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## Remembering



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**Comrades:** Veterans at the POW-MIA ceremony last Friday in Westland remembered prisoners of war and those missing in action. Speakers urged government action to account for missing service personnel. For more coverage, please see Page A3.

## Schools seeking bond issue

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school district voters will soon have to decide whether they are willing to pay more money to repair aging school buildings and improve classroom technology.

Voters will likely face a ballot proposal by late winter or early spring after a study committee issues a long-awaited recommendation in October, school officials said.

The 43-member committee is expected to recommend a specific bond issue proposal to repair dilapidated buildings and buy new classroom computers and other technology.

A specific plan is expected to be submitted to the Wayne-Westland school board within a month, prescribing a way to correct problems that the committee studied for one year.

"We'd like to come to a recommendation by mid- to late October," Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent of general administration, said Tuesday.

Committee members have toured all 17 elementaries, four middle schools, two high schools and other district-owned buildings to survey structural and technological needs.

"Every building was toured by somebody on the commit-

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tee," Sherman said.

Committee members also toured facilities in other school districts.

The committee, Sherman said, was composed of parents, district employees representing four unions, senior citizens, administration officials and school board members David Cox and Robin Moore.

Ultimately, however, a bond issue proposal will rest with the full seven-member board, which will then face a potentially difficult task of convincing district voters to approve the plan.

Wayne-Westland district voters have a long history of refusing to approve ballot proposals seeking more money. However, homeowners are paying much less in school taxes than they did before Michigan residents approved a tax-slashing plan, Proposal A, in March of 1994.

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## Graceful skaters meet at arena in Westland

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Those who want to learn to skate, they often find their way to the West-

land Sports Arena.

"We have a lot of little girls who want to be Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan," said Tammy Hombig, arena manager. "Those are the two most popular skaters here."

The arena is owned by the city of Westland and operated by the Municipal Service Bureau, a nonprofit management company. This past Monday afternoon, freestyle skating for ages 5 through adult was being offered. At 5 p.m. Monday, it was time for Learn To Ice Skate classes for ages 3 to adult. Several of those classes meet at one time.

"I started when I was 3," said Jennifer Goen, 13, of Westland, while waiting to take to the ice. The eighth-grader at Stevenson Middle School competes as an intermediate skater.

She skates Monday through Saturday, and does so "because I like it."

Kelly Fryzel, 16, of Livonia competes as an open juvenile skater. Both Fryzel, an 11th-grader at Livonia Stevenson High School, and Goen are members of the Westland Figure Skating Club.

Fryzel started skating at age 5.

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**Hard at work:** Jennifer Goen, 13, follows a Monday through Saturday schedule.



**Graceful:** Kimberly Jean, 9, practices her skating moves at the Westland Sports Arena.

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## Open house on tap for Nov. 1 at Observer office

The Observer Newspapers editorial staff is having an open house - and you're invited.

The open house will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Observer Newspapers building, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

Anyone interested in learning more about how to submit news items to the newspaper, how to get an event covered by the news staff and just how a

newspaper operates is invited to attend.

Our open house will include introductions to the editorial staff members of the Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Garden City Observer newspapers.

"We're certainly looking forward to meeting with our readers and helping them to work with us effectively," said

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## Cable talk of the day

■ The cable competition in Westland is heating up, with the possibility of a contract with Ameritech's cable TV service being ratified as early as Oct. 20. MediaOne is currently the sole provider of cable TV service in the city.



BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Council members may ratify a contract with Ameritech's cable TV service,

Americast, as early as Oct. 20. Even so, subscribers who want to switch to Americast from MediaOne - now Westland's sole cable provider - will likely face a minimum 18-month wait, officials said.

Council members may approve a 15-year franchise agreement with Americast as early as Oct. 20, although a yet-to-be-scheduled public hearing may be held prior to then.

Council members also are expected to pass a new ordinance Oct. 20 to spur the cable changes, after introducing the new measures at an Oct. 6 session.

Americast sought quick votes on a franchise agreement and ordinance changes in return for promising to launch work in Westland next fall.

"The longer we wait without competition, the worse it is for our citizens," Mayor Robert Thomas said during a Monday evening study session.

Americast expects to begin providing in-home service to some Westland customers by spring 1999, amid hopes of being available citywide one year later.

"Everybody will have the cable passing by their front door," said attorney John Pestle, hired by the city to negotiate with Americast.

"Citizens will have a choice," he said, rather than facing a "monopoly" by

Please see **CABLE**, A2



# Fire victims moved to other dwellings

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Residents of a three-story Westland apartment complex are coping in the aftermath of a Friday evening fire that erupted when a lightning bolt struck their building and damaged 12 residences.

Tenants of five apartments have been moved to other dwellings in The Landings, an apartment complex on the south side of Warren east of Central City Parkway, manager Robert Vines said Tuesday.

Tenants of four other apartments have been able to return to their same residences following a cleanup, and renters of three units accepted an option of ending their leases early, Vines said.

"Some of them chose the option of terminating their leases early," he said. "I think one

**'We feel that the fire department's response minimized the damages.'**

*Robert Vines*  
-apartment manager

couple was planning on getting married and getting their own place, anyway, so they decided to stay with other family members for awhile."

The eight apartments that remained uninhabitable following the 6:30 p.m. fire will be rebuilt during the next couple of months, Vines said.

The fire erupted in the southwest area of the sprawling complex, and Vines said the blaze could have been much worse had it not been for the quick and professional response of the West-

land Fire Department.

Vines said he didn't know a specific dollar amount of damages, but said, "We feel that the fire department's response minimized the damages."

Assistant Fire Chief Robert Fields attributed much of damages not to the actual blaze, but to water used to battle flames that erupted when lightning struck a third-floor roof.

No one was seriously injured, although Fields confirmed that two residents sought treatment for smoke inhalation and one firefighter suffered slight injuries.

"He got zapped by electricity," Fields said of the firefighter.

The fire department received word of the fire around 6:30 p.m., and they brought the situation under control within two hours, Fields said. The fire occurred during a storm that passed through the area.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Let's not forget:** Claudia Patrney (left) and Rhonda Niner of the women's auxiliary at VFW Post 9885 place a wreath at the marker outside Westland City Hall.

## District given payment for Sassafras Trails site

A \$520,000 payment giving the state the development rights to Sassafras Trails, a Westland nature area, has been received by the land's owner, the Wayne-Westland school district.

"There's no turning back on the issue," state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, said Tuesday. "We have succeeded."

The latest move means that 51 acres of wooded land north-east of Palmer and Wildwood roads will be protected from development.

**School officials plan to use the money to offset a budget crunch.**

Wayne-Westland school officials several years ago had considered selling Sassafras Trails to a residential developer, sparking a storm of protest from citizens who successfully fought to rescue the land.

Residents convinced the board to give them an opportunity to find a way to save the

land and bring in school district revenues, as well.

Residents working with state legislators managed, with school district cooperation, to secure the \$520,000 in state dollars from the state Department of Natural Resources.

Bennett said the agreement was sealed Monday.

"The state now owns the development rights, the school district has the check, and the effort has succeeded," he said.

School officials plan to use the money to offset a budget crunch.

## Missing comrades receive recognition from veterans

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

All Anna Teran wants to know is what happened to her son, Tom.

"I'm afraid that I'm going to die and I'm not going to hear a thing," the Westland resident said.

Her son was reported missing in 1970 in South Vietnam. Teran, her husband and other family members were among those at a POW-MIA ceremony Friday evening near Westland City Hall.

"We press for public awareness," said Chuck Moberg of Westland, president of Chapter 387 Westland Vietnam Veterans of America. "We're trying to educate the younger generation."

"These people cannot be forgotten," added Moberg, who is also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Purple Heart.

The Vietnam Veterans chapter and Bova Engineers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9885 held the

ceremony last Friday in the City Hall area. A thunderstorm interrupted the ceremony.

Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 furnished an honor guard and served refreshments at the post after the ceremony. Despite the stormy weather, many turned out to remember POWs and those missing in action.

State Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, who served in Korea, spoke briefly. State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, recalled living through the Vietnam era and sending loved ones to that part of the world.

"Luckily, they all came back," she said.

There are more than 2,100 Americans missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam era, Moberg told those at the ceremony. He served in Vietnam in 1968-69.

The ceremony included a release of black balloons in recognition of the POWs and those missing in action. It also featured a 21-gun salute.

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"That was a long time ago," she said with a smile. She too follows a Monday through Saturday schedule.

"I like it because I like to compete." She enjoys doing jumps and spins. She admits it can be difficult to keep up with the high school academic work and to skate.

Kayla Adams, 7, a second-grader at St. Paul's School who lives in Westland, started at age 4. "Because it's fun," she said of her reason for skating. She competes as a freestyle 1 skater.

The arena, on Wildwood, east of Wayne Road and south of Warren, is open nearly all year, from the end of June through May. Hombirg, a Wayne resi-

dent, has been there for nearly 13 of the arena's roughly 30 years.

She teaches ice skating for ages 5 through adult. Hombirg has found adults enjoy getting out on the ice.

"It's great exercise and they learn at their own pace." More women and girls sign up than do men and boys.

The arena does have one middle-aged man who competes. "He does extremely well," she said. "He competes all over the area."

In late October, the next Learn To Ice Skate session will begin. Registration is scheduled for Oct. 13-17 in person. For more information, call (313) 729-4560.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBFIELD

**Fun:** Olivia Ziegler, 6, works with instructor Paige Petty.

## On tap from page A1

Julie Brown, who is filling in as Westland Observer editor.

Section editors will also meet with participants.

"The features department of The Observer Newspapers wants to hear from you. We are responsible for the Arts & Leisure, Entertainment, Taste, At Home, New Homes and Real Estate Sections," Hugh Gallagher, assistant managing editor of the features group, said.

"We run extensive calendars in Arts & Leisure, Entertainment and At Home and look forward to getting the word out about your events," he said.

The open house will give participants a chance to meet with and discuss concerns with staff members.

Demonstrations will follow the discussions, including a demonstration of the Internet, and the Observer's Web site. Our staff will also offer a demonstration of how we use Quark to assemble our newspaper pages and a demonstration of our photo developing and scanning technology.

A tour of the Livonia building, including the press room, will also be conducted.

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# Manslaughter trial set for teen in March 10 auto crash death

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland teen-ager, charged with causing a fiery March 10 car accident that killed a 14-year-old girl on Ann Arbor Trail near Hines Drive, is scheduled to stand trial Dec. 1 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Joseph John Gackiewicz, 17, could face a maximum 15-year prison term if convicted in the death of 14-year-old Nicole Mugurian of Westland.

Mugurian, a Livonia Franklin High School freshman who was a front-seat passenger in a 1989 Buick Regal, died when the car slammed into a roadside tree and burst into flames, Westland police said.

Gackiewicz and backseat passenger Michael Mahdi Ayoub, a 17-year-old Livonia resident, suffered injuries but survived the one-car accident that occurred about 10:30 March 10.

The crash resulted in Gackiewicz facing charges of vehicular manslaughter and causing a death while driving under the influence of liquor and marijuana.

Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered Gackiewicz to stand trial following a May 20 preliminary hearing.

The hearing raised allegations that Gackiewicz had been drinking, using marijuana and speeding when he apparently lost control of the car and hit a tree alongside Ann Arbor Trail.

Medical testimony indicated that Gackiewicz apparently wasn't legally drunk, but that he had consumed a combination of alcohol and marijuana prior to the accident, Westland police officer Jack McIntosh has said.

Witness John Kennedy testified in May that he was driving his truck eastbound on Ann Arbor Trail when another motorist approached him from behind at a high rate of speed.

Kennedy said he accelerated to about 50 mph in the 35 mph zone, but the other driver still passed him.

Police said Gackiewicz lost control of the car he was driving while passing on the right side in a flare lane.

Westland police officer Jeff Jedrusik, among those who pulled the teens from the burning car, identified Gackiewicz as the driver of the Buick Regal.

The defendant remains free on a personal bond as he awaits trial.

## COURTS

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

■ 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4  
**Creation Station**

Get a bit crafty at the Creation Station! Stop in at 2 p.m. and make a make-and-take craft. This craft is appropriate for preschool and elementary-age children.

The library will be taking a public storytime break until the week of Oct. 12. The next storytime session will run as follows:

■ 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13

**Sleepy Storytime for families**

This storytime is intended for children ages 2-7 and their families. Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

■ 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Toddler Tales**

18-36 month-old children. All toddlers must be accompanied by an adult in storytime. Community Meeting Room A. No registration required.

■ 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**Just for Me Preschool Time**

(ages 3-5) at Preschool Time is intended as an independent experience for the children. Children's Activity Room. No registration required.

### HALLOWEEN SNEAK PEEK

The following activities are designed to help the little goblins celebrate this, fun holiday.

■ 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29.  
**Slightly Spooky Storytime.**

Just right for the little goblins ages 3-6! Come in costume and get lost in a spider web of Halloween stories and fun for the young. Spooky songs, frighteningly silly tales and creepy action rhymes. Community Meeting Room. No registration required.

■ 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

**Spookfest '97**

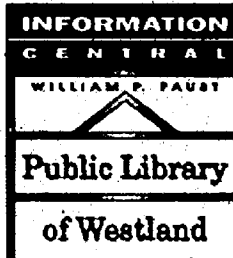
Put on your most creative Halloween costume for the Spookfest Costume Contest. Rubber fangs, crazy clothes, scary face paint... It's all welcome. We'll tell spooky stories, go trick or treating around the library, and have a frighteningly good time! Program is designed for elementary-age children. Community Meeting Room. No registration required.

### ADULT PROGRAMMING

■ 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

**"A Night of Mystery"**

Author panel discussion featuring four Michigan authors, William X. Kienzle, Lee Meadows, Shirley Schenkel and Tom Grace. Tickets are available free of charge at the library reception desk. Seating is limited, and tickets are going fast.



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### LEONTINE V. BEAUBIEN

Funeral services for Leontine Beaubien, 87, of Westland were recently in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland with burial at Cadillac Memorial West Cemetery.

Mrs. Beaubien, who died Sept. 19 in Livonia, was born in St. Louis, Mo. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Donald and David; daughter, Rosamond Fish; one brother; one sister; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Beaubien was preceded

in death by her husband, Edward Sr., and son, Edward Jr.

### SCOTT M. ZIOBRO

Funeral services for Scott Ziobro, 25, of Plymouth were 10 a.m. today, Thursday, Sept. 25, in Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association.

Mr. Ziobro, who died Sept. 21 in Ann Arbor, was born in Detroit. He worked in risk management at the University of Michigan Information Technolo-

gy Division. He was a former Livonia resident. Mr. Ziobro was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. He graduated from Catholic Central in 1989 (and was a National Merit Scholar there). In 1992, he received a B.S. degree from Michigan State University (James Madison College), and in 1996 his master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan. He was an avid runner and bicyclist.

Surviving are: parents, Wayne and Mary Margaret Ziobro of Plymouth; sister, Beth of Ply-

mouth; grandparents, Iva Ziobro of Westland and Anthony and Stella Topolsky of Canton; and fiancée, Trish Gilhooly of Livonia.

### S. RAYNELL TUDOR

Funeral services for S. Raynell Tudor, 55, of Westland were recently in Prayer Baptist Church, Westland, with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton. Officiating was the Rev. Larry Bartlett. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. Memorials may be made to Prayer Baptist Church, 855 Edwin St., Westland 48185.

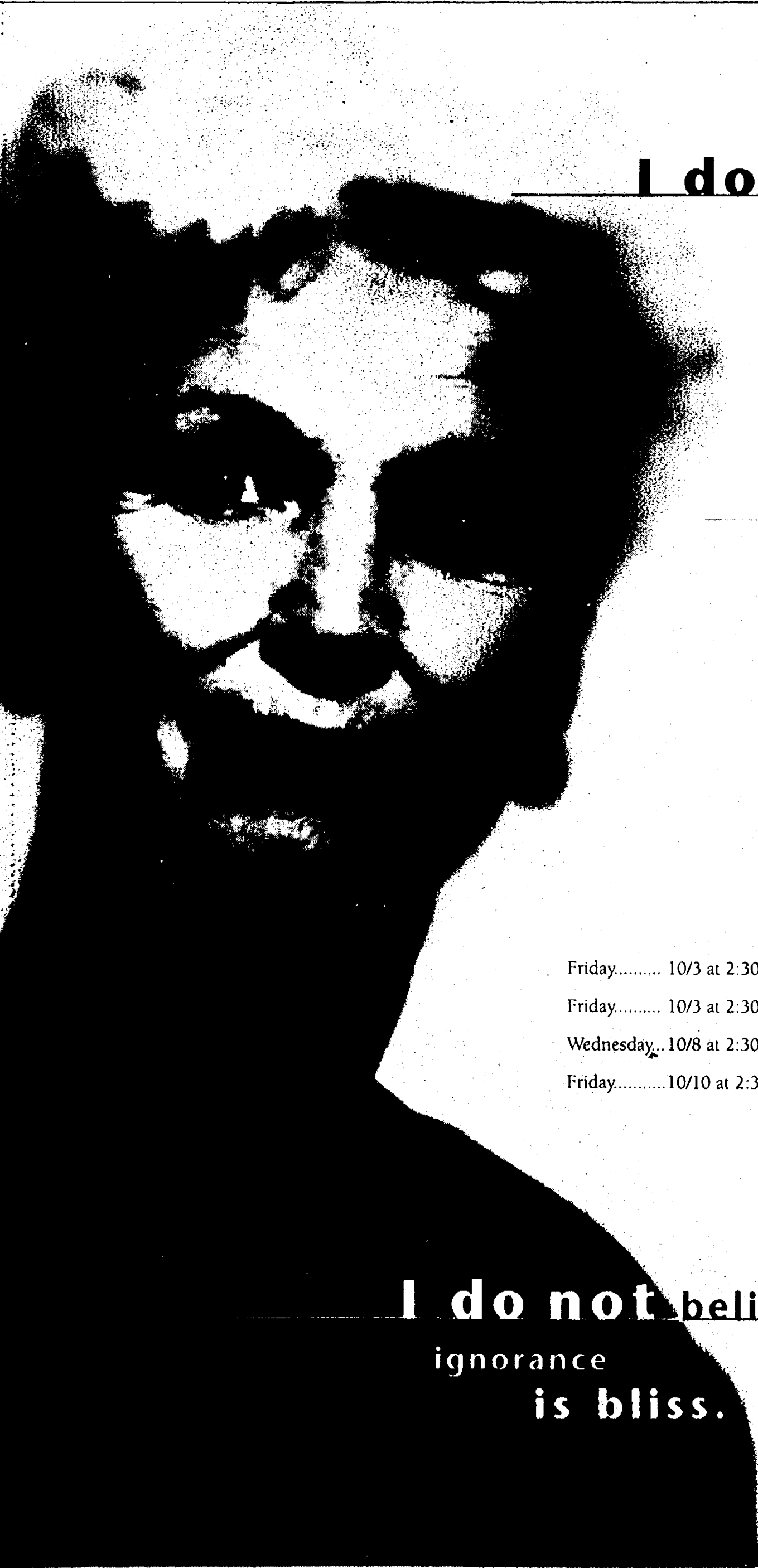
Mrs. Tudor, who died Sept. 13 in Wayne, was born in Miami, Fla. She was secretary for the Baptist Church.

Surviving are: husband, Richard (assistant pastor at Prayer Baptist Church); and brother, Freddie Zingline of Los Angeles, Calif.

### HALLE MARIE ACERRANO

Halle Marie Acerrano, one day, of Plymouth died Sept. 17 in Ann Arbor. Services were Sept. 22 at Riverside Cemetery with Deacon Tony Kendzierski of St. Theodore Catholic Church officiating.

She is survived by her parents Ronald G. and Sherry Marie Acerrano of Plymouth; sister, Evelyn Marie Acerrano; grandparents, Basil and Sandra DeWitt of Plymouth and Ronald and Laurie Acerrano of Wayne; and several aunts and uncles.



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Knowledge

Senator planning office hours

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, will hold district office hours 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Wayne Public Library, 3500 Sims, Wayne. Area residents are encouraged to stop by to discuss questions or concerns that they have relating to state legislative issues, or just to say hello.

Appointments are not necessary and all will be welcomed on a first come-first served basis.

Bennett is also available at his office to discuss concerns or to arrange a private meeting. The number is 1-800-704-6299.

Books will be discussed

A Book Discussion Group meets 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, south of Warren.

The season's first discussion Tuesday, Oct. 21, will feature "Spyder Web" by Ann Arbor author Tom Grace. Grace will appear that night to discuss his book and espionage thrillers. On Tuesday, Nov. 18, there will be a discussion of Clifford Stoll's "The Cuckoo's Egg."

Sessions are held in the library's Community Meeting Room from October through May. For information, call (313) 326-6123.

# School districts told law will cost 'a ton of money'

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

A new federal law designed to help disabled students instead will require more school paperwork, raise costs of compliance and backfire in its attempts to make schools safer, suburban districts are being warned.

"It's gonna cost a ton of money," said Gerald Dunn, the former legislator who is executive secretary of the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL).

MAISL brought in attorneys Thomas H. Schwarze and Robert A. Lusk from the Bloomfield Hills school law specialist firm of Keller Thoma to speak Sept. 18 to about 100 administrators and teachers at a regional meeting in Livonia. MAISL's members are districts in western Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Big sticking point, said Schwarze, is that "states must provide free and appropriate education for students who have been suspended or expelled from the school," even for short periods of time.

That requirement, he went on, "is in apparent conflict with local districts' authority to suspend the disabled for not more than 10 days" under another law.

## Parochial?

In addition, Congress is requiring states to share funds for educating the disabled with private and parochial schools. Last June, in a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court permitted states to send teachers into parochial schools to teach remedial and supplemental classes. That case, called *Agostini v. Felton*, was a victory for New York City and the Clinton Administration and was praised by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Dissenting Justice David H. Souter said the effect would be to "authorize direct state aid to religious institutions on an unparalleled scale." The lawyers did not dwell on the parochial implications of the new law.

What the court permitted, Congress now is requiring.

The core of the Schwarze-Lusk presentation: The schools' IEPs (individual educational program) committees will have to provide more details and more chances for parents of the disabled to challenge their judgments. More school funds will go for hearing officers and parents' lawyers.

"A (suspended) student must be kept in an interim alternative educational setting," said Schwarze. "Before, you used to be able to kick them (misbehav-

ing students) out of school. Now you can't."

"It looks like we're going to be in the alternative education business."

The lawyers' advice was highly technical, but their central theme was to persuade parents to agree to behavioral plans and avoid being dragged into a legal brawl.

Schwarze deplored a change that allows suspending a student who "carries" a gun or weapon to school. Standard legal wording would be to punish "possession" of a weapon. Thus, the new law will be harder to enforce if a student claims someone else carried the gun to school and handed it to him.

"I see suspensions coming to a halt," Schwarze said. "They (congressional committee report) said they'd reduce paperwork and make schools safer. That's a

crook."

"I share Tom's sense of outrage," Lusk told the educators. "I saw the shock on your faces."

He advised school officials to start using newer, more detailed forms for "informed consent" to re-evaluations of special ed students. There are more procedural notifications to parents.

night. The people who wrote it knew exactly what they were doing."

For two years, the 104th Congress bogged down in "a legislative quagmire of proposed

amendments" from various interest groups, he said.

In the current 105th Congress, he said, drafters and committee leaders took the process behind

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# Fund created for development hasn't made a loan in three years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Three years ago a fund was established to provide loans to assist Wayne County communities with development.

Three years later, no loans have been distributed, and county officials haven't outlined a process to distribute the loans, either.

Instead county officials have committed \$21.4 million from the 21st Century Fund — \$20 million for the Detroit Tiger and Detroit Lion stadia project and \$1.4 million for the Inkster Valley Golf Course — commitments which "may jeopardize" the fund, according to a report released recently to the Wayne County Commission by the commission's Auditor General Bren-

dan Dunleavy.

Commissioners referred the report last Thursday to the Committee on Audit.

"The financial commitments to these projects are, in effect, grants, not loans," the report stated. With the county's commitment to these two projects, the program "is not meeting its original loan intent and is depleting the funding source for future projects," the report stated.

Dewitt Henry, assistant county executive and director of jobs and economic development, acknowledged its use of grants, instead of loans, to allow "flexibility" with the program. "The executive and commission have thus decided to fund two worthy programs with grants, because grants were needed to make them work," Henry stated in a

letter.

While the county was receiving more than \$30 million in sales from the Northville properties, most of the land purchasers will be taking a 120-day diligence due period and will need two allowed extensions for planning approvals, which means the sales will not immediately yield much cash. The county also needs to complete negotiations with the state for the state to be reimbursed for improvements to the Northville properties.

"Not until both are completed will we be in a position to definitively inform the commission of the funds from the Northville sale that will be available for a loan program," Henry said. "We look forward to issuing a full status report at that time."

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closed doors, brought out a misleading report, rammed it through both chambers within days, and saw President Clinton sign it June 4.

### Money mess

The federal law complicates an already messy problem Michigan faces in funding special education.

The state must pay \$211 million to 84 mostly suburban districts for shorting them in the Michigan Supreme Court's

Durant case decision. Lawmakers will address this issue when they return to Lansing Sept. 23.


Meanwhile, MAISL last May produced a report showing the rise in special ed costs. Not only does each special ed student cost \$8,000 to \$12,000 per year more to educate, but the numbers of special ed students are rising disproportionately. Items:

- As total enrollment dropped 21 percent — from 2.1 million in 1975 to 1.6 million in 1995 — special ed enrollment rose 31 percent — from 147,000 to 194,000

- Special ed enrolls almost one pupil in eight — 11.8 percent in 1995.

- The category of special ed called learning disabled has soared even more, from fewer than 20,000 in 1975 to more than 82,000 in 1995, or 316 percent.

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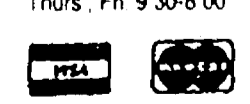
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# Volunteers sought to assist in petition drive for the right to physician aid in dying

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The group hopes to collect 350,000 signatures to deliver 247, 127 valid signatures — 8 percent of the 3,089,077 votes cast in the latest gubernatorial election — within the prescribed 180 days to secure a place on the

1998 ballot.

"We already have more than 3,000 members, with almost 1,000 out there collecting signatures across the state, but we need many more," said Carol Frederick Poenisch, Merian's daughter.

Poenisch said the campaign is growing, but much work needs to be done before cold weather sets in.

"Polls show more than 60 percent of Michigan voters favor Physician Aid in Dying," said

Poenisch.

Former Michigan governor William Milliken and Helen Milliken head the list of honorary co-chairs, which includes many well-known names from Michigan politics and labor.

Those interested in volunteering may phone Merian's Friends toll-free number, 1-888-217-0700 or write to Merian's Friends, PO Box 272, Northville, MI 48167-0272.

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# Some commissioners angry over use of 21st Century Fund

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Some Wayne County commissioners are unhappy with the use of the 21st Century Fund, a fund originally designed to help low-income communities spur redevelopment.

A report on the fund questioned whether the fund can collect enough funds to create a loan program to help communities with development once the state is paid for expenditures related to properties sold by the county in Northville Township. The report noted that no loans have been made, nor has a loan process been detailed.

Instead \$21.4 million was earmarked from the fund for the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers stadium project and the Inkster Valley Golf Course.

Commissioner Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, called the report "distressing."

"I was not a big fan (of the 21st Century Fund), and I would

have preferred if the communities helped themselves," Patterson said. "But I thought there was some merit to energizing certain communities."

"The only meritorious basis of the program (loans) has been eviscerated. You have the communities giving up hope to benefit a couple of millionaires."

Patterson also was critical because the fund was not audited.

Commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, whose district includes Redford Township and part of Livonia, hoped the commission could check with their legal counsel on the report. "I'd like to know what the administration's plans are," Plawecki said.

Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, whose district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township, said the report "proves him correct" in opposing the establishment of the 21st Century Fund and expenditures

from it for the stadium fund earlier this year. He doubts if the commission will do much in reacting to the report, because the Detroit commissioners want the money to go to the stadium.

"(The report) is an eloquent statement as to why (the fund) shouldn't have been started in the first place," McCotter said.

McCotter opposed the fund because his constituent communities would not qualify for money and oppose any tax money spent on the stadium. "It's a total redistribution of wealth that adversely impacts the residents of my district," McCotter said.

McCotter believes the only way Wayne County could contribute funds was through the availability of money in the 21st Century Fund. "They overreached the fund. They didn't have the money for the stadium, and I think the only way to fund it was to use the 21st Century money."

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Dunleavy's report estimates that at least \$850,000 in improvements were made by the state to the property.

The reports' authors could not determine whether the fund could function as intended with the \$21 million in commitments for the two projects.

"Even with the Northville sales, until a determination of the settlement is made with the state, we still can't determine whether enough leftover money will be available to administer the 21st Century Fund as it was originally designed," Dunleavy said.

The report recommends that the commission and County Executive Edward McNamara review the two funds, with the 21st Century Fund examined

after the Northville properties are sold to determine whether the loan program is feasible, and Project Saved reviewed for the same purpose.

Project Saved was created to assist community-based organizations in obtaining title to tax-reverted property and develop a loan program to provide funding necessary for these organizations to redevelop. It was intended for use in Detroit, Inkster, River Rouge, Highland Park, Ecorse and Hamtramck.

County Management and Budget officials also only established one special revenue fund to record the 21st Century Fund and Project Saved. As a result of one fund, the assets and liabilities are combined and interest revenue from the 21st Century

Fund was "inappropriately used to pay administrative costs for Project Saved."

Henry said the 21st Century revenue spent for Project Saved was "well-spent."

"While the commission approved a loan program in conjunction with Project Saved, most organizations have not needed it. We are still working to determine if the loan program is needed, and will report to the commission with our findings," Henry said.

Dunleavy and his staff recommend commissioners revise the current commission resolution to include "relevant and obtainable" objectives and completion dates. The resolution also should include methods to ensure compliance, Dunleavy said.

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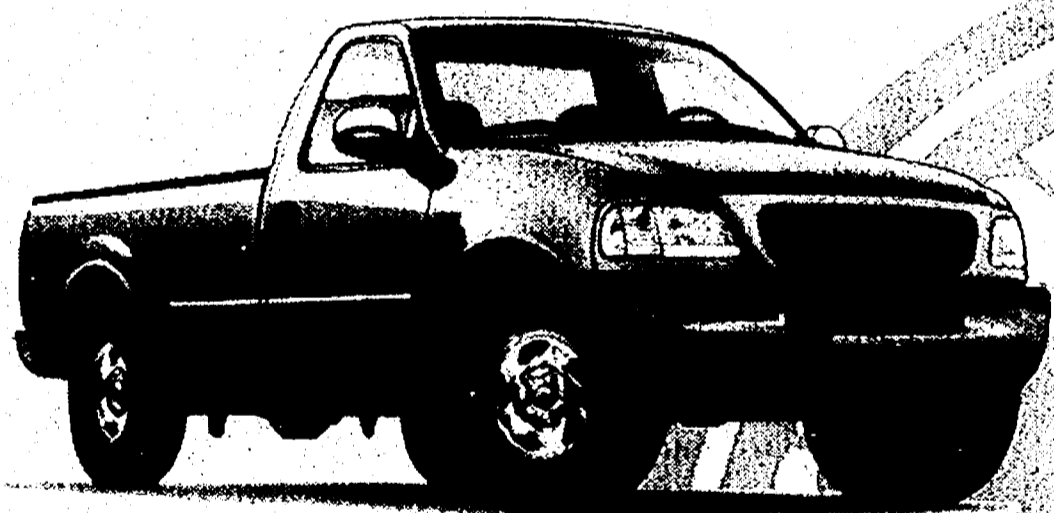


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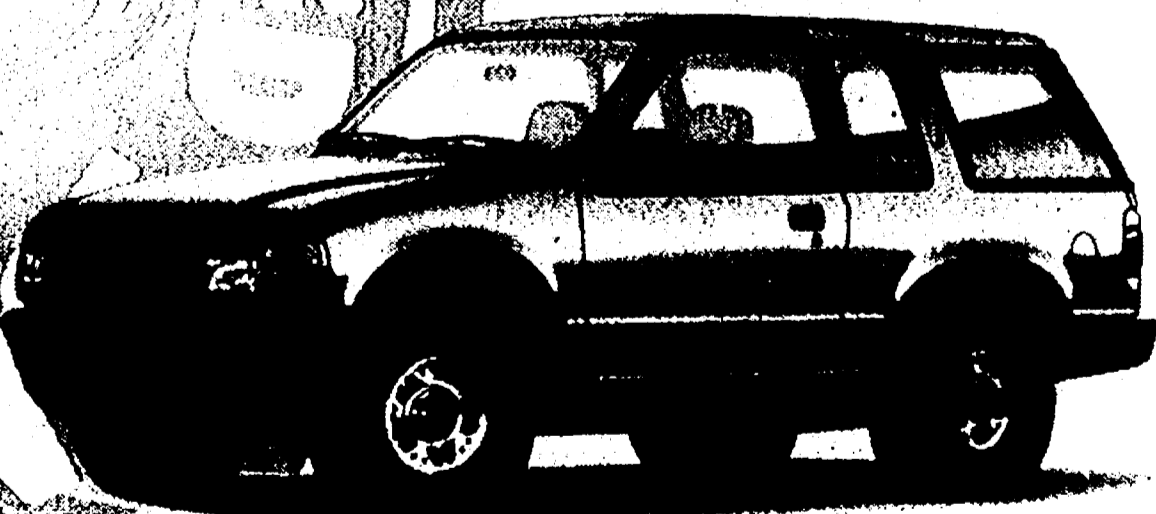
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of Wildlife Recovery Association, relates facts about birds of prey and tells the stories of the rescued birds he brings to the show. Sponsored by the Schoolcraft Activities Board and Phi Beta Kappa, the event is free and open to the public. For information, call (313) 462-4422.

# Walk-in donors accepted at blood drive next Thursday

Schoolcraft College is sponsoring an American Red Cross Bloodmobile visit 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, in the Waterman Center. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (313) 462-4400, ext. 5050.

Walk-in donors are welcome. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, just west of I-275 between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

# Jobs, training and referrals entering a new era across state, Wayne County

By KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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The leader of the Michigan Jobs Commission hopes to eventually place 400,000 to 500,000 people into jobs, training and referrals without state involvement.

Douglas Stites, chief operating officer with the Michigan Jobs Commission, said at a conference Tuesday he expects workforce development boards to have expanded roles in moving that caseload as they take over roles of the former private industry councils and school-to-work programs. It is all part of Gov. John Engler's moves to empower local business owners and communities in the job referral process and a move away from a state-controlled employment service.

"I think we're seeing from the boards that are reaching out and defining what the scope of the board is," Stites said. "It is what you want to be."

Stites spoke to a crowd of workforce development board members, service providers and agency representatives at a Michigan Works for People conference at the Novi Hilton.

Over 1,000 assisted

Workforce development boards were created by Engler to ensure the workforce-related needs of employers and employees would be met.

"The governor wanted to create something different," said John B. O'Reilly, executive director of Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, an affiliate of the Michigan Works program. "He wanted the board to be broad-based, with 70 percent of its members from the private sector."

Since July 1995 SEMCA has assisted more than 1,000 western Wayne County residents under the Job Training Partnership Act and Work First program. Those include the following communities and totals: Westland, 587; Redford, 336; Livonia, 182; Canton, 130; Garden City, 106, and Plymouth, 54.

### Just one call needed

The boards soon will administer a "no wrong door" approach to job training, employment and skills development services to everyone. Administrators have set up a system for a referral service to send people to a "one-

stop" center for an assessment or a service provider, such as a vocational education program, technical school or community college.

The program allows any customer to enter the system through any participating agency in the local system whether or not that participating agency is the right one to provide the service.

All of Wayne County except for Detroit and Monroe County is represented by the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance Workforce Development Board. The board is a successor to the private industry councils under the Job Training Partnership Act and oversees responsibilities formerly held by the School-To-Work board.

Board members generally hold key management positions in their own companies and understand the needs of other employers in their communities. These boards must integrate all programs through policies and target them to support state and local economic development efforts.

### 'All about jobs'

Pat Williams, owner of Michigan Induction Inc. in Canton, said "it's all about jobs."

Williams likes the changes, particularly the "no wrong door" program, that will include a single phone number — instead of people calling a bevy of governmental agencies — and an information service for everyone.

Williams said the old system overlapped or had gaps in providing employment services. The duplication cost the state money, and the state sought to cut these costs with the new program.

"I think (the new program) is awesome," Williams said. "We're creating an opportunity to educate competent employees and help those who have been displaced, to those who are looking to upgrade their jobs. It will help with those things as simple as a resume to where to go for training."

With 70 percent of its members from the private sector, the workforce boards check on how effective the referrals are. When a public agency that receives tax dollars for its referrals checks its own system for efficiency, it may have a conflict of interest.

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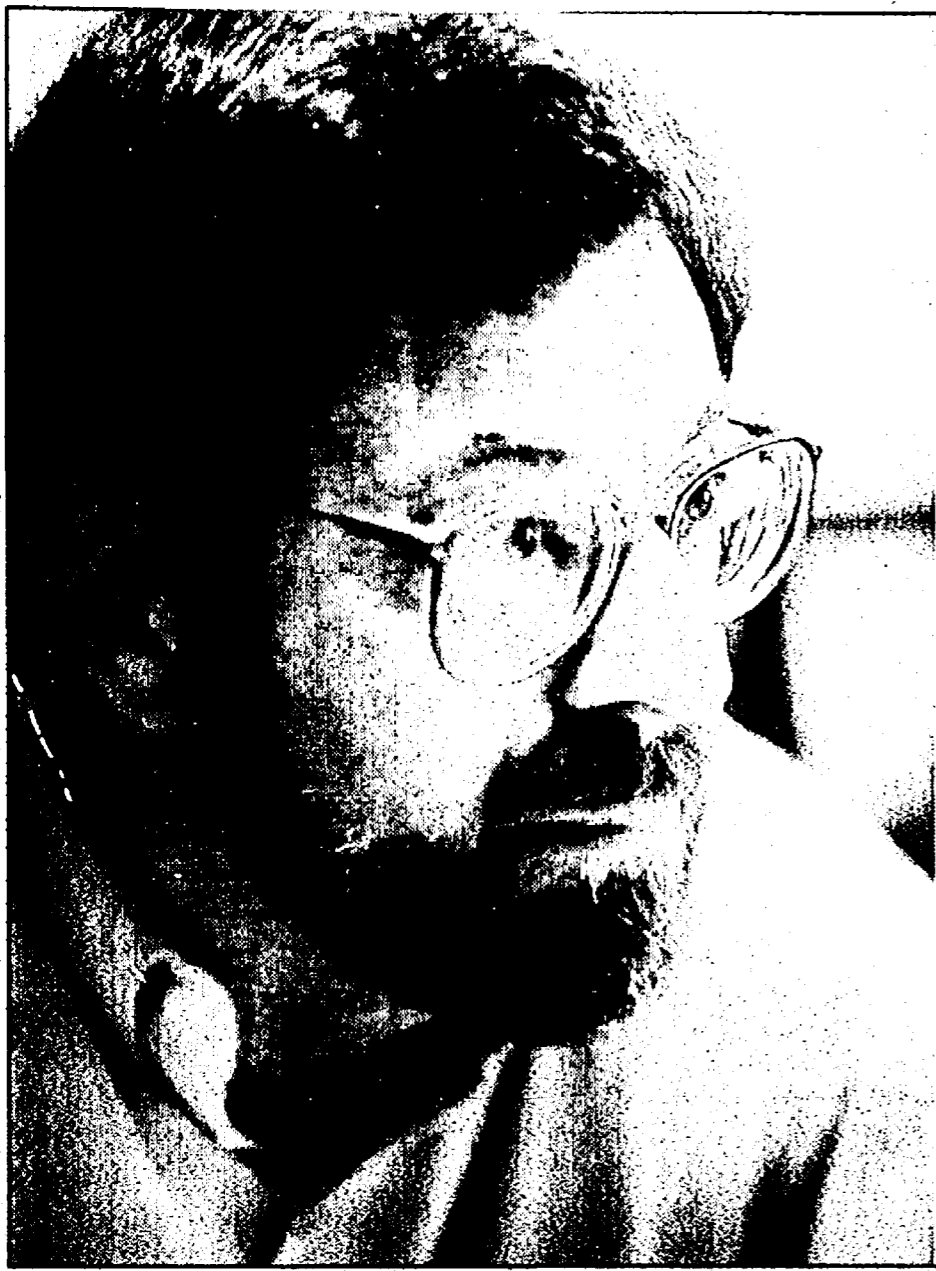
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Goodbye: Howard Simon will miss Michigan.



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Food for thought: Howard Simon dines in a Redford restaurant. He'll leave soon for a job with the ACLU in Florida. "I'm thrilled to death to work for an organization defending civil liberties," he said.

# ACLU director bids Michigan friends farewell

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan Director Howard Simon said he'll miss living in Plymouth Township, as he's leaving to take the Florida ACLU director's job.

"It's a place where there's no lines at the bank, where you can walk downtown on a summer evening and stop at an outdoor coffee shop, or stroll downtown licking an ice cream cone and go into a bookstore," he said of Plymouth.

"It's very reminiscent of the New England towns that I loved so much," said the New York City native.

The Florida ACLU, fifth largest in the country, recruited Simon, who has served as Michigan ACLU director 23 years. Due to start his new job on Oct. 1, Simon has been taking some time to

look for a Florida home.

Simon said a combination of personal and professional reasons sparked his move.

"Florida has surged to be the fourth largest state in the country. Florida is a hotbed of right-wing religious group political activity. I know that we'll be defending constitutionally protected religious freedom, particularly of minority religions, women's abortion rights, trying to get the law to respect the rights of the competent terminally ill to determine the circumstances of their own death," he said.

And unlike Michigan, Florida has a death penalty, which the ACLU opposes.

On a personal note, Simon's parents live about an hour north of Miami, where his office will be.

"The opportunity to play golf with my father is very appealing, and the opportunity to play golf in December, January, February and March is also very appealing. I'm tired of rediscovering my golf game every spring," he said.

While Simon said he'll miss friends in Michigan and the ACLU staff, "The organization is in good shape."

Simon suggested that the Michigan ACLU's success is not measured by various court victories, which can only be temporary.

"The best defense of civil liberties is by building broad public support for fundamental American democratic freedoms - freedom of speech, the right to privacy and due process," he said.

He said such support was eroded some when Ronald Reagan was president, adding politicians who ignore con-

stitutional protections appoint judges "who will change the meaning of our Constitution."

He suggested the attitude hasn't particularly improved under President Bill Clinton, who "is prepared to compromise civil liberties every day."

The Michigan ACLU is the country's ninth largest, with 8,500 members. There are 10,000 ACLU members in Florida.

Simon said a low point during his tenure in Michigan was a state Supreme Court decision to reject an ACLU lawsuit to stop a cutoff of Medicaid funding for low-income women seeking abortions. "We've been really lucky, there have been a heck of a lot more high points than low points," he said.

Among ACLU Michigan successes, he cited successful suits to prohibit lie detector tests for employment and prohibiting police from stopping motorists suspected of not wearing seat belts.

"With this president and this governor (John Engler), and with the rise of powerful, well-funded extreme right-wing organizations, the most important thing is to play a role in building a strong organization," Simon said.

"I'm sorry I was only able to live in Plymouth Township two years. But I'm thrilled to death to work for an organization defending civil liberties."

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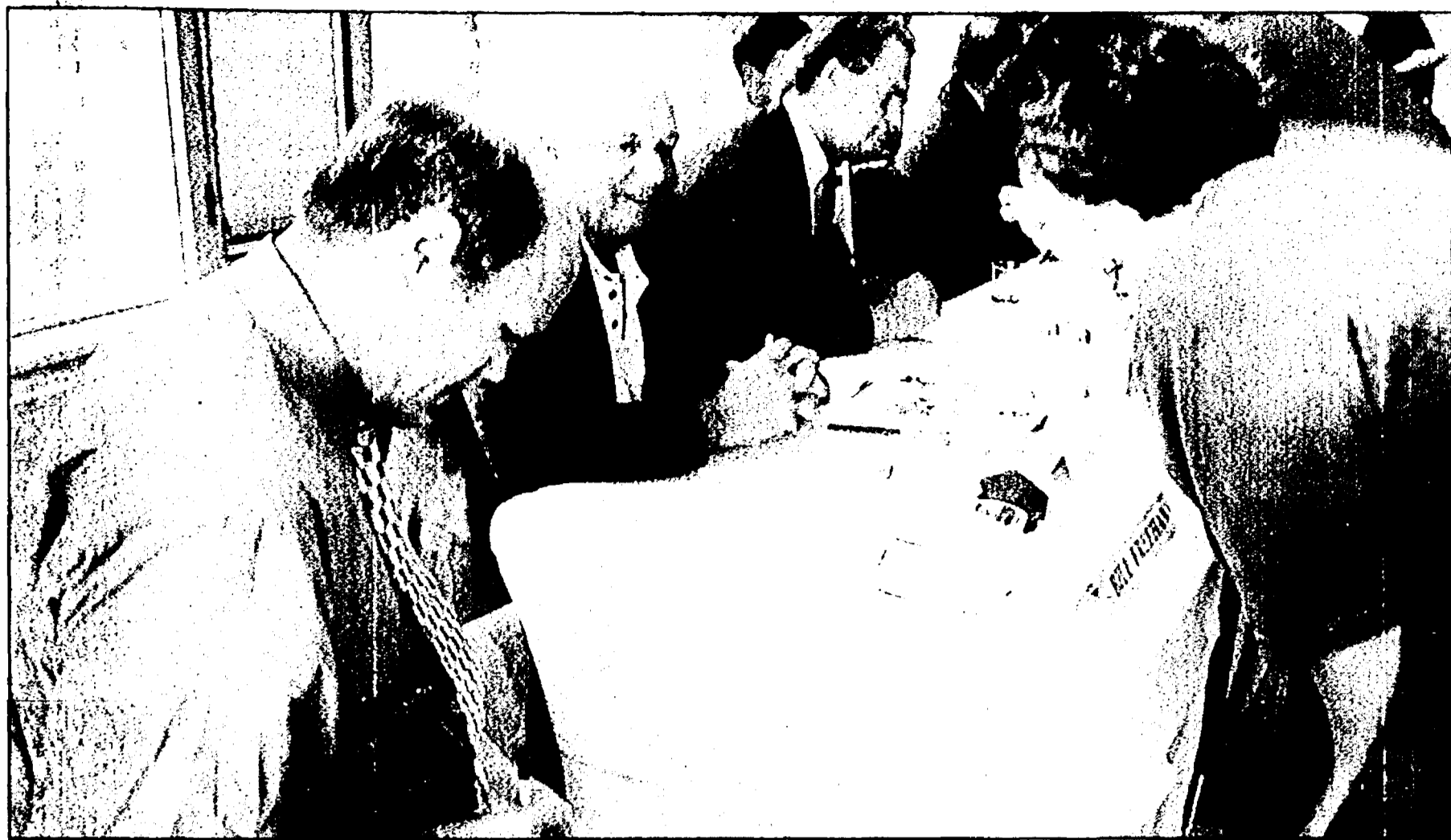
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Williams believes business owners, such as himself, can make the system more efficient.

"We have opinions on who we see coming out of high schools and colleges," Williams said. "We are the stake holders in this. What we do is provide some balance."

Frank Lopez, chairman of SEMCA workforce development board and owner of Aztec Manufacturing Corp. in Romulus, said the board will know the market needs, being in business themselves.

"It's driven by market demand," Lopez said. "Many areas in manufacturing are opening up. After the year 2000, more people will be retiring, and companies will need replacements and they'll have to come

with skills."

Board member Edward Baldwin, chief financial officer and controller of E & E Manufacturing Co. in Plymouth, said the board will look for ways to connect people to jobs. Baldwin was appointed in July to the board.

"The challenge is to find jobs for people," Baldwin said. "There are all kinds of ways to do that by connecting people with the right resources."

Board members won't encourage people to do one certain occupation. "You tell us what you want to do. If you don't know, we'll put you in touch with an agency," Baldwin said.

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O&E purchases  
Rochester Clarion

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Purchase of The Rochester Clarion by The Observer & Eccentric was completed Tuesday evening, according to Steven K. Pope, Vice President and General Manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Pope also is Publisher of the newspaper group's Oakland County editions.

Pope said the Clarion will continue to publish for the next three to four weeks. After that, The Clarion will merge with The Rochester Eccentric. The Clarion-Eccentric will be one of the 15 community newspapers published by the Observer & Eccentric in Wayne and Oakland counties.

"We're taking the best of both newspapers and combining them into a much, much stronger product," Pope said.

Justin Wilcox, publisher of The Clarion, said Wednesday he "was very excited. I think it's a great opportunity for not only the employees of The Clarion but for the citizens of the area."

Wilcox will join the Observer & Eccentric staff as associate publisher for The Eccentric's north Oakland newspaper editions in Rochester, Troy, Oxford, Lake Orion and Clarkston.

The Clarion-Eccentric will publish twice a week, on Thursdays and Sundays.

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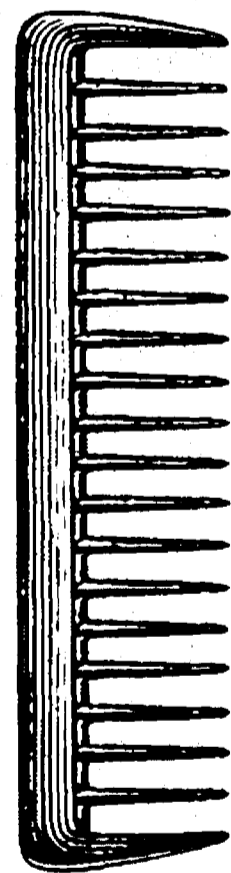


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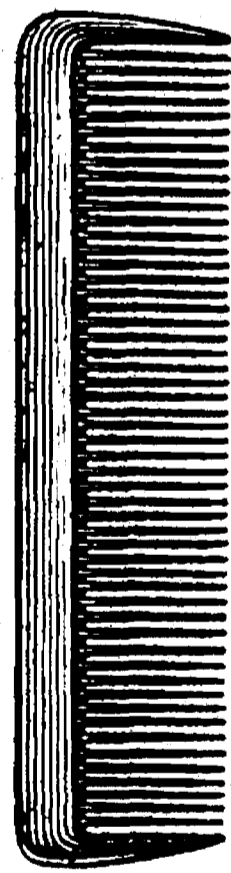



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

## Cable TV Competition benefits viewers

Cable TV competition is heating up in Westland, and that's good news for consumers. Mayor Robert Thomas announced last week that a deal has been struck with Ameritech New Media. The plan is subject to city council approval, but it appears likely that before too long a competitor will join current provider MediaOne on the local cable scene.

The experience of Plymouth, Canton and other communities that have more than one cable provider is instructive. Consumers have a choice, can compare rates and service tends to improve. There had been complaints about cable service in Westland, which is precisely why Thomas and others sought a second provider.

Spokesmen for both cable providers say that they welcome the competition and do not fear it.

**■ The experience of Plymouth, Canton and other communities that have more than one cable provider is instructive. Consumers have a choice, can compare rates and service tends to improve.**

A monopoly situation rarely works to the benefit of consumers, which is why we welcome the impending arrival of Ameritech New Media. The arrival will give cable consumers more of a choice, and we applaud that move.

Let's hope that both MediaOne and Ameritech New Media are responsive to consumer concerns and that they provide top-notch service. Westland cable subscribers certainly deserve no less.

## Chamber marks milestone

A lot has changed since 1962, but the Westland Chamber of Commerce has consistently been a force for business interests since then.

Chamber members got together Wednesday at Joy Manor to celebrate the organization's 35th anniversary. Business and community leaders enjoyed reminiscing and learning about the community's growth during those 35 years and the chamber's role in that growth.

"Oh, absolutely," said chamber executive director Linda Shapona when asked if such celebrations are important. "One thing it does is help the volunteers know how important their work was."

Such celebrations are also good public relations for the chamber, she added.

Whether it's planning a car show or prepar-

**■ Many people have contributed to the chamber's success, and some local businesses have been members for more than 30 years.**

ing for the scheduled Oct. 25 opening of Sears at Westland Center, the chamber is consistently a vital part of community life. Many people have contributed to the chamber's success, and some local businesses have been members for more than 30 years.

Let's have a round of applause for the Westland Chamber of Commerce. May it continue to grow and prosper, and to celebrate future milestones.

## Fun day boosts cleanup work

Helping to keep the Rouge River clean isn't just about volunteering on cleanup days, picking up debris or sloshing around in the mud. Supporting the efforts to educate the public about the Rouge River can be fun, too.

If you like to bike, in-line skate, run or walk - you too can support the cleanup effort by participating in PedalFest '97 this Saturday at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Westland.

People can ride bicycles, in-line skate, run or walk on Hines Drive to support environmental education and stewardship programs of Friends of the Rouge, a 12-year-old non-profit volunteer community organization.

The route begins and ends at Nankin Mills with 10-, 20- and 50-mile rides offered to bicy-

**■ Individuals must pledge a minimum of \$15. Families must pledge a minimum of \$25, while teams (three to 10 members) must pledge \$30.**

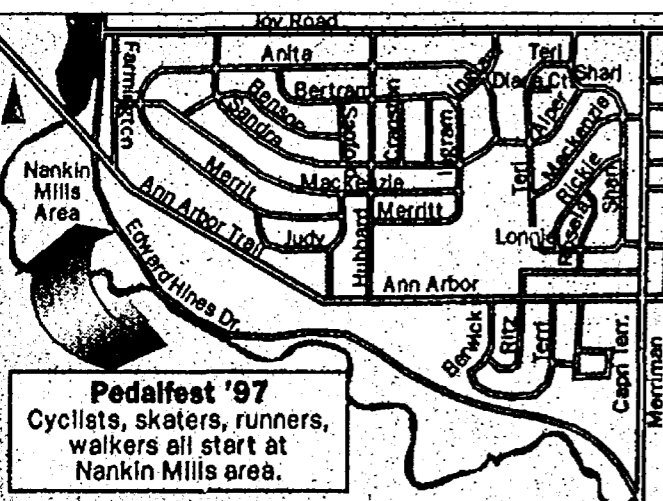
clists along westbound Hines Drive and continuing onto Seven Mile and Beck roads with a turnaround offered at Maybury State Park. The 50-mile ride continues to South Lyon, where riders turn around to return to Westland.

The 50-mile ride and registration begins at 8 a.m. The 20-mile ride and registration starts at 9 a.m. The 10-mile ride registration begins at 10 a.m. Five-mile fun ride, bladers, runners and walkers register at 10 a.m. Bicyclists can start until 11 a.m., others until noon. The PedalFest finishes at 4 p.m.

Individuals must pledge a minimum of \$15. Families must pledge a minimum of \$25, while teams (three to 10 members) must pledge \$30. PedalFest T-shirts and Sports Authority water bottles will be available for everyone who registers.

If the weather predictors are right, it promises to be a beautiful autumn weekend. So head for Hines Drive and have some fun while helping out your environment.

For more registration information, call Friends of the Rouge at 961-4050.



HELEN FURCEAN/STAFF ARTIST

## On the Ice



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOFFEL

**Lots of fun: Kayla Adams, 7, enjoys her time on the ice at the Westland Sports Arena. Many young people and adults skate at the facility, getting exercise and having a good time.**

## LETTERS

### Leap of logic

You have to wonder what motivated the Wayne-Westland school board to remove the words "sexual orientation" from its policies.

Surely freedom from discrimination is a laudable goal; one that the overwhelming majority of students, staff and citizens of the district feel is worthy of pursuing. I think the board's removal represents their own personal concern motivated by their inability to express their homophobia which quite obviously exists. But it appears that no appeal to noble goals, no matter how couched in counter majoritarian rhetoric, can add logic where there clearly isn't any.

Their argument for not extending non-discrimination clauses to include sexual orientation can be distilled down to this: If we extend the clause to include sexual orientation then everyone would want to be included and that would be bad. But there is a fatal flaw in their logic. They don't seem to recognize the obvious distinction between protective clauses for "the fat, the skinny, the tall, the national origin, race, gender and sexual orientation." Not everyone is fat, or skinny, or tall, or short. Protective clauses for these groups might be advancing "special" rights by excluding those who do not fall into these specialized groups. But everyone has a national origin, a race, a gender, and yes, a sexual orientation. They dismiss the fact that adding sexual orientation to the anti-discrimination policies would prevent discrimination of heterosexuals as well as homosexuals.

"What discrimination of the heterosexual?" you ask. Well ... if the majority of discrimination that occurs based on sexual orientation (or perhaps all) is against homosexuals, that's just more justification for extending the policy, not a reason to conclude that the policy would exclude homosexuals.

The board also argues making a huge leap of logic when they suggest that those of us who support the policy are out to "socially re-engineer the world." When it comes right down to it the case for extension can be made by asking yourself "Are there any gay, lesbian or bisexual students and faculty here?" and then, "Do they or don't they belong here?"

The case for extension answers both of

these in the affirmative and argues for an institutional acknowledgement that not only are there homosexual students and faculty within this school district, but that one's sexual orientation shouldn't be an issue in our capacity as students and faculty members. The reality is that they are there and they belong there, and I think the board and others who adhere to this line of logic are hard-pressed to argue otherwise. In fact, I dare them to.

Chris Cooper  
Class of 1996

### Land use

It has been brought to my attention that the 85 acres of prime undeveloped woodland to the west of Holliday Nature Preserve now has a site plan for the development of an industrial park. I am referring to the west end of Holliday Nature Preserve just beyond the railroad tracks, in Canton.

I believe the wisest use of this forested land would be to add it to the Holliday Nature Preserve, since it is one of the few natural wooded areas still remaining in Wayne County. We still have a chance to expand and protect a natural treasure, and I believe it is our responsibility. Holliday Nature Preserve has tremendous educational value, being a wetland area, with numerous rare species, which are seldom found in urban areas.

The preserve has become nearly surrounded on all sides by recent development. Enough is enough! Let's give nature a chance. Let's think of the world we are leaving for posterity. Once the trees are gone, they are gone forever!

Joseph J. Braun  
Westland

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"I'd probably vote for Thomas. He seems to have done a good job."

Jack Heady  
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"Robert Thomas. I think he's the best man for the job."

Robert Cummings  
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"I don't think I'd vote for Mayor Thomas."

Gladys Kohmescher  
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"I'd vote for Thomas. I like the services he's provided on my street."

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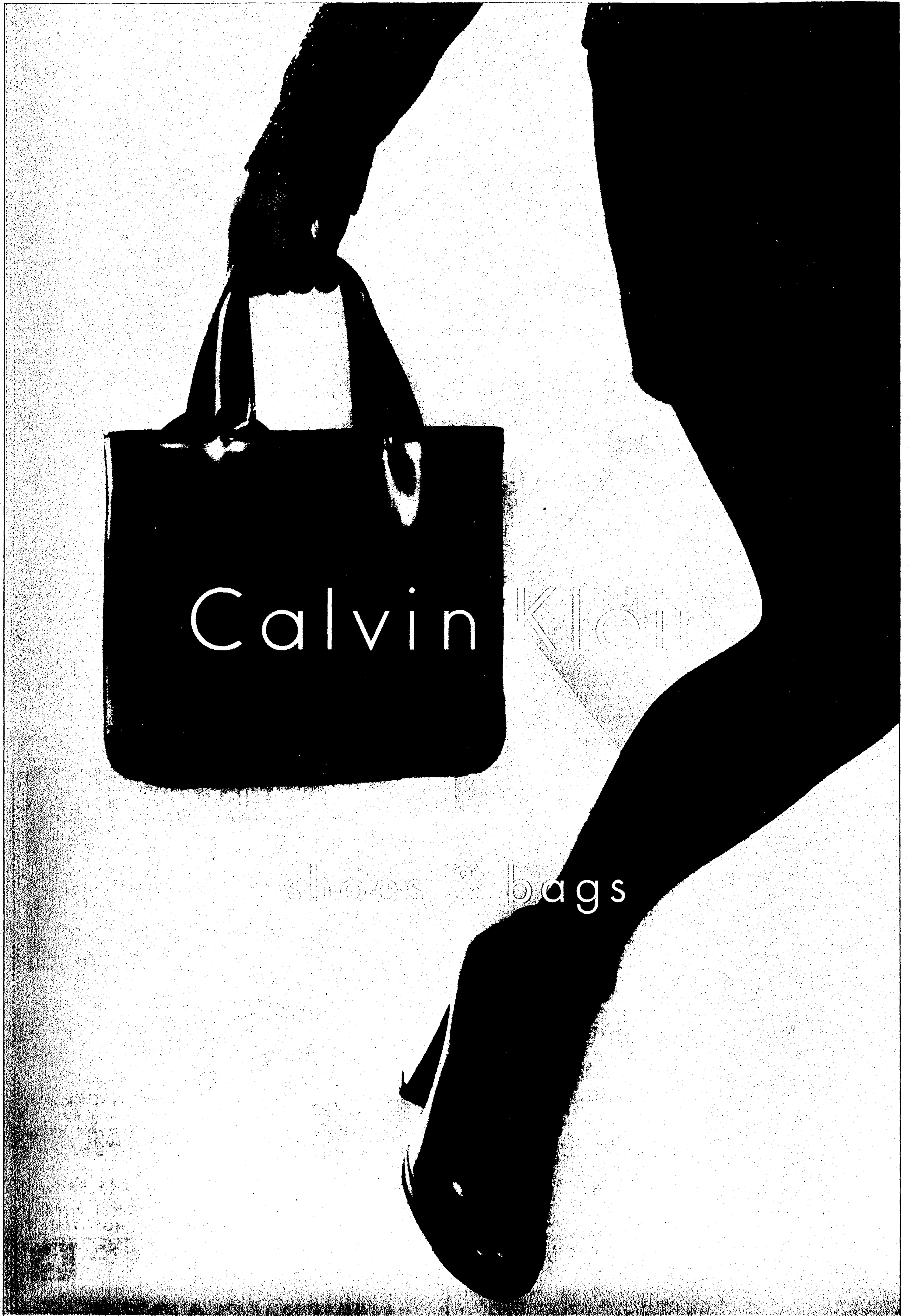
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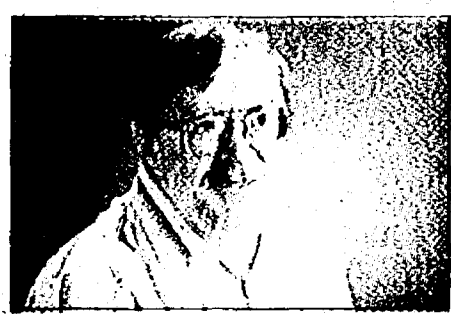




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JACK GLADDEN

## The frig has a 'Lite' look

I'm making myself a lunch. Or trying to. There's a couple of problems. "Do we have any bread?"

"It's in the freezer."  
Naturally. We couldn't keep bread in the breadbox. It might get stale. And it wouldn't stay cold.

Let's see, what kind of bread do we have? Here's some. "Light Italian Bread. Low Fat. 98% FAT FREE." O.K. What else does it say? "See side panel for nutrition facts." I don't think so.

"What do we have to put on the bread?"

"Whatever you find."

"Do we have any lunchmeat?"

"No, you ate it all. Have some cheese."

"We're out of cheese."

"Then find something else."

All right, what else is there? Some carrots, a bag of parsley, some cucumbers from the garden. Hmm. What's this? Cream cheese? "Firm. Lite. Low Fat."

Oh, yuck. It's tofu. "Silken Tofu. 50% less fat and 33% less calories than regular tofu. See nutrition panel."

"Good grief! How many calories can REGULAR tofu have anyway?"

"You stay out of that. It's for chili."

"Chili?"

"Yes. Chili con tofu. We've had it before. You liked it."

"Sure I did. So what can I make for lunch?"

"Peanut butter. Make yourself a peanut butter sandwich."

"Oh, all right. Hey! This isn't peanut butter."

"It is too."

"Is not. It says 'Reduced Fat Peanut Butter Spread. 25% less fat than peanut butter.'"

"It's the same thing."

"60% peanuts. So what's the rest of it?"

"I don't know. What's it say?"

"It says 'See back for information about fat and other nutrients.' Let's see. 'Peanuts, corn syrup solids, sugar and soy protein.' This is nothing but tofu in a jar."  
"Oh, for heaven's sake. It tastes just like regular peanut butter. Try some of that fruit spread on it."  
"Fruit spread? Don't we have any jelly?"

"It's the same thing. It just ..."

"I know. It's got fewer calories. It's low fat. LITE! See side panel for additional information. Never mind. I'll just use some of that It's Really Not Butter butter. Or maybe some reduced fat, low calorie mayonnaise lookalike."

"I might even take a carton of that 'Fat Free 100 Calories Light fruit flavored yogurt with 33% MORE CALCIUM.' And I think I'll take one of those 'Triple Chocolate Wafer Bars' for dessert. The ones that say '45% less fat than the average of the leading chocolate candy brands' on the wrapper. I'll buy some skim milk out of the machine at work. Or maybe a sugar free, caffeine free, sodium free, flavor free diet pop."

"Whatever. Just take some lean ground beef out of the freezer before you go. We're having tacos and refried beans for dinner."

"Not those canned no fat, no calories, pure protein vegetarian refried beans again?"

"Oh, stop it. You liked them the last time we had them. You cooked them yourself."

"Oh, yeah. They weren't bad." (Especially after I added some extra salt and a few tablespoons of bacon grease.)

Jack Gladden is a copy editor for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. This column is guaranteed to be 100% fat free. The same cannot be said of the columnist.

## Monkey business

### Couple shares their home with future 'helpers'

■ Jerry and Dee Webster proudly tell you they're foster parents, but instead of children, the couple is caring for two capuchin monkeys that one day will be helpers for disabled individuals.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

"Tell me we're not nuts," Jerry Webster says with a chuckle as he watches 11-year-old Buttons, a capuchin monkey, make a mad dash for a purse on top of the entertainment center.

A quick no from wife Dee redirects Buttons who dashes across the room and leaps onto the back of Webster's recliner. Buttons is an introvert, a "one-person monkey," unlike his fellow simian, Adam. The 4 1/2-year-old is the extrovert; he loves being around children and babies and enjoys washing and grooming the Websters' white rabbit.

"I tell people it's like having a two-year-old with five hands who can reach the ceiling," said Dee. "It's rewarding, it's fun, but it's also a job."

The Websters have learned a lot about the monkey business since signing on to be foster parents for Helping Hands, Monkey Helpers for the Disabled almost five years ago.

Founded in the 1977 by Dr. M.J. Willard, at the time a behavioral psychologist, the Boston-based agency provides specially trained capuchin monkeys to assist quadriplegics with simple tasks.

Foster parents like the Websters help socialize the monkeys before they are trained and paired with quadriplegics. The families care for the monkeys for up to five years before they are returned to Helping Hands for six months of training.

The monkeys are trained to respond to a beam of light that the quadriplegic directs from a mouth-operated laser pointer. The quadriplegic shines a beam on any object he wants the monkey to manipulate.

The monkeys learn to transfer drinks or sandwiches from a refrigerator to a feeding tray, place books on reading stands, put cassettes in a VCR, and retrieve fallen mouth sticks or any other tools a quadriplegic may use.

The monkeys are bred to be used as aides. One colony was set up on Discovery Island at Walt Disney World in Florida and a new colony has been set up at the Helping Hands headquarters in Boston.

The Websters got interested in Helping Hands when they saw a newspaper story that the organization needed foster parents. They volunteered, but were initially turned down because they both worked.

"When the monkeys are young, someone has to be home with them 14 hours a day," said Dee. "They have to be kept in a room where you spend 95 percent of your time because when



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACOBFIELD

**What's that?: Curiosity gets the best of Adam, a 4 1/2-year-old capuchin monkey, who, with the help of "foster parent" Dee Webster, stretches out to get a closer look at the camera being used to take his photograph.**

they go to the quad they will be with him 8-10 hours a day while the care giver is gone."

When Jerry retired, they decided to apply again and were accepted. Adam was their first placement. He was 7 1/2 weeks old and weighed 15 ounces. Caring for him was like caring for a baby, according to Dee.

"It was like raising a baby with no instructions," she said. "We had to feed him Similac. He wore newborn diapers that were cut in half and he drank from a bottle."

Buttons joined the family in December 1996, much to Adam's delight.

To accommodate the dynamic duo, the Websters' living room has become utilitarian. Gone is the carpeting; instead there's two different styles of vinyl flooring, one showing signs of Adam's nimble fingers. Furniture is minimal - an entertainment center and Webster's recliner.

Along on a wall facing the picture window are two cages. Plastic crates, suspended from the tops, serve as sleeping areas. The pair have blankets and plenty of stuff toys to occupy their time, but some of their favorite travel items are the toys in fast food children's meals.

As foster parents, the Websters are responsible for food, cages and veterinary bills, a costly proposition since the monkeys can contract human diseases, including measles and chicken pox, and they need a tuberculosis test every year. Luckily, the Websters' vet has agreed to care for the animals free of charge.

Because monkeys' teeth are removed at a young age to avoid any possible problems related to a bite, they eat softened monkey chow. On occasion, Adam and Buttons have been known to smear their food on the

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## Hands proves its usefulness

Imagine having an itchy nose and no way to scratch, or dropping a spoon on the floor and not being able to retrieve it.

Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled is to paralyzed people what the Leader Dog School for the Blind is to blind. Leader dogs "see" for the blind, while monkeys are the arms and legs of the disabled.

And like the Leader Dog School, Helping Hands relies on the generosity of the public to pay for the \$25,000 cost of breeding, raising and training their capuchin monkeys.

The organization places its monkeys at 6 weeks of age with volunteer families who raise them for about five years. Monkeys that live as part of a human family from an early age are tame, affectionate and better suited to live with a disabled person.

When the monkeys are old enough and sufficiently mature, they return to the training center in Boston for their formal education. Over a period of a year, they learn a standard repertoire of obedience and helping tasks.

While the monkey has the opportunity to learn a wide variety of tasks, it is paired with a disabled person who needs those primary tasks it does easily and successfully.

By the time training is completed, the monkey's needs, abilities and personality are known. That along with information about the disabled recipient's physical abilities, personality and environment helps in determining the ideal match.

Once matched, the monkey is custom trained to perform specific tasks to assist the recipient. A trainer accompanies the monkey on the placement and works with the recipient, the family and attendants during their first week together.

The recipient also is trained in task behaviors and monkey care, and comprehensive feedback and support are provided to ensure the daily routine, problem-solving skills of the recipient and total adjustment of the monkey and the significant others are appropriate.

The adjustment period can take anywhere from one to six months after which ownership of the monkey is transferred to the recipient.

After the transfer, Helping Hands also provides lifetime behavioral and veterinary support for all monkeys in the program at no charge.

People interested in donating to Helping Hands or in being a volunteer family, and disabled persons in need of more information, can call the agency at (617) 787-4419, or write to it at 1505 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02135.

## Shopkeeper anticipates for 'beary' good visit



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Surrounded:** Jan Schiesel, owner of the Copper Cricket in Westland, didn't mind sharing her space with a collection of Gary Lowenthal's jointed Teddy bears. A popular collectible, her shop carries almost everything the East Coast designer has created for Boyds Bears & Friends.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Jan Schiesel isn't sure how many people will show up at her store on Sunday, but she's heard some may be coming from as far away as Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

No matter, the owner of the Copper Cricket, is excited. Her shop on Wayne Road near Warren Road in Westland is one of five specialty stores being visited by Gary Lowenthal, the creative genius behind Boyds Bears & Friends.

"We're pretty excited," said Schiesel of the Sept. 28 visit. "He has this huge following. Muffy the Bear was here and even though it was a person dressed up as Muffy, we had a tremendous turnout. But I think this will be even bigger."

The Copper Cricket won the honor of having Lowenthal visit by having the fifth highest number of people - 200 - join the Loyal Order of the Friends of Boyds, a collector's club started last year. Lowenthal will be signing his collectibles and meeting his fans between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A majority of Lowenthal's bears are designed with adults in mind. Most are the old-fashioned style of jointed teddy bears, although his Bears in the Attic line are made of soft plush for children.

The bears come "naked" dressed or wearing just a bow to fully clothed in wool sweaters, stocking caps or decorated hats. There's even a selection of colorful knitted sweaters for dressing his bears.

"He has hundreds and hundreds of bears and does rabbits, moose and pigs, but the vast majority are bears," said Schiesel. "They're cute, innovative, with lots of character and very, very well-priced."

Lowenthal didn't start out as a collectibles designer. After college and a stint with the Peace Corps in the Fiji Islands, he immersed himself in merchandising at Bloomingdales Department

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Store, rubbing elbows with some of the world's top fashion designers.

In 1979, he gave that up to open an antiques store in the village of Boyds, Md., north of Washington, D.C. But by 1982, he and his wife switched to selling affordable antique reproductions and wholesaling duck decoy reproductions when the cost of purchasing original antiques took off.

Lowenthal would design, paint, antique, box and sell the decoys while his wife Justina handled the paperwork and shipping.

He also tried his hand at resin gnome houses before deciding in 1987 to design his own 12-inch, fully jointed wool bear named after their son Matthew.

Lowenthal also has a Boyds Bear named for daughter Bailey. A new version is issued each year with the outfits changed twice a year, according to Schiesel.

Earlier versions of Bailey, which sold originally for about \$15, now sell for up to \$700 on the secondary market.

"Even the pushers people bought as toys or set on the shelf as a country accessory are now

worth between \$3-400," Schiesel said.

The idea for the resin Bearstones surfaced in 1992 and proved to be as popular as the bears.

"Now, it's like the tail wagging the dog," said Schiesel. "He did the Bearstones to compliment his bears and they're doing as well as the plush jointed bears. They have incredible detail and they all have worn patches on their clothing."

"They're a little off center, with lots of humor, and they're inexpensive."

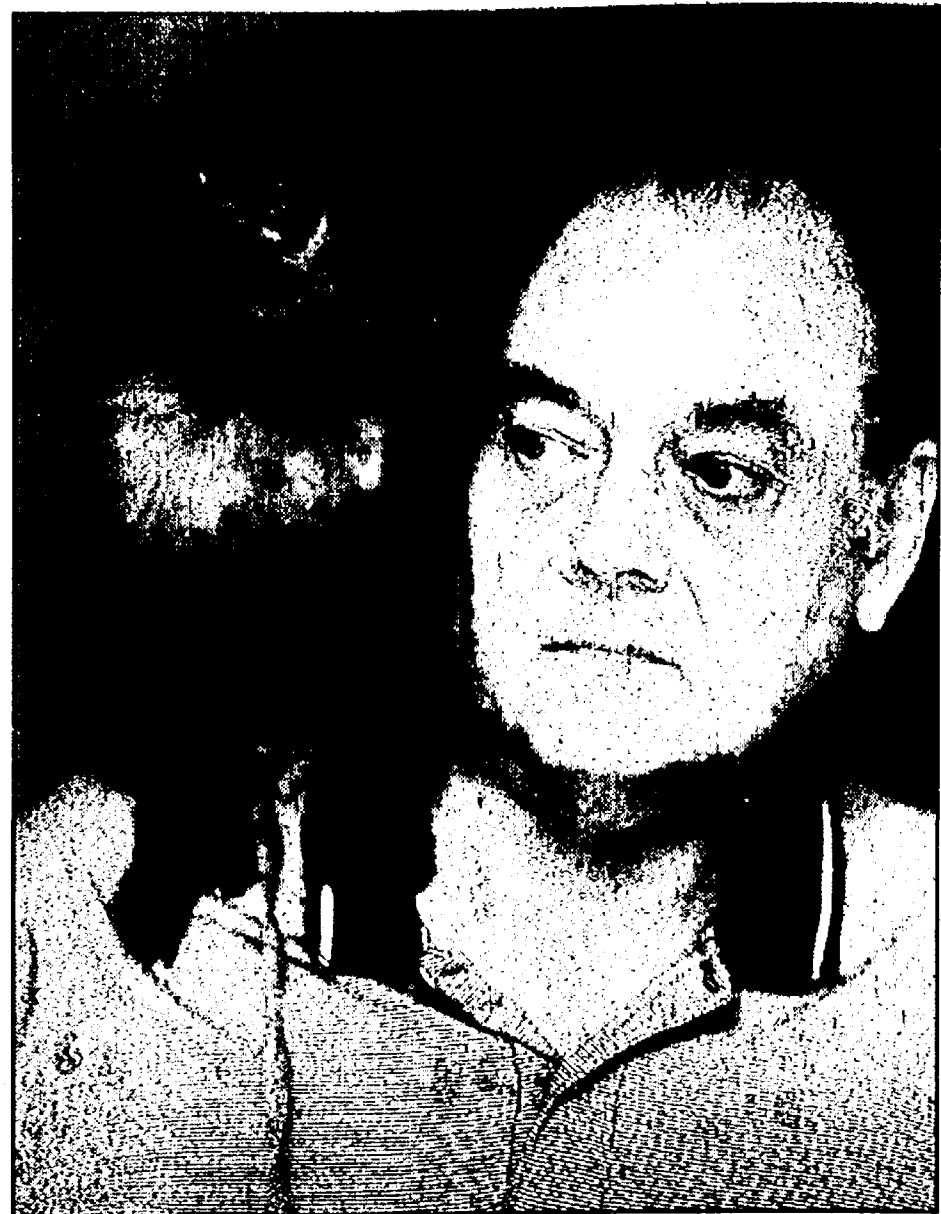
And it has been a case of one

thing leading to another. In addition to the Bearstones, there are Folkstones, music boxes, stationary, note cards, pillows, afghans and table runners in the distinctive Boyds Bears & Friends designs.

And Schiesel admits she carries all of it.

"We have no choice," she said. "What are you going to eliminate. It's all so cute."

The Copper Cricket is at 7126 N. Wayne Road, just south of Warren Road, Westland. For more information about Lowenthal's visit, call the store at (313) 7328-8910.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Break time: Eleven-year-old Buttons finds Jerry Webster's shoulder a comfortable spot to sit and survey the goings-on in the living room of Webster's Redford home.

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wall and then eat it. And like children, they enjoy writing on it any chance they get.

"We wash the walls at least once a week and paint every six months," Dee said.

While caring for the monkeys, the Websters teach them such skills as fetching dishes and understanding the word no and train them to "potty" in their cages.

"They wear a collar around their waist from the time they are young to get use to the tethers and they learn to go potty before coming out of the cage," Dee explained.

Each year they make a video to show the staff at Helping Hands what the animals have learned and they visit Boston every other year for a picnic and checkup.

Adam and Buttons are a big part of the Webster family that includes the rabbit, a dog and five cats. They are included in all holiday celebrations and receive birthday and Christmas gifts.

To help promote the work of Helping Hands, the Websters

have taken Adam to meet students at local schools. A visit to the seventh grade class at St. Agatha School ended up as a visit with the fourth through eighth grades.

At St. Michael's School, students and the Girl and Boy Scout troops enjoyed spending time with Adam.

"When we speak to young people, we have them sit on their hands so they can see what it's like when you have to scratch our face or wash your face and hands," Webster said.

After almost five years of fostering, the couple admits they would never be without a monkey. Granted there are days they ask "when the next flight to Boston is," like the time Adam decide he wanted to watch his favorite movie, "Beethoven," and pulled the tape out all over the floor.

"We know whenever they ask, we have to give them back and we know it will be hard," said Dee. "But we know they will be going to someone who will love him and who will be able to live on his own because of them."

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

### WESTLAND CENTER

Westland Center will have an arts and crafts show during mall hours Oct. 2-5. There will be paintings, stained glass, metal sculpture, needle crafts, toys, floral designs, wood crafts and more. Westland Center is a Warren and Wayne roads, Westland.

### SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic church will have a holiday craft show and bake sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11, at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 522-3166.

### ST. THEODORE

St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### GARDEN CITY AFOTC

Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFOTC craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

### MARSHALL ELEMENTARY

Space is available for Marshall Elementary School's 12th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school, 33901 Curtis Road, west of Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. There will be a bake sale

and lunch counter. For more information, call (248) 476-6234 or (248) 478-6421.

### ST. RICHARD'S

St. Richard's Women's Guild will have its 25th annual craft fair 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Social Hall, 35637 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. There will be more than 300 crafters, refreshments and a bake sale. Admission will be \$1, which includes hourly door prizes. For more information, call Betty Shuck at (313) 722-9247.

### ST. DUNSTAN

St. Dunstan Church will have its annual boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18, at 1616 Belton, Garden City. There will be more than 100 craft tables, refreshments, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will be used for the Christmas Day dinner for people who eat alone.

### ST. DAMIAN

St. Damian School will have a craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 18, at the school, 29891 Joy Road, Westland. Tables are available. For more information, call (313) 981-2182.

### FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Crafters are needed for the Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts sponsored arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For information, call the department at (313) 722-7632, Doris at (313) 326-0146 or Donna at (313) 453-5719.

### ST. AIDAN'S

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan's Church's 14th annual craft show Oct. 18 at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (313) 427-1457.

### FIRST UNITED-WAYNE

Table rentals are available for the First United Methodist Church of Wayne's fall bazaar Oct. 18. Cost is \$25 for one space, \$40 for two. For more information, call (313) 721-4801.

### REDFORD SUBURBAN

Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's annual Fall Festival of Fashion show, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (810) 477-8902 or Margaret at (313) 261-3737.

### ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford. There also will be a bake sale and luncheon. Tables are available for \$20 each. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

### ST. JUDE CIRCLE

The St. Jude Circle of St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a craft show Oct. 25 at the church, 271010 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (313) 522-2963.

### ABUNDANT LIFE

The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Angelic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (313) 595-0011 or (313) 595-8062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046.

### WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There also will

be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Crafters are still needed for the Livonia Churchill High School PTSA's sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call Diane at (313) 422-4507 or Garret at (313) 464-7425.

### ST. MEL'S

Crafters are needed for St. Mel's annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 in the school gymnasium, 7520 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information or an application, call (313) 261-6881 or (313) 274-6270.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University will hold its 13th annual holiday arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1-2 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. Special features include handmade arts and crafts, bake sale, photos with Santa Claus and a \$1,000 raffle. For more information, call (313) 432-5603. Madonna University is a Schoolcraft and Levan Road, Livonia.

### LIVONIA YMCA

Ten spaces remain for the 13th annual Livonia Family YMCA's Mulberry Holiday Market set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. Cost is \$70 for a 10-foot by 8-foot booth. Tables can be rented for an additional \$12. For more information and for applications, call the Y at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 310.



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**WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

**Iles-Porter**

Ty Lawson Iles of Royal Oak and KellyAnn Porter of Livonia were married March 8 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia by Deacon John Kenny.

The bride is the daughter of GraceAnn Makowski of Middletown, N.Y., and Richard Porter of Waterford. The groom is the son of Eileen Iles of Frankfort, Ill., and the late Lawson Iles.

The bride graduated cum laude from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor of arts degree in commercial art. She is employed as a graphic designer in the marketing department of Computer Sciences Corp.

The groom graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed as a project planner for Walbridge-Aldinger in Detroit and is assigned to the Chrysler Technology Center project in Auburn Hills.

The bride asked Patty Less to be her maid of honor with Lynda Cammack, MaryLu Sommerfeldt and Beth Clinton serving as



bridesmaids.

Gil Reppenhausen served as the best man with Brad Porter, Rob Washel and Pat McNally as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Following a Caribbean cruise and a visit to the Virgin Islands, they are making their home in Livonia.

**Farnum-Czaja**

Gerard and Diane Czaja of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen, to Daniel S. Cox, the son of John and Christine Cox of Livonia.

A 1990 graduate of Garden City High School, the bride-to-be earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Wayne State University in 1996. She is employed by Chrysan Industries in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University in 1995. He is employed by Lucas-Varity in Livonia.



An October wedding is planned at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City.

**Cousino-Frederick**

Jerome and Sally Cousino of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Elizabeth, to Jason Robert Frederick, the son of Robert and Deborah Frederick of Royal Oak.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Fairlane Christian High School. She also attended Schoolcraft College. She is working towards a degree in elementary education.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Royal Oak Dondero High School, he is employed by



Hawthorne Metal.

An October wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

**Weaver-Tieppo**

Charles and Gloria Weaver of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Cherie Renee, to Joseph Michael Tieppo, the son of Leo and Carole Tieppo of Allen Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Detroit with a degree in management information systems. She works as a systems engineer for Electronic Data Systems.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of St. Frances Cabrini High School and a 1988 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in management information systems at the University of Michigan. He works as a Global Logistic Systems Coordinator for Federal Mogul Corpo-



ration. A November wedding is planned for St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Allen Park.

**Egan-Puz**

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Egan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Marie, to Mark Lawrence Puz Jr., the son of Mark and Marsha Puz of Highland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia. She recently received a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology from Central Michigan University. Currently, she is completing an internship at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where she is working in cardiac rehabilitation.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Milford High School. He is employed by Pipefitters Local 636. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter for Highland Township.



A January 1998 wedding is planned at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia.

**Nowak-Sanchagrin**

Tom Nowak and Angie Sanchagrin were married July 5 at St. John Neumann Church in Canton by the Rev. George Charney.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Annette Sanchagrin of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Jack Nowak and Janice Van Hollebecke of Rogers City.

The bride is a graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in biological sciences. She is a science teacher at North Kent High School in Grand Rapids.

The groom attended Davenport & Aquinas College. He works as a sales consultant for Circuit City in Grand Rapids.

Following a reception at the Fox Hills Country Club, the couple



left for a honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They are making their home in Grand Rapids.

**Ippolito-Long**

Charles Ippolito of Ellicott City, Md., and Starrla Levine of Columbia, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Marie Ippolito, to Sean Christian Long, the son of Michael John Long of Wichita, Kan., and Elizabeth Johnston-Long of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Towson University and the

University of Baltimore where she received her master of business administration degree. She is employed by Andersen Consulting.

A Wayne State University graduate, her fiancé works for Complete Business Solutions Inc.

A November wedding is planned at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Parkville, Md.

**Lehner-Obendorf**

Gerald Lehner of Canton and Mrs. Harry Polk of Venice, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Nicole Lehner, to Mark Alan Obendorf, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Obendorf of Venice, Fla.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She attended Schoolcraft College on a two-year scholarship before moving to Florida with her family. She is very active in sports and scuba diving. She is currently employed by Venetian Cleaners.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Venice High School and the International Fabricare Institute in Silver Springs, Md., where he received his certificate in dry cleaning. He also holds a master captain license. He and his brother are the owners/oper-



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A November wedding is planned at the Lakeside Lutheran Church in Venice, Fla.



**Campbell-Ashworth**

Stephen and Lillian Campbell of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Lynn, to Jeffrey Ashworth, the son of Jack Ashworth and June Heidrich of Orlando, Fla.

An October wedding is planned at Walt Disney World MGM Studios in Orlando.

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# Welfare cuts are topic of League meeting

Luther Jenkins of the Coalition on Temporary Shelters and Marguerite Kowaleski of Oakland County's Welfare Rights Organization will be the guest speakers when the League of Women Voters of Livonia meets on Monday, Sept. 29, for its first membership meeting of the 1997-98 year.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room C of the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Jenkins and Kowaleski will speak on the issue of welfare

cuts.

Those attending should bring a donation of a new or gently used twin-sized sheets, towels, pillows, blankets, personal care products or sack of disposable diaper for the C.O.T.S. shelter.

In addition to Livonia, the LWV chapter represents seven neighboring communities - Canton, Northville, Wayne, Plymouth, Redford, Westland and Farmington Hills.

At the helm of the chapter's Board of Directors is newly installed president Paula Bowman of Plymouth. Bowman, who

has worked as a closing officer at Reinhart Real estate Company in Ann Arbor for many year,

received the gavel from Jean Cogill of Livonia, who served as president for four years.



At the helm: Jean Cogill of Livonia (left) passes the gavel to Paula Bowman of Plymouth, newly elected president of the League of Women Voters of Livonia.

## Suburban West BPW hold monthly meeting

The Suburban West Business and Professional Women will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6,

at the Holiday Inn, North Laurel Park Drive west of I-275, in Livonia.

The social hour will be followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a presentation by Carolyn Arlen of Carolyn's Creations. Arlen will demonstrate easy ideas for decorating with flowers.

Capping off the evening will be a membership contest.

For more information about the organization, call Eunice Taylor at (313) 254-9617.

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Weycker/Saylor

Joe and Nancy Weycker of Canton and her parents, Frank and Norma Saylor of Taylor and Arab, Ala., joined together in celebrating their 25th and 50th anniversaries respectively.

The couples, along with the Saylor's daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Richard Milbank, took a trip to Orlando, Fla., and a cruise to the Bahamas, before gathering with family and friends in Arab, where the Saylor's have a retirement home, for a 50th anniversary party.

The trip was a gift of the Saylor's children, which include Karen Saylor of Taylor and LouAnn Smedsrud and husband Greg of Andover, Minn. They also have six grandchildren - Christopher and Susan Weycker, Meghan and Joshua Smedsrud and Jeremy and Tarah Milbank.

The Saylor's were married on July 5, 1947, in Alabama after he returned from serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. She is the former Norma Lee Estes.

They moved to Michigan after the war, so he could find work with one of the automobile companies. Both retired, he worked for American Sun Roof Corporation, while she was head cook for the Taylor School District.

High school sweethearts, the Weyckers exchanged vows on Aug. 26, 1972, at the Taylor Assembly of God Church, while they were students at Michigan State University.

Fifteen-year residents of Canton, they are teachers in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. They have two children.



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Michael and Margaret Luibakka of Livonia announce the birth of Erik Michael July 8 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins two sisters, Kellie, 5 1/2, and Jessica 4. Grandparents are Paul and Janet Pinkava of Woodhaven and Kenneth and Julia Luibakka of Marquette. Great-grandparents are Vieno Maves of Marquette and Marven Dickson of Wyandotte.

Kevin Coulter of Livonia and Cathie Kovach of Fort Wayne,

Ind., announce the birth of Matthew James Coulter July 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Beverly and Steve Coulter of Livonia and Patricia Kovach of Fort Wayne, Ind.

David and Susan Gibson of Livonia announce the birth of Ryan David April 10 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins two sisters, Katie, 3 1/2, and Kelsey, 2. Grandparents are Jerome and Sophie Forystek of

Livonia and Janet Gibson of Farmington Hills and the late Paul Gibson.

Chris and Kelly Grant of Livonia announce the birth of Sara Allyson July 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins three siblings, Kenny, 8, C.J., 5, and Brooke, 3. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vallade of Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Grant of Belleville.

Jim and Cindy Riley of Redford announce the birth of Victoria Lynn July 12 at the Family Birthing Center at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She joins siblings Michael James, 14, and Monica Lynn, 10. Grandparents are Bob and Gail Isenegger of New Hudson.

Lloyd and Julie Conway of Ferndale announce the birth of Olivia Jane July 10 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins three siblings, Erika, 10, Halston, 8, and Anya, 7. Grandparents are

Robert Conway of Ferndale and the late Jane Conway and Ronald and Diane Gentz of Westland.

Bill and Lyn MacDonald of Livonia announce the birth of Ryan Elizabeth June 8 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Darrell and Bernie Kidwell of Plymouth and Bill and Kathy MacDonald of Riverview. Great-grandmothers are Rose Ortiz and Agnes MacDonald.

Eric and Sherri Smith of Livonia announce the birth of Rachel Michelle June 23 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Jim and Sara Copi of Livonia and David and Virginia Smith of Girard, Ohio.

Steven John and Marcella Elizabeth Frigerio of Garden City announce the birth of Cory Steven John July 3 at the

Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two sisters, Whitney, 11, and Amber Wells, 9. Grandparents are Robert and Sandra Frigerio of Canton and Carl and Betty Johnson of Victoria, Texas.

Kevin and Susan Moutsatson of Canton announce the birth of Carson Mavrick May 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Dale and Veronica Schnurstein of Plymouth, John and Peggy Thodis of Lansing and George and Flo Moutsatson of Traverse City.

Brian and Susan O'Meara of Livonia announce the birth of Katherine Elizabeth July 20 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Ron and Judy Valenti and Tom and Judy O'Meara, all of Livonia.

**St. Raphael's hold parish mission**

St. Raphael's Catholic Church of Garden City will have a Parish Mission, "The Person of Jesus," Sunday through Wednesday, Sept. 28-Oct. 1.

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The Rev. Daniel Havron, coordinator of evangelization for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will conduct the mission and will speak at the 4:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Sept. 27, and at 8 and 10 a.m. and noon Sept. 28, at the church on Merriman Road north of Ford Road.

Each evening the mission will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude around 8:00 p.m. Havron will preach on a special Gospel theme and then lead a prayer service that ritualizes the Gospel message.

The topic for the first evening will be "God Has First Loved Us" from John 4: 7-10, while the second evening he will discuss "Our Response to God's Love" from Ephesians 1:3-14 (thanksgiving for God's gifts) and Colossians 3:15-17 (in whatever you do give

thanks). Following the presentation there will be an evening of adoration and benediction.

The topic of the third evening will be "Repentance and Changing Our Lives," Luke 15: 11-13 (The Prodigal) and Matthew 5: 14-16 (Light of the World). Following the presentation there will be a Communal Penance Service.

The topic of the final evening will be "Go and Make Disciples," Matthew 28:18-20. There will be a closing Eucharistic Liturgy, followed by a farewell reception.

Havron also will speak after the 8:30 a.m. daily Masses on "Prayer and Spirituality," for about 45 minutes.

Havron received a master of theology degree in 1976 from the University of Dayton and was ordained to the priesthood with a master of divinity degree in 1977.

Ministerial experiences during his nine years of initial formation took Havron from the Bahama islands of Abaco to the

mountain villages of northern New Mexico.

In 1985, he joined the staff of the School of Evangelization at Duns Scotus College as assistant director and later as director. After the friars left Duns Scotus, he assumed the duties of pastor at St. Aloysius Church in downtown Detroit, serving there from 1992 to 1995.

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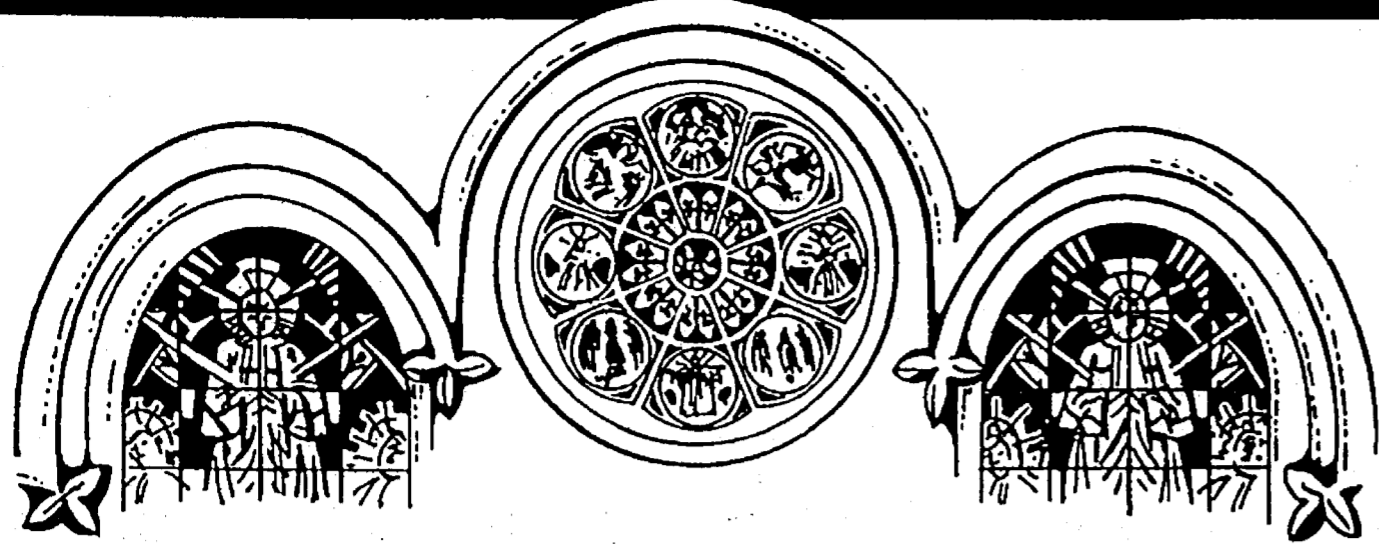
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11:00 Traditional Service

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Livonia 422-1150  
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and 12:05 P.M.

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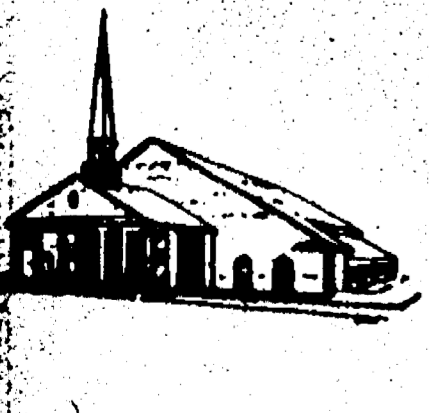
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Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Thursday 7-9 p.m.  
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Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Children-Youth-Adults





**RELIGION CALENDAR**

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

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**

Newburg United Methodist Church will have an all-you-can-eat lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost is \$3.50 for entree, salad, vegetable, beverage and dessert and \$3 for carry-out (no beverage). Proceeds will benefit the church mission.

**SINGLE POINT**

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Grey Counts of Clarkston talk about "Stars - How they

Tell the Story of Jesus" Talk It Over at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The group also will meet for a bicycle ride from Haggerty Field on Edward Hines Drive to I-275 and Plymouth at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

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

**RUMMAGE SALE**

Aldersgate United Methodist Church will have its annual fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the church, 10000 Beech Daly Road, Redford. There will be a white elephant table, kitchen equipment, small appliances, toys and books for sale in Wesley Hall.

Clothing of all sizes will be sold in the fellowship hall with special women's garments sold in the boutique. Proceeds will be used for the church and district missionary projects.

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be tools, clothing, housewares, domestics, furniture, toys, small appliances, Christmas shop and boutique.

Trinity Church of the Brethren's Women's Fellowship will have their annual fall rummage and bake sale 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the church, 27350 W. Chicago, at Inkster Road, Redford.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Basic Christian Science feelings about the Bible, Christ Jesus, 'Science and Health' and Mary Baker Eddy" on Sept. 28.

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

**MUSIC WORKSHOP**

Yohann Anderson, a composer and creator of the popular "Songs song book used by many churches and Emmaus groups, will present a "Let's Sing Shop - The Art of Relaxed Song Leading" 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Participants will learn how to increase the participation, singing and communication in their groups. Participants will

experience a unique relational learning style that's fun for all ages.

The cost is \$15 (bring a bag lunch) and is designed for youth leaders, Emmaus musicians, children's ministries coordinators, choir directors and anyone who leads music. For more information or to register, call JoAnn at Songs and Creations at (800) 227-2188.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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

**BIBLE STUDY**

A Post Abortion Bible Study will be offered in October. The Bible study is designed to see women freed from the bondage of guilt and grief that follows an abortion. For more information, call Jackie at (248) 449-3208. All contacts are confidential and non-judgmental.

**CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH**

The Congregation Beit Kodesh Sisterhood will hold high holy day services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Rabbi Craig Allen will officiate.

Rosh Hashanah services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, and 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3. Yom Kippur services will be the Kol Nidre at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 and at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11.

For tickets and more information, call Marty Diskin at (248) 474-7616 or Jeff Kirsch at (248) 471-7389.

**TERRIFIC TRIO**

St. Priscilla Parish in Livonia will have three presentations on outstanding women of the past and present, beginning with St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face - often called the Little Flower - on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Therese Price will talk about the life of St. Therese who has been a strong spiritual influence in this century and who was recently named a doctor of the church at the World Youth Gathering in Paris.

Mary Rice will look at the life of Mother Teresa who adopted her name from St. Therese, the patron saint of missions, on Wednesday, Oct. 8, and St. Teresa of Avila, who came "humbly" to conversion after many years of being a member of the Carmelite Order, on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The series will be presented at 10m. and 7 p.m. at the church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (248) 476-4700.

**MUSICAL DRAMA**

The Youth Department of the Full Gospel Temple of Westland will present the musical drama, "Live the Difference," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the church, 34033 Palmer Road. People who attend will be challenged and inspired by the free presentation. For more information, call (313) 326-3333.

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Registered nurse Jeanne Hess will discuss "Physical Effects of Grief" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, as part of "New Beginnings," a grief support group held at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There is no fee for the discussion. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**

St. Edith's Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will sponsor a Las Vegas Night 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Sat-

urday, Oct. 3-4. Admission will be \$1 and the maximum payout will be \$500. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-1222.

**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL**

The Detroit Charismatic Renewal will sponsor an Archdiocesan Inner-Healing Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at St. Mary Magdalen Church school building, 19624 Wood St., Melvindale. For more information, call Melinda Schindler at (313) 455-5402 or the Catholic Charismatic Center at (810) 777-7780.

**PROCESSION AND MASS**

St. Anne Roman Catholic Church, 23310 Joy Road, Redford, will have a procession, beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by the First Saturday Mass on Saturday, Oct. 4. Fifteen decades of the rosary will be recited during the procession in honor of the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary. Members of the Holy Name Society will carry the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Rev. Nicholas Gruner of the Fatima Foundation will join in the procession and the celebration of the Mass. Rev. Gruner's Fatima statue will be at St. Anne's for veneration through 5 p.m. For more information, call the church at (313) 937-9730.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Wayne Niles, a missionary to Haiti, will discuss why he left a high paying job at the Gulf Oil Company to pursue a degree in agronomy and how he is using that knowledge to help the Haitian people raise farm animals for food and maintain windmills to increase the availability of water at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia. For more information, call the church office at (313) 421-6300.

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# S'craft scholarship benefit is a tasty affair



**Culinary creativity:** Alfredo Nenciarini is a graduate of the Schoolcraft Culinary program. Here he is preparing the tomato fondue sauce that goes with the florentine ravioli served in the background.



**Food fare:** Jeff Bennett, top photo, left, and Brenda Kading use a railing as a convenient dining table. Jim and Sue Robinson, below, found an uncrowded spot to enjoy the sounds of the Vaughn Klugh Duo which provided music for the occasion.



PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

## Hundreds sample food, spirits provided by many area restaurants

The Schoolcraft College scholarship fund is more than \$138,000 richer this week thanks to a lot of hungry and generous guests at last Sunday's Sixth Annual Culinary Extravaganza.

More than 60 restaurants from southeastern Michigan were on hand to delight the taste buds of more than 800 patrons.

Restaurant fare ranged from crab cakes and wild game sausage to vegetable ravioli and seafood risotto. Dessert offerings included specialty cakes, cheesecakes, tortes, homemade chocolate creations.

In addition to the food samples, a silent auction for wine, a raffle drawing and mini seminars on food-related topics proved to be a big hit this year.

"It was a wonderful event," said Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development at the college, adding "Schoolcraft College, said plans are underway for the seventh annual event for next fall."

Money raised enters Schoolcraft's scholarship fund. All culinary arts students receive a scholarship for helping with the event, Florek said.

Honorary chair of this year's event was David Brandon, CEO of Valassis Inc., Co-chairs for the second consecutive year

**■ The first-prize winner in the raffle, Richard Tod of Northville, received a framed jersey from the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman.**

were Alberta Muzzin, owner of Dynamic People, Inc. and executive director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and John Cleveland, owner of the Waterford Seafood Grill in Plymouth Township.

The first-prize winner in the raffle, Richard Tod of Northville, received a framed jersey from this year's Stanley Cup champions, the Detroit Red Wings, signed by team captain Steve Yzerman. Stuart Galbraith, of Livonia, won second prize, the lease of a Jaguar for two weeks from Jaguar of Plymouth. Third-prize winner Hazen Wilson, of Livonia, won a diamond and amethyst ring from Orin Jewelers. Rak Carpenter of Farmington Hills won a trip to Las Vegas for two, staying at the Imperial Palace, donated by Livonia Travel.

T. Desevish of Redford won a weekend use of a Waterstreet condominium in Boyne City.



**Tasting beer:** John Darnbrook and Margaret Moore stand at the Central Distributing table where a variety of beers were available for sampling.















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# Ocelots open conference with a win

The Eastern Conference volleyball season opened with a win for Schoolcraft College, which defeated host Oakland Community College 15-6, 15-2, 15-12 Tuesday at OCC.

The Lady Ocelots improved to 7-6 overall, 1-0 in the conference.

The attack was paced by Sarah Gregorson with eight kills and two blocks. She also had a service ace and eight digs.

Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill) added six kills, two aces and a team-high 11 digs, while Kimmi Washnock (Farmington) had six kills, with a team-best .308 kill percentage, and two aces.

Stacey Campaign contributed 14 assists to kills and three aces, both tops among the Ocelots, and Amber Wells (Plymouth Canton) collected seven assists to kills, three kills and eight digs. Janet Hinz chipped in with 10 digs.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Madonna gets a win

It was a slow start for Madonna University's volleyball team on the road Tuesday at Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Concordia College. But once the Lady Crusaders got going, they were unstoppable.

Behind an awesome power display by outside hitter Karin Siaung, Madonna rolled to a 13-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-10 triumph in Ann Arbor. The victory kept the Crusaders unbeaten in their first season as members of the WHAC — in all sports. They are 3-0 in the conference, 13-4 overall.

Concordia slipped to 6-9 overall, 1-2 in the WHAC.

Sisung, named last week as the conference's volleyball player of the week, riddled the Cardinals with 22 kills and a .432 kill percentage. She also tied for

team-high honors in digs with Erin Gregoire, each with seven.

Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston) also had a superb outing for the Crusaders, collecting 11 kills (with a .333 kill percentage). Malewski also led Madonna with two solo blocks and four block assists.

Gregoire and Deanne Helsom each contributed five kills, with Gregoire also getting four block assists. Helsom, the Crusaders' setter, added 46 assists to kills (11.5 per game) and two service aces.

Rayna Vert chipped in with three kills, one solo block and four block assists, and Nicole Scharrer had four kills and three block assists.

Concordia's leaders were Amy Wilson, with 16 kills and two service aces; Becky Reeve, with 38 assists to kills; and Sarah Riske, with 14 digs.

## SPORTS OFFERINGS

### Soccer starts

The Canton Soccerdome has registration for its indoor season currently underway.

The first session begins Nov. 1. Cost for the nine-game season is \$695 plus referee fees.

Session No. 2 gets underway Jan. 3. An eight-game season, the registration cost is \$650 plus referees.

Session No. 3 starts in March, and it, too, is an eight-game season. Registration cost is \$650 plus referee fees.

Both male and female leagues are offered, from six-years-old to over-30 leagues (special pricing for teams in the eight-and-under brackets).

Team practice times are also available on the two indoor fields.

For more information, call (313) 483-5600, ext. 2 or 3. The Canton Soccerdome is located on Michigan, west of I-275.

### Softball tryouts

The Michigan Indians Baseball Club will have tryouts for its summer of 1998 girls fast-pitch travel softball team, 12-and-under age division, 3 p.m. Sunday at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

For further information, call Indians president Greg Lenhoff at (313) 455-0793. Massey Field is located at Haggerty and Ply-

mouth roads.

### Soccer sign-up

SoccerZone, in Novi, is accepting both walk-in and mail-in registrations for its first season of indoor soccer through Oct. 11.

Team cost for an eight-game schedule is \$695 plus referee fees (which vary by age group).

For further information, call Tom Faro at (248) 374-0500.

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



Casey Purcell (left to right), Zak Manfredi and Joe Hawley are featured in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Over the Tavern." Curtain 8 p.m., call (248) 377-3300 or (248) 645-6666.

### SATURDAY



Cellist Wendy Warner makes her Detroit Symphony Orchestra debut with Neeme Jarvi on the podium, 8:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, (313) 833-3700.

### SUNDAY



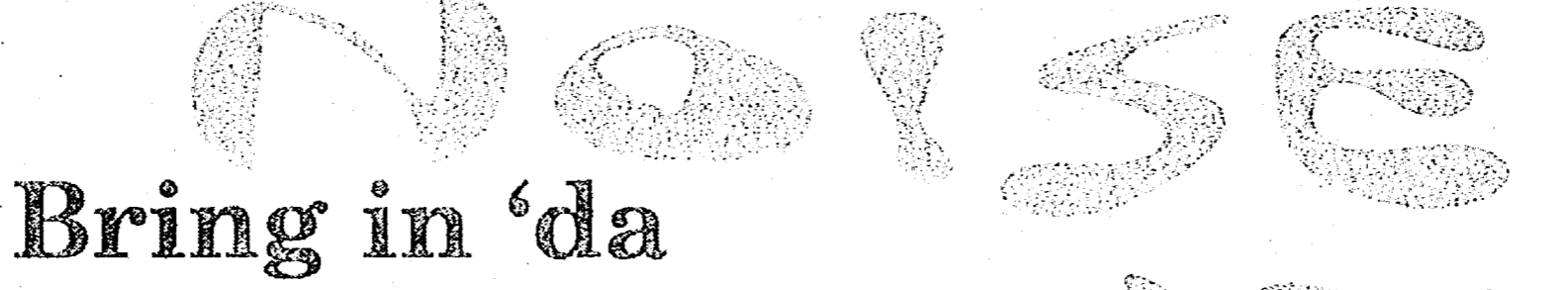
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## CELEBRATING THE BEAT

### Bring in 'da



### Bring in 'da



Hittin': (Left to right) Baakari Wilder, Jimmy Tate, Savion Glover and Vincent Bingham hit it in a scene from the Broadway production of "Noise/Funk." Tate and Bingham will be bringing their electric tap style to Detroit.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

It's all about rhythm and the stories the rhythms tell. "Bring in 'da Noise, Bring in 'da Funk," the opening show in the Fisher Theatre's 1997-98 season, is a celebration of the beat and the African-American tap dance tradition. "The strongest message we wanted to get across is that it was an African American art form developed from the early 1800s when slaves were denied the use of drums and they began to use their feet to keep the rhythm alive," said Jimmy Tate.

Tate is one of the original dancers from this hit musical that moved from off-Broadway's Public Theater to the Great White Way's Amba-

sador Theater to unanimous acclaim. A new style and voices of a new generation had come to Broadway.

The idea for "Noise/Funk" was conceived in 1992 when director George C. Wolfe was directing another dance centered show, "Jelly's Last Jam." He was inspired by the tap dancing of 18-year-old wunderkind Savion Glover. Glover was playing young Jelly to Gregory Hines older Jelly. Glover had previously appeared with Hines in the movie "Taps."

Hines, the leading tap dancer of his generation, has hailed the unconventional Glover as the greatest tap dancer of all time.

"The idea for the show was that George wanted to build something around Savion's dancing," said Tate, in a telephone interview while taking a break from rehearsals in New York. Tate said it was the intensity of Glover's dancing that inspired the show.

The show was developed improvisationally around Glover's choreography with music by Daryl Walters, Zane Mark and Ann Duquesnay (the show's original singer) and a book by Reg E. Gaines tracing in poetic language the history of the beat from early slave times to the present. The performers helped develop many of the show's ideas.

"We got together and talked about our experiences as black males, our friends, our conflicts. Little by little, simple experiences developed into numbers," Tate said.

For instance, one of the numbers spotlights the frustration many black males experience when trying to hail a taxi in New York City.

Tate, now in his late 20s, has been performing since he was a child, though he didn't start tap dancing until he was 13.

"My voice got me into the theater and then acting came along," he said. "Actually my mother was an opera singer who had given up a scholarship to Juilliard to raise a family and she got me into it."

In the fourth grade, Tate made an impression in a production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." He learned to tap for "The Tap Dance Kid."

"I love performing but I didn't always like the time it took from other things, like Saturday morning cartoons," Tate said with a laugh. "But I loved the response."

The response to "Noise/Funk" has been phenomenal. Critics have used words like "electrifying," "thrilling," "joyful" and "jubilant." Tate and his fellow dancers have also been singled out for praise. The show won four Tony Awards.

Tate got into the show through his friendship with Glover which began when both were touring in "Jelly's Last Jam."

"He had respect for me as a performer and an individual and he asked me to be part of the show," Tate said.

For Tate tap dancing came naturally. Even as a child he enjoyed watching the masters of the form such as the Nicholas Brothers.

"Watching them when I was young, they were so energetic, they put so much life into it," he said. "And, I admit, I used to love those splits. Now that I know more about dance, I know they weren't just flash, they were hittin'."

"Hittin'" is what it's all about. The splits, slides and soft shoes add a little showmanship but "hittin'" is the real art.

"It's to say something with your feet. It's not so much like dancing to

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## Pressler recital highlights Music Guild season

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
STAFF WRITER

Few other settings capture the intimacy of a chamber music performance better than the library of Cranbrook House, which compactly seats about 180. For the last 46 years, the Cranbrook Music Guild has transformed the historic home into one of the area's most extravagant and inspiring chamber music venues.

This year, an impressive lineup will perform amid the vaulted ceilings, lush paneling and ornate tapestry of the historic house on the Cranbrook campus.

"This is one of our finest-ever presentations," said Elaine DeWolfe, program coordinator of the Guild.

After opening their new season this



Legend: Menahem Pressler, founding member of the Beaux-Arts Trio, performs a piano recital in mid-October at the Cranbrook House.

Tuesday with the Arianna String Quartet, currently in-residence at Eastern Michigan, the Guild presents one of the greatest chamber musicians of all time, Menahem Pressler.

Discussions with Pressler's representatives, the Melvin Kaplan Agency, began about five years ago, said DeWolfe. With a sudden opening in the pianist's hectic schedule, DeWolfe's persistence paid off.

Pressler is best known as one of the founding members of the 40-year-old Beaux-Arts Trio, which will perform in the Chamber Music Society's Dec. 17 concert at Orchestra Hall. He is the only original member of the trio.

But before arriving in Detroit with Beaux-Arts, Pressler will perform Oct. 22 at Cranbrook House in a piano recital featuring the music of Haydn, Schumann, Debussy and Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op. 28.

Please see GUILD, E4

**Cranbrook Music Guild Chamber Series**

**What:** Arianna String Quartet  
**When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30  
**Where:** Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills (Free parking. Shuttle bus service from Christ Church Cranbrook.)  
**Tickets:** \$120, patron season tickets: \$85, regular season tickets.

**Upcoming Performances**

- Menahem Pressler, piano recital - Wednesday, Oct. 22
- The Michigan Chamber Players - Tuesday, Dec. 2
- Talich String Quartet - Tuesday, Feb. 17
- Miah Im, pianist - Tuesday, March 17
- Borodin Piano Trio - Tuesday, April 21

NOTE: All concerts begin at 8 p.m.

## COMMUNITY THEATER



Rehearsing: Director Laura Gumina (center) discusses the social significance of the characters Eric (left, portrayed by Michael Keleman), and Sheila (Anessa Thompson). Guy Snyder of Livonia is in the background.

## Christianity expressed at Trinity House

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

In high school and college Elizabeth Ladd Lee performed in plays, but it wasn't until she joined Trinity House Theatre in Livonia that she began to grow and flourish as an actress.

"I was too insecure, too shy," said Ladd Lee who grew up in Birmingham. "I was so intimidated and spoke so softly I would never get cast. But at Trinity House Theatre my desire to act was encouraged, and my voice and ability strengthened. They're serious, without losing sensitivity toward their actors. It's very rewarding, and satisfying to put on a good show."

Founded in 1981 by Paul Patton and members of the Trinity Baptist Church in Livonia, Trinity House incorporated separately from the church as a non-profit theater in 1988.

Since then, Trinity House has produced over 50 plays and musicals, 20 of them were world premieres by local playwrights, and hosted arts seminars, acting classes and staged readings.

This summer they hosted their second Summer Apprentice Program, which offered students an opportunity to experience all facets of producing

and performing in musical theater. British theologian and philosopher John Peck was featured at an arts conference held in July to explore issues of integration of faith and art with the Christian community.

Run by a board of directors elected by members who pay annual dues of \$25, which includes a season subscription, Trinity House Theatre is rooted in Christian values, and seeks to present works that provoke thought about reality from a biblical perspective.

The theater board is made up of a diverse range of people including Ladd Lee, a multi-media artist who makes her living as a photographer at Mt. Clemens General Hospital, a science teacher, a retired patrol officer, dancer and editor of a construction magazine.

"The group is open to anyone in the community," said Ladd Lee. "To be out in the community learning things from people you've never met before in a theater setting is a very satisfying experience. We believe that creating quality theater and making it available to the community is of service to the community, and pleasing to our Creator."

This doesn't mean all the plays presented at

Trinity House are written by Christians, but rather that they are consistent with a biblical world view. Members are not required to be practicing Christians, but to respect the group's beliefs.

"They look for plays that have some social value. The characters go through some sort of realization that changes them. Hopefully, it will cause the audience to look at their lives in a different way too," said Ladd Lee.

Susan Vanden Brink a dancer, choreographer and her husband Lloyd who works on the design team at Ford Motor Co., have been involved with Trinity House Theatre since 1985. Susan has served as president of the board for the last four years.

"We like to think of ourselves as progressive," she said. "We look for plays that promote a deeper understanding about moral laws, principles that we all interact with. We also talk about grace."

"An Inspector Calls," by J.B. Priestley opening Friday is described as a suspenseful tale of responsibility and revelation, which puts an intriguing twist on the traditional "whodunit."

It begins with the Birling family celebrating the

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MOVIES

Smiley, Shakespeare suffer in 'A Thousand Acres'



JOHN MONAGHAN

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I've sat through gangster "Macbeth" and MTV "Romeo and Juliet." But nothing prepared me for "King Lear" down on the farm as retold in "A Thousand Acres," a misfire movie version of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Jane Smiley.

cial-style representation of American farm life. The camera pans across golden images of corn fields and white clapboard farmhouses and backs it with those Windham Hill-style strings and piano that have graced so many movies over the last two decades.
"A Thousand Acres" peddles the American dream, the unique bond between sisters, and the darkest side of family dysfunction. But with this kind of hard sell, I'm usually not buying.

Jason Robards plays the county's Lear-like landowner who, out of the blue, decides to divide his thousand acres of prime farmland among his three daughters Ginny, Rose, and Caroline. When Caroline, the youngest, says she wants to think about it, he takes it as a personal affront.
He bans her from the family home and splits the property with the other two. Soon his already erratic behavior grows worse and the two women reluctantly send him packing on a stormy night. To complicate matters, there's the revelation (and I don't remember this in "Lear") that in the past dear old dad had sexually abused at least one of his daughters.

her most conventional film roles, underplays younger sister Caroline, who eventually takes the old man in. You can see her struggling with the various ways she has to play it: fragile sibling, business-like lawyer and daddy's little girl.
In his early scenes, the 77-year-old Robards looks so robust that you believe Ginny's observation (she narrates the story) that this is the man the other farmers turn to before making even the smallest decisions. Then he turns into a crazy man, running through cornfields in torrential rains, and the movie loses complete interest in keeping him even remotely believable.
The respective husbands fare

far worse, especially Ginny's libidino-less pig farmer played by Keith Carradine. By keeping the narrative centered on Ginny, you never fully understand the others' motivations, including why he would take dad's side when the farm's ownership is contested in court.
Add to this soap opera scenario handsome Jess (Kevin Anderson), an old neighbor who wants to settle down and begin organic farming. This L.L. Bean dreamboat starts to flirt with Ginny and eventually the two are regularly coming back from the fields picking bits of straw out of each other's hair.
According to Hollywood reports, squabbles about the

integrity of "A Thousand Acres" surfaced throughout the shooting, as Disney insisted on brightening what is essentially a pretty grim novel. What's left is a movie from which even director Moorhouse reportedly wanted her name removed.
Fans of Smiley, fans of Shakespeare: You have been warned. Unless you're going solely to see Pfeiffer and Lange, expect a great disappointment with "A Thousand Acres."

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

TV show looks at arts scene

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Next Thursday, Oct. 2, at 9:30 p.m. - and every Thursday after that - the new season on Channel 56 will dig up the real surprises that await you in Detroit's art and performance scenes.
Last week, our Backstage Pass theater correspondents (the Anderson brothers - Gary and Blair) previewed the season at the Metro area's playhouses. Well, anticipation runs high for the visual arts' season, too. So I called our host-experts in the visual arts to preview the season in the Metro area's galleries.

Art critic Marsha Miro concurred with Gerry on "Goddesses" at the Center Gallery. "They have a great group of Detroit-area artists looking at how we pick and personify the 'best' of the female species." She had her own list, too. "The Leon Golub-Nancy Spero show at Wayne State's new gallery in Old Main is a great initiation. The artists have strong social consciences and see art as having relevance beyond wall decoration."
"Art and the Jim Chatelain-Ron Nagle show at Revolution in Ferndale. Chatelain gets the pulse of Detroit into his figures and still-lives. They're just weird! And Nagle, who's from California, can get more pop, funky, sun-drenched energy into a ceramic cup and still make it sophisticated, like Walt Disney visiting DaVinci - that's the kind of fusion he gets."

work of Swiss artist Roman Signer. Also in the series are the exhibitions "Do It," an exhibit of works made by people following step-by-step directions from a roster of international artists, and "Ambiguous Signifiers: The Drawings of Claudia Goulette."
I let David select other highlights. "The Pontiac galleries continue to thrive with their great 'First Fridays' openings. Once you hook into that scene, you can visit a lot of galleries and see a lot of art, plus a lot of clubs and great places to eat."
All in all, it looks like another busy art season in the galleries. But, as Marsha points out, the seasonal overview shows trends both good and bad. "The works of major artists from all over the world are coming to town. That galleries are hosting significant contemporary artists across a whole range of media means the community is supporting that level of shows with both attendance and sales. At the same time, the galleries that show Michigan and local artists are struggling. We've even lost a couple. You don't want the local artists moving away because they're not being supported. Maybe we're finally seeing the downside from some of the major cuts in funding for the arts."

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STREET SCENE

# Country's Clay Walker gets back to his roots



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Country singer Clay Walker can honestly say that millions of people have heard his music.

BMI, a music publishing company, recently gave Walker a certificate acknowledging

that his song "Live Until I Die" has been played on the radio one million times.

"That is a big deal to me," Walker said via telephone from his Brenham, Texas, ranch where he lives with his wife, Lori, and toddler daughter, MaClay. "Live Until I Die" is a favorite of mine. I wrote that song about growing up on a small farm outside of the city limits of Beaumont, Texas. It's a personal biography that's why it's most special to me."

Having performed in front of millions of fans, Walker is now headlining the "Four Star Blowout," sponsored by the satellite television company PrimeStar. The tour, which comes to The Palace of Auburn Hills at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, also features sets by Kevin Sharp and



Coming to town: Country stars Clay Walker (pictured), Kevin Sharp and Mark Wills perform at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Mark Wills. Originally advertised as part of the tour, Lee Ann Womack will not perform.

"I love Detroit. Every time we've come there so far the folks

treat us like we're at home. You don't get that everywhere," Walker said.

Walker explained that the "Four Star Blowout" concert tour was a collaborative idea between him and his management company.

"We wanted to do a tour with a sponsor and we had several offers from other companies. PrimeStar seemed like such a good family-style organization that we thought it would be a great pair," Walker said.

With his latest album "Rumor Has It," Walker returned to the country style that proved successful with his 1993 self-titled debut.

"I wanted this album to be even more country. I felt the sounds on the records were beginning to get a little stock and sounded, to me anyway, too predictable. I felt it needed to get back to a much more rural sound, like we had on my first album."

Like his first three albums for Giant Records - 1993's "Clay Walker," 1994's "If I Could Make a Living," and 1995's "Hypnotize the Moon" - "Rumor Has It" is approaching platinum status. Walker attributes that success to

radio and the ability to replicate the songs live.

"I feel like we've done well putting a good band together and making the live shows sound as close to the album as possible," Walker said.

As a fan, he added, he prefers to hear original versions of songs in concert.

"I've gotten used to singing along with certain songs on the radio. I want to hear it the same way in concert."

Walker described the "Four Star Blowout" as a family-oriented, high-energy show.

"There's a lot of fun going on. There's a lot of movement on stage. The band is really, really clean cut, too. Our band is real clean and just a good bunch of guys. They cut up tell jokes and just have a good time. Nobody's unhappy. That's one of the most wonderful things about being on

the road. We're all smiles. It's a team effort."

"I'm real proud of Kevin Sharp and the way his career is coming along, Mark Wills as well. People are going to get their money's worth."

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**DINING**

# Alexander the Great celebrates 20th anniversary

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

The baby's starting college this fall, and his parents, Pauline and Tom Tomovski are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their family restaurant, Alexander the Great in Westland.

"Some customers will ask 'how's the baby?'" said Pauline. "Zak is a freshman at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. My daughter Zana is a senior at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Our customers watched them grow up."

What makes Alexander the Great different from the franchise restaurants, which have popped up in the last 20 years around their establishment near Westland Mall, is their service.

"We are consistent, and try to welcome people," said Pauline. "We feel we provide old-fashioned service. We have customers who come in every day at the same time. We don't have a big turnover of wait staff. It's a family-like atmosphere, we treat each other with respect. The customers feel that"

Out of respect for their customers, Pauline and Tom have renovated the restaurant three times since opening on Sept. 20, 1977. Hanging plants, and bright color scheme, a rainbow of mauve, blue, green and yellow, makes Alexander the Great a welcoming place.

"We try to keep things fresh - new floor, window and booth coverings, and a colorful mural by a local artist," said Pauline. "Our atmosphere is upbeat. We want to perk up our customers after a long day of work to make them

**Alexander the Great**  
Where: 34733 Warren, Westland, (313) 326-5410  
Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.  
Credit cards: All majors accepted  
Menu: Specialize in barbecued ribs, also offer steaks, seafood, Italian, broasted and barbecued chicken and other items. Cocktails, beer and wine available. Family restaurant. "Kid's Classics" menu for children 10 and under.  
Carry-out: Available; also offer large carry-outs of ribs, broasted chicken and mostaccioli for parties and picnics. Call ahead.  
Cost: Whole slab of ribs for two \$16.95 served with coleslaw or salad, choice of potato, green onion and garlic bread. Entrees range from \$5.25 for two piece chicken dinner, (dark meat) to \$14.95 for a whole slab of ribs, New York Strip Steak or Steak & Shrimp. Sandwiches \$3.95 to \$6.45; salads range from \$1.95 for a tossed salad to \$7.50 for a large Greek salad.  
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■ Movie dinner package, \$26.95 - two tickets to Quo Vadis or Showcase Cinema, and dinner off selected menu, which includes 90 percent of regular menu, drinks and dessert extra.  
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happy." Pauline and Tom also want to satisfy their hunger. They added broasted chicken to the menu, and broiled fish when customers requested it.

People still think of Alexander the Great as an evening place, so the couple recently introduced a \$3.95 luncheon menu to draw customers.

Entrees are served with coleslaw, and salad, soup or fries are 95 cents extra. The lunch menu includes a rotisserie turkey sandwich served on a sourdough bun, tuna melt, Maurice salad, egg salad sandwich, spaghetti, chicken breast sandwich, Mostaccioli, Greek salad,

ham & cheese sub, fish sub, two piece broasted chicken, ground round, and half barbecued chicken.

Barbecued ribs, you can chew on, cooked in an open fire rotisserie machine, have been a specialty for 20 years. They have a person on staff who just cooks the ribs.

Alexander the Great is also known for their homemade spaghetti, mostaccioli with mozzarella cheese, veal and chicken parmigiana.

The spaghetti sauce recipe was created by Alexander the Great's first chef who got it from his Italian-born mother.



Anniversary toast: Tom and Pauline Tomovski are celebrating the 20th anniversary of their restaurant, Alexander the Great, in Westland.

There's something for everyone on this menu - appetizers, salads, homemade soups, sandwiches, steaks, pork chops, shrimp, and broiled cod or orange roughy. Fish and chips are made to order, and a customer favorite. Save room for dessert, the rice

pudding is homemade, and popular with customers.

"We want to thank the city, and all of our customers who have been so nice, and loyal to us," said Tom. Sometimes you might find

Pauline, Tom, Zana and Zak working together at the restaurant. They call it family quality time.

Since 1977 they've spent a lot of time working together, and that's one of the reasons they're so successful.

**WHAT'S COOKING**

What's Cooking features theme dinners, menu changes, and restaurant openings. Send news items to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**The Fall Feast**

Friday, Sept. 26 at Trattoria Bruschetta (248) 305-5210, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Sebastian's Grill (248) 649-6625. Feasts begin at 7 p.m., \$36.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity, call restaurant for reservations. Menu features Roasted Butternut Squash Soup, Smoked Whitefish, Spinach & White Cheddar Strudel, Crispy Duck Confit & Wild Greens, Roasted Prime Tenderloin and McIntosh Apple Pie.

**Cigar Dinner**  
To take place 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 at the Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor. Cost \$85 per person, reservations required. Call (313) 769-1162.

**Benefit**  
Leukemia Society of America Benefit - noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Oak Plaza Mall, 8920 N. Wayne Road, (next to Wendy's).

Day of fun at for the family to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Activities include David Nadeau "The Magic Man," "Prof the Clown" and her fancy balloons; Cake Walk; Limbo Contest; Laser Shoot-Outs, Face Painting, Pizza Eating Contest, and photos with your favorite mice. Raffle tickets to win a variety of prizes including gift certificates for dinner donated by Cleopatra's Restaurant, which is also participating in the event; Ernesto's and Water Club Grill in Plymouth.

**D. Dennison's**  
Through Monday, Sept. 29 patrons of D. Dennison's restaurant of Livonia can enjoy live Maine Lobster, corn on the cob, red skin potatoes and coleslaw for \$15.95. Reservations welcome, call (313) 464-9030 for more information.

**American Harvest Restaurant**  
The restaurant operated by Schoolcraft College's renowned culinary arts department is open for lunch Tuesday through Fri-

day until Dec. 17 when the restaurant closes for final exams. They reopen in January. Call (313) 462-4488 for reservations.

International dinners prepared by second-year students in the International Cuisine Class, are also continuing this fall. Each Thursday evening, diners enjoy a five course meal drawing from the dishes of a particular country. Dinners are \$25 per person, and reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Call (313) 462-4488. Dinners include wine and brief presenta-

tion on the origin of both the food and wine.

Visit the Professor's Pantry, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday to purchase fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta, salad and other products prepared by Culinary Arts students.

It's not too early to begin planning your Thanksgiving Day menu. The Culinary Arts Department will prepare a com-

plete dinner, ready for pick-up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. You can order a Thanksgiving dinner starting Oct. 27 by calling (313) 462-4491.

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