.

League affiliation: Michigan Mega (Blue Division).

Last year's overall record: 5-9-2.

Season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, vs. Taylor Truman.

Notable losses to graduation:

Nick Harris; Ligor Manush; Artur Manush; Alex Poniatowski, forward.

Leading returnees: Justin Besler, Sr. defender; Ention Dishner, Sr. forward; Rob Kantner, Sr. midfielder; Ken Raupp, Sr. midfielder; Nate Wensko, Sr. defender; Jimmy Lewis, Jr. forward; Justin Smoes, Jr. defender; Justin Tucker, Jr. forward; Mike Zielinski, Jr. Sr. goalkeeper.

Promising newcomers: Kingsley Matthew, Sr. forward (from Nigeria); Austin Rowland, Sr. midfielder; Scott Teasdale, Jr. defender; Tim Stark, Jr. midfielder (foreign exchange student from Germany).

Brenner's 1998 outlook: "I've got two real good strong midfielders from last year in Kantner and Raupp plus some pretty strong defenders."

"I'm not worried as much about midfield, so I can move Jimmy Lewis (a former midfielder) up to forward and see what he can do up front."

"I've got two or three new guys coming on, looking pretty good. Our goal is to improve on our third-place finish (in the Mega Conference Blue Division) last year."

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Rich Block, eighth season.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 1-12.

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at home vs. Plymouth Christian.

Notable losses to graduation:

Andy Brown, John Peterson, Lance Couturier.

Leading returnees: Brian Pankow, Sr. defender; Trevor Tipon, So. goalkeeper; Eric Szembara, Sr. midfielder.

Promising newcomers: George Roberts, So. midfielder; Quinoy Choi, Jr. defender.

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"Our goal after last season is to be competitive. Second, we want to win some games."

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"This is the third year of our program and we're still trying to build something."

Leading returnees: Ryan Ollinger, Sr. sweeper (All-District); Mike Randall, Sr. stopper (All-Region, All-State honorable mention); Clint Gowen, Sr. center/midfielder (All-District); Adam Voigt, Sr. center/midfielder; Andrew Gilesman, Jr. goalkeeper (All-Regional, All-State honorable mention); Jason Davis, Jr. fullback; Brad Nollar, So. midfielder/goalkeeper; Bryan Woehlke, So. mid-fielder; Derek Blas, So. striker; Ernie Fackler, So. striker.

Block's 1998 outlook: "We'd like to continue to do well in our conference. We finished third behind Lutheran North and Grosse Pointe Liggett."

"Our bright spot is that we are returning nearly all of our defense, so I look for our strength to be there."

"We've got high expectations. We finished ninth in the state in the final rankings in Division IV and I know the boys want to continue to do well and keep the program going."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Randy McCoy, second season.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Last year's overall record: 1-12.

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at home vs. Plymouth Christian.

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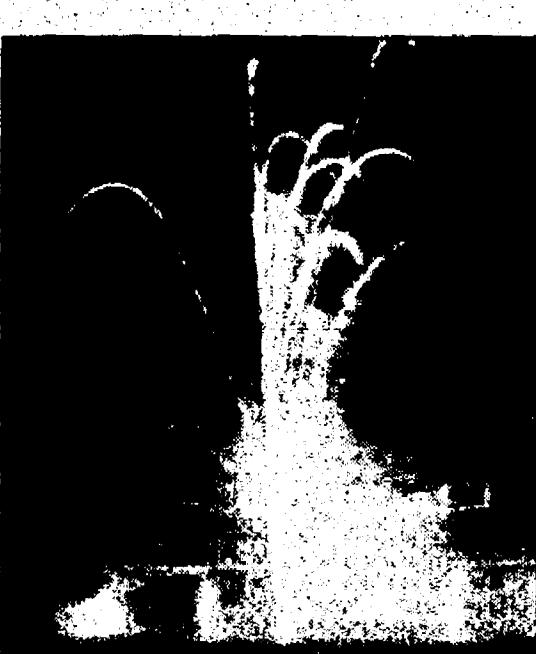
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Transfer goes with Cougars

Ockerman leaves CC

Classes started Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central and Justin Ockerman was not in attendance.

The 6-foot-10, 260-pound sophomore who is a pitcher in baseball and a center in basketball said Monday night he has enrolled at Garden City High School.

Ockerman played significant time as a freshman on the CC varsity basketball team before knee trouble led to an early end to his season. He had arthroscopic surgery in the spring, causing him to miss most of the baseball season.

Ockerman's pitching ability has drawn comparisons to Seattle Mariners' minor league prospect Ryan Anderson, another 6-10 lefty who attended Livonia Franklin and Dearborn Divine Child before being selected in the first round of the 1997 Major League baseball draft.

"We wish him well," CC basketball coach Rick Coratti said. "He's a great kid and you hate to see him go. He would have been a big part of our team. But you have to go on."

Ockerman grew up in Garden City, attending St. Michael Lutheran School in Wayne through sixth grade and St. Raphael Catholic School in the seventh and eighth grades. He said he just feels more comfortable around his future classmates at Garden City High School.

According to Michigan High School Athletic Association rules, Ockerman must sit out a semester before becoming eligible.

"The coaches (at CC) were fine — coach (Rick) Coratti and (John) Mulroy were real nice, both of them," he said. "I've lived in Garden City all my life, know the kids and I'm friends with them — I grew up playing ball with them."

Ockerman said he decided to leave near the end of the 1997-98 school year. He thought about starting out his freshman year at Garden City, but decided on giving CC a try, following in his grandfather Fritz Wenson's foot-

steps.

"We agreed to give it a try and we hoped it would work out," his father, Ken Ockerman, said. "I have no problem with CC. It's a good school, highly rated academically and athletically. But CC is not for every kid. It's important for high school to be fun for a kid, not just the academics and athletic stuff."

"We talked about it, told him if he wants to go to Garden City it's fine with us. He's going to be a little more relaxed, being with the friends he grew up with in Garden City."

Tuition last year at CC cost \$5,500 per student and the Ockermans' said they paid the full freight for Justin.

"It wasn't anything financial — it's not that we couldn't afford it," Ken Ockerman said.

Justin Ockerman said his knee is back to 100 percent. He spent the summer pitching for the Michigan Indians, a team out of Plymouth-Canton that returned to the AAU Junior Olympics for the third straight year.

He said his "grades are fine. I struggled a little the first semester but got it together and did well the second half."

Because of baseball, Ockerman didn't have time to play any summer basketball with his new school, coached by Greg Williamson.

He's looking forward to meshing with his new teammates.

"I talked to a lot of the kids last year and they said they were just missing a 'big man' since Brad (Buddenborg) left (receiving a basketball scholarship to Oakland University)," Ockerman said. "Hopefully, I'll contribute."

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Ladywood soccer coach off to Seafolm

Jeff Shuk got married last month after a long engagement to his girlfriend of six years — the former Colette Caruso.

Shuk didn't have nearly as long to prepare for his other big event of the summer.

Six days after their marriage, while they were still in town, Shuk was named the new boys and girls soccer coach for state powerhouse Birmingham Seaholm.

It's just coincidence the newlyweds waited a week after tying the knot to leave on their honeymoon, a seven-day cruise to the West Indies and South Caribbean.

But it turned into perfect planning as Shuk had enough time to interview twice with the Seaholm brass after the sudden firing of Ken Hammond, who coached the Maples girls to a state championship in 1996.

Shuk didn't like the timing but he had no choice to take the Seaholm offer and resign as boys soccer coach at Redford Union and girls soccer coach at Livonia Ladywood.

Shuk coached at RU for two seasons and only one at Ladywood.

Taking over on an interim basis at RU is Bob Daniels,

who was Shuk's assistant varsity coach and junior varsity coach for both the Panthers and Blazers.

"(RU athletic director) Jim Gibbons gave me my first coaching job and I can't say thank you enough for letting me get my feet in the door," said Shuk, 28. "But as much as I love RU, the opportunity to coach high-level players on a consistent basis was extremely difficult to turn down. At every level they back you. The first 10 days was like a welcoming party, treated me like I was their son."

Shuk predicted Daniels will

have a smooth transition with the Panthers.

"The RU kids will just bust their butts day in, day out for you," he said. "Bob is a good guy, real personable. He should minimize the transition."

But as one bond comes to an end, Shuk's eager to start another with Colette, who most certainly deserves another honeymoon.

"Colette's the most understanding person in the world," Shuk said. "She backs everything I do in the soccer community and the world."

Teeters prepares Lady Ocelots

VOLLEYBALL

Every year is a rebuilding year for junior college coaches.

Coach Tom Teeters will rebuild and reload his Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team again this season.

The Ocelots finished 19-20 overall, but 7-3 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, records not out of reach for this season's squad.

"We'll be stronger outside," Teeters said, "but we're going to have to retrain in the middle."

"I think we can be a stronger blocking team and on our setting on the right side. A lot of responsibility will fall on the shoulder of our returning players."

Chief among those are returnees Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill), who is 5-foot-10, and Stacey Campain, who started last year along with Melissa Plave and Donna Longsdon.

"Megan is our top returning player," Teeters said. "She was our top percentage hitters last year and she missed a large portion of the season with mononucleosis.

"We have high hopes for

Megan. She's a strong, versatile player who is primarily an outside hitter. She's a good leaper.

"Campain is a setter and middle hitter. She's a good front-row player who can go outside for us, too."

Three of Schoolcraft's graduates have gone on to four-year schools to play volleyball. Sarah Gregerson went to Eastern Michigan, Mindy Sullivan (Churchill) to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Janet Hinz to Concordia.

The Ocelots also have to replace setter Amber Wells and Jennifer Smith.

To do that, Teeters has collected five recruits. He'll be helped in coaching by Dale Hartzell.

Livonia Franklin's Danielle Wensing is being counted on for significant immediate help.

"She's probably our top incoming athlete," Teeters said. "She has speed, can jump and she has quickness. We're trying to find enough ways to take advantage

of those assets.

"She'll probably be given more responsibility than most freshmen are given."

Joining Wensing are Kelly Johnston of Plymouth Salem, Kathy Aschenbrenner, Cindy Maloof and Breanne Toppa (Canton Agape).

Aschenbrenner comes from Pinckney — but from two graduating classes ago.

"She's a strong competitor," Teeters said. "Her strength will be her experience level. She played a lot of recreation ball last year."

"Kelly Johnston, if we can get her healthy, will be a strong

defensive player and outside hitter. She's a strong server."

Longsdon "has improved tremendously over last season. We hope she can keep it going. She'll contribute more than she did last year."

Plave has a strong competitive spirit. She might be our right side blocker and hitter."

Toppa is a left-handed defensive specialist "who is a lot more capable of playing the front row than she thinks. Maloof could be our strongest blocker."

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Twisters down Lightning

The Wayne County Twisters traveled across the border to earn a 22-7 over the host Findlay (Ohio) Lightning in a Lake Shore Football League game at Pandora-Gilboa High School.

The Twisters' Reggie Brandon (Wayne Memorial) caught three second-quarter passes for a total of 80 yards and two touchdowns. Chuck Petipas added the extra points.

With five minutes remaining in the second quarter, Matt Graca (Garden City) of the Twisters hauled down Kelly Gibson of the Lightning in the end zone for a safety.

Prior to that play, the Lightning completed a 50-yard pass for a TD to make it 14-7.

The Twisters added an insurance TD in the final quarter when Kevin Kutch (Redford St. Agatha) scored on a 2-yard plunge.

Bob Pensari (Canton) paced the Twisters defense with nine

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tackles, while James Chapman (Canton) added four.

The Twisters held Findlay backs Gibson and Lattimer to a total of 7 net yards.

"Without question this was the finest defensive performance against the rush ever posted by a team in the LSFL," said Glenn Brothers, Twisters CEO. "Gibson and Lattimer are considered to be two of the finest semi-pro running backs in the tri-state area."

The Twisters return to action at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at old Cherry Hill High School, located at the corner of Avondale and Harrison in Inkster.

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Electronic dart tournament

The Michigan Lake Area Rams won one of three games at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in Louisville, Ky., and the win will be long remembered.

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SANDLOT BASEBALL

Collegiate club loses in NABF

Rams 1-3 at Dayton

The Michigan Lake Area Rams won one of three games at the National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series in Louisville, Ky., and the win will be long remembered.

The Rams were eliminated on Saturday by Miami Valley, a team near Dayton, Ohio, 15-4, but it didn't diminish the effort they put forth less than 24 hours earlier.

Playing their second-consecutive extra-inning game, the Rams beat the Louisville Thunderbolts, 6-4, in 11 innings.

Aaron Lawson (Farmington Hills Harrison/Wayne State), playing despite a sprained ankle, went 2-for-3 with two runs scored. Joe Seestadt was 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Rick Green was 2-for-3 with a run scored and two RBI.

Bill Styles (Plymouth Salem/Wayne State) was 1-for-4, driving in the winning run in the 11th with a single. Luke Humphreys (Redford Union) also went 1-for-4 with a run scored.

Tom Willerter pitched a strong 7 1/3 innings as the Rams starter, allowing four runs on six hits and four walks with eight strikeouts. Reliever Nick Newman earned the victory, allowing four runs on five hits in three innings.

The Rams' defense stood out, especially in the ninth when Styles and second baseman Todd Miller (Farmington Hills/Madon-

na) stopped a rally by turning a double play with the bases loaded and one out.

Newman also made a fine play, catching a line drive and turning to throw a runner out at third base for a double play to end an inning.

Dave Wampler (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State) started and pitched well the first five innings in the elimination game against Dayton. The Rams trailed only 4-3 through five innings but then the "bottom kind of fell out," coach Rick Berryman said, as the pitchers didn't receive much defensive support.

The Rams committed seven errors, including two in the sixth that led to two runs and three in the ninth that led to four insurance runs.

The Rams were one of three teams to finish 1-2 in pool play but didn't advance because of a tie-breaker won by Louisville.

Lawson led the Rams with a .500 average, an on-base average of .583, despite the sore ankle.

"An unbelievable effort," Berryman said.

Seestadt (Western Michigan) hit .455 with an on-base percentage of .571.

The Rams finished with a 17-17 record.

"We have the nucleus of a very good team back," Berryman said.

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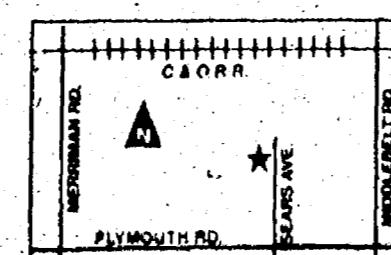
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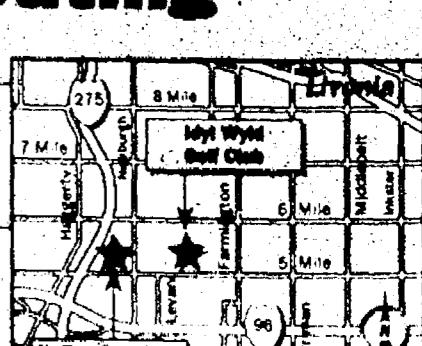
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Changing of the guard for North, Falcon grid programs

John Bechtel and Rich Burrell are first-year football head coaches at Farmington high schools, but both are familiar with Farmington and their new roles.

Bechtel replaces Lauri Niskanen at Farmington High, and Burrell follows in the footsteps of 1997 Observer Coach of the Year Jim O'Leary at North Farmington.

Both have Farmington backgrounds and previous experience as head coaches.

Burrell returns to his alma mater, having played for Hall of Fame coach Ron Holland in the 1970s.

The 37-year-old bachelor started at free safety and was the backup quarterback on the 1978 North Farmington team that was runner-up in the Class A playoffs.

"It's a real honor to be able to come back here," Burrell said. "The program has such a strong heritage and tradition. (Holland and O'Leary) were on staff when I was player and to walk in their footsteps is pretty inspiring."

Burrell later played football under Ray Smith at Hope College in the early '80s when the Flying Dutchmen were perennial champions of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, starting at cornerback for 2 1/2 seasons.

"I was fortunate to play for some great coaches," he said. "I've been real fortunate to have them as role models."

"I'll do my best to emulate the things they taught me and give the kids I'm coaching now the same kind of positive experience I had when I was a player."

One of Holland's last acts as Farmington Public Schools athletic director before he retired in June was to hire Burrell after Lake Orion High School opted not to renew Burrell's contract.

He had been head coach at Lake Orion for the past six years, compiling a 28-27 record, which included a 6-3 finish last fall.

His 1994 team won the Oakland Activities Association Division II title and qualified for the Class A playoffs.

Burrell was an assistant coach under Mike Berry at Lake Orion for four years and was a volunteer coach for three years at

Grant High School under Doug Fraser before that.

"I look at it as a real blessing," Burrell said of his return to North Farmington, adding he will see his parents more often now.

"The kids at North are great. They've given me everything they have, and it's nice to be in a place where the administration appreciates and values what you have to offer kids."

Since no staff positions were available in Farmington, Burrell will continue to live in Lake Orion and work at the high school as a social worker.

"If a job opens up (in Farmington) and they see fit to hire me for that, I'd be glad to consider it," Burrell said. "It sure would save on gas mileage."

Burrell said he will use the same offense as Holland that "allows you to take advantage of things which complement your personnel" and will stay with the 5-2 defense.

"I'm a firm believer in educational athletics," he said. "I really believe football is just a mirror of life and, hopefully, the kids can learn from the experience and take those lessons with them when they graduate."

Bechtel takes charge

Bechtel knows the Farmington High personnel and WLAA opponents well, having been the defensive coordinator under Niskanen for five seasons and Bernie Call for two years before that.

"My situation changed a little bit, because both my kids are in college. The offseason requires an incredible commitment of time. It's really the first time since I left Orchard Lake St. Mary's that I'm in a position to do that. You have to devote 11 to 12 months to the program, because that's what it takes."

Bechtel played football at Livonia Churchill for legendary coach Ken Kaestner and, after graduating in 1974, attended Michigan State University, earning a

degree in marketing.

He got his start coaching the Westland Rockets, a Little League team, while he was still in college.

Since MSU started classes in late September, for the last three games, Bechtel would go home on weekends, conduct practices on Friday and Saturday and head back to school after the game on Sunday.

When he was done with college, Bechtel became an assistant coach at St. Mary's and was head coach for one season in which the Eaglets were 2-7.

"A new principal came in and, even though we got along well, he let it be known his football coach was going to be a teacher, too," Bechtel said.

Bechtel, who runs the marketing department for the Guardian Life Insurance Company, was then an assistant at Madison Heights Bishop Foley for six years before joining the Farmington staff.

"(Foley head coach) Ed Maloney went to Harper Woods Notre Dame just before the season started," Bechtel said, "and I wasn't in a position to make the move because of my work commitment. I started looking around and Farmington gave me the most responsibility."

When he became head coach, Bechtel spent the early part of this year working on organizational changes, which included putting in a new offense.

"I couldn't wait for practice to start, so I could put the whistle around my neck and go back to coaching," he said.

"The job now is to move the program ahead. Under Berrie, the kids believed they had a chance to win some games. Lauri took it to the next step. Now we have to win championships and that's our goal."

Bechtel plans to stay with the same defense but will switch to the wing-T offense instead of the I-formation.

"That's something we probably would have done even if Lauri was still coaching," he said. "There were things we needed to do to move the football successfully in our league."

Bechtel will become the offensive coordinator and turn the

defense over to Tim Schafer. The varsity staff also includes Pete Finn and Nick Colson. Finn and Schafer are Farmington teachers, and Colson was a varsity player last year.

"My philosophy has always been: If you're going to be good

on defense, you have to have a pretty thorough understanding of what's going on on offense," Bechtel said.

"We've been working in the off-season on the progression of play calling and understanding what the defense is trying to do to us.

In our offense, we've tried to develop a system where the defense can't be right.

"So far, on paper and the gym floor, it looks OK. We'll see what happens when we line up against Novi (Sept. 4) and see what they think of it."

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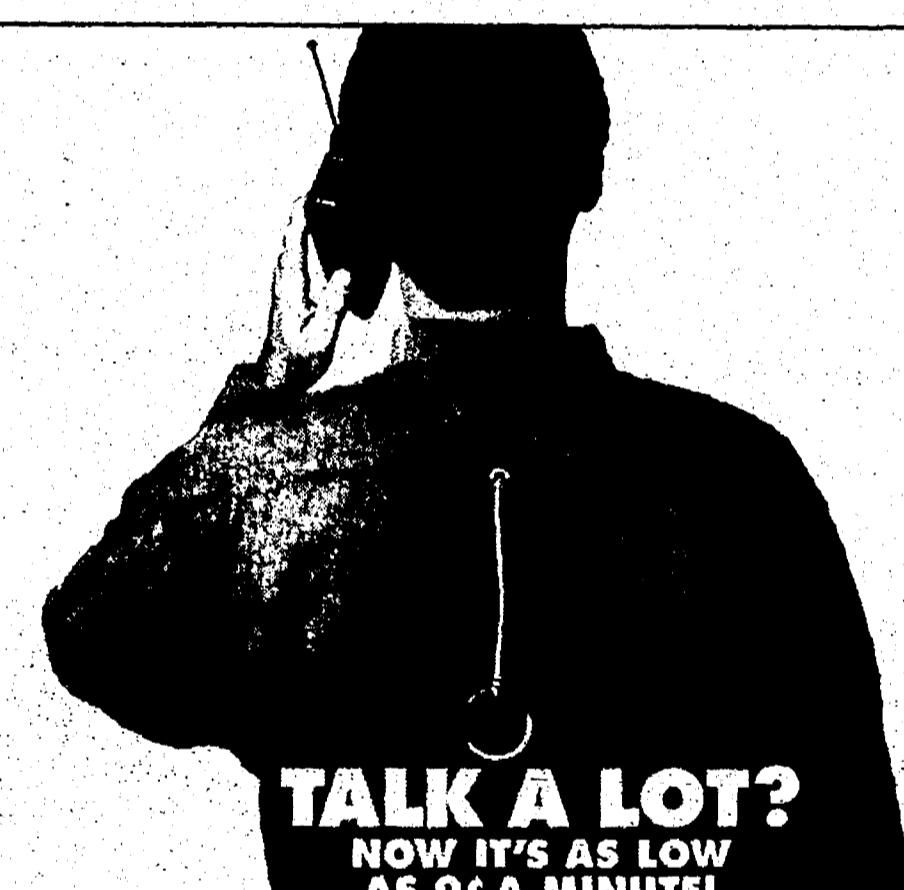
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FESTIVALS

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FRIDAY
Warner Brothers celebrates its 75th anniversary with a festival featuring 31 of their most beloved films, including "Casablanca," through Aug. 27 at the Landmark Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for schedule.

SATURDAY



Dishwalla performs with Jack Drag, 6:30 p.m. at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$13 day of show. All ages, call (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

SUNDAY



"The Invisible Made Visible: Angels From The Vatican," an exhibition of more than 100 rare works of art and artifacts from the 9th century B.C. to the 20th century, including "Concert of Angels," opens 10 a.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. Timed tickets (includes Acoustiguide audio tour) are \$10 adults, \$5 children; Founders Society members free; call (248) 645-6666, members call (313) 833-8499.



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FAMILY FUN



Puppeteer takes his show on the road

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The puppeteer is like a god. He creates the setting and the people; he gives the people movement and voice; and he leads them through parables of ethical behavior.

It's the perfect job for someone who took a double major in acting and philosophy.

Lake Orion's Greg Lester, 27, had an idea when he graduated from Lake Orion High School that he wanted to be an actor, but when he got to Western Michigan University, he found he had other interests as well.

"I've been involved in theater all my life, since I was a kid and in high school," said Lester. "In college I couldn't think of

a real job, so I pursued acting and took philosophy classes on the side. And then I became so interested in philosophy, I took a double major."

That didn't exactly open career doors when Lester graduated from Western in 1995. He visited his brother in Boulder, Colo., and became interested in the street performers near the university and thought he'd become a storyteller.

That inspired a call to a friend, puppeteer Brad Lowe, whom Lester had worked with during summers at the Oakland County Parks. Lowe is a two-time Emmy winner, creator of TV's "Hot Fudge" and operator of Fantasy E-Fex Puppets.

"He taught me how to make puppets, develop scripts, manipulate puppets,

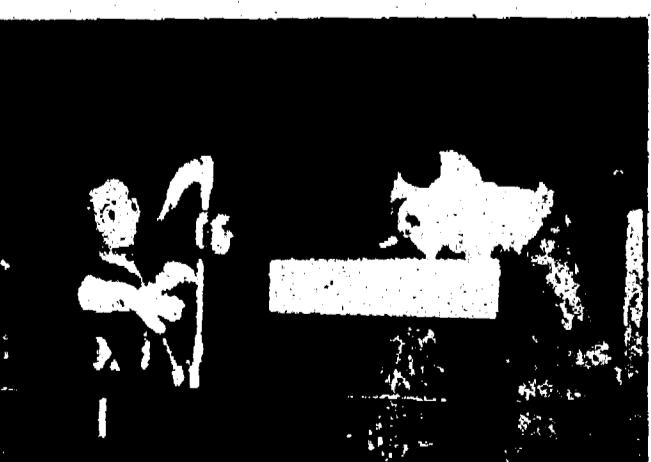
tricks of the trade," Lester said. He learned from other local puppeteers, as well, though he credits with Lowe with giving him his start.

Now, Lester has his own one-man theater, Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures, combining his interest in acting with his commitment to ethical philosophy. He's been taking his show on the road to day camps, parties, nursery schools, festivals and school auditoriums.

"I developed 'Jack in the Beanstalk.' Sculpted the puppets, wrote the script, recorded the sound at a digital recording studio. The scenery is hand-painted. ... It's a one-man show," he said.

Though not an artist, Lester has been developing his sculpting skills to create

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Magic harp: Jack plays a soothing tune for the giant. Greg Lester designs and makes his own puppets.

Joan Rivers seriously happy with her life

Happy is busy for Joan Rivers. She's a woman of many faces — mother, comedian, actress, jewelry designer, playwright and humanitarian.

Her daughter, Melissa, is getting married Dec. 12; "The Joan Rivers Show," which airs on nationally syndi-



Joan Rivers

cated radio in more than 40 markets is "going great"; and she has her own line of fashion jewelry, which has generated over \$160 million in sales through the QVC Network.

She's also host of E! Entertainment Television's Fashion Reviews, writing two books and a play about an older woman who wants to get married. On weekends she tours with comedian Don Rickles. They'll be at Pine Knob on Aug. 21.

"It's a good time in my life," said Rivers in a telephone interview from New York City. "It doesn't stop, and I say 'thank God.'"

"Can we talk?" her signature question, and officially registered federal trademark, is something she does cautiously with strangers.

The biggest misconception people have about her is that "I'm on all the time," she said. "People think they'll hoot and holler if I'm at their table. They say 'oh boy, we've got Joan Rivers.' I get invited to a lot of places once."

On stage, Rivers lights up. Women especially love her.

"It's so much fun to get out there and talk to people, and hear their reactions," she said. "I love touring. We're going to have a good time. If you're looking for intelligence don't come to us."

She enjoys sharing the stage with Don Rickles. "I love him, his conductor, his stage manager, they're all very nice. We'll be very typical us.on stage. Life is tough enough, come out, and we'll laugh together."

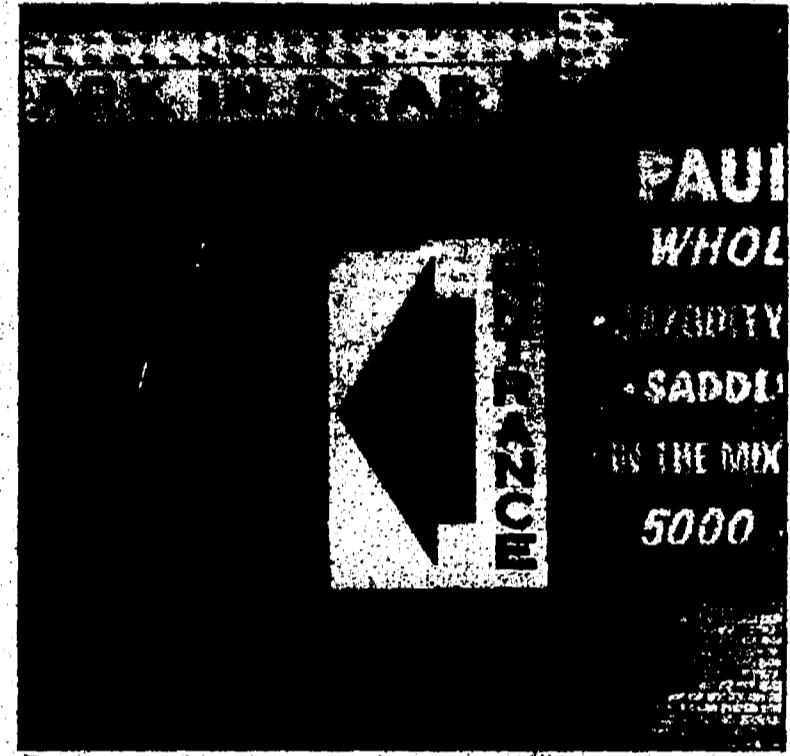
Being a comedian is easier now, than it was in the 1960s when she started performing in clubs and lounges. "You can be more truthful," she said. "You can talk about things you could never have mentioned before like sperm on Monica Lewinsky's dress. It's wonderful."

Rivers admits a lot of women look to her for the truth, and she tries to tell it.

"I'm writing a book about aging, which is lousy, terrible" she said. "We

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Something new...



New release: Jazodity opens for rhythm and blues legend Ray Charles Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Michigan State Fair. This is the cover from their debut release "In the Mix," which will be available beginning this week, Sept. 2.

Jazodity has had a blessed career. Members of the group, most of whom are only in their 20s, have studied with some of jazz music's greatest players, whether it be in person or on tape. One was schooled at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and others honed their skills with competitive marching bands.

It's paid off. Although it has only been together since October, Jazodity has landed stellar gigs at the Motor Lounge, Clutch Cargo's, and has opened for Charlie Hunter and Groove Collective. On Aug. 25, the band opens for rhythm and blues legend Ray Charles at the Michigan State Fair.

Drummer Graham Mueller chalks it up to the band's reputation as a "jazz band with some kickin' hip-hop grooves."

"I'd say it's because we take jazz and bring it into a forum of hip-hop making it easier to relate to," said Mueller, a Berkley resident. "A lot of people see jazz as this really exalted music form. We do it with hip-hop beats and that

makes it really listenable."

Mueller said that was the focus of studio sessions leading to its debut release "In the Mix," which will be available beginning this week. To aid in its mission, the Jazodity called upon Carlos Scott, also known as "DJ Soul Supremacy," who has worked with A Tribe Called Quest and Erykah Badu.

Instead of using canned, computer-generated drum beats, he ran Mueller's chops through a computer and manipulated them.

"He manipulated and rearranged the sound into a loop. (The song) 'In the Mix' is an example of that. It's a new idea in music. We're using sounds that are getting away from Sony keyboard sounds and using real drum loops."

On the jazz side, Jazodity recruited Greg Williams, whom Mueller describes as "a really underrated but obscure figure in jazz." Williams, who recorded with Jazodity under the name "Vibrations," has worked

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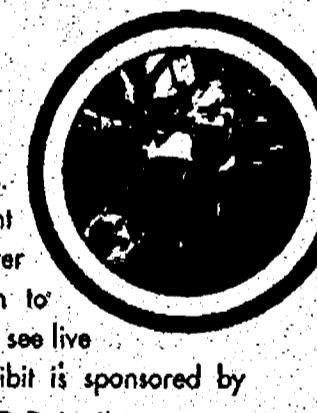
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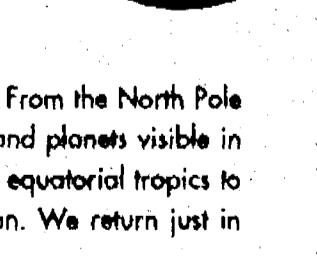
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Discovering guitar turns jazz legend's son onto music

Growing up as the son of legendary jazz trumpeter Don Cherry, Eagle-Eye Cherry had a wealth of musical influences and instruments available to him.

But it wasn't until he returned to his birthplace, Stockholm, Sweden, to be with his girlfriend that he found his musical calling.

"The first apartment that we borrowed had an acoustic guitar. I hadn't messed around with it before. In my home, we had all the instruments except for that. That was the key to the door of my career," Cherry explained.

"It's a great, great instrument for me and also for writing. It's like having a good friend."

That discovery led to his debut album, "Desireless" (The Work Group), a collection of acoustic guitar-driven, memorable pop songs that has already gone platinum in Sweden. He dabbles in funk a bit ("Indecision"), but other than that there's little of his late father's influence in "Desireless."

"I think that's definitely me. Being around the business and behind the scenes, I know the importance of making music that's exactly what you want to be doing," Cherry said.

"You have to play the songs for a year and you have to talk about it for a year. I didn't want to make a record that didn't feel right. Especially on the first album, I think very often it ends up being a little bit of a producer's or A&R man's product. But with me, this is it. This is what I've been wanting to do for this whole time. I realized it's important to take your time. You only got one chance at a first impression."

Cherry made his first impression May 7, 1970, in Stockholm to Don and artist Moki Cherry.

"The best memories I have are of my dad sitting by the piano playing music, good food being cooked, and lots of good vibes. There were a lot of really, really good people around at that time. That generation of musicians is quite special," Cherry explained.



Visiting Pontiac: Eagle-Eye Cherry, the son of jazz great Don Cherry and brother of Neneh Cherry, will perform songs off his debut album "Desireless" on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the 7th House in Pontiac.

"We traveled a lot. My dad brought us out on tour, mostly through Europe. It was very special."

"Us" included half-sister Neneh Cherry, who was born Neneh Mariann Karlsson in 1964 to West African percussionist Amadu Jah and Moki Cherry.

Neneh, best known for her 1980s hit "Buffalo Stance," and Eagle-Eye Cherry along with Don and Moki Cherry moved to New York City when Eagle-Eye was 14.

"A few years ago" Cherry left New York for Stockholm where he found the inspiration for his album.

The main reason (for moving) is I fell in love in New York with this girl. Plus, I was pretty sick of the pace and the intensity of New York at that time. I wanted a calmer vibe, that's definitely Stockholm. It was definitely the best decision. I began writing all these songs and I got to work," said Cherry who previously

appeared on several episodes of "The Cosby Show."

Ironically, moving to Stockholm didn't give the couple much more time to spend together. Cherry is hitting the road to promote his album, and his girlfriend will soon begin work on a film. As a result, he wrote "Save Tonight," the first single, where he sings "We know I'm going away/How I wish ... wish it weren't so/Take this wine and drink with me/ Let's delay our misery."

Coupled with hip-hop beats and slide guitar, Cherry and his half-sister Titiyo Jah, an R&B star in Sweden, duet on "Worried Eyes," a confession of his love for his girlfriend.

The music for the title track was written by his father who died Oct. 19, 1995, in Malaga, Spain. The album is dedicated to his father.

"I probably would've had a Don Cherry song on the album regardless of whether he has passed away. When he died it was very sad but he lived such a full life. It was really a kick in my butt to get to work. You don't know when you're going to go and I know I haven't done what I wanna do in this life so I better get to work on it."

Unlike his father, Cherry said he is happy that he doesn't have children right now to bring along on tour.

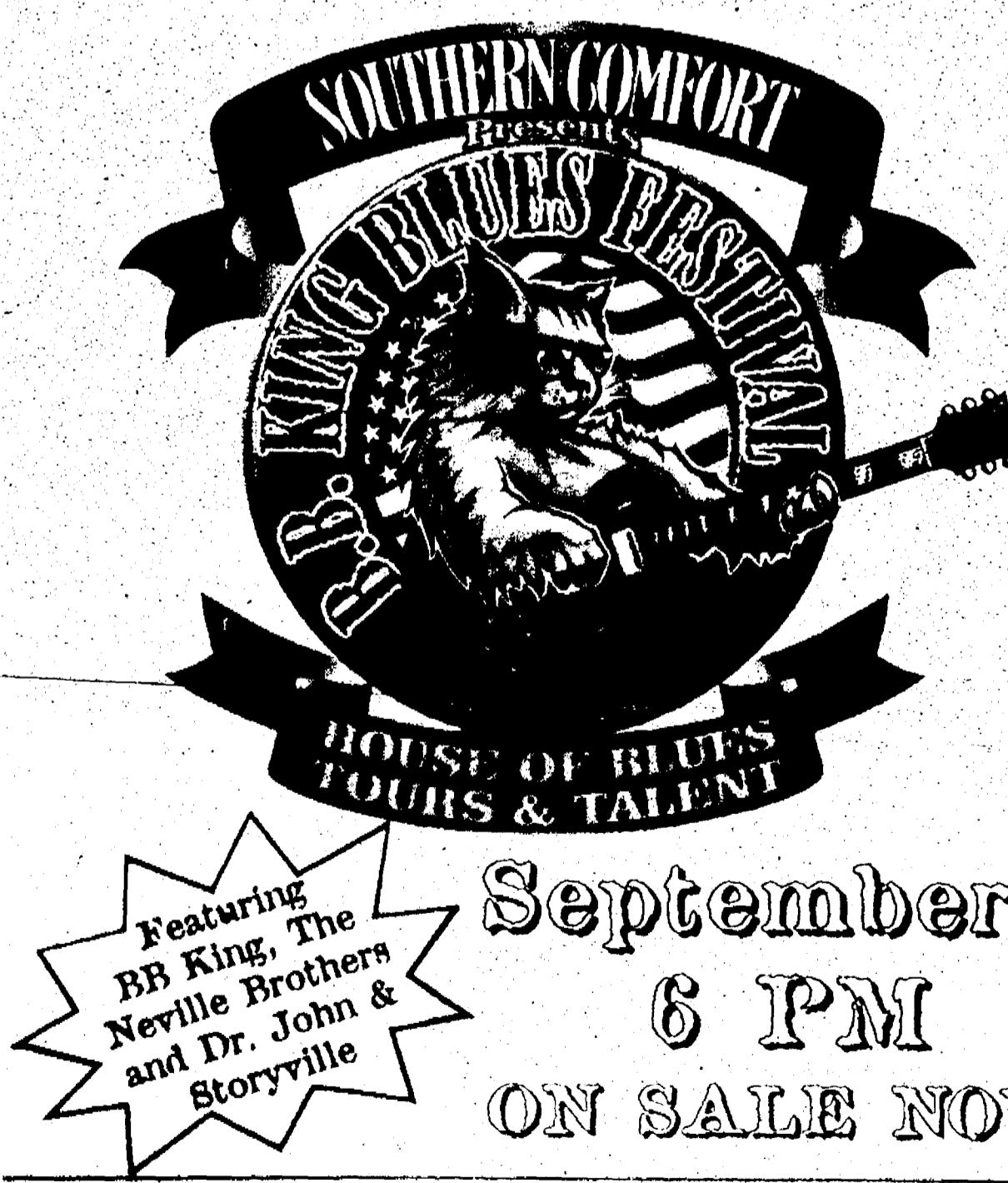
"I'm totally savoring the moment and everything that's happening. Many people don't get this chance. Great records are made but for some reason they don't get the point across. I think if I was younger I'd take all this for granted and have a little too much fun."

Eagle-Eye Cherry performs Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$7 in advance. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit <http://www.961melt.com>. Eagle-Eye Cherry's web site is <http://www.eagle-eyecherry.com>.

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Lunar Open '98, Nighttime Golf Tournament and Summer Party, Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 20-22, 5725 Rochester Road, Troy. (248) 828-2825. Live entertainment, 9:30 p.m. Thursday features comedy and music parody of Mike Ridley, Sun Messengers perform 9 p.m. Friday, and La Trinity 9 p.m. Saturday. Lunar Open tee-off 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Call for details.

"BLUES HARMONICA BLOW-OFF"

Featuring Kim Wilson of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Curtis Salgado, Steve Baker, and host Larry "The Jerman" Eisenberg, 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Crowne Plaza Hotel-Metro Airport, 8000 Merriman Road, Romulus. \$15; and workshops featuring the performers alongs with Peter "Madcat" Ruth, 1 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 27-28 (\$10 per day), and a "How to Play Blues Harmonica in One Afternoon" workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 (\$15), at the hotel. All events part of the Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica's International Harmonica Convention. (313) 730-4336.

TONY LEE

Hypnotist/magician appears 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$6 in advance, 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>.

RECORDS AND CD MUSIC COLLECTIBLES EXPO

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road (one block east of Merriman Road), Livonia. \$3. (248) 546-4527.

FAMILY EVENTS**ANIMAL CARE FAIR**

Sale of pet foods and supplies to benefit the homeless and abused animals at the Michigan Humane Society, adoption tent (cats and dogs), bomb sniffing demonstrations by Southfield Police Department K-9 Unit, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, at Civic Center Drive, north of I-696. (248) 354-1000.

"YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL"

Opens with a concert by Patti LaBelle, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Frog Island park, Ypsilanti. \$25 seated, \$14 lawn. All ages; and featuring a lumberjack show, the Polo Classic, the Living History Encampment, Great Train Race, antique cars, exotic petting zoo, circus, arts and crafts, parade, festival of food, noon to midnight Friday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 22, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444.

SUMMER CONCERTS

CALVIN BROOKS
6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Blvd.,



Free with admission, \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens ages 62 and older, \$7.50 for children ages 5-12, and free for children ages 4 and younger. After 4 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 kids ages 5-12. (jazz) (313) 271-1620.

KAPP-IVORY QUARTET

7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Burgh Historical Park, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 424-9022 (big band/Motown).

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Civic Center Park, Livonia. Free. All ages. (734) 421-2000, ext. 351.

REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY

"Opera Under the Stars" with Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan as part of summer series sponsored by Wayne County Parks, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Belle Creek Park, Livonia. Free. All ages.

URSULA WALKER/BUDDY BUDSON TRIO

With Pamela Ransford and the Plymouth Guitar Band close the "Entertainment on Us" series 6:45-9:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, in Kellogg Park, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Free. All ages.

ORGAN**MOTOR CITY THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY**

Movies and concerts series continues with "Goldfinger" starring Sean Connery, 7:30 p.m. Friday Aug. 21, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser at Grand River, Detroit. Organ overture precedes film, guest organist Dave Calendine. \$2.50. (313) 531-4407.

AUDITIONS**BEL CANTO CHORAL GROUP**

Auditioning women who read music and like to perform light classical, show-tunes and seasonal favorites, by appointment only through Aug. 30 in Southfield. (248) 557-3734/(248) 642-3216.

DETROIT SYMPHONY CIVIC ORCHESTRA

Open auditions for the 1998-99 season for the tuition-free training orchestra for aspiring professional musicians, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 11-13, deadline for scheduling an audition is Friday, Aug. 28. For performances Nov. 15, Feb. 28 and May 9. (313) 576-5164.

FIRST THEATER GUILD

Auditions for "The Sound of Music," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Thursday, Aug. 27, First Presbyterian Church's Knox Auditorium, 1669 W. Maple Road (between Southfield and Cranbrook roads), Birmingham. Performances are Oct. 30 Nov. 1, and Nov. 6. (248) 644-0356/(248) 548-2871.

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY

1:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Henry Ford Community College, (Dance Studio, lower level, Athletic Building), 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 845-6314.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Auditions for children and dogs for "The Miracle Worker," 1-6 p.m. (children) and 6:30 p.m. (dogs) Sunday, Aug. 30 by appointment only, dog must be nice,

quiet and calm, and behave well with children, at the theater on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. For performances Oct. 21 to Nov. 15. (248) 370-3310.

THE NOVI THEATRES

Auditions children ages 7-10 for the Little People Players' production of "Sleeping Beauty," 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, and Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Performances Oct. 23-25; Auditions actors for the Ensemble Theatre Company's production of "You Can't Take It With You," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Thursday, Aug. 27, both auditions at the theater, 43175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. ETC participants must pay \$125 participation fee. "You Can't Take It With You" performances Nov. 13-15. (248) 347-0400.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY

Open auditions for dancers Friday, Aug. 21, 5-6 p.m. for ages 9-12, 6:30-8 p.m. ages 13 and older, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. \$5 audition fee, bring resume and photo. For performances of Mark Nash's "Dracula" (Oct. 24) and "The Nutcracker" (Dec. 11-13) with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. (734) 397-8828.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for alto and soprano, rehearsals for 25th anniversary Christmas Concert begin Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080.

CHORAL**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS**

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

ABLE-LEDUFF AND HAYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 27, Fleetwood on Sixth restaurant, 209 W. Eighth St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 541-8050.

THE ARTICLES

With Aks Mama, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (Jamaican jazz) (734) 996-8555

SEAN BLACKMAN

With John Arnold, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (Gypsy jazz) (248) 652-1600.

GARY BLUMER TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Aug. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150.

JACK DRYDEN TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150.

PAUL FINKBEINER TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150.

WENDELL HARRISON

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150.

HOT TICKET HOT TICKET HOT TICKET HOT TICKET HOT TICKET**Swashbuckling fun:**

Celebrate "A Faire of the Heart," a weekend devoted to wine, wooing and weddings, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 22-23 at the Michigan Renaissance Festival. The pirates land in Hollygrove for a weekend of swashbuckling fun during High Seas Adventure weekend, Aug. 29-30. The fun continues through Sunday, Sept. 27, and Labor Day, at the festival off I-75 (Exit 106), one mile north of Mt. Holly on Dixie Highway between Pontiac and Flint. Admission: adults \$13.95, children ages 5-12, \$5.95, children 4 and younger admitted free. Call (800) 601-4848.

ALEXANDER ZONINO

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Shain Park, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 645-0731.

WORLD MUSIC**TASLIMAH BEY QUINTET**

6:9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3, Bert's on the River, Belle Isle, (313) 823-8000.

IMMUNITY

6:8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Augie's, 3160 John R Road, Madison Heights. Free. 21 and older. (248) 588-3120;

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS**JAN KRIST**

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (folk) (248) 650-5080

LONESOME AND BLUE

Celebrates the release of its CD with a party and performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (bluegrass) (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL

With Nanci Griffith, John Hiatt, Joan Baez, Marc Cohn, The Staple Singers, The Violent Femmes, Wilco, Rickie Lee Jones, Rodney Crowell, Arnold, and emcee Loudon Wainwright III, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$15 pavilion, \$18 lawn. All ages. As previously announced, Lucinda Williams will not perform (variety) (248) 377

8 days a week

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PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (acoustic blues)

FOSSIL CIRCUS

10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

GANGSTER FUN

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (ska)

KOD LIVES UNDERWATER

With Getaway Cruiser, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6.50 in advance, \$8 day of show. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (techno-driven rock)

KERRY GRANT

10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (acoustic rock)

GREYBOY ALLSTARS

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

G.R.R.

9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 27-29, Mr. B's, 6761 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300/(248) 625-4600 (rock)

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1451

HARVEY DANGER

8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

LISA HUNTER

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St., Northville. Free. All ages. (248) 305-8629; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 994-3940; Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Java Master, 33214 W. 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Free. All ages. (248) 626-7393 (acoustic rock)

IMMATURE

3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$13.50-\$26.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B)

GLADYS KNIGHT

With Jeffrey Osborne, 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Chene Park, 2600 E. Atwater, Detroit. \$18.50-\$46.50. All ages. (313) 393-0292 (R&B)

KORN

Does in-store performances and autograph sessions: noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, Harmony House, 37824 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights. Free. All ages. (810) 939-6699; 5-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, Rock of Ages, 31015 Ford Road, Garden City. Free. All ages. (734) 522-4590

THE LEDGE

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

THE LOOK

10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (rock)

RICHARD MARX

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com> (rock)

MERGE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL METAL FEST

With Revile, Secretion, Arius, Blood Coven, Grievance, Exploding Zombies, Hams Way, Bones Garage and Halloween, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, and Epoch of Unlight, Proficy, Somnus, Dark Moon, Enter Self, Lucifer's Hammer, Lords of Algol, November Doom, Oblivion and Morgion, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. South St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge, 18 and older. (810) 465-5154 (metal)

MIKE AS WELL

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 18 and older. (734) 485-5050 (rock)

MRS BLISS

With Shallow and the Autumns, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

MUDPUPPY

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110/(248) 650-5080 (blues)

STEVE NARDELIA

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 21-22, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.

Fest celebrates Warner Bros.' 75th anniversary



Dawn of sound: Warner Bros. introduces sound to movies with "The Jazz Singer" at the Warners' Theatre in New York City on Oct. 6, 1927.

Warner Brothers 75th Anniversary Film Festival

Where: Landmark Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main (at 11 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Call (248) 542-0180 for information.

When: Friday-Thursday, Aug. 21-27

Tickets: Festival week pass \$60, day pass \$15, individual movie ticket \$4.50, prior to 6 p.m.; \$7 after 6 p.m.

Schedule:

■ Friday, Aug. 21

2 p.m. "All the President's Men"

4:45 p.m. "Dog Day Afternoon"

7:30 p.m. "Blazing Saddles"

9:30 p.m. "The Exorcist"
Midnight - "A Clockwork Orange"

■ Saturday, Aug. 22

11 a.m. "The Color Purple"

2 p.m. "Chariots of Fire"

4:30 p.m. "Full Metal Jacket"

7:15 p.m. "Bladerunner"

9:45 p.m. "The Shining"

■ Sunday, Aug. 23

11:30 a.m. "Driving Miss Daisy"

1:30 p.m. "The Fugitive"

4:15 p.m. "Unforgiven"

7 p.m. "Goodfellow's"

10 p.m. "J.F.K."

■ Monday, Aug. 24

3 p.m. "The Jazz Singer"

5 p.m. "42nd Street"

7 p.m. "Adventures of Robin Hood"

9:15 p.m. "Public Enemy"

■ Tuesday, Aug. 25

2 p.m. "Mildred Pierce"

4:30 p.m. "Now, Voyager"

7 p.m. "Casablanca"

9:15 p.m. "The Maltese Falcon"

■ Wednesday, Aug. 26

2 p.m. "The Searchers"

4:30 p.m. "Dial M For Murder"

7 p.m. "Streetcar Named Desire"

9:30 p.m. "Rebel Without A Cause"

■ Thursday, Aug. 27

2 p.m. "Days of Wine & Roses"

4:30 p.m. "Bullitt"

7 p.m. "Bonnie & Clyde"

9:30 p.m. "The Wild Bunch"

Featuring Peter Green, founding Fleetwood Mac guitarist. 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$25 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

THE SCOFFLAWS

7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (ska)

TERRACE SIMIEN AND MALLETT PLAYBOYS

9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

SISTER SEED

8:10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (acoustic rock)

SLAYER

With Fear Factory, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$21.50 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

MICHAEL W. SMITH

Featuring Wilshire with Chris Rice, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland.

ROBERT PENN

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

PSYCHOTICA

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.palacenet.com> (psych rock)

PUMPSTOCK 1998

With Thornetta Davis, Jazzhead, Black Beauty, Marooned, G.R.R., Broken Toys, Ravenloft, Luis Resto and Dave McMurray, Face, Bonne Temps Roulotte, Quasar Wut Wut, Reformer, Merge, Robert Jones, Johnny Bassett, Jadoty and Mudpuppy, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Aug. 21, and noon to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, behind the Town Pump, 100 W. Montcalm St., Detroit. (313) 961-8310 (variety)

THE REV. RIGHT TIME AND THE 1ST CUZINS OF FUNK

With Funktelligence, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355

PAUL RODGERS

With Foghat, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$20 pavilion, \$10 lawn. Free. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

KENNY ROGERS

With Daryle Singletary, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$

'The Governess' transforms time, memory and identity

Like Narcissus who became enthralled as he stared into a stream reflecting his image, the sensually adventurous Rosina in "The Governess" stands enchantingly before what has become the modern-day version of the mythic reflecting pond.

In front of the disengaged eyeball – a lens in an experimental 1840s camera – Rosina, played with virtuosity and passionate charm by Minnie Driver, documents what had until then only been fixed in the heart, and held in secret by those who stared into their souls.

Arguably, "The Governess" reminds us that no other modern invention has transformed the notion of time, memory and identity as much as photography.

What is it that we learn when we see ourselves in a photograph, posed and fixed in time?

Perhaps it's the stark difference between expectation and empirical reality. Hope and disappointment. Life and memory.

In a brilliant and measured use of the photography metaphor, director/writer Sandra Goldbacher and cinematographer Ashley Rowe have beautifully recreated 19th-century London and the Scottish Isle of Skye with an unmistakably contemporary aesthetic.

Hidden away in the London streets is the Sephardic Jewish community where Rosina and her family live a life steeped in custom and ritual. Amid the insular comfort of Jewish cul-

ture, Rosina dreams of becoming an actress.

But when her beloved father is murdered, she must discard her dream and fend for her family.

Throwing off the harness of an arranged marriage, Rosina sets out to support her family as a governess. But there are obvious obstacles she must overcome as a woman in a man's world and a Jew in a land of Christians.

Because of rampant anti-Semitism, Rosina must create a new identity, Mary Blackchurch, a cultured and contrite Protestant (certainly not a Catholic).

Through audacity, perseverance and imagination, she seizes employment for the wealthy Cavendish family, who live on the misty seaside of the

unsullied Isle of Skye in Scotland.

The Cavendishes are the archetypal 18th-century dysfunctional family. The patriarch, Charles, is a sexually repressed workaholic, and the matron is a bitter tight-laced prude. Meanwhile, the offspring appear less as precocious aristocrats and more as candidates for reform school.

In due time, Mrs. Blackchurch melts the icy, spoiled princess, Clementia, and is the target of seduction of the irrepressible son, Henry, who was expelled from Oxford after a bout in a dope den with a prostitute.

Enchanted by the devotion shown by Charles to his pioneering work in finding a solution to fix photographic impressions on paper, Mrs. Blackchurch soon becomes his assistant.

By happenstance, she discovers the highly sought formula. Along the way to refining their discovery, Charles and Mrs. Blackchurch take distinct paths in exploring the purpose of photography.

Whereas Charles pursues the scientific ideal to objectively document reality, Mrs. Blackchurch is interested in the possibilities of self-expression through photography.

Eventually, she persuades



Beyond superficial impressions: Minnie Driver as Rosina, the lead character in "The Governess." Driver creates a multifaceted personality with a sensual intelligence.

Charles to cast the lens on her.

And in a mature and sensuous exploration, the camera doesn't fail to reveal the sexual lure of

Mrs. Blackchurch, nor the uncanny emotional range of

Driver.

As she demonstrated in "Sleepers," "Big Night," and "Good Will Hunting," the camera has a love

affair with Driver. She fills the screen with a sensual intelligence, and an intriguing curiosity.

In time, Charles and Mrs. Blackchurch's passions prove to be a combustible mix in a consuming affair that forces each to

confront their identities and responsibilities.

While Mrs. Blackchurch contends photography allows time to be fixed, there's no restraining the yearnings of the heart, nor the pangs of obligation.

That raw, fleeting lustiness that distinguishes "The Governess" is precisely what science and art set out to capture: a snapshot of the human condition.

"The Governess" opens exclusively Friday, Aug. 21, at the Maple Theater, 4135 W. Maple at Telegraph; (248) 855-9090.

'Return to Paradise' explores cost of making ethical choices

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

"Return to Paradise" sounds like the title of a typical summer escape movie, perhaps starring Jean-Claude Van Damme as a kickboxing champion on his way back to Fiji.

Instead it's a serious, introspective movie about accepting obligations, finding courage and weighing ethical concerns.

Director Joseph Ruben has a keen sense of the aimless drift that seems to infect a large segment of the mid-20s population and the irresponsibility that it breeds.

In fact, the movie begins as a trippy travelogue through Malaysia. Three young men have joined up briefly to enjoy all the temptations of paradise – alcohol, casual sex, drugs and aimless days of sun and fun under the palm trees.

Two of the friends return to



Moral choices: Attorney Beth Eastern (Anne Heche) tries to convince Sheriff (Vince Vaughn) that he must go back to Malaysia.

the "real" world, leaving their stash of hashish with their idealistic friend who is staying behind to help save some endangered animals.

The movie jumps ahead two years. Sheriff (Vince Vaughn) is driving a limo in Manhattan, going nowhere and unsure where he wants to go. Tony (David Conrad) is more ambitious, working construction and engaged to be married. Though they both live in New York, the two men haven't seen each other since their lark.

One day, an attractive, intense young lawyer (Anne Heche) arrives and turns their worlds upside down. She tells them their friend Lewis (Joaquin Phoenix) has been sentenced to be hanged as a drug trafficker. His only hope is if they return and accept some of the responsibility for the hash. If one returns he will serve six years, if both return they will serve three. Lewis has been in a hell-hole Malaysian prison for two years.

Ruben contrasts the grim Malaysian prison with the slick, fast-moving, glittery world of Manhattan. He also contrasts the true Malaysia of the city slums with the tourist Malaysia of palm-lined beaches.

The screenplay by Wesley Strick and Bruce Robinson, loosely based on the French film "Force Majeure," captures the language, the mealy-mouthed excuses of the young, while also conveying the force that a moral choice places on someone. The action in this film is the fight within a person's soul.

Vaughn, best known for his comic turn in "Swingers," makes Sheriff's carelessness and his agony real by his casual, almost brutal disregard which masks his real concern. The performance suggests a young Paul Newman, who often navigated these kind of roles, drifters forced to commit. A scene between Sheriff and his father says volumes about coming to terms with yourself. Watch Vaughn's eyes, they say it all.

Heche proves again that she is a strong actress, capable of both comedy ("Wag the Dog") and drama.

Joaquin Phoenix, as the gentle Lewis, conveys the madness brought by isolation and fear.

"Return to Paradise" has strong things to say about press irresponsibility, the injustice of third world "justice" and the hypocrisy that masquerades as moral resolve. But its strongest exploration is into the souls of the young, and the struggle they have coming to terms with their responsibilities.

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Enjoy a taste of the tropics at Zanzibar

Casual and comfortable Zanzibar in Ann Arbor is a great place to catch up with an old friend and enjoy a meal of tropical delights. The colorful, cheery interior reflects the menu's tropical theme.

Flowing tropical print fabric swag drapes soften a high ceiling. There are lots of windows, and some of them look out onto a small courtyard with tables. You can sit inside, or outside, and unlike other restaurants, Zanzibar's outside seating is away from the street offering a quiet retreat.

If you like spicy food, look for menu items with peppers. Vegetarians, even those who don't eat any dairy products, will find something good to eat on this menu too.

Often requested lunch items include the whole grilled Portabella Mushroom sandwich served on an onion bun with goat cheese and smoked tomatoes, house-smoked turkey breast served on grilled Cuban bread with smoked Cheddar, applewood-smoked bacon, grilled pineapple, chili mayonnaise and slaw and grilled pepper Salmon served on grilled bread with lemongrass aioli and slaw. Sandwiches are served with choice of seasoned fries or a small green salad garnish.

Popular "Small Plates," for light appetizers or as an appetizer to share, include the achiole Chicken Tortillas wrapped in flour tortillas with black beans and chihuahua cheese served with guacamole, roasted tomato salsa and mixed greens. For something really different, try

Zanzibar
Where: 216 S. State St., downtown Ann Arbor, (734) 994-7777
Open: 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. Call for fall hours after Labor Day.
Menu: Full-flavored food with a tropical flair.
Cost: Moderate, lunch \$7.50 to \$9.95; dinner \$9.25 to \$18.95.
Credit Cards: All majors accepted
Reservations: Accepted
Seats: 220
Banquets: Private and semi-private space available for groups of 20-120

the trans-equatorial Pattycakes - African Plantain-Nut Cake with onion-ginger chutney, Latin Black Bean Cake with smoked tomato vinaigrette, Indian Curried Potato Cake with herbed yogurt.

Spicy Thai Sun-Dried Tomato Pesto with Chicken - egg noodles in a paste of sun-dried tomatoes, ginger and a boatload of fresh chilies and garlic with grilled skinless boneless chicken breast "is extremely popular," said Richard Schubach, one of the owners. The chilled Sesame Noodles with Satay Shrimp tossed with asparagus and wild mushrooms in a light soy-ginger dressing is refreshing on a hot day.

"We serve a ton of fish," said Schubach who also recommends the Fresh Atlantic Salmon - ginger-marinated, grilled and served over wild rice noodles with chopped vegetable salad, spinach and warm salmon toasts, and fresh Moroccan-style Halibut.

There are a variety of main dish dinner salads such as the

Asian-style Chopped Yellowfin Tuna and Roasted Chili-Rubbed Beef Tenderloin sliced and served cool over baby greens with a grilled potato cake, sweet peppers and onion rings in warm bacon-corn vinaigrette.

Marvelous Margaritas and tropical drinks are a Zanzibar specialty. From the Frozen Passionate Parrot - passionfruit nectar, guava puree, three types of rum, a variety of tropical juices and grenadine to the Banana Rum Milkshake.

There are also lots of microbrews, including the locally brewed Brewbaker's Beer of the Week, and Boyne River Brewing Co. Lake Trout Stout. Wine, single-malt scotches, small-batch bourbons, sippin' tequilas and aged rums are available.

Non-alcoholic choices include a variety of juices from exotic mango and passionfruit nectars to freshly squeezed orange. For something "smoother," try the banana-mango or strawberry-kiwi-lime smoothie, or a milkshake - chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, mocha, banana or mango.



Tropical paradise: Escape to the tropics without hopping on a plane by enjoying a meal at Zanzibar in Ann Arbor. The colorful interior and full-flavored fare make Zanzibar an enjoyable summer destination.

EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

In case you missed it. Here are some restaurants recently featured in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Send recommendations for restaurants to feature to: Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (734) 591-7279.

■ **Red Hot & Blue**, Memphis Pit Bar-B-Que - 2825 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 557-0955 and 33800 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights (810) 679-9400. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Reservations: For parties of 15 or more.

Menu: Memphis-style barbecue meats including beef brisket, chicken, sausage and ribs. Salads and sandwiches also available. Children's menu for

kids 12 and under. Cost: Moderate, huge portions. Platters \$7.99-\$12.99; ribs \$10.99-\$16.99; sandwiches \$5.99-\$6.99; Main entree salads \$6.99. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Carry-out: Yes. Bulk orders, and smoked meats by the pound also available. Banquet Room: For 50-60 people.

■ **Avant Gardo** - Where: 126 South Old Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 594-4499. Open: Monday to Wednesday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday to Saturday until 11 p.m. Menu: Exceptionally flavorful, cutting-edge alternative dishes made without red meat, oils or dairy. Same menu for lunch and dinner. Cost: Starters, sandwiches and salads \$5-8; main dishes all under \$16. Reservations: Not accepted.

■ **Memphis Pit Bar-B-Que** - 2825 Southfield Road, Southfield (248) 557-0955 and 33800 Van Dyke Road, Sterling Heights (810) 679-9400. Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Reservations: For parties of 15 or more.

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■ **Beau Jack's** - Where: 4108 W. Maple (between Telegraph and Franklin Road) Bloomfield Hills, (248) 626-2630. Open: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Menu: Something for everyone - fajitas, salads, sandwiches, soups & chili, pasta, steaks, chicken, fish, oven-grilled pizza.

Cost: Moderate, salads \$7.25-\$11.95; dinner entrees \$12.95-\$19.95; pasta \$9.95-\$14.95; burgers and sandwiches \$5.95-

\$9.95. Credit cards: All majors accepted. Reservations: Not accepted. Entertainment: Piano bar - 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.

■ **Encore** - 1801 South Telegraph Road (east side north of Square Lake in the Quality Inn), Bloomfield Hills (248) 335-3790. Open: Thursday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Menu: American cuisine with fresh daily fish special. All entrees include bread basket, salad, appropriate starch and vegetable. Cost: Appetizers \$6-8; sandwiches \$6-7; entrees \$14-18. Reservations: Accepted. Credit cards: All majors accepted.

WHAT'S COOKING

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JOHN CLEVELAND'S WATER CLUB

Summerfest menu through Sept. 6. Featured items include Salmon of the Angels, \$14.95, Chilled Oriental Shrimp Pasta, \$13.50, Grilled Whitefish Vera Cruz, \$14.50, and Tournedos of Beef, \$16.50. The restaurant is at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0666 for reservations, information.

CHILI COOKOFFS

Twenty-first annual Michigan State Chili Championship, Saturday, Sept. 12, downtown Plymouth, Kellogg Park during Plymouth's annual Fall Festival. Winner goes to the 1998 World Championship Chili Cook-off. Cooking starts 2 p.m., chili sampling 5 p.m. Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff, Sunday, Oct. 4 in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth, Call (734) 455-8838 for information. Entry fee \$35 International Chili Society Member, \$65, non-members, includes ICS membership. Event proceeds benefit local charities.

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