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Mehl says he will take pay cut



Kenneth Mehl said, if elected, he would accept a pay cut and put \$10,000 into youth programs such as summer day camps in city parks. The candidate for mayor also pledged to accept a four-year pay freeze.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Kenneth Mehl has promised to accept a \$10,000 pay cut from Mayor Robert Thomas' \$77,084 salary if Westland voters elect him Nov. 4.

Mehl said he would accept the pay cut Jan. 1, meaning his salary would be \$66,084. He said he would put \$10,000 into youth programs such as summer day camps in city parks.

Mehl also pledged to accept a four-year pay freeze — much like Thomas did in his first term — and to "lead the fight" to reduce pensions for all Westland elected officials.

Mehl, a former Westland City Council member, said pay hikes for elected officials and city employee groups have outpaced cost-of-living increases, placing a strain on city coffers.

Mehl even suggested a possible city

resolution calling for pay increases not to exceed federally estimated cost-of-living increases.

Mayor Thomas responded that Mehl's proposals seem hollow considering that he supported a two-year, 45-percent pay hike for council members about 10 years ago.

Thomas also charged that Mehl supported a two-year, 26-percent mayoral salary increase during the same period, when former Mayor Charles "Trav" Griffin held the city's top office.

"People say things, and people do things," Thomas said. "Mr. Mehl, to my knowledge, has never really lived up to anything he has said."

Thomas also accused Mehl of supporting lucrative pensions when he served on the council 1982-93.

"He gave away some of the nicest pensions that anyone could ask for," Thomas said.

Thomas, 47, is seeking a third consecutive four-year term. Mehl, 51, is trying a second time to unseat him.

Mehl called for salary and pension cuts in an increasingly heated Nov. 4 campaign.

"I can't ask any city employee to do what I am not willing to do myself," he said in a prepared statement. "I will

Please see MEHL, A6

Hundreds come see new Sears

BY DONNA MULCAHY
SPECIAL WRITER

Gloria Schneider was among some 300 people who flocked to Westland Center on Saturday for the grand opening of metro Detroit's first new Sears store in 20 years.

"It brings back memories," the Westland resident said, enjoying the event with her husband and their two young daughters.

Schneider said she and her husband used to shop at Sears when they dated in Hollywood, Fla. She said it's nice to finally have a Sears store at the mall where she now does most of her shopping.

"I love it," Schneider said, strolling out of the children's department with a shopping bag in hand. Compared to other Sears stores, she added, "everything seems new and improved to me."

Westland resident Shirley Vogan agreed. In the past, she has driven to Livonia or Dearborn to shop at Sears.

"It means closer shopping," Vogan said of the Westland store — the first major new department store added to the mall in 10 years.

Her husband, Douglas Vogan, added, "It means you don't have to run clear to the other malls to find the things you want."

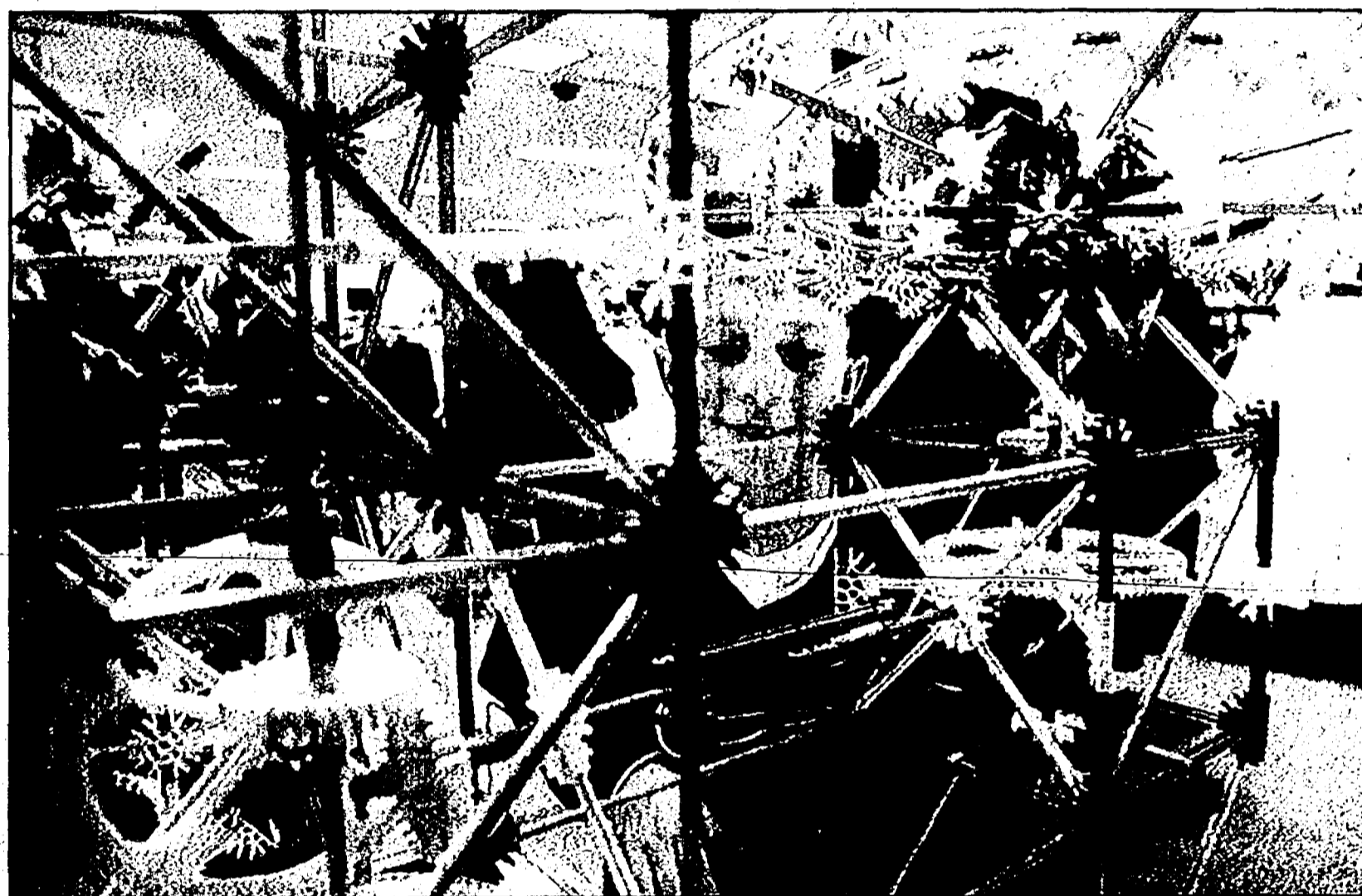
Many shoppers clearly wanted to attend Saturday's grand opening, complete with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that occurred in front of the store's mall entrance. Some shoppers showed up long before the Sears doors opened.

As they waited for the grand opening, shoppers listened to a John Glenn High School Marching Band performance and a piano-accompanied choir from John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. Later, some people received autographs from Detroit Lions wide receiver Herman Moore.

Blue, white and silver balloons

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What's in store



Building materials: Joey Alva, 10, of Canton takes a close look at the KNext building materials on display at the new Sears store in Westland.



Signing: At left, Ken Truby of Westland has a football signed by Herman Moore of the Detroit Lions. Above, Alice Kovich (left) of Livonia gets a warm greeting and help from Phyllis Bell, director of local marketing from Sears.

Vandals do \$100,000 damage to couple's home

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An elderly Westland couple returned from a camping trip to find that intruders had ravaged their home and stolen their car, jewelry and a gun.

The couple's home in the 1600 block of Berry suffered so much damage that they took temporary refuge in a hotel, Westland police Sgt. Harry Misener said.

One of their neighbors, 19-year-old

Martin Peter of Westland, was arraigned Tuesday in 18th District Court on charges of second-degree home invasion and concealing stolen property.

Westland police also have filed petitions in Wayne County Probate Court against two Westland juveniles suspected in the incident, Misener said.

A 68-year-old man and his 65-year-old wife returned home Oct. 21 from a six-day camping trip to find their home

in shambles, police reports said.

■ Twelve knives had been plunged into a squash. Another knife was stuck in a bathroom door.

■ Floors and walls were covered with flour, spaghetti sauce, spices and other food.

■ Sink drains had been plugged up with cloths, and faucets were left running.

■ Vandals had strewn kitchen utensils throughout the house.

■ Thumb tacks had been stuck all along the basement ceiling.

■ A basement safe had been broken open and a .45-caliber revolver stolen, although police have since recovered it.

■ Vandals had scribbled writings all over the walls of the home.

■ The couple's 1980 Oldsmobile Cutlass had been stolen from their driveway, although police also have found the car.

Please see VANDALS, A6

District ends budget year with slim surplus

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland schools ended the latest budget year showing just \$748,277 in surplus money not pegged for expenses, an independent auditing firm reported Monday.

That compares to a family with a \$50,000 budget ending the year with \$400 in the bank, Plante & Moran representative Kelly Howie said.

Howie and colleague Diane Wells assessed Wayne-Westland's financial strength — or lack of it — during a Monday night school board meeting.

The school board avoided a budget deficit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, but officials now face the irreplaceable loss of \$4.8 million a year that came from a one-time, 3-mill tax that expired four months

ago.

"That loss of revenue is forever," Superintendent Greg Baracy said Monday, adding that officials will have to struggle and remain financially prudent to avoid deficit spending.

At first glance, Plante & Moran's audit appears rosier than it actually is by indicating that Wayne-Westland had \$9.2 million in surplus dollars for the latest budget year.

But the district is left with only \$748,277 after officials include money set aside for two reasons:

■ To offset a budget deficit that had been projected for the current budget year.

■ To pay for new textbook purchases and other programs and services already planned by officials.

"That leaves about \$750,000 for classroom supplies

and other unforeseen circumstances," Wells told the board Monday night.

On a brighter note, auditors and the district's top business official, Patricia Brand, project that Wayne-Westland will finish the new fiscal year next June 30 with a \$2.4 million surplus.

Does that mean the district is on the road to financial recovery after years of tumultuous times?

Hardly.

Rather, it merely means that the district is expected to survive another year without a budget deficit. What remains, however, are worries for subsequent years when the loss of the \$4.8 million from the 3-mill enhancement tax may hit harder.

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Activist group criticizes board attorney

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne-Westland school board attorney Monday drew criticism for asking gay activists to "immediately cease" efforts to contact board members at their homes and workplaces.

Attorney Joseph Bennett wrote a letter to the Detroit-based Triangle Foundation saying board members won't respond to contacts they view as "intrusions upon their private lives."

Triangle Foundation president Jeffrey Montgomery, addressing the board Monday, said Bennett's letter is an attempt to shield publicly elected officials from only one group - gay activists.

"Is this not an example of direct discrimination?" Montgomery asked.

Gay activists said the board hasn't refused contacts from other groups.

Bennett said gay activists haven't been shut out and can continue to address issues during public meetings or by writing to board members.

"The individual board of education members do not wish to appear rude," he wrote to Montgomery, "but they view contacts with them at their homes or places of employment as intrusions upon their private lives, and as such will not be accepting or responding to further personal contacts."

The latest issue arose as

activists continued to pressure the board to reinstate "sexual orientation" into the district's non-discrimination policies.

The board added the term in January but omitted it in August, after lesbian school board president Patricia Brown lost her re-election bid. Some parents and religious leaders strongly oppose the policy.

The board refused to reconsider the issue despite pleas Monday from parents and students from Allen Park, Brownstown Township and Novi. Board member Mathew McCusker advised the citizens to address policies in their own communities.

Joshua Winowiecki, an Allen Park 11th-grader, said Wayne-Westland's policy could've helped

students avoid problems he faced when he was spit on, called names and hit by thrown objects for being openly gay at school.

"It's not as if I'm the problem," he said. "I am sitting in my classroom, doing my work, taking my notes."

His mother, Sharon Cutting, told board members they missed an opportunity to set an example of tolerance. She said she worries every day for her son's safety.

"It's sad, it's shocking to me, because I thought the Wayne-Westland school district would set a precedent for other schools," Cutting said.

Janice Neubecker of Brownstown Township told of separate hate crimes that killed her two

gay cousins in the 1980s. One cousin was killed along with his longtime companion, she said.

Neubecker said sexual orientation policies send a message that hate crimes won't be tolerated. By dropping the policies, she said, Wayne-Westland officials declared "open season" on gays.

Westland resident Michael Chiumento, a Plymouth-Canton teacher, questioned why Bennett advised board members to drop the policy although he works for the same law firm that represents the Birmingham district, which has sexual orientation policies.

Bennett said the board would face a greater risk of lawsuits by having sexual orientation in their non-discrimination policies.

He also said other policies already protect all students from harassment and violence.

Bennett promised he will watch for any court ruling that might signal a need to reinstate the controversial policy.

"I'll be the first one on the doorstep with a copy of that decision," he said.

He assured gay activists he has "no personal ax to grind."

Board members still appear united in their position.

"We have made our decision. We will not put the (sexual orientation) piece back in the policy," board president Debra Fowlkes said.

But she promised she will be "the first one to act" if she hears of student abuse.

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IRENE M. RAYMOND
Funeral services for Irene Raymond, 87, of Milford were recently in St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with burial at St. Mary Cemetery, Wayne. Arrangements were made by Uht Funeral Home.

Mrs. Raymond died Oct. 6 in United Memorial Hospital. She was a former resident of Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: son, Harvey, Jr.; daughters, Rita Overstreet, Pearl Cardin-Papin; three brothers and three sisters, all of Ontario, Canada; 17 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Raymond is preceded in death by her husband, Harvey, and 18 brothers and sisters.

HELEN L. McDONALD
Funeral services for Helen McDonald, 82, of Plymouth were recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland with burial at Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Mark Krunchkow of The Newburgh Baptist Church of Westland. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48154. Mrs. McDonald, who died Oct.

16 in Livonia, was born in Hillsdale, Pa. She moved to Plymouth in 1945. She was a homemaker. Mrs. McDonald enjoyed crocheting, knitting and painting.

Surviving are: husband, Lawrence of 64 years; daughters, Grace Krause of Westland and Berniece Merryfield of Roscommon, Mich.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rose VanSickle, Therese Pawlik; brothers, Edward and Anthony Pawlik; and two grandchildren.

HENRY A. KOTILA
Funeral services for Henry Kotila, 87, of Westland were recently in St. John Lutheran Church with burial at Atlantic Mine Cemetery, Atlantic Mine, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. William F. Mock. Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, 13542 Mercedes, Redford 48239. Local arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Mr. Kotila, who died Oct. 21 in Westland, was born in Franklin Township, Mich. He was a former resident of Livonia and Franklin Township. He was a lathe operator for Govro Nelson Company for 25 years. Prior to this, he worked in the copper mines and was a carpenter. Mr. Kotila, along with his five brothers, was part of the Jolly Boys Band which was popular in the early 1930s. Their talent was heard on the radio, as well as places around the Copper Country. He later moved to Detroit and became a lathe operator. In addition to being a musician and violinist, he was also a skilled wood craftsman. One of his projects was renovating the Temperance Hall in Dodgeville into a home. After his retirement, he and his wife, Celia, were summer residents in Dodgeville. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford for many years. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, woodworking and "puttering around."

Surviving are: wife, Celia; daughters, Karen Marvel of Westland, and Audrey Mattson of Livonia; sisters, Ida Kotila and Helmi Fidler; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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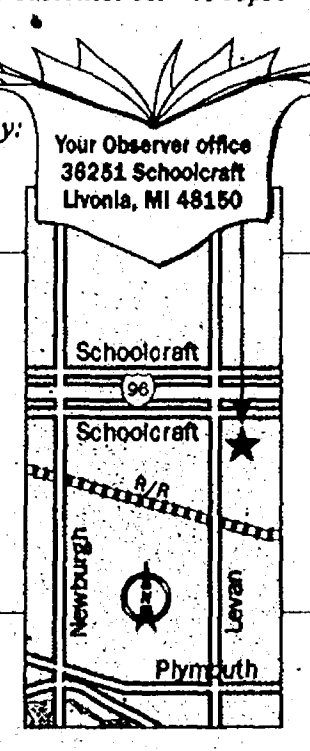
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ETHEL BRATLY
Funeral services for Ethel Bratly, 91, of Westland, were recently in Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland with private burial. Officiating was the Rev. David K. Bonde of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Westland.

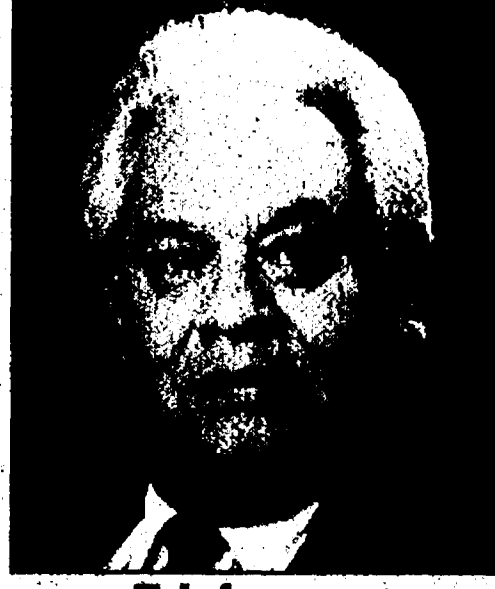
Mrs. Bratly, who died Oct. 18 in Westland, was born in Halstead, Minn. She came to this community in the late 30s. She was a teacher for the Romulus School system, retiring in 1965.

Surviving are: sons, Jim Bratly of Belleville, William of Panorama City, Calif.; daughter, Susan Engel of Farmington Hills; sister, Amy Johnson of Ada, Minn.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

DOROTHY E. MATTHEWS
Funeral services for Dorothy Matthews, 91, of Westland were recently in L.J. Griffin Home. Officiating was the Rev. Roy Forsyth. Cremation rites were recorded.

Mrs. Matthews, who died Oct. 21 in Westland, was born in Ironwood, Mich. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: sons, Warren and David; daughters, Norma and LaRayne Scholfield; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Matthews was preceded in death by her husband, Norman.



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WILLIAM E. MARSHALL
Funeral services for William Marshall, 72, of Brighton were recently in Herrmann Funeral Home with the Rev. Fred Weaver of Abundant Life Church, Westland, officiating. Cremation rites were recorded. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mr. Marshall, who died Oct. 11 at his residence, was born in Detroit. He was a former Livonia resident. He was a retired tool maker. He was a member of Moose Lodge of Lady Lake Florida. Mr. Marshall served with the U.S. Marines during World War II.

Surviving are: wife, Beverly; sons, William of Texas, Lawrence of Livonia, Edward of Westland; daughters, Sandra Paaao of Brighton and Linda Kruger of Perry, Mich.; sisters, Millicent Sobanski of Arkansas, Evelyn Schultz of California, Virginia Fonwick of Dearborn Heights, and Phyllis McCauley of Oregon; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

P.D. Graham playground gets facelift

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Tom Mari is a new parent at Westland's P.D. Graham Elementary School on Hix Road.

Just like all parents, he wants the best for his kindergarten, including new playground equipment. Because of budget constraints, that wasn't going to be a reality. However, Mari did want to see the playground refurbished for safety concerns.

"At the first PTA meeting I attended the issue of the playground wasn't on the agenda," said Mari. "When I asked why, I was told they had been working on that for several years. However, there was no money for school grounds, so they were moving ahead with more accomplishable goals."

Where there's a will, there's a way. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. And, besides, Mari just wouldn't take "no" for an answer.

Recently, Mari's dream came to fruition as the playground

equipment was repainted and the eroding ground leveled with the help of some unlikely workers.

"We were able to put down some new sand, stone and soil, as well as repaint the equipment, with the help from Mayor Robert Thomas and 18th District Court," said Mari. "We knew we couldn't get enough parents to complete the project in a weekend, so I had an idea that needed approval of the city and court system."

"We had about 30 people from the city's and 18th District Court alternative sentencing programs helping the school," said Westland Deputy Police Chief Lennis Hayes. "Mayor Thomas called me with the idea, and it worked out well. We were able to help the community with a workforce designed to perform various community projects in lieu of going to jail."

Those helping in the refurbishing project were people "serving time" for such crimes as traffic and ordinance viola-

tions.

"It worked out great, working with a group of taxpayers solving a community problem," said Hayes. "We had the people available to perform community service. It was a good use of our manpower."

"It was a great community effort between the schools, city and the unions to make this come true," said Mari. "The response from those who had to perform the work was tremendous. Some even went to school at Graham. And the merchants in the Westland area really came through, donating equipment and materials needed to complete the project."

It's taken Mari, with the help of another parent, Dennis Zenger, since the beginning of school to see the work completed.

"Mr. Mari did a great job in putting this project together," said principal Donald Chastain, in his fourth year at the elementary school. "It took a lot of work to get the equipment, materials and manpower to pull



Playground project: Volunteers help refurbish the playground at P.D. Graham Elementary School in Westland.

it off. The playground is bright and cheerful, and revives the spirit of the school."

Chastain remembers what it's like to paint the playground, having done it himself two years ago.

"We've had some new equipment donated by the student council the past three years, and some by the PTA, but there

is still some playground equipment dating back to the opening of the school in 1968," noted Chastain. "Right now, it looks rather good."

Mari says he hopes to hold fund-raisers, with the money to be used for future upkeep of the playground.

"It took more than two dozen adults two, eight-hour days to

complete just one playground," said Mari. "I think this proves that we can get a lot of work done with the help of these alternative programs. Furthermore, we need to put more pressure on Gov. (John) Engler to provide the funding necessary to operate schools in Westland."

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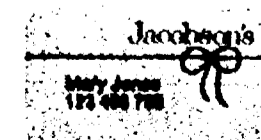
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Parenting: It's about reaching out, helping

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Parenting isn't easy, but there are places you can turn to for help.

That was the overall message Saturday for more than 200 Wayne-Westland area people who attended Parents' Day at Franklin Middle School in Wayne.

In its fourth year, Parents Day was sponsored by Wayne-Westland's Family Resource Center, Safe and Drug Free Schools, the Skillman Foundation and Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

"It's about schools, homes and the community working together, supporting one another," said Beverly Brooks, Family Resource Center director and Parents Day co-chairwoman. "It's about reaching out and helping each other for the benefit of our little, precious commodities."

Comedian O.J. Anderson kicked off the half-day event, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a little dancing, a lot of humor and a dose of reality.

"I've found that laughter breaks the ice," he told the audience. "Once you've started laughing, you're ready to open up."

His one-hour demonstration of physical comedy had people laughing so hard, many were brought to tears.

"Now you're ready," he said after an Elvis Presley impersonation. "You're ready to learn how to stop someone from making negative mistakes."

He continued with a personal story. "Between my wife and I, we know 24 people who have died from negative mistakes



Sharing Ideas: Sherry Tenorio shares an activity that her children do as part of the 101 inexpensive activities with children, a class at the Parents' Day at Franklin Middle School.

(such as drunken driving, sniffing inhalants, doing cocaine). Now, multiply that by the number of people in this room ... too many people are dying from negative mistakes."

Drugs and alcohol accounted for one break-out session offered to parents. The majority of sessions focused on other issues: "Finding Quality Day Care," "Letting Go of Your Teen - How and When" and "101

Inexpensive Ways Families Can

Have Fun on a Limited Budget," among others.

"We are catering to a diverse group of parents," said Brooks, who chaired the event with Hoover Elementary principal Pat Micolai. "We have pre-kindergarten through high school parents here." Some parents have children across the age spectrum.

"I have a daughter in junior high, a daughter in elementary school and one who is pre-K

(kindergarten)," answered Marge Witte when asked why she came. The Wayne mother of three was particularly interested in the "S.M.I.L.E. (Start Making It Livable for Everyone)" session.

"I recently went through a divorce and this session is supposed to go over divorce and how to talk with your children," she said.

For Sonja and Jim Craig, they wanted to learn how to



Together: Dawn Dalton Stottlemeyer attended a class at Parents' Day at the Franklin Middle School with her 10-week-old baby Darrian.

communicate better with their daughter.

"We're always looking for ways to be involved," she said, "and they have a lot of good sessions." The Westland couple joined sessions on "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen" and "All Kids Are Smart - In Different Ways."

Kevin Beavers of Wayne "just wanted to find more information to help make decisions." He found it in the school's gymnasium.

Community groups like Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Westland Youth Assistance, the city of Wayne Recreation Department, Family Resource Center and the Westland library were all

passing out literature and answering questions.

Another example of community involvement - money, prizes and food donated by about 50 businesses kept admission to only \$3 per person.

According to Brooks, some parents come for reassurance, some come for the issues. Either way, she is "delighted with the parents that come."

She was also delighted that Linda Lee, a radio personality for 99.5 Young Country, was able to act as master of ceremonies.

"The audience loved her," she said, "I think it was nice that as a graduate of John Glenn High School, she was able to do this."

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road October 6, 1997

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of October 6, 1997; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request.

President Kokenakes convened the meeting at 7 p.m., in the Board Room, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia. Present: Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard, Joanne Morgan, Patrick Nalley, Dianne Nay, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters. Absent: None.

Golden Apple Award: Trustee Daniel Lessard presented the Golden Apple Award to Nancy Trubak, parent volunteer at Grant Elementary School.

Audience Communications: The LPS Transportation Department displayed their handmade quilt to the Board along with a Father-time Santa and tree skirt. The Transportation Department made the quilt to raise funds for needy families in Livonia for the holidays.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Lessard and Nay that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent. IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 1997. VC Move that the Board approve the purchase of the Stanford Achievement Test and Otis-Lennon Scholastic Ability Tests for testing third, sixth, and eighth graders. The total amount of such purchase is \$41,706.23. Scoring packages are not included at this time. VIA Move that general fund check nos. 287088 through 288089 in the amount of \$2,937,763.37 by approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$1,500,223.80 be approved. Also move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1855 through 1857 in the amount of \$25,339.48 be approved. IVB Move that the Board of Education authorize Johnson-Wood, Inc., to install classroom water service at Perrinville Center for the low bid amount of \$76,634. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Presentation - Annual Report: Ms. Marlene Bihlmeyer, director of curriculum, and Dr. Allan Edwards, research specialist, presented to the Board an overview of the Annual Report for the 1996-97 school year. A printed copy of the report will be included in the October issue of Dialogue.

Gift - Randolph PTA: Motion by Morgan and Timmons that the Board accept the most gracious gift of \$1800.00 from the Randolph PTA to be used toward the purchase of a video projection system. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Approval of Teacher: Motion by Nalley and Lessard that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1997-98 school year to Monica E. Nowell. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

30-year Resolutions: Motion by Morgan and Watters that the Board of Education adopt the resolutions of appreciation for 30 years of service with the district for: Rosemary Etue, Maureen Moag, and Lynn Waskin. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Reports for the Superintendent: Dr. Watson reported on Carl Kedzierski, a graduate of Churchill in 1996 was the top graduating student of his class from the Specs Howard School of Broadcasting last spring; thanked Gordon Chevrolet for providing 8 cars for our driver's education program; spoke of the extraordinary service of Joan Handloser, secretary at Tyler School; invited parents of first through sixth grade students to TEACHER AND LEARNING MATH at Dickinson Center on October 15 or 16 at 7 - 8:30 p.m.; and reported that the Livonia PTA Council will present an evening for parents of middle and high school students on THE INTERNET; A TOOL FOR SCHOOLS on October 29 at 7 p.m. at Dickinson Center.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board members reported on the following topics: open houses, bus safety, Annual Report, Franklin High School Board Festival, and a handmade quilt made by the Transportation Department.

Recess to Closed Session: Motion by Nay and Timmons that the meeting be recessed to closed session for the purpose of discussion negotiations. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Kokenakes recessed the meeting at 8:34 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Nay that the regular meeting of October 6, 1997 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Kokenakes adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Published October 30, 1997

Local governments to fight state takeover of roads

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Local governments will unite to battle a Michigan Department of Transportation "divide and conquer" tactic to take over thousands of miles of local roads. Working through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, counties, cities, villages and even townships will swap information and combine strength to battle Gov. John

Engler's plan to have MDOT take over 9,800 miles of their roads.

"They're pitching a grenade over your transom. Pitch it back," urged Birmingham City Commissioner Dante Lanzetta. "I'd rather deal with SEMCOG, where I have a vote."

Brighton Township Supervisor Andrew Wardach said MDOT director James DeSana wrote to each county road commission, city and village on Oct. 2 outlin-

ing MDOT's desire to take over certain local roads.

"You get only a map of your area. We're concerned that this is fragmented," said Wardach, who chairs SEMCOG's transportation advisory council.

SEMCOG staffer Carmine Palombo, a Livonia resident, said townships, which have no authority over roads, weren't sent maps at all. "Regardless of who owns the roads going through townships, they should

be involved," Palombo said.

SEMCOG General Assembly delegates agreed that it wasn't enough to look at which roads MDOT proposed to take over in one local unit; they should see the overall plan for neighboring communities and even an entire county.

The administration's plan is to take over 9,800 more miles of roads. As Engler put it during an Oct. 17 forum in Southfield: State government controls only

18,000 of the 118,000 miles of roads, "but we get 90 percent of the calls."

Engler's showcase exhibit: the Davison Freeway in Wayne County, which MDOT took over, rebuilt and reopened earlier this month. "The Davison is fabulous. It was a county road all these years (about 50). We took it three years ago and fixed it," Engler said.

Engler first floated the idea in May when he unveiled his gaso-

line tax hike plan to improve roads and bridges. Legislators passed the tax but balked at the administration's effort to take over more local roads. But the governor isn't giving up.

Palombo said SEMCOG will set up countywide forums and collect local units' responses to DeSana's one-town maps. "Otherwise, there's no way to know what others have responded," he

Please see **ROADS, A12**



We did it again!

When the folks we sent to the 1997 Michigan Press Association's ADCON 97 conference came back with 15 awards, (see box) we were excited—so excited that we decided to tell you, our readers, about it.

We gathered together some of the folks who were involved in doing the award-winning work.

However, the picture session got a little out of hand.

Everyone wanted to wave an award in the air.

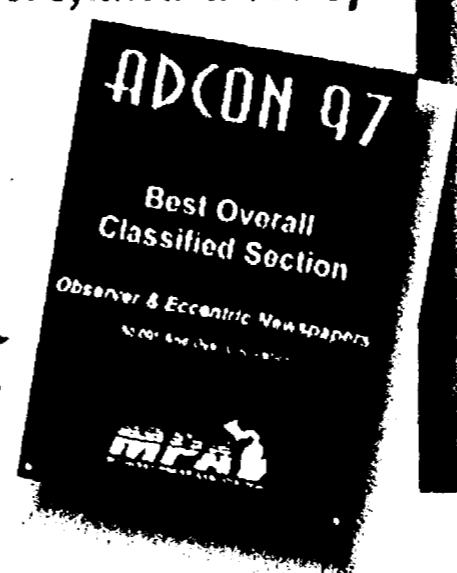
What did we do? We used some of the creativity that makes us award-winners and pulled a few of last year's awards off the wall and smiled for the camera.

If you've ever won anything, you know what it took to win these: things like dedication, creativity, attention to detail, a love for the work itself, a high regard for the people we serve, pride in our newspapers, and a lot of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-it-done work.

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lead by example with this (salary) cut. The \$10,000 will be directed into youth programs, which are one of my priorities."

Thomas has said his administration supports some 60 youth programs.

On Tuesday, Mehl said his statement of leading by example with a \$10,000 pay cut shouldn't be interpreted to mean that he wants city employees to agree to wage concessions.

Rather, he said he supports controls on pay hikes such as limiting them to cost-of-living increases.

In another strike against Thomas, Mehl criticized the mayor for raising more than \$500,000 during his eight years in office. Moreover, Mehl questioned the way Thomas raised the money.

Mehl accused the Thomas administration of awarding excessive pay increases to employee unions that have contributed to

his campaigns. Mehl singled out firefighters as one group that he said benefited.

"It appears that those (pay increases) are directly related to their contributions," Mehl said.

Thomas dismissed Mehl's allegations. He said firefighters haven't received any better treatment than other employee groups since he has served as mayor.

Thomas stressed that, soon after he assumed office in 1990, he pushed for a sub-

stantial pay increase for public services department workers to help bring their wages in line with other employee groups.

"And that union has never given me money," Thomas said.

Thomas conceded that he has raised "a lot of money" since 1989, but he said he also returns dollars to the community. He cited a few examples:

- He gave \$1,500 to the Westland Playscape, a children's play structure recently built in Central City Park.

- During golf fund-raisers for various charity events, he has sponsored holes.

- He has bought pizza and pop for John Glenn High School's football players.

- He sends birthday greetings to city residents whose addresses and birth dates are on file with the city.

"I give a lot back to the community," Thomas said.



On the march: Livonia Franklin High School's "Marching Patriots" have had several successful competitions recently.

Franklin band qualifies for state competition

For the fifth consecutive year, the Livonia Franklin High School "Marching Patriots" placed in the top 10 of the Flight II marching bands in Michigan to qualify for state championship competition.

There were 40 top competing bands, 10 in each of Flights I, II, III and IV, at Saturday's championships. Other Observer-area bands included, Farmington Harrison, second in Flight III, 90.20; Westland's John Glenn, ninth in Flight I, 71.45; and Plymouth-Canton, first in Flight I, 93.55.

The Franklin marchers performed their program, "Through the Eyes of a Child," at the Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA) State Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome, Saturday.

The Franklin band took ninth place in Flight II with a score of 73.15.

Nathan Troike, a senior tuba player in the band, received the MCBA Flight II \$1,000 scholarship award.

Band Director Kristi Jasin said the Franklin band, at 84 members, was the smallest

Flight II band to make it into the championship contest. "For having that small of a band, to even make it to state finals is another honor and I'm just very happy with the kids," said Jasin.

"I was extremely proud of them. I thought they did a very, very fine job. They really worked tremendously hard to put the finishing touches on the show."

The students were also pleased with their performance. "I couldn't have asked for better," said Melanie Maxwell, a senior flutist.

"I'm really proud of all of us." Senior clarinet player, Joe Dep-tula, said "I feel real good that we did an excellent job."

The Patriots will travel to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind. from Nov. 13-15 to compete in the Bands of America Grand National Championships.

"We have 40 incredible bands," said MCBA President Jack Ellis.

In addition to the national championships in three weeks, the Franklin marchers will perform in the Livonia Holiday Parade Nov. 22.

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■ Jewelry also had been taken - most of it now recovered.

Misener estimated that vandals did \$100,000 in damages to the elderly couple's home.

"They had spread things from dressers and closets all over the floor," he said. "They had thrown powder, spices, soap and other things all over the house. They had plugged up the drains and turned on the water."

Police believe the damage was done on Oct. 18 and 19 during two separate visits, Misener said.

On Tuesday, 18th District

Judge C. Charles Bokos ordered Peter held in lieu of a \$250,000 cash bond. He is scheduled for a Nov. 6 preliminary hearing to determine whether he should stand trial as charged.

He could face a maximum 15-year prison term if convicted of second-degree home invasion, Misener said.

Peter also could face a five-year prison term if found guilty of receiving and concealing stolen property.

Police are awaiting word from juvenile authorities on the fate of the other two suspects.

Budget from page A1

"That will have a significant impact on the district," Wells said.

On Tuesday, Brand explained that the district in 1997-98 has \$91 million in General Fund revenues, but \$97.6 million in expenses.

The difference, coupled with other expenses already designated, mean that the board will be spending more money than it receives.

The district can survive that budget situation through next June 30, but threats of a deficit may loom again for the following fiscal year.

Sound familiar?
"We are in better shape now than we thought we were," board vice president Mathew McCusker said Monday, "but there are still problems facing us."

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Drug lifer law

Modifications would give sentencing judges more say

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Here and there in the prison business:

State Sens. William Van Regenmorter and Mike Rogers have unveiled their plans for modifying the so-called "650 drug lifer" law.

The harshest in the nation, Michigan's law requires a life sentence in prison without hope of parole for anyone convicted of dealing in 650 grams (2.2 pounds) of drugs. Aimed at nailing drug kingpins, it has instead resulted in life terms for many young "mules" on first conviction.

VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, has reported from the Judiciary Committee his Senate Bill 280 which would:

- Make a convicted person eligible for parole after 15 years if he or she cooperated with law enforcement officials, had no convictions in the previous 10 year for a violent felony, had no drug violation worth four years in prison, and wasn't part of an organized drug gang; provided the sentencing judge (or his or her successor) had no objection to parole.

- Make parole available for persons already serving 650-lifer terms.

- Allow a 25-year prison term as an alternative to life for a person convicted of possession of 650 grams or more.

- Decrease from 25 to 20 years the minimum alternative sentence for a juvenile convicted as an adult for possession of 650 grams or more.

- Reduce mandatory minimum sentences in several kinds of cases. For delivery or possession of 225 to less than 650 grams, the minimum would be reduced from 20 to 10 years. For

delivery of 50 to 225 grams, the term would be cut from 10 years to five. The one-year minimum for delivery of less than 50 grams, and for possession of 25 to 50 grams, would be deleted.

- Eliminate a sentencing judge's ability to depart from mandatory minimum sentences for "substantial and compelling reasons" for offenses involving less than 650 grams; and provide that the mandatory minimum wouldn't apply if the defendant cooperated with authorities.

Currently, 160 persons are serving mandatory life sentences for delivery off 650 grams or more.

Rogers, R-Brighton, is sponsor of a companion measure, SB 281, amends the Department of Corrections law to allow paroles under SB 280, which amends the Public Health Code, SB 280 and 281 are "tie-barred," which means that both must be passed for either to become law.

The bills are on the Senate calendar, and some action is expected before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee has amended a "date rape" drug bill by Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, to modify the drug lifer law. Bankes' bill is sitting on the House calendar.

Post for Geake

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, has been appointed to the 19-member Michigan Sentencing Commission by Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus.

Geake has worked on the Department of Corrections bud-

get on the Appropriations Committee and on crime issues as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Posthumus, R-Alto.

"The Sentencing Commission was created by law to develop and recommend sentencing guidelines for judges that are uniformly applied throughout the state," Geake said.

Geake said the Senate this fall will consider using any new prison construction projects as pilots for "privatization."

Registry bill up

The Senate is scheduled to consider an amendment by Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, to the Sex Offenders Registration Act. It sets up a procedure to verify the address of a released offender.

Bouchard's SB 669 would require the State Police on the 15th of each month to mail a verification form to each person registered under the act to verify his address. The person would have five days to reply.

If enacted, the bill would require State Police to send out 214,000 pieces of mail each year. The bill says the registrant would have to pay mailing costs, but the Senate Fiscal Agency noted "there is no method prescribed in the bill for this to be done."

If the offender failed to reply for two months or the address turned out to be wrong, State Police would have to investigate and inform local police. Local sheriff's and police departments to would "encourage" to verify addresses, check compliance and report errors to the state.

STATE SENATE

International Fest



A cultural experience: Cindy Hsu, a Taiwanese student, plays with a traditional child's toy from her country called a "Dumb Bell" at Madonna University's International Festival. Madonna's Student Organization, in cooperation with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for International Studies, held the Festival on Oct. 22. Participants learned about various cultures, tasted authentic international cuisine and enjoyed multicultural entertainment.

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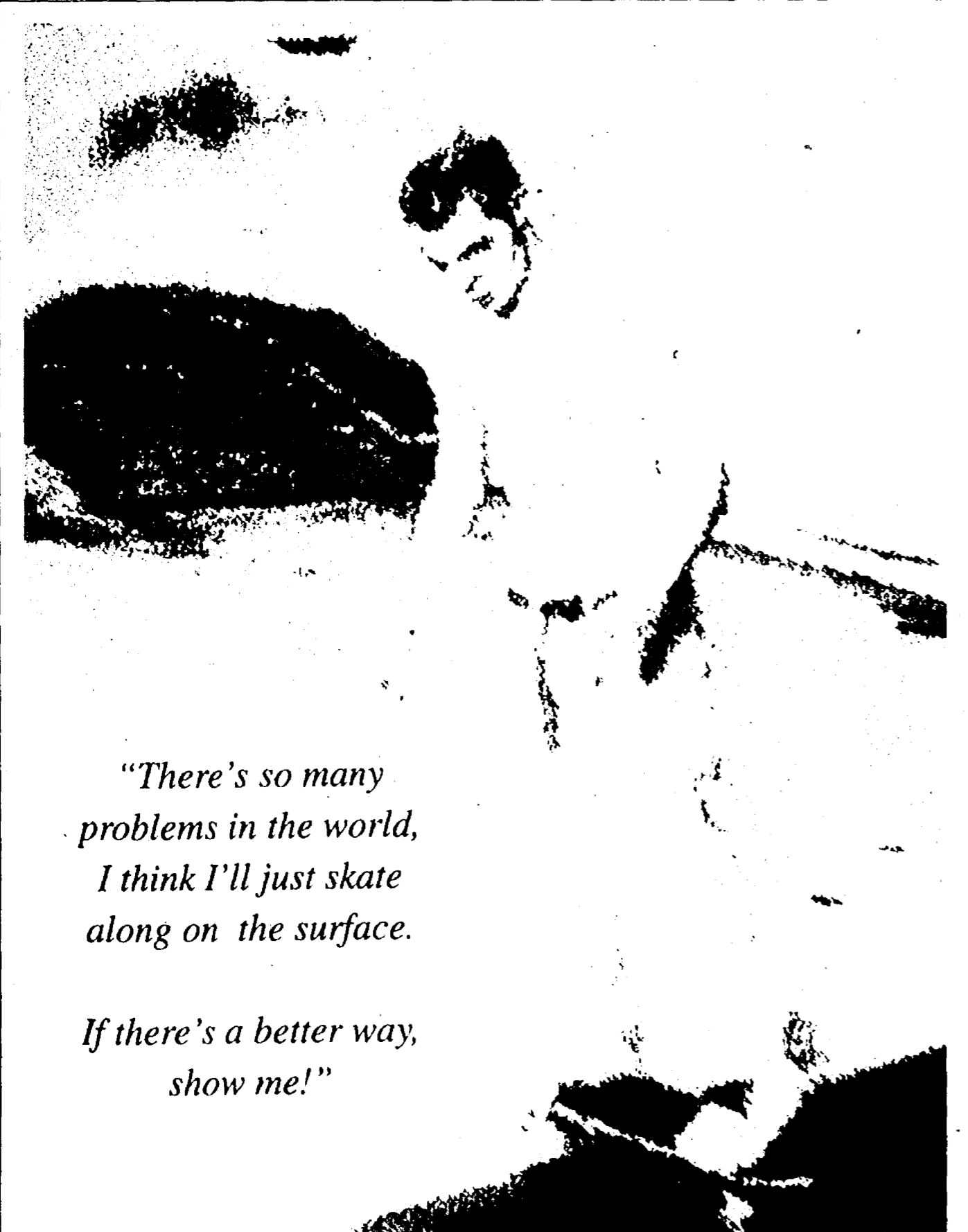
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Makeup magic: Erin Sonntag (right) of Canton gets a free makeover from Angela Baldrige of Lincoln Park at the Sears grand opening this past Saturday. Lower left: Del and Deloris Slater of Canton (left) enjoy the cooking demonstration by Chef Brian Polcyn from The Five Lakes Grill in Milford at the grand opening of the Sears store in Westland. Lower right: Thomas Schultz, age 2½, of Garden City gets his face painted by "Gumdrop" of Redford at the grand opening of the Sears store in Westland.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY



Big day: Store manager of the new Sears store in Westland John Anderson speaks to a large crowd at the grand opening of the store last Saturday.



Helping out: Esther Gajda (right) of Westland, who was looking for a gift, helps Kathy Brown (left) of Livonia find where to go for another item at the Sears store in Westland.

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adorned the store's mall entrance. Inside, sales associates readied their stations while gold lights twinkled on Christmas decorations hanging from the store's ceiling.

Westland Chamber of Commerce president John Toye, who served as master of ceremonies, said Sears will have a "magnet effect" by attracting new stores to the mall and the city's main shopping district.

OPENING

Mayor Robert Thomas said Sears will help maintain the vitality of Westland Center - the city's single biggest taxpayer generating \$2 million a year in taxes. Sears will become the mall's fourth anchor store, joining J.C. Penney, Hudson and Kohl's.

Sears includes a two-story, 175,000-square-foot department store and a separate, 15,000-square-foot auto center. Construction began early this year on the northwest corner of the mall.

In mall surveys, customers have cited Sears as a store they wanted to see added to the mall.

On Saturday, store general manager John Anderson presented a \$1,000 grant to the Westland Community Foundation and a \$5,000 grant to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit - an organization named after the late comedian Gilda Radner that offers emotional support and social activities to cancer victims and their families.

Other highlights included autograph signings by Steve Burton (who plays Jason Quartermaine on "General Hospital"); face-painting for children; appearances by Warner Brothers' Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck; free makeovers by celebrity makeup artists; a live radio broadcast by WNIC-FM's morning crew; special sales; and a chance to win shopping sprees.

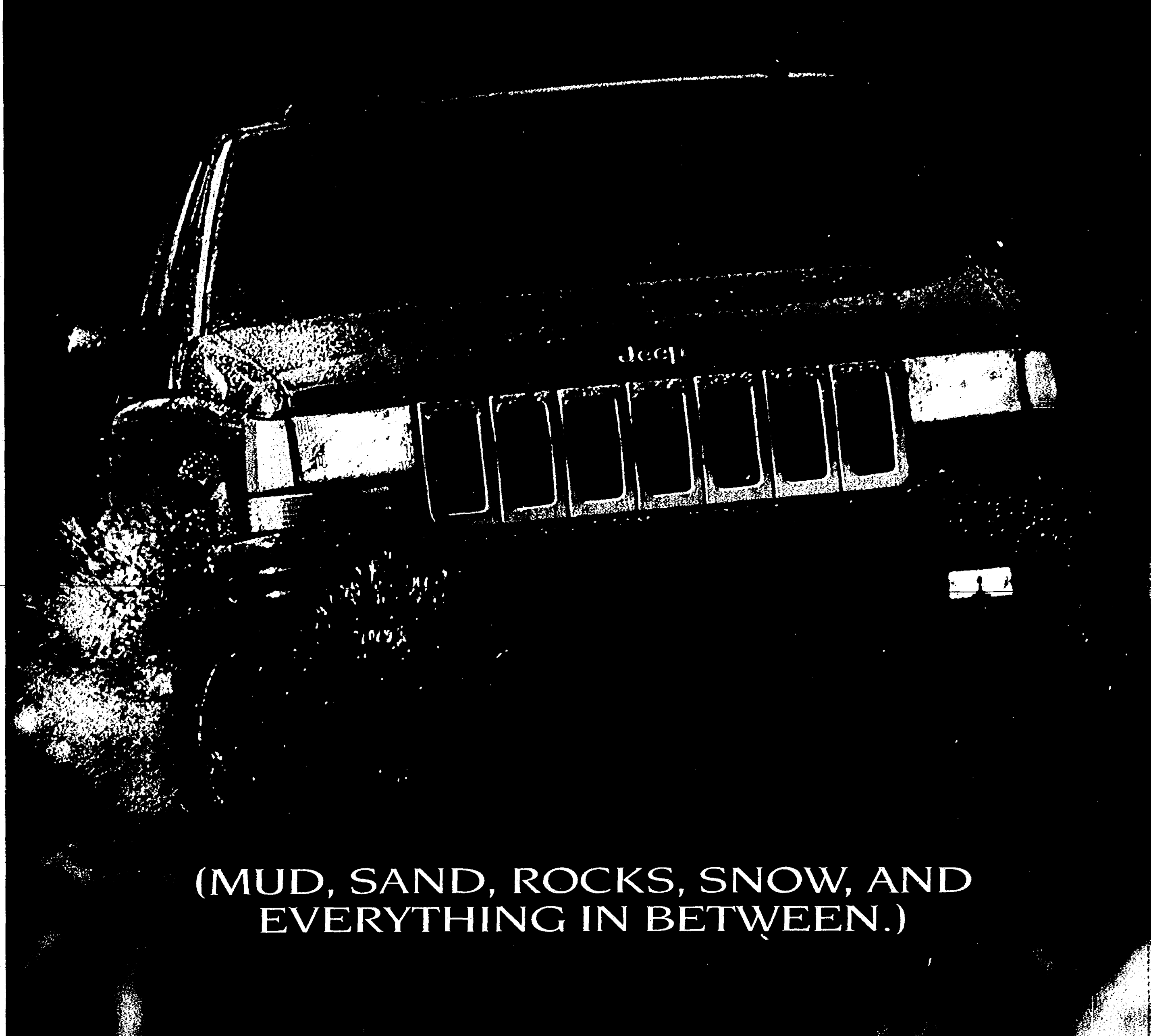
Anderson described customer response as "overwhelming."

The store actually opened Oct. 22 - without any fanfare to give employees time to get acquainted with their jobs.

"Still, we had good traffic the first day," Anderson said. "The second day, there was even more traffic. It was like everyone went home and told their family and friends that the store was open. And the third day (Friday), we had wall-to-wall people in here, from the time we opened until the time we closed."

The grand opening celebration runs through Nov. 8. On that day, Joe Kocur of the Detroit Red Wings will sign autographs 3-5 p.m. WKQI-FM radio personalities will be on hand 1-4 p.m.

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Time capsule looks to Madonna's future

As part of Madonna University's 50th anniversary celebration, university officials will unveil the contents of its 1997 Time Capsule.

In a special ceremony during the Founders' Day celebration, the capsule will be blessed. Later it will be sealed and then placed permanently in the library entrance. It is scheduled to be opened on both the 75th and 100th anniversaries of the university.

The time capsule, which took three months to make, was designed, engineered and built by John Gansen, a Livonia resident, whose daughter graduated from Madonna University.

Margaret Kleinert-Collins, a 1968 alumna of Madonna University and her husband, Charles Collins, both of Buchanan, Mich., were instrumental in making the time capsule, a vision of Sister Mary Francilene, president; Sister Mary Danatha, former president, and Sister Mary Lauriana, vice president, a reality.

The time capsule weighs approximately 82 pounds empty.

The aluminum tubing was anodized to give it a gold effect which will last forever. On top is Madonna University's seal. The seal is surrounded by Lapis lazuli, which is noted for its deep blue color.

The blue combined with the gold represent the Madonna University colors. On the front are the words "Wisdom from Above," the motto of the University.

A special casing for the time capsule is being donated by



Encapsulating history: John Gansen, a Livonia resident, and Buchanan, Mich., residents Charles Collins and Margaret Kleinert-Collins, a 1968 alumna of Madonna University, stand with the Madonna University time capsule. All three were instrumental in making the vision of the time capsule a reality.

Audrey Marino, owner of Exotic Rubber and Plastics Corp. in Farmington.

Items being considered to be placed inside the time capsule include: a medal of the founders of the Felician Sisters, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska; a 1996-98

Madonna University Bulletin; a 1995-97 Madonna University graduate bulletin.

Also the Madonna University mission statement; a Madonna University 1995-96 President's Report; Madonna Milestones, a History of Madonna College by

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, a 1996-97 Madonna University telephone directory and the Madonna University financial statements from June 30, 1995.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Students can win college scholarships in MS contest

Scholarship funds are available for high school and college students through the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America's Project: Learn MS '98.

Offering \$16,000 in scholarship funds, Project: Learn MS is a national essay competition encouraging students to win money for college, earn prizes and, at the same time, raise funds for those with multiple sclerosis.

Students must submit a 500-1,000 word essay on multiple sclerosis, how it impacts a person and his or her family on a daily basis, and how society can

improve the quality of life for the physically challenged.

All essays must include the registration and sponsor forms and a minimum of \$7.50 in sponsorship fees. All essays must be postmarked by June 5, 1998.

To obtain a registration form, contact the guidance office at your local high school or call MSAA at 1-800-LEARN MS.

Multiple sclerosis, which affects an estimated 500,000 Americans, is a disease of the central nervous system. MSAA, a non-profit organization, assists in the day-to-day needs of those with MS.

Consumers supports fund drive

Madonna University in Livonia received a four-year pledge of \$20,000 from the Consumers Energy Foundation in support of the University's Integrated Computerized Management Information System as part of the ongoing \$15 Million Comprehensive Campaign.

The integrated computerized management information system is designed to increase the University's effectiveness and efficiency of operations related

to student services, human resources, business, financial aid and advancement/alumni activities.

Madonna University initiated its \$15 million comprehensive campaign on July 1, 1994 to implement and sustain technology systems, renew and renovate existing buildings, and expand the scholarship endowment to assist qualified and needy students. The campaign will end on Dec. 31, 2000.

University hosts open house

Madonna University in Livonia is holding an open house for prospective students 1-4 p.m. p.m. on Saturday in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs offered during the

day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available, and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Madonna University's Admissions Office at (313) 432-5339.

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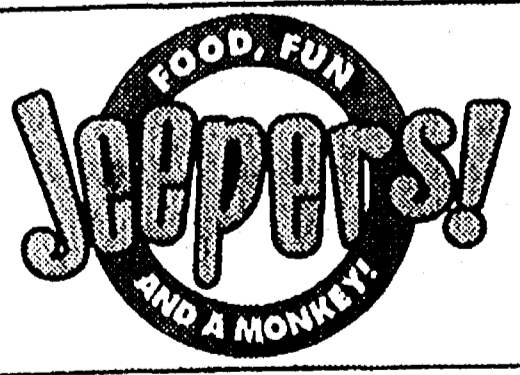
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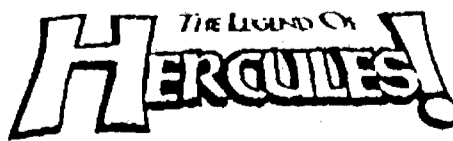
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Nature programs return to Nankin Mills

For the first time in two decades, Wayne County is reopening its Nankin Mills Interpretive Center for a series of entertaining interactive hikes, arts and crafts and hands-on workshops aimed at teaching participants more about the environment.

Wayne County parks will present a workshop Saturday, Nov. 8, on creating traditional holi-

day decorations the way it was done at the turn of the century, from 1-3 p.m. at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland.

Participants will learn how to create traditional grapevine wreaths and — as a reminder of spring — they will also learn how to identify some of the area's most favored flowers from dried samples. Grapevines and decorations will be provid-

ed. Participants are asked to bring their own glue guns if they have them, as well as any added decorations they want to use.

Registration costs \$2 per person.

"We're very proud of the fact that there has never been more for people to do at Wayne County Parks than at this point in time," said Edward McNamara,

Wayne County executive. "We're not just returning our parks to some bygone era, we're moving them towards a level of activity and development they've never seen before."

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is also open for school field trips and outreach programs year round. To register or for more information on nature programming at Wayne County Parks, call (313) 261-1850.

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Grants will aid disabled in county

Residents in Wayne County afflicted with severe disabilities, including minorities and young adults, will benefit from three grants awarded by the Michigan Jobs Commission, said state Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville.

The grants will supply both state and federal funds to help people in Wayne County with severe disabilities prepare for employment. The grants include:

■ \$83,850 awarded to Deaf Options, Inc. to help deaf and hard of hearing high school students and graduates prepare for the job market;

■ \$65,203 awarded to Services to Enhance Potential (STEP) to help minorities and young people with severe disabilities prepare for and locate work. The MJC Rehabilitation Services offices, Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency, Detroit Public Schools and the Enabling Technologies Laboratory of Wayne State University will assist in the project; and

■ \$30,776 awarded to the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan located in Detroit to help expand job-related services to persons with severe disabilities.

"I am excited to see residents in Wayne County awarded these grants," Geake said. "Enabling people to become responsible for themselves by finding work is important as people with disabilities strive toward independence."

"Finding a job is key to becoming self-sufficient and independent. It is important that residents with disabilities have access to job training and job placement as a way to gain freedom."

The Jobs Commission has 35 offices throughout the state and works directly with community organizations to provide direct job preparation services to persons with disabilities.

Roads

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said.

The Michigan Municipal League reportedly will urge member cities and villages to tell DeSana they oppose the process and want the issue discussed in Metropolitan Planning Organizations, of which SEMCOG is the state's largest.

In other road matters, SEMCOG staffer Paul Tait said the U.S. Congress is far from an agreement on a renewed ISTEA - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.

Expected in fall, ISTEA is unlikely to be passed before spring of 1998, Tait said. "It's so crazy right now. The Senate attaches a campaign finance reform amendment to every bill," he said.

For the first time in its 30-year history, Tait added, SEMCOG has retained a Washington lobbyist.

ISTEA is also important to Engler, who contends Michigan deserves \$200 million more in federal aid considering the taxes it sends to Washington.

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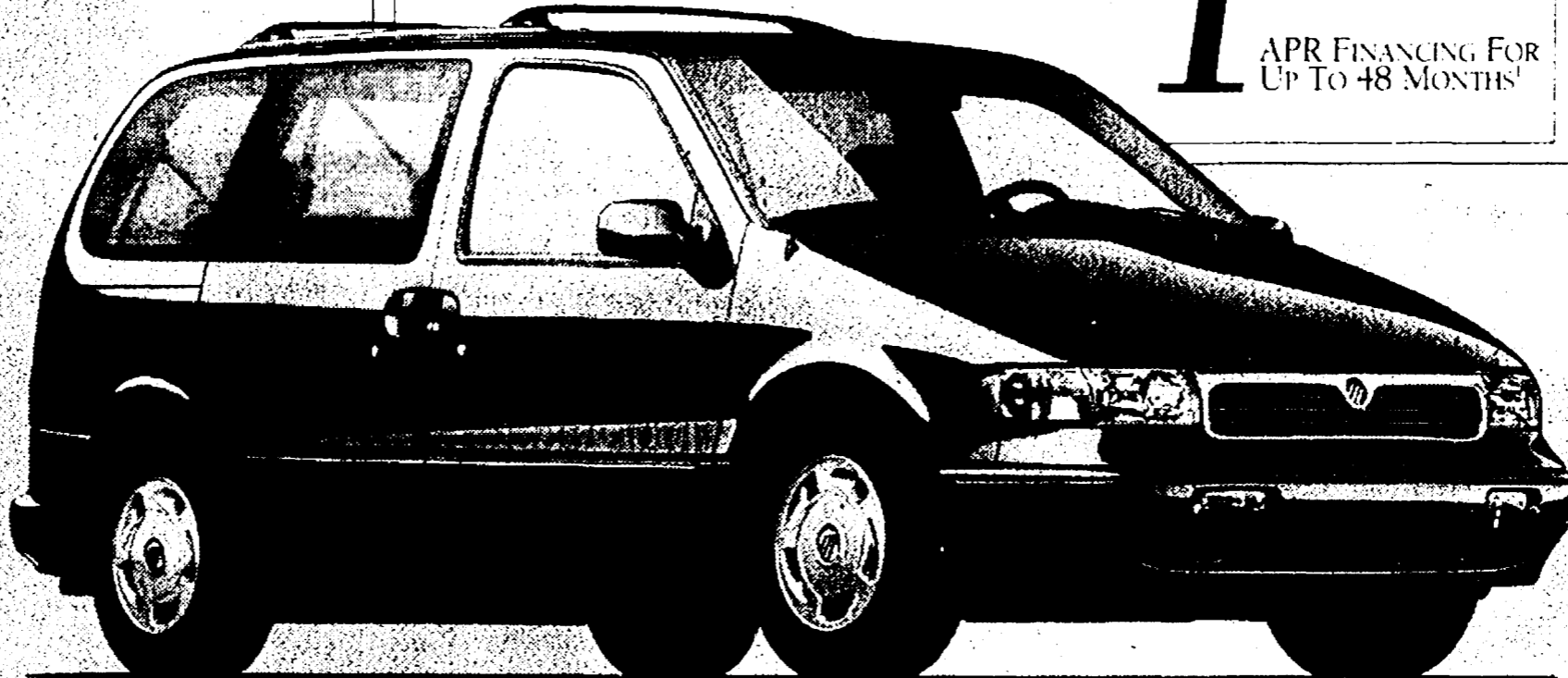
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Light Up a Life

Yzerman jerseys, 'ER' scrubs up for auction at hospice benefit

The Italian American Club of Livonia and Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place are teaming up to host the 10th annual Light Up a Life benefit for Angela Hospice 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

A highlight of the preholiday season, the event has become famous for its strolling supper, fashion show featuring area celebrities and raffle. A silent auction featuring hospital scrubs signed by the cast of ER and two Red Wing jerseys autographed by team captain Steve Yzerman will be sold to the highest bidders.

In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle with a first prize of four-night/three-day trip for two to Las Vegas via Northwest Airlines. Accommodations will be a Tuesday through Friday stay at New York, New York during the month of March.

Second prize will be a \$500 Jacobson's gift certificate, with a Beanie Babies and Teenie Beanie Babies basket as third prize, a 13-inch color TV with remote as fourth prize and \$100 cash as fifth prize.

Raffle tickets are \$1 and are

on sale at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, and at Jacobson's at Laurel Park Place. Winners need not be present to win.

Benefit ticketholders also will be invited to shop at Jacobson's throughout the evening.

Former Detroit Red Wing stars Ted Lindsay and Johnny Wilson are expected to attend this year's event.

Music will be a big part of this year's event. Harpist Christina Szlag will entertain at the VIP reception. Performers will be stationed throughout the store. Keyboardist Dave Bevington will entertain guests on the first floor while the Del Kauffman Orchestra will perform on the second floor. Caricaturist Chuck Borshanian will provide drawings on the second floor.

Honorary chairs for the special event are Gov. John Engler and wife Michelle and Frank Stella of F.D. Stella Products.

Proceeds from Light Up a Life benefit Angela Hospice programs which care for terminally ill children and adults. Last year, the benefit raised \$70,000, and organizers are hoping to top \$100,000 for the 10th year. Help-

ing to reach that goal are the 10 GEM sponsors who have paid between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to support the event.

This is the seventh year Jacobson's has joined with the Italian American Club in sponsoring the benefit, and that partnership has contributed to its success, according to Light Up a Life co-chair Carolyn DiComo.

Light Up a Life will kick off with the VIP celebrity and champagne reception 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets for the reception and all of the evening's festivities cost \$75 each. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for those holding the \$40 general admission tickets.

Thirty area restaurants will be stationed throughout the store for the strolling supper.

Tickets for Light Up a Life are available at Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, and at Jacobson's, Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh roads, Livonia. For more information, call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810.



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Benefit boosters: Getting ready for the 10th annual Light Up a Life benefit for Angela Hospice on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Jacobson's Store at Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia are co-chair Carolyn DiComo (center) holding a Steve Yzerman autographed jersey, volunteer Jan Brandon (left), co-chair Georgia Scappaticci (center back) and Jacobson's Store General Manager Norman Kesman. The Yzerman jersey is one of two to be sold to the highest bidder at the Nov. 9 benefit.

MHS offers tips to keep pets safe on Halloween

Halloween festivities may be frightening or even dangerous to your pets, warns the Michigan Humane Society. Owners need to take precautions to keep their pets safe from special holiday "treats" and unfortunate superstitions that may cause them harm.

With a little planning, Halloween can be an enjoyable time for all members of your family.

■ Keep pets away from Halloween treats, especially chocolate, which is toxic to dogs. Chocolate contains theobromine, a substance which can cause toxicosis, signs of which include

vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity or even seizures.

■ The arrival of trick-or-treaters may cause even calm dogs to become agitated. It's best to keep dogs inside, confined and away from the door. As always, make sure your pet is wearing proper identification in case he

escapes during the excitement.

■ The MHS recommends keeping cats inside at all times, but especially around Halloween when they may become victims of vicious pranks or abuse. Indoor cats live longer and are much safer than those allowed outdoors, who are vulnerable to

disease, accidents and prey on small animals and song birds.

Halloween is also a great time to help the homeless animals at the three Michigan Humane Society shelters. Canisters are available for children and adults wishing to collect donations

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Just catty: Bambi is a fixture at Paperbacks & Things.



Store workers: Nikki Vandette, (left to right) Connie Allen, Louise Watkins and Theresa Farley help out at Paperbacks & Things in Westland.



Shelf life: Store Owner Joan Adis of Paperbacks & Things is surrounded by hundreds of books in her store. The store is at the back of the Oak Plaza on Wayne Road north of Cowan between Arby's and Wendy's.

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Book lovers

Party caters to customers' love of reading

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

It's a romance reader's dream. A group of authors and cover model Dominic will be meeting with the public from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, at Paperbacks & Things in Westland. The 13th annual Book-Lovers Day Party will feature authors Shelly Thacker, Marian

Edwards, Nancy Gideon, Peggy Hanchar, Linda Lang Bartel, Gail Oust, Joan Shapiro, Ruth Langan, Katherine Kincaid, Maris Saule, Beverly Jenkins, Penny McCusker and Elizabeth Manz. "It's usually a lot of fun," store owner Joan Adis said. All of the authors will be signing books, she said.

The authors include romance, historical romance, medieval, contemporary and mystery writers, she said. Most of the authors hail from Michigan and visit the store periodically throughout the year. The event is very popular among the regulars at the store, Adis said.

Offering new books, used books, and special order books, the party is just one reason the store has developed a following among its customers, Adis said.

Along with the store cat "Bambi," the staff of the store is like family to many customers, she said.

And customers continue to shop the store even when they move away, with a recent order being sent out to Germany.

"We've been very lucky," she said. "We've got our faithful people even if they move away."

Used books sell for half-price and customers who bring in used books get credits toward buying books for 94 cents.

Other services the store offers include school tours, finding

out-of-print books, renting books, and putting out a newsletter.

And there's no shortage of books at the store. "People will bring in boxes and boxes of books," Adis said.

But besides books the store serves as an extended family for many customers, Adis said. And the store has also helped Adis herself through tough times.

When she first opened the store her daughter, Theresa Farley, had been diagnosed with leukemia.

"I think the store helped," Adis said. "People have been very supportive."

Now 30, Farley is in remission and helps out at the store, along with several of Adis' friends.

Adis says she thinks of her staff as "doctors of books" because people depend on them so much. Customers not only want help finding new authors and new books to read they also want to talk about their problems. "Someone should do a sitcom on this store," she said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 13, 1997

CITY OF GARDEN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Regular Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission at the Council Chambers of the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on Thursday, November 13, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing and considering all comments of all persons interested in or concerned with the following request(s)

11-97-002 Dance Studio Amendment

Solicitation of public comments on the proposed amendment to the M-1 zoning District to permit Dance Studio's as Special Land Uses.

The applicant's submittal materials are available for public review at the Garden City Planning Office, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan, (313) 525-8862.

All persons interested in the above are hereby invited to this Public Hearing and be heard.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER
City Clerk-Treasurer

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Garden City is seeking an individual or law firm to provide service as the City Attorney. This includes general municipal law and prosecution of cases in District Court. This responsibility includes attendance at two regular City Council meetings per month and various other municipal meetings and functions as needed. The selection of an individual or law firm to fill this role is up to the discretion of the City Council. They have complete authority to accept or reject any and all proposals City.

A scope of services is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk/Purchasing (313) 525-8814.

This proposal should be submitted to Ronald D. Showalter, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, MI 48135. If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Showalter at (313) 525-8811.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 PM on November 20, 1997.

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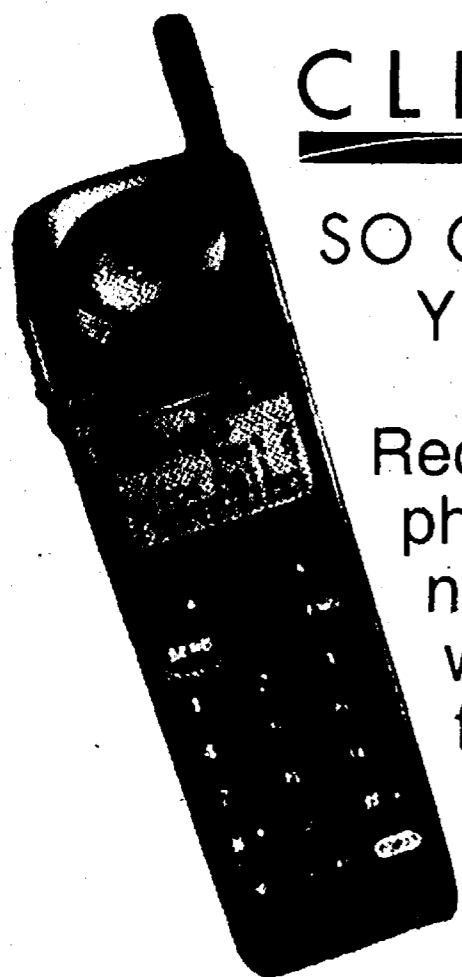
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BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

There's a new and better way to fight pollution, many communities are learning. It's by natural watersheds rather than the

artificial lines drawn by governmental surveyors.

And Middle Rouge River communities are doing the pioneer work.

"Water flows downhill. We all live downstream from somebody.

Pollution doesn't care about your political boundaries," said Ted Starbuck, of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments staff.

Don Tilton, an Ann Arbor consultant, told a SEMCOG work-

shop Oct. 23 in Southfield how "we got people from Salem Township, Northville, Novi and Plymouth into one room and got them to work on a plan."

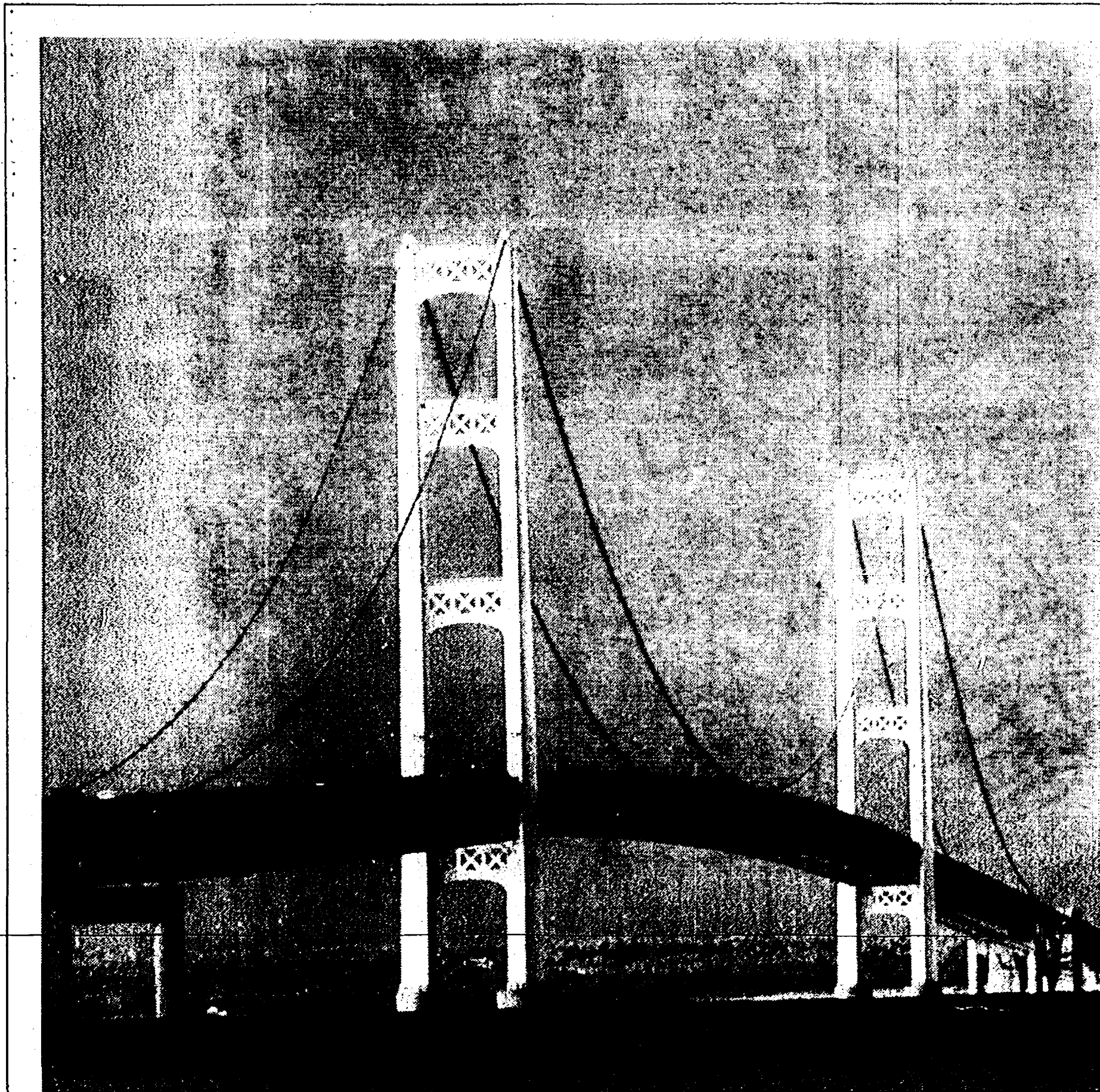
The plan affects Walled Lake, where a branch of the Rouge

rises, and Johnson Creek, a Salem Township tributary of the Rouge and a stream so cold it can support a trout population.

"Before we got them together, the river was one of those things that went through town," Tilton

said. "Now the Northville mill pond becomes a recreational asset, not a regulatory burden." The watershed plans are intensely local. "Their plan will

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S'craft programs aim to tell staff, students about college trends

The Schoolcraft College Staff Development Committee aims to make the college community aware of trends in higher education, academic excellence, technical applications, service styles and management skills.

The College Staff Development, Wellness and Safety Committees has compiled a schedule with the following programs for the 1997-98 academic year:

- Facilities master plan: Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. Butch Raby, vice president for business services, will conduct information sessions to explain how and why the plan was developed. Raby will review projected stages of the plan which will occur for the next 10 years.

- Academic open houses for culinary arts, collegiate skills, computer-aided design, children's center child care development, chemistry, distance learning, geography, Radcliff Center, Assessment Center, computer graphics technology and Learning Assistance Project will be scheduled.

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- Luncheon workshop on saving for retirement: noon, Wednesday, Nov. 5. Participants can learn methods for saving money and expanding resources to better prepare for retirement.

- Luncheon workshop on student retention: noon, Thursday, Nov. 13. Lea Allison, who conducted the research for a doctoral dissertation, will discuss her results.

The College's Employee Wellness Program also is available to all employees, including aerobic exercise class, a healing grief conference, CPR and first aid and a Health Fair.

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School officials worry about pension law changes

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Nervous school employees fear their pensions and local budgets will be endangered if Gov. John Engler's pension revision plan becomes law.

They told a House panel in Wayne earlier this month that raising the expected earnings rate and revaluing securities during a raging bull market could spell trouble when the boom goes bust.

And it wasn't just union people. Randy Liepa, the Livonia district's assistant superintendent for business, told the panel: "Revaluing the pension system at this time is not the best long-term solution for the retirement system."

"Senate Bill 719 is proposing to:

- "Revalue all assets to their fair market value as of Sept. 30, 1997." Liepa said the pension system "has been severely underfunded for several years. . . . Additionally, the projected ratio of employees to retirees will go from 2.8 to 1 in 1995 to 1.85 to 1 in 10 years, meaning there will be fewer employee contributions to pay for more retirees' health benefits." He urged a "more conservative approach."

Noting 42 percent of the pension fund is in common stocks, Liepa said the fund could again become underfunded "if economic trends change."

- "Change the estimated rate of return on future investments" from the current 8 percent to 8.3 percent. "It would appear to be more wise to leave the percentage at 8," he said.

Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland business manager, agreed, adding that changes in the pension system shouldn't be considered in tandem with the state's need to pay off a \$211 million court judgment to 84 school districts who were shorted for 17 years on special education.

"This is independent of the Durant case decision," she said.

GOP defends it

SB 719 is in the House after being passed by the Senate on a party-line vote.

The Engler-Senate plan was stoutly defended by state treasurer Doug Roberts.

"I am very comfortable with the calculations we used in recommending an increase in this investment assumption from 8 to 8.3 percent. We based our recommendation on the 12.8 average investment rate of return the funds have earned over the last 15 years," Roberts told the panel.

"Historically, in 1987, the assumed rate of return of the funds was 9.2 percent," he said. "The total proposal will result in a fully-funded public school employees pension system with a \$700 million cushion in the reserve fund."

Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, chair of the Senate Finance Committee twitted the school people for objecting to the 8.3 percent assumed earnings rate.

"Did they object when (Democratic Gov. James) Blanchard had it at 10 percent?" she asked. Emmons, Engler's successor in the state Senate, warned that when a pension fund gets too big, government will raid it during an economic downturn for operating expenses.

Emmons said the pension funding change and the Durant payoff are "all tied together. Engler thinks it's terribly important for people to control their own pensions," she said, referring to the administration's desire to change from a defined benefit to a defined contribution.

Retirees object

The House Retirement Committee hearing was attended by three Democratic members - Eileen DeHart of Westland, the panel chair; Agnes Dobronski of Dearborn; and Ray Basham of Taylor.

A week earlier, House minority leader Ken Sikkema, R-

Grandville, blasted Democrats for prolonging action on SB 719 - DeHart's hearings are scheduled to run until Nov. 3 - to use as a "bargaining chip" in legislative negotiations on the whole package of bills. And except for treasurer Roberts, all speakers were generally hostile to the Engler-Senate plan.

Mary Ellen Riordan, president emerita of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, warned, "The stock market will go down. No one knows when. Who will be hurt? It will be on the backs of the local school districts (to make up payments). Will they cut programs, lay off staff, or what?"

"Additional millage is not an option. We anticipate the time when the people will say to the retirees: 'You're to blame for the cuts to our children's programs.'"

"You voiced some of the same concerns I have," said Rep. DeHart.

John McDonald, Plymouth resident and Henry Ford Community College faculty member, complained that Emmons' Senate committee "held no public hearings on this bill."

McDonald warned against Roberts' plan to revalue the pension fund as of Sept. 30, 1997 - "an historic high of the bull market. The head of the Federal Reserve Board is concerned about the market's rash exuberance," McDonald said the pension fund base should be a five-year average.

McDonald said the Henry Ford faculty has as many Republicans as Democrats. Said DeHart: "I'm glad you pointed out it's not a Republican or Democratic concern."

"This bill is not directly related to the Durant settlement," objected Ellen Hoekstra, representing 28 groups in the Retirement Coordinating Council. She said that changing the assumed rate of investment return "does not put new money into the fund."

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be different for one for Garden City," Tilton said.

"Salem identified illegal dumping as a major problem. If I had been doing it, I wouldn't have identified illegal dumping as a problem," Tilton said, praising the local knowledge.

The plans, Starbuck said, deal with "non-point pollution" such as stormwater runoff, failing septic systems, contaminated sites and soil erosion runoff.

Fighting nonpoint pollution by watershed was pushed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. "EPA hopes to issue a new watershed policy," said Kelly Cave, a Wayne County environmental staffer.

"It is one step down from a regulation. If states don't follow it, they'd better give a pretty good reason," she said.

SEMCOG's General Assembly passed a resolution asking President Clinton to designate the Detroit River as one of 10 "American Heritage Rivers" in 1998 and a "Canadian Heritage River" as well.

"These river communities will receive special recognition and serve as models for the most innovative, economically successful and ecologically sustainable approaches to river restoration and protection for other communities across the U.S.," said Anita Ashford, a Port Huron councilmember and SEMCOG chair.

Though called a river, the Detroit actually is a strait between Lakes St. Clair and Erie. The name is French for strait.

vention and Visitors Bureau will unveil a new "brand name" marketing strategy Nov. 18, its president, Rick Binford, told SEMCOG delegates.

A survey of 3,000 Americans showed "their awareness of Detroit is small. That's an opportunity. But they identified Detroit as the next 'comeback city,'" Binford said.

Metro Detroit consists of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, Binford said. The focus will be on tourism, "but what fuels tourism growth and fuel business growth," he added.

Binford declined to reveal the slogan an overall strategy but cited the example of "I love New York," in which a red heart stood for the word "love." The New York state tourism idea now is 25 years old, he said, "and is an example of what we need to build."

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1997

Re-elect Thomas

Mayor has history of success

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, Westland voters will go to the polls to choose a mayor for the next four years.

The Observer recommends that voters re-elect incumbent Mayor Robert Thomas.

Thomas, 47, seeking his third term, has a long track record with the city. He worked as an hourly employee in the public services department and was elected as mayor in November 1989.

Thomas has his faults and has been criticized on several fronts including his recent double-digit earning increases, longevity pay and that he has lost touch with some of his constituents.

He also has an annoying, almost overbearing, tendency toward self-promotion. From dominating the local cable access channel to a large billboard bearing his face, Thomas has taken advantage of promotional efforts, a trend the Observer would like to see less of in the future.

But despite his faults it's hard to argue with the fact that during Thomas' tenure city services have risen to an all-time high. The city now has its own state-of-the-art library, Advanced Life Support services have been added to emergency services and community policing programs have begun in neighborhoods.

Thomas worked with city council members



Robert Thomas

to bring these programs to the city. And while challenger Ken Mehl, a former city council member, has good ideas, his track record raises questions about his ability to work with council members effectively. Thomas

has also moved beyond just city issues, by becoming involved in regional and state issues that affect Westland. As chairman of the Conference of Western Wayne, Thomas has used his influence on many issues such as to criticize attempts to cut state-shared revenue. Westland voters will make a decision Tuesday about their city government. The Observer recommends a vote for Thomas as mayor of Westland.

Carve out a happy Halloween

Halloween began more than 2,000 years ago as a night when Celtic tribes communed with the spirits of the ancestral dead, according to the researchers at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

For Christians, it's the evening before All Saint's Day (Nov. 1). It was originally called All Hallows Eve, which became Hallow's Even and eventually, Halloween.

Halloween has gone through many changes. Trick or treating was one of the last elements to emerge in the celebration of American Halloween. It became popular after 1920 and first began during the Thanksgiving holiday when children dressed up and begged from house to house on the last Thursday in November. Later, people began trick or treating for Halloween to scare off ghosts and goblins by dressing up in costumes.

Halloween conjures up many images in this area. In years past, tainted candy and debates about witchcraft and violence have tarnished what had been a very popular event

for many youngsters and adults.

For most, Halloween is a time for kids to get dressed up in costumes and go from house to house learning that their neighbors are nice, generous people who are willing to carve up a pumpkin with a scary or silly face and stand on the porch handing out candy or other goodies.

And these days, many homeowners are doing more than carving up pumpkins. Many are decorating with lights and other displays that rival many a Christmas light display.

There's plenty of activity at Halloween time - parties, communitywide trick or treating at shopping malls and downtown areas along with the traditional neighborhood ritual.

Halloween can be just a fun evening that allows children to use their imaginations to make up costumes. It lights up neighborhoods with decorations.

So, play it safe, use common sense, but have some fun!

What's brewing: Halloween offers kids a chance to use imagination.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

With Halloween pending, what is your favorite scary movie of all time?

We asked this question at the Westland post office.



"Probably like the 'Nightmare on Elm Street' ones."
Amy Garis



"Allens."
Holly Tucker



"Any of the Frankenstein movies."
JoAnn Erpolding



"Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Pit and the Pendulum.'"
Mark Andrews

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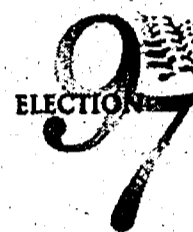
Two candidates are seeking a four-year term as Westland mayor.

Robert Thomas, Incumbent
 Kenneth Mehl

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LETTERS

Friends or foes?

The definition of the word friend in the Webster's New World Dictionary says: 1. a person who one knows well and likes. 2. a person on the same side in a struggle; ally. 3. a person who helps or supports something, etc.

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter about my friend Joe Benyo. I thought that if I let some time go by after his passing that the anger I feel would go away. Well, it hasn't.

Joe was a wonderful, thoughtful, tireless man that over the years has helped hundreds of people in this city. He had many acquaintances and many good friends. There were also people he thought were his friends, but really weren't and those are the ones I am angry with.

My husband, Ed, and I knew Joe for the last 20 years, not as long as some of you, but probably better. You see, we weren't co-workers or political allies like you were. We were friends.

For years too numerous to mention, Joe helped you with your campaigns, supported you and helped you in any way he could. But I realized many years ago that most of you weren't his friends. At the mention of his name you would sigh, or laugh or even roll your eyes. All you did was use him. You know who you are!

Where were you for the past year when he was so ill? Did you phone him to see how he was? Did you send him a card? I know for a fact that many of you didn't and the rest of you did a couple of times.

But you made an appearance at his funeral - smiling, handshaking and politicking. It saddens me to think that Joe left his Earth wondering "Where are my friends?" He just didn't realize they don't know the meaning of the word.

Sandi Wager
Westland

In the days before I used the absentee ballot, I always refused all voting site handouts. If I didn't know whom I was going to vote for by then I should have stayed home.

Also telephone poll callers be forewarned - if you call me you will not learn who I intend to vote for because it's none of your business but you will probably have an earache from my loudly hanging up the phone on you. I do believe our right to privacy in our voting is one of our fundamental rights - is it not?

For the sake of the country leadership there are always several wannabes waiting in the wings eagerly having their slings, tongues and arrows dipped in all the viciousness they can concoct. Why anyone purposely puts themselves in that line of fire - before, during or after the election - from president on down to states and to the cities is beyond me. Unfortunately, Westland is as guilty as any of them in helping make this the ugliest of all seasons we must endure - campaign time!

Lafern E. Porter
Westland

Survey helpful

Thank you for your recent two-part candidate survey regarding the Westland City Council race. It is helpful to voters to learn all that we can about those running for election.

I also appreciated the fact that the answers to the questions appeared to present a more individual perspective than what was offered at the recent chamber of commerce breakfast.

While I very much appreciate the chamber forum and support other opportunities for the public to become more educated, my impression of the candidates from watching them on cable is that with the exception of Dorothy Smith, they all sounded about the same. This is not the chamber's fault of course, but by having each candidate respond to the same question one right after the other only allowed an opportunity for one person to take the same polished-up answer and give it a few more shines before repeating the same basic response. And what rosy answers they were.

It seems a rare commodity to find an individual who truly speaks as an individual, unafraid to offend the business sector the developers, the multi-national corporations, the campaign backers or even the government they themselves seek to be a part of. We observe alliances between former enemies, this one now supports this one, this one no longer is on this one's team, this one flips her vote.

And you wonder why people don't come out to the polls.

Cheryl Graunstadt
Westland

Ugliest of seasons

Bah, humbug! It's time once again for the mud-slinging, fact-twisting, rumor spreading, polite(?) name-calling, etc., season known as election campaign time. Yuck!

Any candidate that practices any and/or all of the above is much worse than the pushy salesperson, who, regardless of how much I'd like what he or she is selling, sends me out the door quicker than he or she can shut his or her mouth. That type of candidate may be the best-qualified for the position offered but because of the tactics will never get my vote.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

You don't know Dennis

I would like to know which of your interim editors wrote the endorsement article for council candidates. That person obviously doesn't know much about Westland, your very own paper, or Mr. Dennis LeMaitre. How could you question Dennis' leadership ability when this very paper honored him as its 1995 First Citizen of Westland?

Perhaps your editor was not here when Dennis was the chamber of commerce president and rallied for the businesses along Newburgh Road to have a bypass road instead of a complete closure as was planned.

Perhaps your editor was not here when the Westland Community Foundation, of which Dennis served on its board, raised more than \$40,000 to benefit the Salvation Army at its first event.

Perhaps your editor was not here when Dennis LeMaitre was honored as the 1993 Business Person of the Year. You see, I have been here, I know Dennis, I have never questioned his leadership skills.

He is hard-working, dedicated and takes the leadership role in everything he does and I know he will do the same as my councilman. Maybe your paper should require its editors to be on the job in a community more than a few months before undertaking the task of writing endorsements for candidates in a community that they know little about.

Samuel J. Corrado
Westland

Thomas has vision

With the Westland city mayoral election now only days away, I offer the following as to why voters will re-elect Mayor Robert J. Thomas.

Mayor Robert J. Thomas is a mayor of the people who has great vision and has during nearly two terms brought unity, pride and progress to Westland.

Westland officials have seen the real meaning of "The place to be" with a flood of buildings, permits to build,

renovate and develop.

When Mayor Thomas took office (two weeks after) election day 1989 - he was taking calls on Thanksgiving Day.

Thomas updated the police department phone system so outdated officers used the lobby pay phone to page other offices. The police radio system lacked the power necessary when officers at one end of the city attempted to contact the station house.

We now have a state-of-the-art emergency alert system, one of only six in the United States; Advanced Life Support - unavailable to residents of Livonia, Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Pointe (Shores, Hills, Park, Woods) and other communities; modern parks and rec facilities; the finest senior center; community policing; citizen assistance patrol; shopping centers; excellent public services; public safety.

And with all this and more, Mayor Thomas donates his time and talents free of charge to community and civic groups along with personal funds.

Thomas will again this year serve Thanksgiving dinner to the needy at Leon's Restaurant.

Westland, the place to be.

Walter Ingram
Westland

Playground praise

Over the weekend of Oct. 18-19, workers from the district courts of Judges C. Charles Bokos and Gail McKnight spent a great deal of time repainting playground equipment, painting fences, spreading sand under equipment and leveling uneven areas of the (P.D. Graham Elementary) playground.

This project was the personal undertaking of one of our parents, Thomas Mari. Mari spent a great deal of time contacting merchants in the area (who donated materials), arranging with the city of Westland to provide the labor and making contacts with the school district to make sure everything was done in the correct manner. As a result, the playground is a much more attractive place for

our children. Mari deserves a great deal of praise for his efforts.

The following merchants and/or individuals assisted Mari in either donating equipment and/or helping to make this project happen.

Westland Mayor Robert Thomas; State Rep. Eileen DeHart; Councilwoman Sharon Scott; Deputy Police Chief Lennis Hayes; Westland administrator David Gillis; Dennis Zenner of Garden City Rental; Rozwell Bohmhauser, retired volunteer; the P.D. Graham PTA; school board member David Cox; Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy; Jerry Weidemann of the school district maintenance department; the school district's skilled trades unions; Northside Hardware; Home Depot; The Bushel Center; Garden City Rental; Westland Kmart and Ford Road Sears Hardware.

I hope the members of our school community will recognize their contributions supporting Mari and our students.

Donald E. Chastain

Policies serve students

As the recently appointed superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, I am deeply concerned regarding the completely false accusations that appeared in a recent letter to the editor, to the effect that the school district "hates" gay or lesbian persons in general, or gay or lesbian students in the district specifically, or that the school district would not enforce its existing policies or codes to protect gay or lesbian students.

The school district vigorously enforces all of its existing policies and codes which protect all students and prohibit all of the following: vulgar, obscene and defamatory speech; assault and battery; fighting; and any conduct which is disruptive to the good order of the schools or detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of students.

If any students in the school district - including gay or lesbian students - feel that they are being sub-

jected to prohibited speech or conduct which is adversely affecting them, then I would urge them to report their concerns to whichever teacher, counselor or administrator in the school district with whom they are most comfortable, and the school district will take the appropriate action to put an end to the prohibited speech or conduct. I must stress that the school district cannot take action and enforce these prohibitions unless students report the misconduct to the appropriate school district official.

Although the board of education recently deleted the reference to "sexual orientation" from a portion of its policies this was not based upon a "hatred" of gay or lesbian persons and does not demonstrate a lack of commitment to uphold the rights of any person under the law.

The board of education based its decision upon the legal advice from the school district's attorneys. (Our federal district court had declared substantially similar policy language to be unconstitutional in the 1989 case of Doe v. University of Michigan.) Consequently, there appeared no reasonable likelihood of successfully defending the threatened legal challenge to the "sexual orientation" policy language, especially in the very court which had already declared such policy language unconstitutional.

Both the board of education and the administration firmly believe that the existing policies and codes will protect and serve all of the students of the school district and we are vigorously committed to that protection.

Gregory J. Baracy

Where's the quality?

We have no heat; we happened to buy one of the Lennox furnaces that has a defective heat exchanger. So we have to wait our turn to have it replaced.

A few years ago, we had a car burn up. Only three years old. The furnace was 11 years old and replaced one more than 30 years old and still in

good working order. We desired the energy-efficient and air conditioner.

What has happened to quality workmanship in this country? Can't we make products that work anymore?

We are in the middle, as a consumer, and sit here in a cold house with winter coming on. We have electric heaters and electric blankets, but we hate to see our electric bill when this is over - hopefully soon.

Edna Venturino
Westland

Skilled labor

Many American corporations are complaining about our shortage of "skilled labor." But the corporations have only themselves to blame! Here's why.

During the massive layoffs and downsizings of the 1980s and 1990s, American corporations quit training workers in the skilled trades, choosing instead to rely on the existing pool of "downsized" skilled labor.

During this period, corporations would often run job advertisements for skilled workers with "10 years experience required."

But now the pre-downsizing labor pool of skilled workers is starting to retire, and there are no young replacement workers in the pipeline.

For centuries, crafts and skilled trades were passed from one generation to the next through the system of masters, journeymen and apprentices.

Because of the corporate greed of the last two decades, we have failed to train a whole generation of young American workers. Yet now, the greedy corporations have the audacity to blame our school system, or our youth, which are certainly no better or worse than they were 50 years ago, when America was the world's industrial powerhouse.

The solution? Stop the corporate greed and go back to the old system that has worked for generations.

If you want a skilled worker tomorrow, hire a young apprentice today!

Walter Warren
Westland

Term limits: Bad idea causes new preoccupation for careerists

The November 1998 elections are more than a year away. But that strange noise you hear in the background is the sound of candidates jostling for position after term limits kick in.

Back in 1992, Michigan voters approved by 58.8 percent a ballot initiative that restricted state representatives to three two-year terms and state senators to two four-year terms. For the House, term limits become effective with terms beginning in January 1993. It means that 65 of our 110 incumbent state representatives will hit the wall in 1998. (State senators may one run one more time, in 1998.)

The stated theory behind the move to limit legislative terms had two parts. First, some legislators from solidly one-party districts had been arrogant and/or embarrassing fixtures in the Legislature for years and years, so requiring some new blood seemed like a good idea. Second, since "career politicians" had dominated the Legislature for decades, arbitrarily limiting their terms would open the way for "citizen politicians" to run, thereby improving the quality of lawmakers.

The arguments seemed appealing at the time. In fact, I wrote a couple of columns back then endorsing term limits and advocating the superiority of citizen politicians over careerists.

I can't prove this, but with insight that comes with the passage of five years, I suspect there were two other hidden agendas. The first, Republican in origin, was that long-serving Democratic incumbents constituted a barrier to electing Republicans from districts gradually swinging toward the GOP. Term-limiting them out was a neat solution.

The second followed the general anti-government rhetoric very popular at the time. Long-serving members of legislative bodies were, themselves, part of a vast conspiracy between politicians, bureaucrats and special interest groups to keep big government running smoothly. Eliminate one component, the reasoning went, and you weaken the whole shebang.

The subject is back in the news these days because the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals just threw out the California term limits initiative, possibly setting up a test in the U.S. Supreme Court. In Michigan, an anti-term limit group, Citizens for Legislative Choice, claims the state constitutional amendment violates the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. They likely will have a chance to argue the point before U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan (a Reagan appointee, originally from Livonia) this fall.

Although inadmissible in a court of law, com-



PHILIP POWER

mon sense suggests it's worthwhile to look at what term limits are doing so far to the political and legislative process.

Certainly, they are having no discernible impact on reducing the infestation of careerists. In fact, it's quite the reverse. Term limits have merely changed the calculus of career building, with incumbent state representatives with career ambitions now busily preoccupied with figuring out what else to run for after their tenures expire.

Deborah Whyman, a Republican state rep from Canton Township whose time in the House will be up at the end of next year, will run for the Senate seat being vacated by Bob Geake. Lyn Bankes, another GOP state rep from Redford-Livonia, is planning a run for the Wayne County Commission. After his term runs out, Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, is looking at running against Democratic Congressman Dale Kildee.

In terms of the quality of legislative decisions, there seems a growing consensus that big trouble is brewing after term limits cut in and experienced legislators depart. For example, Republican Sen. Joe Schwarz, who runs the key subcommittee on higher education appropriations, says that after term limits, "decisions will be made by brute force" rather than reasonable compromise.

I've come to the conclusion that the big defect with term limits is utter lack of discrimination. They throw out the bad, high-seniority legislators together with the good, high-seniority legislators. Most polls say a sizable majority of Michigan voters still like term limits. If the lawsuit against limits failed, I'll be interested to see what they think, say, in the year 2000. In the meantime, I'm afraid term limits are yet another example of a bad idea whose time has come.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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The Marian Women's Center, adjacent to the new Miracle of Life Maternity Center, provides



family services like childbirth education, a breastfeeding program, and even pre- and postnatal exercise classes. We're planning to start a family soon, and all the programs I need are now available close to home.

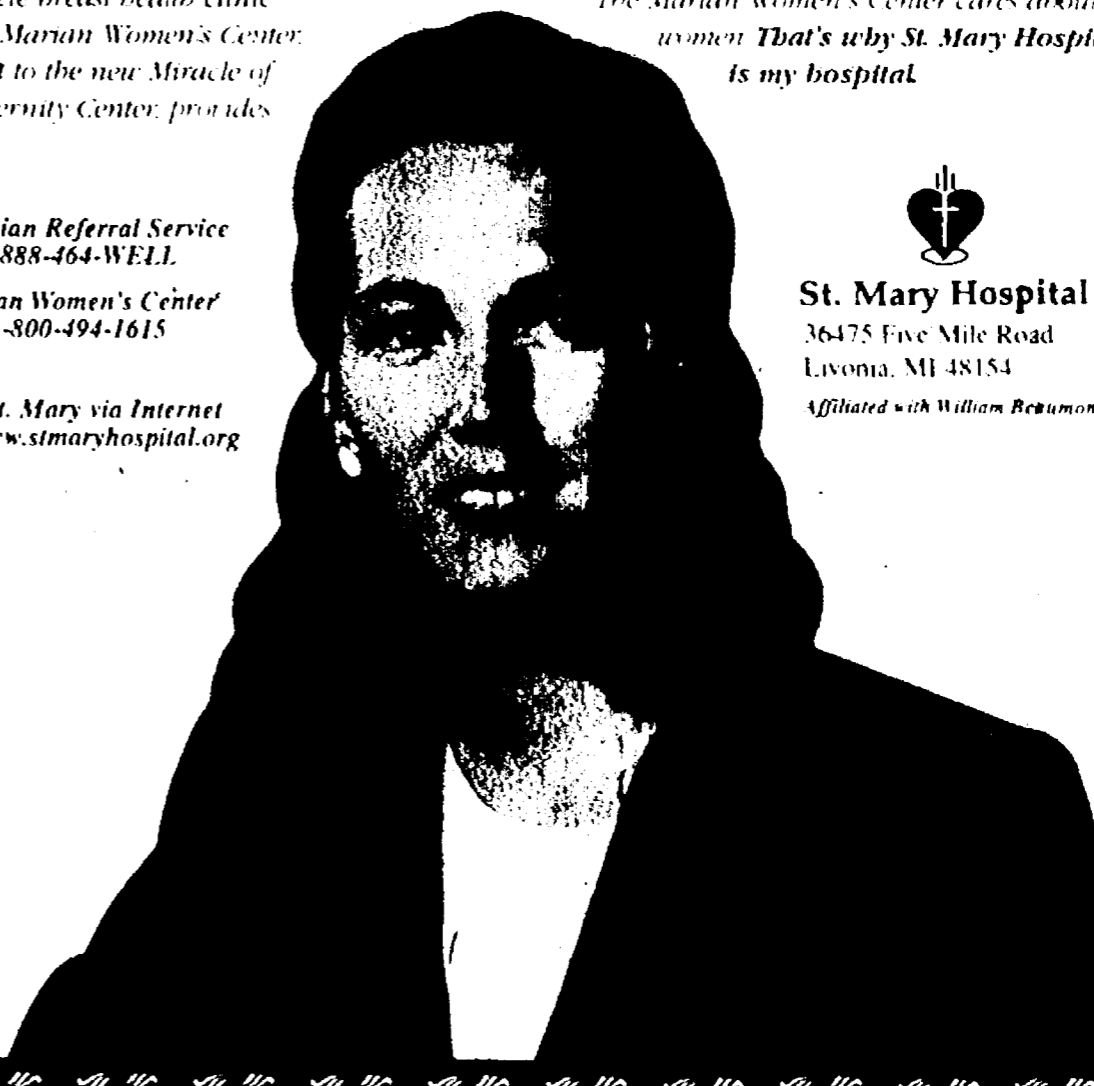
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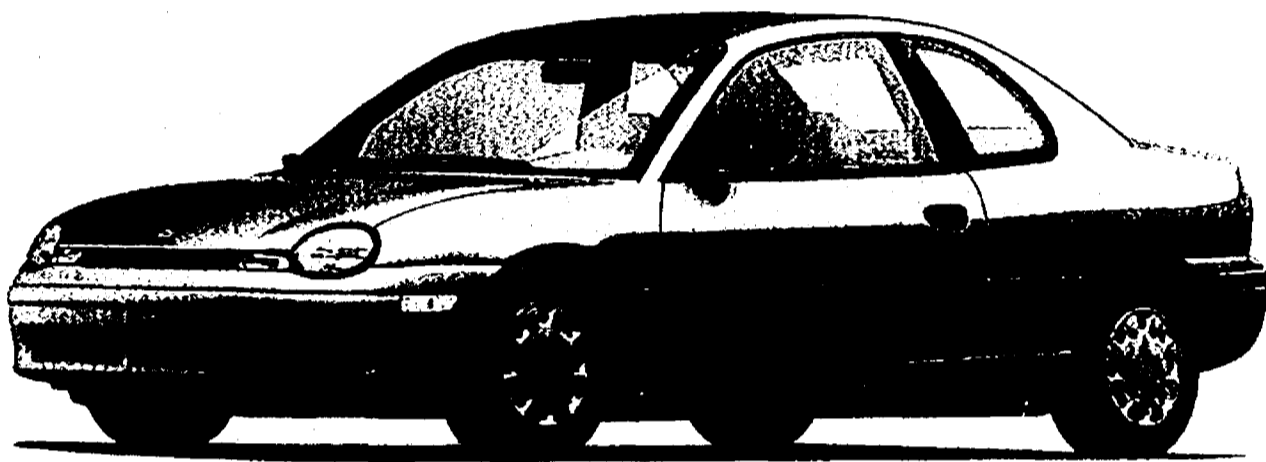
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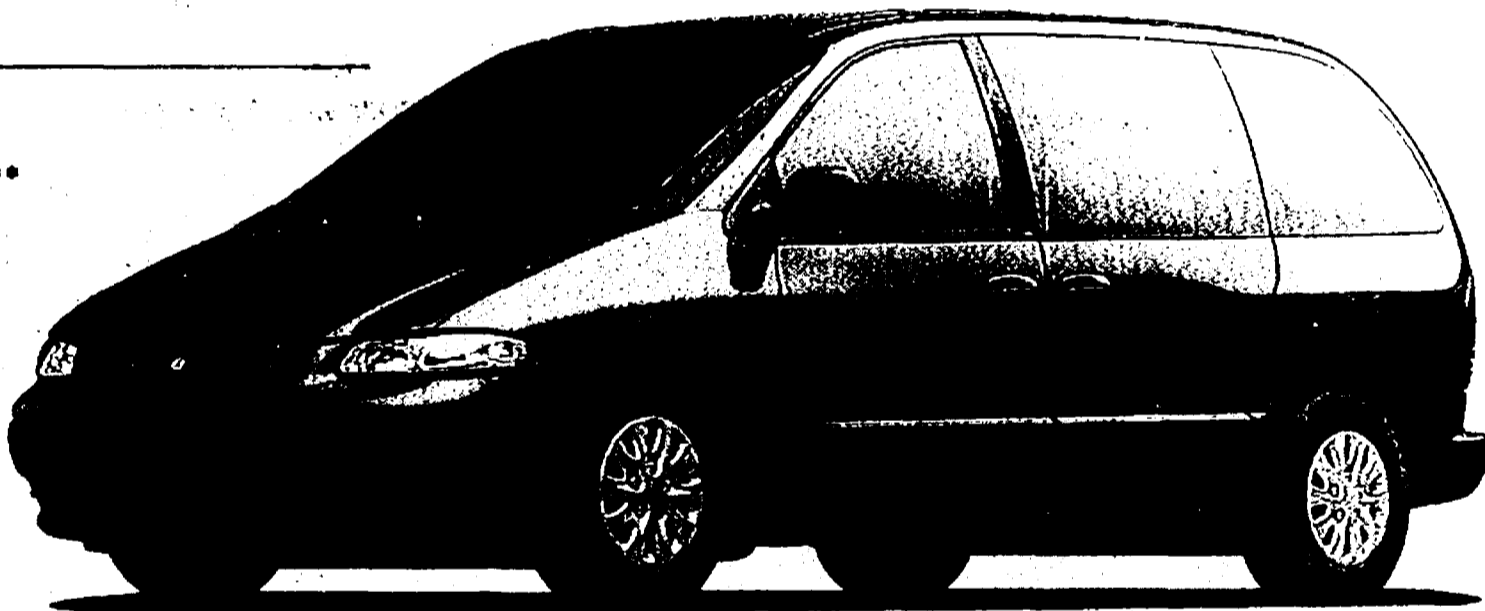
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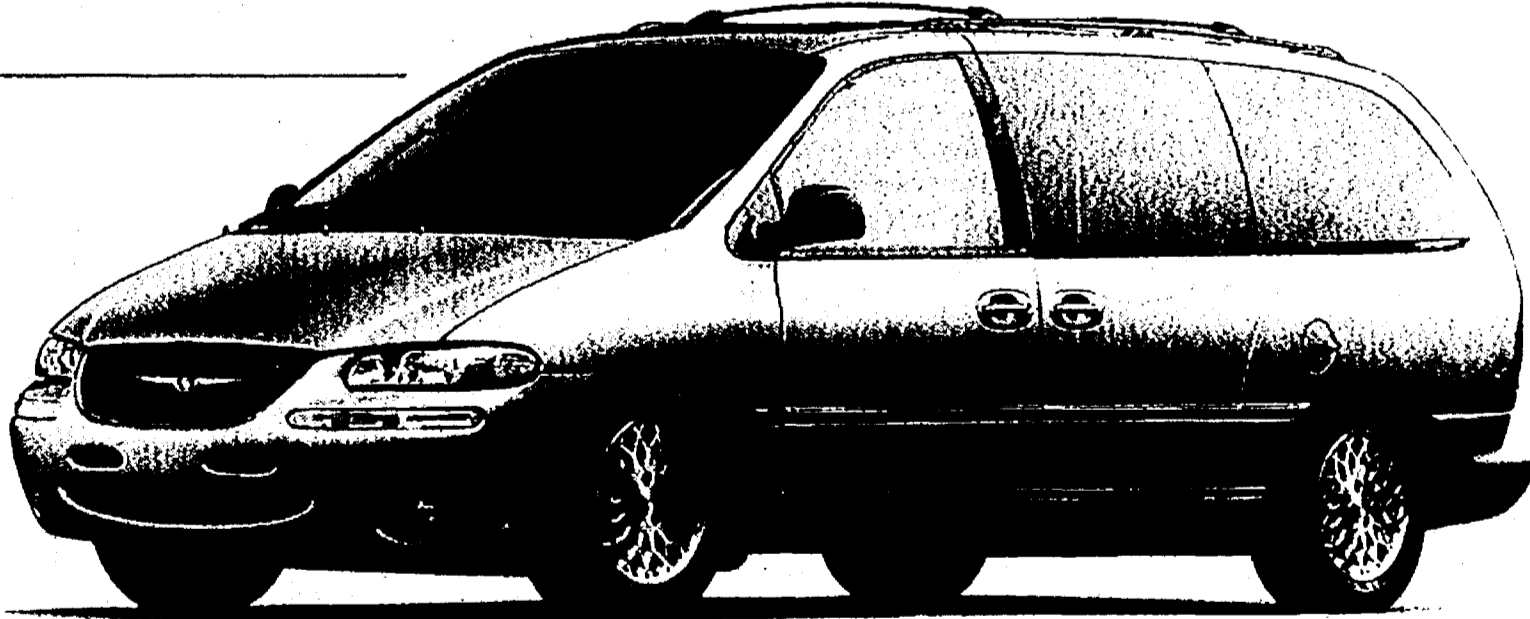
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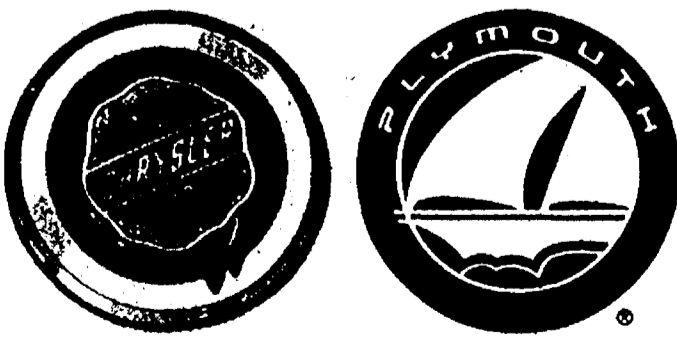
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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

Getting down to business with baby self

If you are a parent, you may not be aware of this, but there's a "baby" lurking in every corner and crevice in your house, waiting to come out. "But," you say, "I have no more toddlers here. I'm dealing with a second-grader, a preteen, a full-blown adolescent. There are no babies." Ah, but you're wrong! The baby personality can creep out in any of those kids at any time.

The baby self is the part of the child that wants EVERYTHING his or her way. The baby wants no stress, no aggravation, no nagging, only pleasurable feelings. "I want what I want when I want it" is baby's motto. It feels obligation to do nothing. As Anthony Wolf says in his book, "Jeremy Spencer's Parents Let Him Stay Up All Night" (Noonday Press, 1995), the baby "knows no shame and is never sorry." The baby self "is just mad that it got caught."

Parents are often astonished to learn from teachers that their little Susie or Johnny has such good manners and citizenship at school, when in fact, the child comes home and acts just the opposite.

Brandon walked into his house and dropped his coat on the foyer floor without as much as blinking an eye. He proceeded into the kitchen to get a bowl of cereal, finished eating and left the empty bowl and milk jug on the table. He remembered that mom had left a chore list for him before she went to work, but he grabbed all the jelly beans from the jar sitting on the counter and sauntered into the den to watch a little TV.

When his sister walked in, he had nothing but crass words for her and then got into it with her about what to watch. Mom arrived home only to trip over his jacket, find the empty bowl and milk jug on the table, all the jelly beans gone and a major squabble going on over the television program.

From the kitchen, she yelled, "Who ate the rest of the jelly beans?" Brandon retorted, "Dunno."

Coming out

Brandon left school with his maturity intact, but it got left at the curb when he arrived home. When baby self comes out, it says, "Who cares if I throw my jacket anywhere when I get home? I'm just too tired. What difference does it make if I decide not to put the milk back into the refrigerator or wash out the bowl? So what if I eat the rest of the jelly beans... I was hungry. Chores? Forget them, I just need to watch a little television for a while. Aggravate my sister? Hey, it's part of the job, and besides, I was here first."

Parents, beware! The baby self can be completely obstreperous and unlikely. The baby wants these opportunities to battle. It hooks you in and gives him or her power. The goal is to pull you into the battle, then he or she has gained your attention.

The baby will announce itself at the most inconvenient times, too: while you're on the phone, when you've just gotten into the bathtub or shower, after bedtime, in the checkout line at the grocery store, at the dinner table, just before going to school. It pretty much doesn't matter. The baby self will work extra hard to pull you into a confrontation to accomplish one goal and one goal only: getting your attention. And, let's call a spade a spade, it usually works.

"Eric, I want your coat picked up now."

"I'll do it later."

"Eric, I said NOW."

"It's not hurting anything. Wait 'til this program is over."

"You are trying my patience, Eric. NOW DO IT."

"I hate you! All you ever do is nag."

Wolf goes on to say in his book that there are ways to not let the baby hang around. He calls upon the "Business Parent" in you to take over. This is the unflappable, unemotional, calm parent who will teach the baby self

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Quilts: show's timeless treasures

After 20 years of craft shows, the women of Newburg United Methodist Church have switched to sponsoring an annual quilt show that has both quilts and visitors returning each year like "old friends."

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Susan Hitchcock is looking for a huppah stand. It's not something she's likely to find around Newburg United Methodist Church, but certainly needed to display the 7-by-7-foot Jewish wedding canopy during the church's third annual quilt show.

"We're always looking for unusual quilts and so we have a wedding canopy," said Hitchcock, a Canton resident. "Each family member made a block and it was assembled by a quilter. It has two vines quilted on the outside that become one vine on the inside."

The huppah is one of more than 300 quilted items that will be displayed 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, in the sanctuary of the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Admission will be \$2.

Organizers of "A Timeless Collection of Quilts and Toys" reserve the church sanctuary for three days, and Lois Nelson of Livonia leads a cadre of volunteers who spend close to 11 hours setting up the display for the two-day event. The quilts are carefully folded and draped over the church pews and range in size from twins to kings and from antique to contemporary.

This year's display includes crazy quilts, paper-pieced quilts and several story quilts, including one created by the Newburg congregation for its pastor. There also will be several dating from the 1800s, including "one that came in this morning and from the material used it looks like it was made in celebration of the end of the Civil War," said Margaret Walker, show chair.

"We also have a quilt won at a raffle by the Ann Arbor Quilt Guild, that was displayed last year and will be again this year, that guild members come and visit," she said.

Do not touch

For security reasons, quilts are not displayed outside the sanctuary, and visitors are given one surgical glove as a reminder not to touch the quilts. Gloved hostesses are stationed throughout the sanctuary to flip over parts of the quilts to show off the stitching and intricate designs.

"People come here and expect to be here 20 minutes and they're there for two hours because there's so much to see," said Walker. "They come out and say they had no idea."

Dorothy Smith of Farmington is the show's quilt historian and handles the intake, gathering information about the quilt and the quilt's owner. That information is included in a booklet that is given to the show's visitors.

Members provide security for the quilts, with two couples spending the entire night at the church each night, checking and walking through the dis-



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Bit of history: Erin Walker of Westland (from left), Susan Hitchcock of Canton and Margaret Walker of Westland display three quilts that will be displayed at the third annual quilt show Nov. 7-8 at the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

play periodically. "People have entrusted us with their history and family treasures," added Walker, a Westland resident. "We had one gentleman who was quilt security who said he didn't realize what the show would be."

Mixed in with the display will be quilts that are works in progress, antique toys, cradles and children's clothes the blend very well with the display, according to Walker.

The Newburg Quilters, who meet at the church 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, are creating a quilt gallery along the hallway leading to Gutherie Hall, where there will be displays and demonstrations by quilt vendors - Arbor Vacuum & Small Appliance Center (New Home sewing machines), Ritko Sales and Service (sewing machines) and Quilt Works, which will be selling "fat quarters" or

bundles of different materials that can be the start of a quilt, quilt supplies, patterns and in-between needles.

There also will be a silent auction which will feature donated items like small quilts that are hand-pieced or machine-made and tree skirts. Some items will be open to highest bid for a few hours and some for the entire show, according to Walker.

The needlework demonstrations will feature quilted sweatshirts, cross stitch work, and rug hooking by Virginia Coley, a Newburg UM member who works with wool and makes her own dyes. Schedules of the demonstrations, some of them hands-on and free of charge, will be available at the door.

Patricia Hubbel Boucher of Grand Rapids, a certified quilt appraiser with the American Quilter's Society, also will be on hand to provide oral and

written appraisals of quilts by appointment only.

The oral appraisals last from 5-15 minutes and cost \$5. The written appraisal costs \$25 and comes with a dollar value of the quilt and the AQS seal, so it can be insured. Appointments can be made by calling (313) 326-4143.

Checking age

"By looking at the fabrics, dye colors and different battings, she can tell how old they are," said Walker. "She does things like measure the quilt for size and takes notes."

For about \$5, visitors also can enjoy lunch, prepared by church members. The menu will include the popular Harvest Chowder - a mix of bacon, carrots, corn, potatoes and Velveta

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Donations help put 'treat' into Halloween

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't have to be December for people to be in the giving mood and a Livonia business and one local husband and wife team found an outlet for their goodwill - the Methodist Children's Home Society.

Thanks to the generosity of Gags & Games Inc., and Paul and Dawn Kilianek of Livonia, 60 boys between the ages of 8 and 16 have a Halloween party every October they'll never forget.

Gags & Games Inc., a Livonia-based corporation that operates 16 Gags & Gifts retail stores throughout southeastern Michigan, has been donating Halloween costumes, makeup, holiday decorations, props and novelties to the Redford residential treatment facility since 1991.

"I think what they're doing is absolutely fabulous," said Susanne Meyer, director of occupational therapy at Methodist Children's Home. "We really appreciate donations like that, especially at a time when the kids should be spending this time at home."

The children housed at the home include those in foster care, some eligible for adoption and others who will eventually be returned to their families.

While Gags & Games does make donations to other charities (Boys and Girls Clubs of America) their connection to the boys home did not come about by happenstance - but because of Dawn Kilianek - or the "secret angel" as some have come to refer to her.

'Secret angel'

Kilianek began participating in an incentive program at Ameritech, where she held a management position in 1986, and was encouraged to become involved in some form of community service.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOBZ

No tricks, just treats: Gags & Games employees Liz McCaffrey and Jessie Quinn help load Halloween costumes, accessories and decorations bound for Methodist Children's Home in Redford, the Head Start program at the Bentley Center in Livonia and Orchard Children's Services in Southfield.

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that the irresponsible, lazy self won't get him or her far because parents are in charge here.

Parents can go in two positive directions with situations like the coat on the floor. In their business-like voice, they can stand in front of the child and become a broken record. "Coat hung up now" is an effective mantra that can be repeated over and over until the child does what they're told.

Or, they can drum up a more

clever response to coats on floors. I'll candidly admit I've spent hours dreaming up clever consequences for problems that I didn't want to see anymore. These solutions have always encouraged the "baby" back into the womb.

Showing the baby in your child that that behavior doesn't fly in your house means that you must not engage him or her by getting to a battle. If it gets to the point of arguing, you've lost,

because he or she has set you up to fight and just by virtue of the fact that he or she hooked you in has won! So go to the mirror and begin practicing your business-like voice. You'll marvel at the results.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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"I was very heavily involved at Methodist (Home) at the time," said Kilianek, "and it just sparked something in me."

Nearly a decade later, she and her husband (both foster parents) regularly donate all sorts of things needed by the residential home - things Kilianek says "that make the children's faces light up."

The Livonia woman said in the early '90s she began calling all around asking for donations for the boys' home that once

housed a small percentage of girls as well.

"I called the Gags & Gift store that used to be on Six Mile and Farmington and said who I was and that I was in dire need of 60 costumes," recalled Kilianek. "The first year they gave me a costume for each of the children at the home and they haven't stopped giving since."

"Now they say 'Dawn, what do you need?'"

Gags and Games Inc. celebrated the 20th anniversary of its

original Gags & Gifts retail store in January by relocating to the northeast corner of Five Mile and Merriman roads in the Merri-5 Plaza. Under the ownership of cousins Chris Bearss and John McIntire, the Halloween stores (both temporary and permanent) have been growing in popularity since the men took over the business in 1983. Their corporate headquarters is located on Richfield Court in Livonia with retail stores in Jackson, Waterford, Shelby Township, Taylor, Allen Park and in Ohio.

According to Michael Stark, Gags & Games advertising director, McIntire, Bearss and all of the company's employees think it's important to be involved with charity.

"It makes us all feel good," said Stark, "and improves the overall quality of life for children who might otherwise go without."

But when it comes to Halloween, the sky's the limit for the boys of the Methodist Children's Home. Gags & Games donates nearly all of their excess inventory to Kilianek who sorts and distributes the items between the home, the Head Start program at the Bentley Center in Livonia and Orchard Children's Services in Southfield.

The Livonia volunteer estimates she received nearly 1,000 costumes (Grim Reaper, Buzz Lightyear, Queen of the Nile, Santa Claus, jesters, Goosebumps characters, devils, vampires, clowns and werewolves) this year alone, seven cases of makeup, 150 trick or treat bags and other holiday-related items, such as wigs, skeletons, tablecloths, spider webs, crepe paper and decorations.

"We don't do it for the recognition or to take credit but to make the kids happy and for the self-satisfaction we get from it," said Kilianek.

The annual Halloween party at Methodist is a lot more meaningful now that the children have their own costumes. Meyer said tomorrow (Oct. 31) activities begin at 3:30 p.m. when the boys put their costumes on and can have makeup applied until 5 p.m. prior to dinner.

"We make the necessary touchups after dinner and then they go trick or treating throughout the village from 6-6:30 p.m.," said Meyer.

The children can't leave the facility, so they trick or treat at the residential cottages on the grounds, then enjoy an evening of cider, doughnuts, karaoke and games.

Meyer said the kindness both the Kilianeks and Gags & Games exhibit "is kind of rare."

"Some people have their own agenda and that's difficult to work with, but not in this case," said Meyer. "I don't have a budget for the kinds of things they donate, so it's especially nice for the boys to have the costumes."

Gags & Games doesn't limit its donations to just Halloween.

"Whatever I need throughout the year they come through for me," said Kilianek. "Chris and John are just wonderful."

Stark, speaking on behalf of Bearss and McIntire, said both men would like to see other individuals or businesses emulate their practice of giving to charities.

"They hope this encourages others to get involved and give what they can," said Stark.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Methodist Children's Home Society of Redford, the facility has numerous items on a general wish list they are in need of such items as Halloween candy, batteries, personal hygiene products, educational items, clothing, basketballs, arts and craft items and bedding.

To obtain a complete list of the 1997-98 needs, call Susanne Meyer at (313) 631-4060. Methodist Children's Home is at 26645 W. Six Mile, Redford.

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*Dawn Kilianek
-Livonia*

The fun continues this Saturday, November 1

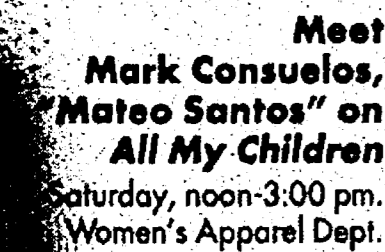
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Nouhan-Radeback

Raymond and Judy Nouhan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Dee, to Mike Radeback, the son of James and Sue Radeback, also of Livonia.

A 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, the bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition and food science with a minor in business from Madonna University in 1997. She works at Little Caesar's corporate headquarters in Detroit.

Her fiancé, a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, attends Wayne State University. He is employed as a supervisor at the Ford Motor Co.

A November wedding is planned at St. Priscilla's Church in Livonia.



in Livonia.

Flanagan-Doering

Patrick and Irene Flanagan announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to U.S. Marine Corps Major Jon Doering.

The bride-to-be is a 1984 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and a 1990 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree. She recently earned her master of science degree from LaVerne University in California. She is employed as the programs coordinator for Boeing North America in Anaheim, Calif.

Her fiancé earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Central Florida University. He is a pilot in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The couple is planning a



November wedding in Lake Forest, Calif.

Ferreya-Cervantes

Lisa Marie Cervantes and Cristian Oscar Ferreyra, both of Westland, were married July 12 at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia. Deacon Ric Misiak officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Rudy and Louelle Cervantes of Detroit. The groom is the son of Oscar and Elsa Ferreyra of Dearborn Heights.

The bride received her bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University. She plans to begin work on her master's degree in January. She is employed by EDS in communication technology.

The groom, a student at the University of Michigan, is employed as a customer service supervisor by Sterling Bank and Trust.

The bride asked Amy Cervantes to serve as maid of honor with Shelly Getty, Kerry Selinsky, Marisa Mathews and Linda McCaul as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Jason Zimba



to serve as best man with Tony Perry, Dave Labroff, Rudy Cervantes, Jeff Lehman as groomsmen and Scott Still and Tim McCarthy as ushers.

The couple received guests at Plymouth Manor before leaving for a honeymoon trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in Westland.

DeWeerd-Homan

Steven L. DeWeerd and Amy Marie Homan were married May 31 at Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed in Ada by the Rev. John Suk.

The bride is the daughter of James and Alice Homan of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Vern and Linda DeWeerd of Ada.

The bride is a 1993 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate and a 1997 graduate of Calvin College. She is employed at Hope Network in Grand Rapids.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School and a 1996 graduate of Calvin College. He is employed by Dickinson Press Inc.

The bride asked Laura Gelderlos to serve as matron of honor with Sharon Hoover and Susan Finnegan as the bridesmaids. Marie Mustert and Jessica DeWeerd were the flower girls.

Corwin Clausing served as best man with Scott Broersma as groomsmen. Andrew Bowmer was the ring bearer with Jeffrey



Homan and Chris Seiler as the ushers.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Egypt Valley Country Club in Ada. Following a trip to The Bahamas, they are making their home in Grand Rapids.

Zendejas-Tyra

Julian Zendejas and Tiffany Renee Tyra were married Sept. 6 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church by Rev. Roger Prokopp.

The bride is the daughter of James and Onalee Tyra of Canton. The groom is the son of Antonio and Sara Zendejas of Ripon, Calif.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She will graduate in May from Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She is currently a competitive artistic roller skating teacher at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

The groom is a graduate of Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, Calif. He received an associate of arts degree from Chabot College, also in Hayward. He is employed at Blind X-Press in Livonia.

The bride asked Janie Tyra, Kristin Tapley, Laura LaMay and Melissa Fernandez to serve as her attendants.

The groom asked Roland Bale-



va. Chuck Robello, Tom Smith, Michael Zendejas, and Paul Zendejas to serve as his attendants.

Following a reception at the Fox Hills Country Club, the couple honeymooned aboard the MS Sovereign of the Seas, at Walt Disney World, and in the Bay area of California. They are making their home in Canton.

Rowe-Balmforth

Ron and Ann Rowe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Mary, to Michael Anthony Balmforth, the son of Don and Diana Balmforth, also of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School and Madonna University. She is employed by Northwest Mortgage in the area of marketing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School. He also attended Western Michigan University. He is employed by U.S. Industrial Tool in sales.

A November wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



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FROST MIDDLE
Frost Middle School PTSA will have its 21st annual holiday craft fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 at the school, 14041 Stark Road, north of I-96, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, lunch room and bake sale. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (313) 523-0459.

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) 261-3881 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
The 13th annual Livonia Family YMCA's Mulberry Holiday Market will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the YMCA, 14255 Stark

Road, Livonia. There will be 60 regional crafters and admission will be \$1. All admission proceeds will benefit The Invest in Youth campaign for the Livonia Family YMCA. For more information, call the Y at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 310.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are wanted for Livonia Stevenson high School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10- by 10-foot or 6- by 16-foot spaces are available for \$55. Chairs (no tables) are available on request and a limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no additional charge. Bake sale and concessions foods will be available throughout the day and admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

PRINCE OF PEACE
The women of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will have their annual craft auction at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at the church, 37775 Palmer Road west of Newburgh Road, Westland. People can browse and get a bite to eat at 6:30 p.m. An assortment of baked goods also will be available. The craft items are handmade. A full-sized quilt, made by the women, also will be raffled off. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each.

GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN
The women of Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual Holly Berry Bazaar 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. There will be a silent auction, white elephant room, cookie walk, arts and crafts, Christmas decorations, bake sale and children's activity room. A

turkey dinner will be served 4:30-6:30 p.m.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
There will be more than 150 crafters at Schoolcraft College's holiday craft show 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 8 and 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Physical Education Building of the college, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. The show will feature holiday decorations, cedar rocking chairs and pine furniture, hand craved stone figures, stained glass, jewelry, clothing and knitted items. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and children 12 years and older, and 50 cents for children 5-12 years old. Children under 5 years will be admitted free. For more information, call (313) 462-4417.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Crafters are needed for the 10th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rentals are \$25. For more information, call (248) 476-0841 or (313) 591-0224.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
The Mother Cabrini Guild of Ss. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor its 15th annual arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, west of Merriman Road, Westland. There will be crafts, a free raffle every hour, snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Table space (8 feet by 2 1/2 feet) costs \$25. For table rental, call Winnie at (313) 722-8098 or (313) 722-1343.

KETTERING ELEMENTARY
The Kettering PTA will have its 11th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the school, 1200 S. Hubbard, Westland. For more information, call Kathy at 722-

7433 or Jamie at 467-8085.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER
The Westland Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts will host Santa's Express craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Admission will be by donation and lunch will be available. A limited number of spaces for crafters is still available. For more information, call Doris at (313) 326-0146. Donna at (313) 453-5719 or (313) 722-7632.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church's craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables cost \$20; long tables are \$25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (313) 722-7225.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Exhibitors are wanted for Grace Lutheran Church's annual art and craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth sizes are 6 by 9 feet and 8 by 10 feet. Call Tina Greniewicki at (313) 591-3099 or (313) 464-2727 for more information.

LIVONIA ELKS
The Livonia Elks will have a craft sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Elks Hall, Plymouth Road east of Merriman Road, Livonia. Tables rentals are \$25. For more information, call (313) 261-1696.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will sponsor a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15, at the school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1 for those over age 5. There will be more than 175 crafters. For more information, call (313) 425-0603.

HARRIS-KEHRER
Applications are being accepted for table rentals for the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 Ladies Auxiliary's annual arts and crafts bazaar Nov. 22 at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call Pam Janis at (313) 721-6304.

ST. AGATHA
Table rental is available for St. Agatha's Fall Boutique, set for Nov. 22 at the school, Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call Marion at (313) 534-0914.

PRCUA SYRENA

The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road. Table rentals are \$19 and \$22. For more information, call (313) 565-9865 or (313) 383-1821.

ST. VALENTINE
St. Valentine Parent/Teacher Club's sixth annual holiday craft shoppe will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 22 in the school activity building at Hope Street and Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 50 crafters, country kitchen and bake sale. Two holiday raffles will be held, one with a first prize of a 27-inch television and second prize of Detroit Red Wing tickets, and hourly 50/50 cash raffles. Proceeds will benefit the children of St. Valentine Parish and School. Admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 255-6825.

BISHOP BORGESS
Bishop Borgess High School still has table space available for its 17th annual holiday bazaar on Dec. 7 at the school, 11685 Appleton, Redford. For more information, call Amy Nanni at (313) 255-1100.

ANNIVERSARIES



Young
Hal and Loretta Young of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 13 at a family dinner at the Fox and Hounds Restaurant in Birmingham. They also celebrated their golden date with a weekend stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, a gift of their two daughters - Janet, Wears and Leanne Walter. They also have three

grandchildren - Jeffery, Douglas and Patrick. They were married on Sept. 13, 1947, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livonia. She is the former Loretta Toupin. He is a Michigan Bell Telephone Company retiree. She worked for Michigan Bell, Detroit Race Course and at Kelsey Hayes as a PBX operator. They are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Janos
Joseph and Emma Janos of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23. The couple's children and grandchildren hosted a dinner for family and friends at the Daniel A. Lord Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.



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Stories show women as willful, witty and wise

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

With her arms waving and eyebrows dancing, storyteller Corrine Stavish and her myriad of voices took the audience of the recent Women's Resource Center luncheon at Schoolcraft College globe-hopping to meet women who are willful, witty and wise.

The storyteller, who also teaches at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, started in Biblical times and told of Lilith, one of Adam's wives. Lilith refused to sleep beneath Adam and flew from the garden of Eden to consort with the Devil.

Known as the great seductress and mother of monster demons, Lilith was the first woman to say no and to say that she's equal.

Stavish explained that it's appropriate that the television character Fraser was married to a character named Lilith.

"As soon as we have the idea of a willful woman, they need one who is obedient to counter that," Stavish said to roaring laughter.

Stavish's next journey took the audience to China to visit a king who had four daughters. He gathered his daughters around to tell them that he was going to meditate for years. While he was gone, the kingdom was left in their charge.

He gave each of them a grain of rice and told them to do the best that they could with it. One daughter wrapped gold around the grain and put it in a glass box, while another put it in a silk purse.

The third daughter threw away the grain of rice figuring that she could get another. The fourth daughter thought about it for a year, wondering what she should do with her grain.

Years passed and the king asked his daughters to show him what they have done with the single grain of rice.

The first daughter's grain was safe and protected, while the second daughter's grain broken in half.

The third daughter, realizing that she had to show him a grain of rice, went and got another.

The fourth daughter told her father that she didn't have it.

"I thought about it for a very long time," Stavish told the audience in the voice of the daughter. "I decided to plant the seed and more grew."

She showed him the vast fields

and countrysides of rice.

"He said, 'My daughter you are the wisest.' He removed the crown and placed it on her head. From then on the land was ruled by a queen, not a king. All that from a single grain of rice," Stavish explained.

The storyteller's next tale was situated in Medieval times and King Arthur's Court.

Arthur went out riding and entered the part of the forest where it grew very, very dark. A knight, twice the size of any mortal being, approached him from behind. He told Arthur that he would die a slow and hideous death and England would be his. The only thing that could prevent it was if, within a year, Arthur found what every woman most desires.

He searched the countryside and talked to nuns, laundry women, the innkeeper's wife and no two answers were the same. Arthur looked at all the answers and returned to the forest. Along the way, he passed a hideous-looking woman dressed in red.

A knight chided Arthur for not stopping to say "good morrow" to the lady. Arthur gave him the answer to the question, but there was one other thing: the woman in red desired a husband.

Arthur searched high and low for a husband for her. Finally, he found a taker who was impressed with the woman's intelligence.

"He took her broken body into his arms and then because he had given his word to her, she turned into the most beautiful damsel," Stavish said.

His kiss broke only half the spell. He had to choose if he wanted her beautiful by day or beautiful by night.

He told her, "It is not for me to choose; it is for you to choose. You have to live with the consequences."

The other half of the spell was broken because he gave her "the right to make her own choices and live with the consequences."

Stavish's final story told of two women, a seamstress and a cook, who each claimed their daughter was the fastest, sweetest and strongest. To solve the mystery, a nobleman came up with a test. He gave each daughter eggs and told them to make the eggs hatch within three days.

The seamstress's daughter realized that the eggs could not hatch because they were hard-



A tall tale: For Corrine Stavish, telling a story to the audience at the Women's Resource Center fall luncheon series kickoff meant using her hands, her voice and facial feature along with saying the words.



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boiled. Impressed with the girl, the nobleman gave her beans to plant. She quickly figured out that the beans couldn't grow because they were soaked.

The nobleman proposed to her, but warned her that she was never to interfere with his cases. She had a consequence as well - if that happened she could take the one thing she treasured the most.

Well, she did interfere with the case and she was ready to face the consequences.

According to their agreement,

she took the one thing that she treasured the most - her husband.

"They ruled together with mutual love and mutual respect for the rest of their days," Stavish explained.

"And those are tales of women who are willful, witty and wise."

Stavish ended her presentation with a joke that left the audience roaring.

A man walked along the beach and found a bottle with a genie inside of it. She told him that she was so grateful that he

found her and gave him three wishes. His first wish was to make him twice as smart as he was.

"Poof, you're twice as smart," the genie said.

His second wish was to be 10 times as smart.

"Poof, you're 10 times as smart," the genie said.

His third wish was to be 100 times smarter.

"Poof, you're a woman," the genie said.

The next Women's Resource Center luncheon is 11 a.m.-1:30

p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, when prominent quilt show curator Merry Silber discusses quilts including hers and the stories behind them.

On Friday Dec. 5, the center will host a luncheon with a guest speaker from the Detroit Institute of Art. Both events will be held in the Waterman Campus Center of Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

The charge is \$14 for the lunch and lecture and must be prepaid. For more information, call the center at (313) 462-4443.

Suburban West BPW to meet

Suburban West Business and Professional Women will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at the Holiday Inn-Livonia, North Laurel Park Drive, east of I-275, Livonia.

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Suburban League scores hit with Festival of Fall Fashion



The stars turned out en masse for the Redford Suburban League's 24th annual Festival of Fall Fashion Oct. 22 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

With a near sellout crowd, the show was emceed by perennial audience favorites Rich Fisher and Doris Biscope.

Taking to the runway as models were television, newspaper and radio notables, wearing casual wear and evening fashions provided by Jacobson's of Laurel Park Place.

Last year the benefit raised an estimated \$28,000 that was given to such area charities as

ARC Northwest Wayne County, Methodist Children Home Society, Paws with a Cause, Burger School for the Autistic and the Northwest Wayne Skills Center to name a few.

Modeling casual wear were popular former WJR radio personality Jimmy Launce (top photo at left), who was joined on the runway by his wife, Brigetta.

Going solo were WDIV-TV Channel 4 health reporter Lila Lazarus (photo at left) and WXYZ-TV Channel 7 weatherman Chris Bradley (at right).

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD



NEW VOICES

Julie and Scott Kohmescher of Westland announce the birth of Amanda Marie June 30 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins two sisters, Ashley Bell, 6, and Heather Kohmescher, 16 months. Grandparents are Gayle of Westland, Robert Grant of Redford and Rodney and Tess Kohmescher of

Westland.

Jeff and Bonnie Tolles of Livonia announce the birth of Abigail Molly Aug. 7 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a sister, Jackie, 3. Grandparents are Dwight and Molly Tolles of Spring Arbor and Carl and Joan LaRoe of Springport.

Kevin and Melissa (Lenzer) Henderson of Grass Lake Township, formerly Canton, announce the birth of Benjamin Terrance Sept. 14 at the University Women's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Debra Beebe and Barbara Henderson, all of Canton. Great-grandparents are Vic and Mary

Loritz of Lincoln Park.

Don and Sheila MacNeil of Garden City announce the birth of Eric Allen Aug. 9 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins two siblings - Kastein, 7, and Brianna, 2. Grandparents are Mike and Jackie MacNeil of Lincoln Park and Robert and Winnie Hickel of

Westland.

Tracy and Lana Hayner announce the birth of Kyle Ross Aug. 8 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Everett and Velma Hammond of Westland and Richard Hayner of Rochester Hills.

Rebecca Evans of Westland

and William Stafiej of Garden City announce the birth of Zeabrenna Jacquelyn Evans Aug. 11 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Jacquelyn Evans of Garden City and Colleen Hicks and Paul Stafiej, both of Westland.

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Relationships and power of an unhappy childhood

BY SHARON METAXAS

It is hard to deny the impact of a childhood that never felt happy. In spite of advice from others to "let go of the past," many find that the pain of feeling unloved as a child haunts them into adulthood. The need for parental love and approval has affected many lives. For some, it is an endless battle that can never be won.

What children can not realize is that some parents are not able to give the love and nurturing a child deserves. Because of their unhappy childhood, parents are often dealing with their own unmet needs. They find it difficult to give what they have lived without in their own lives.

Consumed with their own pain, they often build defenses so they can protect their vulnerable emotions. These defenses may come out as anger, abuse or refusal to let others get emotionally close. When they become parents, their issues do not stop. A cycle of not being able to adequately parent gets passed down from generation to generation. Although the way a person attempts to deal with their pain may vary, the effects on their children be similar.

All that children know is they desperately want love and attention. They do not have the ability to comprehend why parents seem unwilling to give it. Chil-

dren view themselves as the cause of what happens around them. When a parent is upset, children believe they are responsible. If they are ignored, they are failing to do something to get noticed. Most will work hard to get the attention they need. If they can not get it positively, they will take it negatively. Being yelled at, for most children, feels more loving than being ignored.

Children who are unable to get their needs met positively, grow up believing they do not deserve positive, loving relationships. Growing up with this pattern of thinking causes negative expectations in adulthood. These adults will often select mates that are emotionally similar to their parents.

Some children grow up with such fear of parental rejection, they give up trying to get any of their own needs met. Instead, they focus all their energy trying to figure out how to meet the needs of their parents so they will not be abandoned. The fear of abandonment is so powerful they will work to control their own emotions and needs and try to care for the needs of the parents.

They can become masters at hiding their feelings while always caring for others. As adults, they continue to try to figure out how to please others

while resenting that their needs are still not being met. If others try to meet their needs, they often feel guilty or uncomfortable. They can not get past the feeling they are undeserving. If they let out their true emotions, they believe they will be abandoned.

Aging does not take away old patterns. In adult relationships, they often are attracted to "takers" while they continue, to "give" in order to be accepted. Again, there is a recreation of childhood issues that will carry over to the next generation.

Many people feel alone and try to hide the anguish they still feel from childhood pain. The hurt can go on a lifetime, if not dealt

with. Blaming themselves or their parents does not make it any better. It takes hard work to change lifelong patterns.

In therapy, I follow a process that has helped many clients move beyond their childhood pain. The process begins by acknowledging the emotions they were unable to as a child. These emotions may include loss, guilt, fear, loneliness and/or anger. Those emotions need to be validated. They are real and deserve to be expressed.

Next is understanding that, as a child, they were not to blame. To achieve this understanding, I often ask clients to look at parenting as a job. What are the qualifications of a good parent?

What are the needs of every child? How well qualified were their parents?

It is easy to see how a parent fails in a job that they had had training for. Still, the child's needs were not met. It is the job of the parents to meet the child's needs not the child's job to meet the parent's needs. Looking at the patterns of parenting that have been passed down through generations helps to clarify why a parent fails at showing love. The cycle of suffering children growing up to be unhealthy parents needs to be clear.

The last steps in healing come with recognition of their own ability to take control and meet their own needs. As children we

can not pick our parents or even be sure they are fit to be parents. As adults, we can pick people in our lives who are giving and loving.

Children do not have many choices, but adults do. Letting go of unhappiness and making forgiveness come only after facing the pain of the past.

Sharon Metaxas has more than 15 years experience as a social worker. On staff at Northwest Community Services in Garden City, she developed a therapeutic treatment program for survivors of sexual, physical and emotional abuse and co-author of "Embracing Remains of the Past: A Journey of Hope and Healing from Abuse."

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Stephen and Alice Barbato of Canton announce the birth of Lindsey Nicole July 17 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She joins a sister, Taylor 2 1/2. Grandparents are William and Geraldine Boyle of Ridge, N.Y., and James and Shirley Barbato of Sarasota, Fla.

Damon and Tamera Speros of Westland announce the birth of Dominic Antonio Aug. 12 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Anthony and Joanne Molinari of

Howell, Thomas Speros of Texas and Pat Malone of Canton.

Mark and Karen Race of Westland announce the birth of Natalie Dionne July 22 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Charles and Yvonne Loukianen of Ypsilanti, Andy Komorny of Lincoln Park and Charles and Diane Gibson of Linden. Grandmother is Winona Cromar of Flint.

Keith and Sharon Donaldson of Livonia announce the

birth of David Keith Aug. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins a brother, Jimmie, 4 1/2. Grandparents are Betty Das of Taylor and Patricia Donaldson of Livonia.

Brian and Tonya Waechter of Springfield, Mo., announce the birth of Tristan Phillip Sept. 5 at St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield. Grandparents are Carol Madley and Les and Gail Winnick, all of Garden City.

Jim and Tiffany Hahn of

Westland announce the birth of Devin Lee Aug. 5 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Judith Ann Hahn of Pennsylvania and Kimberly Hedger of Westland.

Rich and Colleen Atkinson of Pleasanton, Calif., announce the birth of Kyle Richard Aug. 8 at Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, Calif. Grandparents are Tony and Sharon Conrad of Livonia and Dick and Katy Atkinson of Santa Ynez, Calif. Great-grandmother is Lena Pasquini of Lompoc, Calif.

Steve and Bobbie Gassel of Westland announce the birth of Marissa Renea Aug. 13 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins sisters, Amber, 3, and Shayna, 2. Grandparents are Jean and Mike Gassel of Livonia and Mary Whedon and Robert Bruglio, both of Detroit.

Bob and Nola Wellman of Plymouth announce the birth of Ann Marie Sept. 2 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Torb and Dolores Guenther of Plymouth and Richard and Nola Lutey and Jim and Jennie Wellman, all of Florida.

James Baltes and Angela Almos of Westland announce the birth of James Lee Baltes-Almos II Aug. 15 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Lynne and John Almos and Pearl and Larry Baltes, all of Milford.

Roland and Marybeth Jakimowicz of Canton announce the birth of Melissa Rose Aug. 17 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She has three brothers, James, 6, Robert, 5, and Anthony, 2. Grandparents are Doreen Jakimowicz of Livonia and Robert and Carolyn Cox of Jackson.

Walter Mihalik of Canton and Gabrielle Swank of Garden City announce the birth of Sabrina Rose Mihalik Aug. 16 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Walter and Kathleen Mihalik of Canton.

Frederick Paul and Teresa Annette Palmer of Westland announce the birth of Jonathan Paul Aug. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Revia Ross and Lorne Ross of Westland and Ruth Palmer and Frederick Palmer, both of Carleton.

Kenneth and Goldie Bain of Garden City announce the birth of Kelsey Jacqueline Aug. 17 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Kenneth Joseph Bain III, 11. Grandparents are Kenneth and Myra Bain of Detroit.

Terry Manier and Tammie Riley of Ganton announce the birth of William Dean Manier Aug. 23 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins siblings, Daniel Riley, 13, and Crystal, 6, and Shaniqua Hughes, 19 months. Grandparents are Alice and Clarence Burton of Westland and Malinda Thomas of Detroit.

Christopher and April Rutledge-Clarke of Westland announce the birth of Christopher Lee Anzo Rutledge-Clarke Jr. Aug. 25 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Pam and Ed Slater of Inkster and Keith and Robin Clarke of Westland.

Tony and Diane Kornaga of Livonia announce the birth of Joshua Thomas Aug. 26 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. He joins brothers, Michael, 4, and Eric, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Ralph and Dorothy Kozora and Ed and Bev Kornaga, all of Dearborn Heights.

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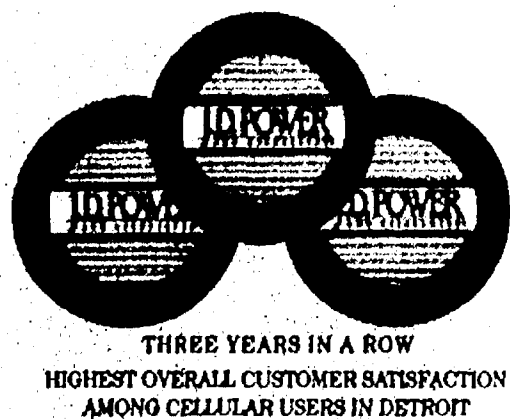
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St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church is offering a new adult education program that encourages participants to come and learn about orthodoxy from 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 11. Speakers and topics include: "What We Believe About Baptism" by Father Peters Oct. 30, "What We Believe About the Divine Liturgy" by Father Peters Nov. 6, "What We Believe About Sin" by Father Peters Nov. 13, "What We Believe About Icons" Nov. 20 by Jim King, "What We Believe About Scripture and Tradition" Dec. 4 by King, and "What We Believe About Heaven and Hell" by Father Shalhoub Dec. 11. The church is located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0010.

ALL SAINTS PARTY

Ward Presbyterian Church will host an "All Saints Party" 6-8 p.m. Halloween Night, Friday, Oct. 31, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Featured will be game booths, face painting, dunk tank, refreshments and candy handouts. The event is free and open to all children through age 12. Costumes are encouraged. Children should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (313) 422-1836.

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"It's Harvest Time," the first annual Christian Woman's Advance, will take place from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Metro Airport in Romulus. This spirit-filled weekend of prayer, praise, encouragement, and self-discovery is designed to offer women an intimate forum to learn practical approaches to everyday living in life-changing workshop sessions. The registra-

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CHRISTIAN CONCERT

Evangelist Gene Riley will perform as part of a Christian musical concert to benefit the Salvation Army's Golden Agers' Senior Program from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy Road, Westland. Admission is free. Call Ms. Cobb at (313) 722-3660 for more information.

DRAMA SERIES

The second of a three-week drama series, "Close Encounters of the Best Kind," at Plymouth Baptist Church will be "From Murder to Mercy," presented at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. The drama will portray the dramatic conversion of the Apostle Paul. Full nursery and preschool care will be provided. Plymouth Baptist is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, half mile west of Haggerty Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (313) 453-5534.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

The 50-voice Concordia Choir of Concordia University in Ann Arbor will perform at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Kurt Von Kampen will direct the choir in singing John Rutter's "God Be in My Head," Aaron Copeland's "Zion's Wall" and "All People at This House" by J.S. Bach. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

IN CONCERT

The First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Fine Art Series will have tenor Robert Bracey in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the church, 200 E. Main St., Northville.

Bracey has performed throughout the United States and made appearances in Canada, Russia, Poland and Eastern Europe. In 1994, he made his debut at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., with the Choral Arts Society of Washington and members of the National Symphony.

Currently an assistant profes-

sor of voice at Michigan State University, he holds a bachelor of music degree in music education from MSU, a master of music degree and doctor of musical arts degree in voice performance from the University of Michigan.

Accompanying him will be Kevin Bylisma, pianist and organist. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and children and \$25 per family. They are available by calling the church office at (248) 349-0911.

GOSPEL SINGER

Gospel singer Dave Clark will present a free concert at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. Free child care will be provided.

As a songwriter, Clark's credits cross musical boundaries from contemporary Christian to

southern gospel, including songs recorded by Larnelle Harris, Sandi Patti, Al Denson, 4-Him, Point of Grace, Phillip, Craig & Dean, Glenn Campbell, Gold City Quartet and the Cathedral.

Clark also traveled as a member of the Speer Family from 1980 to 1985. During that time, he contributed to their performance on several instruments as well as writing many songs they recorded.

For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

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 "Ministering and ministers" on Nov. 2, "Why would anyone be a Christian Scientist?" on Nov. 10, "How can

you say sickness isn't real?" on Nov. 16, "Where did Christian Science start?" on Nov. 23 and "Does your church have missionaries?" on Nov. 30.

"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.

SUNDAY LESSONS

The Church of Today West holds weekly Sunday lessons at 9 and 11 a.m. at Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook, south of 10 Mile Road, between Haggerty and Meadowbrook, Novi. The lesson on Sunday Nov. 2, will be "Building a Bigger Believing" with guest vocalist Michael Smith.

The church also offers youth education, a course in miracles

at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and others courses in 4T, meditation and unity basics. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or at its Web site, <http://www.cotw.com>.

COAT/SWEATER SALE

Tried & True Lutheran resale Store will have a coat and sweater sale Monday, Nov. 24 through Tuesday, Nov. 25, at the store, 35004 Michigan Ave., Wayne. All sweaters in all sizes will cost \$1, coats will be \$3-\$5.95. Dress coats, winter jackets, ski jackets, furs, leathers, children's, infants, men's and women's sizes will be available.

On Nov. 15, the store will celebrate its first anniversary with everything in the store at half priced. Store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information,

Please see RELIGION, B10.

Church bids farewell to pastor Seltz

The Rev. Robert Seltz will be the focal point of a special celebration Sunday, Nov. 2, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia. Seltz is retiring from a ministry that spans 40 years, including 20 at Holy Trinity.

Past and present members of Holy Trinity and fellow pastors will gather at 3 p.m. for a service, with Seltz's good friend, the Rev. Vic Mesingbring preaching. A soldout dinner will follow with a roast of Pastor Seltz closing out the celebration.

Seltz is a 1957 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., and a 1958 graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York, N.Y. He was the founding pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, serving there from 1958 to 1966 when he became associate pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park, Ohio.

Since 1977, he has served as pastor of Holy Trinity. He also has served on the boards of the Psychological Studies and Clergy Consultation Program and the

Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, helped form an ecumenical support group in Livonia in which he served for more than 15 years.

Assisting Seltz in his many endeavors was his wife Janet, who also directed the children's choir at Holy Trinity for many years.

"The thing I enjoyed most in my 40 years of ministry is interaction with people of faith," said Seltz. "Maybe that's because they have a spark of the divine in them."

And it was, according to members of his congregation, his interaction with people and his faithfulness to his calling - "but I chose you and appoint you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" John 15:16 - that made him special.

In sharing what his ministry meant to them, members wrote about experiencing the "generous clasp" of his hand and "his smiling, gentle face, how he was a 'truly gifted human being' with a 'love and concern for oth-



Robert and Janet Seltz

and saying, "Isn't she beautiful?" and preaching at her funeral two weeks later.

Another member recalled that Seltz had confirmed three of their children, married five of them and baptized seven of their grandchildren. Still another who worked with Jan spoke of her special gift of music and how she shared her time and love with children and others.

As the members see it, the bible verse on a plaque in his offices is apropos: "And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Rev. Robert Seltz, they say, brought them the good news.

Holy Trinity has begun the search for a new associate pastor to replace the Rev. Dennis Bux, who has assumed the duties of senior pastor.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information about the celebration, call the church at (313) 464-0211.

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cheese - a salad plate, ham or turkey croissants, dessert and beverages.

Members of the church's Lydia Sarah Circle also will host a bake sale, sell coffee and tea and man the father and children's waiting area as part of the show.

"The first year we did this we were afraid we wouldn't have enough quilts and then if people would be interested in coming to see them," Hitchcock said. "Now,

we have quilts that return each year and have new ones, so there's a fresh look to the show.

"The number of quilts has doubled and so has the visitors returning," added Walker. "It's like having old friends coming home."

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Grief recovery series offered

Hospice of Washtenaw will offer a five-week grief support series 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 11, at its building at 806 Airport Blvd., Ann Arbor.

The series is dedicated to helping survivors adapt to their loss and to gain and develop new skills in coping. Healthy ways

for moving through the grief recovery process will be presented for individuals who have lost a loved one.

Participants are encouraged to attend all of the sessions. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling (313) 327-3409.

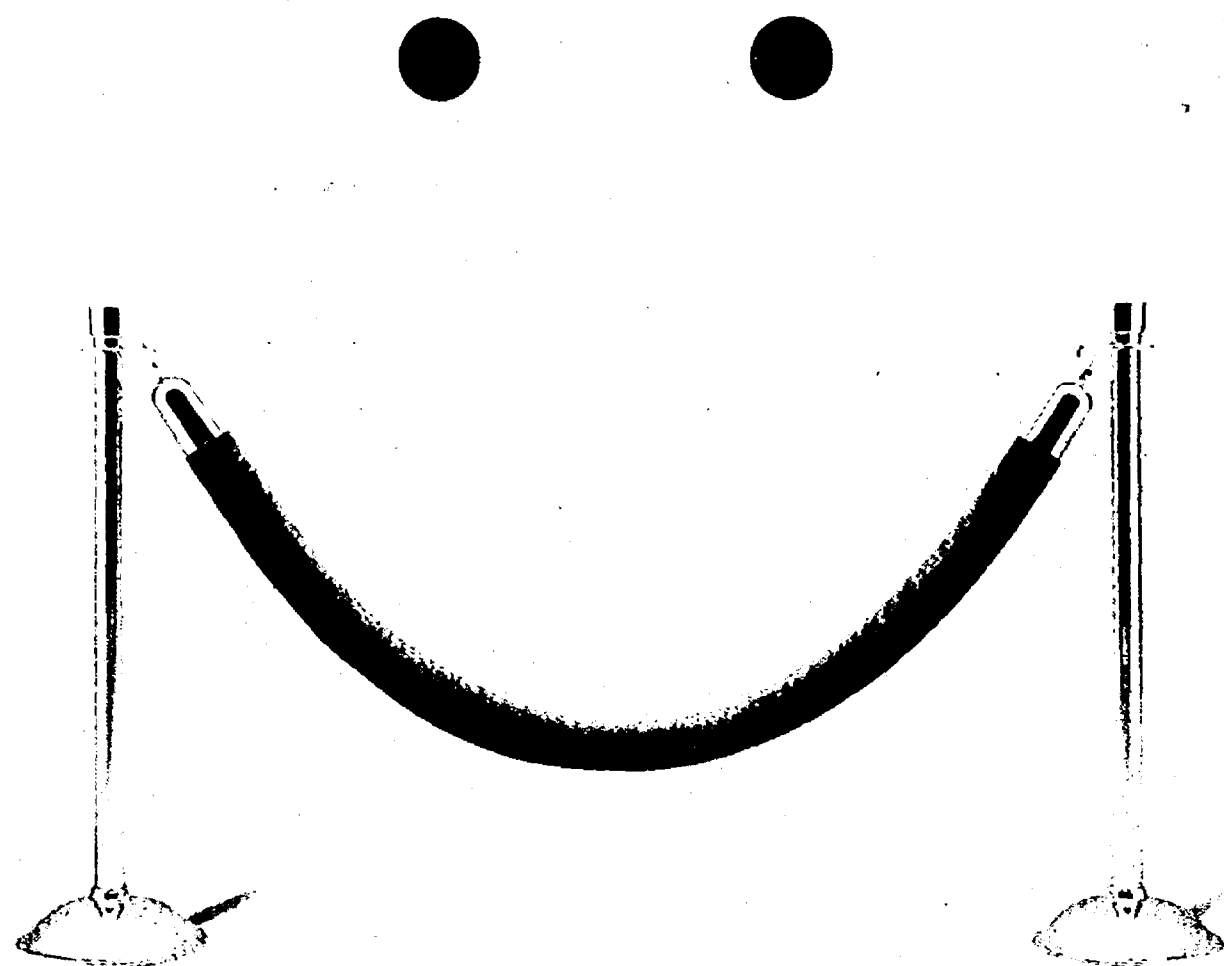


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50-PLUS CLUB

Members of Redford Baptist Church's 50-Plus Club (senior adults) will take a bus trip to Frankmuth for a visit to Bronner's, chicken dinner and shopping on Thursday, Nov. 6. The bus will leave the parking lot of the church, 25295 Grand River, at Seven Mile Road, at 8:13 a.m. The cost is \$20 for dinner and transportation. For more information, or to make reservations, call the church office at (313) 533-2300.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present "Dating in the '90s: The Challenge of Reinvesting" at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 16 and 23, in the Youth Room of the church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, continues with its monthly speaker series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, when the Rev. Chuck Sonquist discusses "Dreams and Deeper Aspects of Grief," at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road (east of Merriman Road), Livonia. The program is free. Free resources are available and related books and may be purchased at cost. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have "First Call" with Bonnie Keen and Marty McCall, as part of Showcase at 8 p.m. Friday,

Nov. 7 in Knox Hall of the church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. A free will offering will be accepted and child care will be available.

The group also will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Livonia Family YMCA, Stark Road north of Schoolcraft, for Bring Your Own Sneakers. A family activity, the cost is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 14 years and younger.

Members will also gather at the church at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Haggerty Field on Edward Hines Drive for a bicycle ride to Plymouth.

For more information about the activities, call the Single Point Office at (313) 422-1854.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will celebrate World Community Day at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, at Grand River Baptist Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The program will be "Gathering Seed from a Medieval Mother." Babysitting will be available by reservation only by calling Debbie Green at (313) 464-9744 by Nov. 3. Participants should bring their love pillows.

PRO-LIFE TALKS

St. Kenneth Catholic Church will host Rev. Richard Hogan, associate director of Priests For Life, for two talks on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8. His visit is sponsored by the Gospel of Life Group.

On Nov. 7, there will be Mass at 7 p.m., followed by his talk, "Better Off Dead? The Debate Over Assisted Suicide," at 8 p.m. On Nov. 8, he will speak about "Raising a Pro-Life Family in a Pro-Death Culture" at 7 p.m. The talks will take place at the church, 14951 Haggerty Road, south of Five Mile Road. For

more information, call Mike Mitchell at (313) 420-2784.

VEGAS NIGHT

St. John Bosco Church will hold a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, in Shelteau Hall, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be games of blackjack, Detroit craps and roulette and hourly 50/50 raffles starting at 8 p.m. Admission will be \$1 and food and beverages will be available. For more information, call (313) 255-4577 or (313) 937-

9690.

LINE DANCE LESSONS

Line dancing lessons will be taught 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 7, 14 and 21, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Canton Campus, 46001 Warren road, Canton. There is no charge for the fellowship. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

REMARRIAGE SEMINAR

Ward Presbyterian Church will sponsor a Remarriage Seminar 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 8, at the church, 17000

Farmington Road at Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The seminar is for couples thinking about remarriage and will cover such topics as the keys to a great relationship, warning flags, communication skills and blending finances and families.

The cost will be \$5 per person, including the workbook and continental breakfast. For more information or to register, call the Remarriage Ministry at (313) 542-7747.

UP WITH PARENTS

Parents looking for a fun night out are invited to "Up With Parents," an exciting, fun-packed evening of poking fun at parenthood and learning some extraordinarily helpful things about discipline and self-esteem, 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

The cost is \$8 per person and child care will be provided for children under age 10. To register or for more information, call the church at (313) 459-3333

'Highway One' visits Christ Our Savior

Highway One, a group of four young Australians, will perform a chancel drama Sunday, Nov. 2, at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church-Livonia, 14175 Farmington Road, and at 9:30 a.m. at the Canton Campus, 46001 Warren Road.

Sponsored by the Lutheran Church of Australia and the "Christ Knows No Distance Ministries," will present "Freed By Jesus," which illustrates God's power in helping His followers to overcome temptations.

The young people are students at the Lutheran Bible Institute of California where they are specifically training in the area of youth and family ministry.

Sharon Fechner, Elona Salzke, Joerg Ernst and Julie Cutmore have committed themselves to two years of mission work.

During the first year, they are visiting churches, youth groups and camping ministries across the United States to learn by experience the many different styles of ministry.



"Highway One" -- Sharon Fechner, Elona Salzke, Joerg Ernst and Julie Cutmore

They plan to return to Australia in 1998 to share and encourage congregations in their own country. For more information, call Bob D'Ambrosio at (313) 522-6830.



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Call to Holiness conference to feature Mother Angelica

Eleven nationally prominent leaders in the Catholic Church including a bishop, will explain and defend the teachings of the Church during the second annual Call to Holiness conference Friday through Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, at the Best Western/Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights.

Leading the list of speakers are Mother Angelica, founder of the Eternal Word Television Network, the first Catholic television network in the United States, and Bishop James Sullivan of the Diocese of Fargo, N.D.

The conference will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and conclude at 2 p.m. Sunday. Cost will be \$65, including continental breakfasts, a Saturday box lunch and refreshments throughout the day. To register, call (888) 638-5424.

Last year's conference of the same title was sold out at 2,300 attendees and received national attention because it was the first time faithful Catholics aggressively opposed Call to Action, a coalition of dissident groups that oppose many of the Catholic Church's teachings, including those on abortion, homosexuality and the ordination of women.

This year Call to Action will have its annual conference in Detroit a week after the Call to

Holiness event.

"Those attending our Call to Holiness conference will get a pretty solid understanding of the Catholic Church really teaches," said Jay McNally, executive director of Call to Holiness. "Most of our speakers have achieved international acclaim because they are in the front lines in a hostile culture teaching and living out the authentic teachings of the Roman Catholic Church."

Mother Angelica, who also founded Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala., will speak twice on "Call to Holiness" at the conference on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Sullivan, a former auxiliary bishop in Lansing, is the episcopal liaison for the Cursillo Movement in the United States and president of the World Apostolate of Fatima. He has developed an in-home seminary program in his diocese and achieved great success in evangelization with his "Opening Doors, Opening Hearts" program. He will celebrate Mass on Sunday.

Speaking at the conference will be Rev. John Hardon, an author and theologian who is editor in chief of the magazine, "The Catholic Faith;" Rev. Joseph Fessio, founder of

Ignatius Press, which today is a major publisher of Catholic literature, and Adoremus: Society for the Reviews of the Sacred Liturgy; Rev. George Rutler, a former Anglican priest and pastor of St. Agnes Church in New York; and Rev. Robert Sirico, co-founder and president of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, a nonprofit educational center whose primary goal is to familiarize the religious community, particularly students and seminarians, with the moral dimensions of liberty and free markets.

Also speaking will be Rev. Thomas Dubay, the author of "Fire Within," a widely acclaimed best-selling book on spirituality; Rev. George Parker, a pro-life missionary speaker representing Human Life International who will celebrate Mass on Saturday; John Kippley, founder and director of the Couple to Couple League, which promotes natural family planning; Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, president of Christendom College and author of "Heart of the Redeemer" and editor of "Faith and Reason;" Deal Hudson, editor and publisher of "Crisis" and president of the Morley Institute in Washington, D.C., and Jeff Camins, producer and host of "Life on the Rock," a live talk show for young adults.

Girl Scouts looking for adult volunteers

Girl Scouts in Wayne/Westland are looking for a few good people to serve as troop leaders and adult volunteers.

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Opportunities also are available for volunteers who like to manage and direct other volun-

teers. Troop services directors, for example, coordinate Girl Scouting at each school.

Program managers are volunteers who organize events and activities for many Girl Scout troops and groups.

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Farmington Players present "Sylvia," featuring Barbie Amann (left), Chuck Fisher and Cynthia Tupper, 2 p.m. at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (248) 553-2955.



Hot tix: Canadian pianist Jon Kimura Parker will appear with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1. The drama-filled program includes Wagner's Overture to Tannhauser, Samuel Barber's Concerto for Piano, and Schumann's Symphony No. 4, (313) 833-3700.

Steve Martin's conversation with Picasso Einstein

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

When legendary comedian Red Skelton died a few months ago, his wish to be remembered simply as a clown elicited pathos and a wry smile. Neither honors nor fame could substitute for the power of making people laugh.

As Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton showed before Skelton, there's more behind a true clown's silly facade. Although comedian Steve Martin couldn't be accused of being at a loss for words, his recent foray into playwrighting offers plenty of theatrical glimpses at the human face behind the mask of one of America's most playfully charming, yet serious-minded clowns.

This Tuesday, the Fisher Theater begins a two-week run of Martin's much-publicized comedic play, "Picasso at the Lapin Agile."

The play is based on a hypothetical meeting at an actual Parisian bar of two of the 20th century's most creative minds - Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein. The chance meeting occurs in 1904 at the

■ **What:** "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a one-act play by Steve Martin.
■ **When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Nov. 4-8, and Nov. 11-15; 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 8-9, Nov. 15-16; 7:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 9 and Nov. 16.
■ **Where:** The Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building in the New Center Area on West Grand Blvd., Detroit.
■ **Tickets:** Range from \$18-\$32; (313) 871-1132 or (248) 645-6666.

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Comedy: Paul Provenza (left to right) and Mark Nelson in a scene from "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"



Playwright/comedian Steve Martin

STREET SCEN



A "relapse": Jane's Addiction, one of the leaders in the alternative music scene of the late 1980s, calls its tour a "relapse" not a reunion because original bass player Eric Avery refused to participate. The band which includes, from left, singer Perry Farrell, drummer Stephen Perkins, guitarist Dave Navarro, and bassist Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, will perform Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

Jane's Addiction suffers 'relapse'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

For Jane's Addiction, it all comes down to the sound.

Leaders in the alternative music scene of the late 1980s, Jane's Addiction broke up in 1991. As the original band members - singer Perry Farrell, guitarist Dave Navarro, and drummer Stephen Perkins - began to gravitate toward each other once again, they, along with Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist Flea, realized what was important.

"There's a sound after being together for six years. Me, Dave and Perry are reconnecting those fuses. I think Flea is just an amazing bass player. He's connecting so well. You want to get a sound

and we're gettin' that. It's going to be smoking," Perkins explained.

"It" is the Jane's Addiction "relapse" tour dubbed "I-Itz M'My Party Tour," which comes to the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Farrell calls it a "relapse" instead of a reunion because it doesn't include original bass player Eric Avery. He declined to be involved because he was busy with his band Polar Bear.

"I'm definitely looking forward to playing these songs again," Perkins said.

"There's a lot of energy going on right now. We're putting a lot of time and energy into the process because I really want it to sound as potent as possible."

The idea for the "relapse" came when

Farrell and Perkins's new band, Porno for Pyros, recruited Flea and Navarro of the Red Hot Chili Peppers to record "Hard Charger" for the soundtrack to the movie "Private Parts."

"Flea joined Porno for two or three shows because (bassist) Mike Watt was busy. Dave flew out to some of those shows and it was such a great musical, beautiful relationship. It started to boil and it's really exciting to play new tunes."

The new songs - "Kettle Whistle" and "So What?" - will be found on "Kettle Whistle" (Warner Bros.), a new Jane's Addiction album along with rare, previously unreleased tracks, live recordings and demos. It's scheduled for an early November release.

"I'm excited about the new music. If you listen to 'Then She Did,' and the last three to four songs of the 'Ritual' (the

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dawn of a new century, and a year before Einstein published "The Theory of Relativity."

The dingy Paris cafe where Einstein is waiting for a female friend is the turn-of-the-century meeting place of painters, writers and other free thinkers who soon will give a vision to the new century's avant-garde.

While the revelation of $E=MC^2$ may have been directed to finding the simple, unifying principles of the objective universe, the world in the early 1900s was far from unified. The arts, sciences and industry were exploding with innovations and challenging the cherished 19th-century notions of culture.

Set amid the whirlwind of cultural change, Martin's comedic take on cubism and relativity seem to be a perfect match.

Both the highly confident Picasso and Einstein have seen

the future. The intrigue is knowing that in a matter of a few years the rest of the world will realize the profound implications of their compelling new views.

Of course, in comedic terms, it's wonderful fodder for the ultimate insider's joke. Martin doesn't miss many opportunities to wring a laugh or deeper sentiment from the many apparent ironies. The focus, quite clearly, is on the funny bone.

"There's a play of ideas and a poetry in Steve's work that's uncommon in much of today's plays," said Randall Arney, who has directed the play in its various versions since it premiered three-and-a-half years ago at the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago, where the scheduled nine-week performance grew into a five-month run.

"It's a combination of being wildly funny and having real

intelligence," said Arney, former artistic director at Steppenwolf, considered one of the leading regional theaters in the country.

According to Arney, Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is a combination of the sharp social tongue of Tom Stoppard and the absurd silliness of Eugene Ionesco.

There's a hilarious Martin montage when the wonders of the 20th century are envisioned: the modernization of Hiroshima, banning smoking in restaurants and airplane travel. In Martin's trademark fashion, the sublime becomes indistinguishable from the ridiculous.

And some questions about art, reminds Martin, are destined to go unanswered. Like why there's no demand for paintings that feature sheep or Jesus.

"Watching the play is like spending one-and-a-half hours

inside of Steve Martin's head," said Arney.

Wonder and plenty of laughs

"We're at the end of the century and can look back at the influences who shaped it," said Arney. "And we can look ahead and wonder whose ideas will shape the 21st century. The play strikes a chord."

To most audiences, Martin is perhaps best known for his on-screen roles ("Sgt. Bilko," "Father of the Bride," "Grand Canyon," "LA Stories," "Roxane," "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," and "The Jerk").

Or for those who recall his debut in the mid 1970s after a stretch as writer on the Smothers' Brothers show, Martin will forever be remembered for his refreshingly, off-beat onstage

humor ("Excusssseee me!", and the hilarious routine, "Let's get small").

"My hat is off to Steve," said Arney. "In many ways, critics were tougher on him because he was a celebrity. He didn't have to try to reinvent himself, although writing for the stage was somewhat unfamiliar ground."

Although most contemporary comedians are more inclined to turn to sophomoric ridicule rather than sharp intelligence, Martin, who has extensively studied art and philosophy, is by no means uniformed about the high-brow subjects in his play. Then again, a colorful Seinfeld episode based on Picasso's blue period, or Einstein's preferred bagel do not seem unlikely.

In style and tone, the one-act play is much like Martin's zany and playful wit that often explores randomness, the

bounds of embarrassment and unrequited love. There's more to Martin's silliness than the cosmetics of theater.

"Steve has an ability to make us laugh and cry, and help us see that the two aren't that far from each other," said Arney. "That's the place that's the same for all of us - the place of our humanity."

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" is not merely an expanded Saturday Night skit as some critics have suggested. Rather, it shows Martin's playwrighting savvy whereby the ensemble cast of nine nearly remain on stage for the entire 80-minute play.

But on an ethereal plane, Martin demonstrates an uncanny ability to put the absurdly meaningful in a hilariously serious context.

Who said a clown couldn't deliver a line?

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1990 album 'Ritual de lo Habitual' album, there's a strange sound that was even past the first side of the record. It takes a long time to get to that sound," Perkins said.

"With 'Kettle Whistle' and 'So What' you hear it brewing. It's a sound. It's a Jane's Addiction sound. If you listen to the Chili's (album) 'One Hot Minute' and Porno's 'Good God's Urge,' me and Perry are making different music than Dave and Flea. To put us together, it's chemical.

Who knows what's going to happen."

Perkins described the song "Kettle Whistle" as a "nice unfolding story. It takes its time. It has beautiful things to look at and hear and then it kind of grabs you by the throat."

"So What?" is a combination of "very modern sounds connected with very timeless Perry Farrell melodies. It's just like 'Hard Charger' or perhaps 'Freeway' on the Porno record. There's a certain shininess to it, a certain

sonic frequency that you don't hear most of the time."

The album "Kettle Whistle" is the brainchild of Perkins, the unofficial historian of the band.

"To me, I love the band so much that at the time I would take everything home. I still do with the band Porno for Pyros, the new Jane's Addiction stuff, and with Banyan, which I produced and put out. I collect all my tapes and take all the stuff home."

Perkins listened to all the

tapes and chose versions of the songs that he thought was "worthy of the new Jane's Addiction album."

"I've got us doing (Led Zepelin's) 'Whole Lotta Love' and funny things like that. It might be cool for some fans, but we're talking about our record. People want a body of work that's really meaningful. I like the humor of things but it was never meant for release."

Outtakes on the album include

a "totally lounge" version of the Jane's Addiction hit "Been Caught Stealing" and a live rendition of the song "Three Days."

"I wanted to find a live version of that song because it came alive live. Every song had its moment. I tried to find the moment for each tune."

As for future Jane's Addiction projects, Perkins said that Porno for Pyros and the Red Hot Chili Peppers take precedence.

"With Porno and the Peppers,

we both have work to do and records to make. Me and Perry have great plans for Porno for Pyros music. The Jane's tour is only five weeks. Who knows what's going to happen? Who knows how it's going to feel. We're going to have some intense energy packed into two months. We're going to do a bunch of shows, a lot of rehearsals, a lot of press and then it's going to be over. We'll go back to some other stuff, but we could always do it again."

Meadow Brook wrings emotional nuances from Albee's memory play

"Three Tall Women," a play in two acts by Edward Albee at Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Through Nov. 16 - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 2 p.m. Wednesday; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$18-\$32; (248) 377-3300 or (248) 645-6666. BY FRANK PROVENZANO

STAFF WRITER

Like most of his dense dramas with nimble linguistics and raw theatrics, Edward Albee's play, "Three Tall Women," creates a floating menagerie where the memories of three women become intertwined with the omniscience of death.

Performing Albee's work is far from an easy task. He offers a vocabulary of motives in the sub-

text, and a lexicon of symbols in the simplest details. The trap is either to consider his work as too superficial, or go too deep to find the dramatic truths of his work.

Displaying a deft touch not to overplay the psychological nuances, director Geoffrey Sherman has managed to wring the subtle details of Albee's emotional confession reportedly written to "find peace" after years of

alienation from his mother. Considering the surrealist and sometimes preachy tone of the play, Sherman can claim to have gone where few have trekked.

The two-act play is set in the plush bedroom of a 92-year-old (or is she only 91?) character simply named, "A." In the first act, she's joined by a 52-year-old caretaker, "B," and "C," a brash 26-year-old upstart from the law firm that handles the older woman's legal affairs.

The understated conflict exists among the cynical older woman and the idealistic young pro on a mission; and, the elderly woman and her fading memories of her ostracized son.

Of course, side bets are taken on whether the acid-tongued geriatric will make it to the bathroom or simply "make it" in her panties.

At the end of the act, the comatose "A" presents an intriguing dilemma: Can the play go on without dialogue including the lead character?

From the onset, Diana Van Fossen, who plays "B," hits her middle-age melancholic stride.

She carries herself with the ambivalence of duty, pride and wishing to be someone else other than wiping up after her loose-bowels client.

Clearly, the onus of the drama is on "A," played by Avril Gentles. Other than Beckett, few other playwrights would simply present a character with so many lines. No doubt Gentles has the one of the difficult roles written for an older actor in recent theater history.

She must alternately sound lucid and a rant like a lunatic about whether she's "remembering what I remember." Gentles should win applause for maintaining the pace, tenor and heart of the play. Her presence alongside the matronly Van Fossen and the attractive, mid-20s Fiona Davis as "C" is a stark reminder of the inevitable stages of life.

In act two, the dilemma of "What to do with the comatose lead?" is answered. Each woman has been transformed into "A" at different stages of her life. The result is a memory play that offers a psychological drama of three sides of one woman, who went from uncompromising innocence to middle-age resentment to the painful resignation of living with regrets.

By the second act, Davis is

freed from the shallow insensitivity of her act-one character. She demonstrates a broader range of feelings as the vulnerable and indoctrinated mistress at the threshold of a life of promise and remorse. And Van Fossen shines in her retellings of the circumstances that have led her to middle-age despair.

In its finest moments when "A," "B" and "C" land the same psychological plane, "Three Tall Women" sings with the beautiful agony of Albee's existential outlook. Perhaps that's what the 1994 Pulitzer Prize committee realized when "Three Tall Women" was awarded best play.

Self-deceptions and self-denial may have been coping mechanisms before the curtain is raised on "A," but under Albee's spell and Sherman's directorial precision, delusions are rubbed away with stark clarity.

For anyone contemplating how a fading memory complicates the notion of a meaningful life, Meadow Brook's "Three Tall Women" provides a reminder.

Remembering the memories of one's life may be all there is. Life is but a stage. After all, if that revelation resounds in theatre, it'll likely play a role in the world off stage.

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Splendid cast offers 'A View From the Bridge'

Schoolcraft College presents "A View From the Bridge," by Arthur Miller, dinner theater performances 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1 (\$19), theater only Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8 (\$8), Liberal Arts Theatre at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia, (313) 462-4409.

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

As the lights dimmed on the final scene of Schoolcraft College's "A View From the Bridge," one could sense a collective "wow!" from the audience. Indeed, a few were audible in the

moment they recovered from the tragic ending, and began applauding the splendid performers.

Playwright Arthur Miller, as in many other works, deals with family strife and man's attempt to secure his "rightful" place in society. In this play, a man is propelled to self-destruction by an awesome passion he barely comprehends.

Miller employs a narrator - a lawyer named Alfieri - to define and clarify the story. Though originally written for a male in 1955, Kathryn Cobeleigh is convincing as "Mrs." Alfieri. Cobeleigh speaks with the com-

passion of a neighborhood attorney, and with the wisdom of a philosopher when she steps out her role to comment on the story.

The focus of the play is Eddie Carbone a longshoreman in Brooklyn. If you recall the movie, "On The Waterfront," you get the picture. Brooklyn used to be governed according to an Old World Sicilian code and the likes of Al Capone.

"But now we are quite civilized, quite American. Now we settle for half and like it better," said Alfieri. The point: A successful society depends on compromise. Intelligent individuals learn to sublimate certain

desires.

Brian Taylor as Eddie Carbone is a compelling tragic figure who cannot compromise, and never gains insight into what is driving him toward catastrophe. He slowly changes from a loving husband who has raised his niece, Catherine - to a raging madman. Taylor creates just the right amount of unacknowledged neurotic fixation for the girl of eighteen of whom he says, "I guess I never figured on one thing, that you would ever grow up." In attempting to deal with his lust for his niece, he betrays her illegal alien lover to the Immigration Bureau.

Brenda Lane plays his wife, Beatrice. She is most sympathetic as a loving wife who understands the situation. She warns the girl, "you're a woman now in the house with a grown man. Don't throw yourself at him like you did when you were twelve."

Liz Ebersole does a fine job in the role of Catherine. She too, manifests a startling change: from innocent rapport with her uncle to horror as she learns of his betrayal of her lover.

Adam Conger gives a sterling performance as the object of her affection Rodolpho. This is a complex role. Eddie jokes about

his manhood, "he sings, he cooks, he could make dresses. He ain't right." Conger hints at effeminacy, but in the end he's truly a man.

Kenneth Hannan is very good as Rodolpho's older brother, Marco. At first congenial, he spits in Eddie's face when betrayed. Demanding return of his good name, Eddie confronts Marco. Eddie is killed and dies with "Why?" If only Eddie had learned to settle for half.

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LOCAL HAUNTS

Here are some local haunts to check out during this scream season.

■ Tenth Annual Haunted Theatre, presented by the Palace Theatre Company - 35164 West Michigan Ave., (1 block west of Wayne Road, 2 miles east of I-275, Exit 22), Wayne, 7-11 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 31, adults \$5, children 12 and under, \$2.50, (313) 728-SHOW.

■ Haunted Winery, sponsored by Farmington Historical Commission, - 31505 Grand River, (just west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington, 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$3, Family of four (2 adults, 2 children) \$15, (248) 477-8833 (after 5 p.m.)

■ Krazy Hilda's Trail of Terrors - Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford Road, (4 miles west of I-275 at the corner of Ford and Beck Roads), Canton, 7-10:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30; 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday Oct. 31. Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$4.50, (313) 495-1108.

■ Livonia Jaycees: Haunted Halls of Doom - Wonderland Mall (corner of Plymouth Road and Middlebelt, 1 mile south of I-

96), Livonia, 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. Adults \$5, children under 12, \$3, (313) 532-1161.

■ Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, Haunted Warehouse, 340 N. Main Street, (at the railroad tracks, behind the Plymouth Landing Restaurant), Plymouth 7-11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30; 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday Oct. 31. Adults \$6, children 12 and under \$5.

■ Redford Jaycees, Haunted House - 15534 Beech Daly (two blocks north of Five Mile Road), Redford, 7:30-11 p.m. to Friday, Oct. 31. Adults \$6, children under 10, \$4.

■ Pipe Screams - 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River, Detroit. The American Guild of Organists and the Motor City Theatre Society will

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■ Pumpkin Fest - Wilson Barn, (Middlebelt at West Chicago), Livonia, pony rides, cider, doughnuts and pumpkins available for purchase, 10 a.m. to dusk, through Friday, Oct. 31, (313) 466-2410.

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THE FISHER THEATRE
"Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a comedy written by comedian/actor Steve Martin starring Paul Provenza and Mark Nelson, Tuesday, Nov. 4-Sunday, Nov. 16, at the theater in the Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$18-\$38), 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (\$12.50-\$32.50), 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$12.50-\$32.50), and 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$12.50-\$32.50). (313) 872-1000

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"Three Tall Women," a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by Edward Albee, through Sunday, Nov. 16, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays (\$22), 2 p.m. Wednesdays (\$22), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$26.50), 2 p.m. Saturdays (\$22), 6 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 8 p.m. Saturdays (\$32), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$22), and 6:30 p.m. Sundays (\$26.50). Student, senior and group discounts available. (248) 377-3300

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"Othello" by William Shakespeare, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, "The Lady's Not For Burning" by Christopher Fry 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8 at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
"A View From the Bridge," by Arthur Miller, dinner theater performances 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1 (\$19), theater only Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8 (\$8), Liberal Arts Theatre at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4409

STUDIO THEATRE
"A Woman Called Truth" by Sandra Fenichel, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30-Saturday, Nov. 1, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at the theater below the Hilberry Theatre on the Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER FARMINGTON PLAYERS
Adult comedy, "Sylvia" by A.R. Gurney, Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through Nov. 22; additional show 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. \$8 (248) 553-2955

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS
"The Sound of Music," 8 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays through Sunday, Nov. 9, at Aaron DeRoy Studio Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$18, \$15 seniors, \$13.60 students. (248) 288-1508/(248) 354-0545

JACK IN THE BOX PRODUCTIONS
"Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll," a critically acclaimed play by Eric Bogosian featuring a series of contemporary monologues illustrating the disasters in store for people becoming involved with sex, drugs or rock & roll, 8 p.m.



Featured soloist: Renowned Canadian pianist Jon Kimura Parker will appear with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets are \$42 to \$17 (box seats: \$60), call (313) 833-3700. At 7 p.m. on Friday, Parker will participate in a Pre-concert Conversation moderated by DSO General Manager Paul Chummers. This series of informal discussions about music takes place every Friday evening at 7 p.m. on the Orchestra Hall stage. Pre-concert Conversations are free to all Friday evening ticket holders.

Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 7-8, 14-15 and 6 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 9, 16 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$5. (313) 422-6-JKB
STAGECRAFTERS
"Beyond Therapy," by Christopher Durang, through Sunday, Nov. 2, on Stagecrafters' 2nd Stage in the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. \$7. (248) 541-6430.
VILLAGE PLAYERS
"Rehearsal for Murder," adapted by D.D. Brooke, scheduled to open 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut, Birmingham has been postponed until January. The Village Players will open their season on Dec. 5. Call (248) 644-2075 for information.

YOUTH

GENIETT'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
"One Very Scary Night," the story of a girl named Tina who eats too much candy and dreams about some interesting characters," 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and Saturday, Nov. 1, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$11.65 adults, \$9.65 children, includes a mini-lunch of soup, bread, pasta, chicken legs and dessert. (248) 349-0522
FIRST THEATRE GUILD
"Hansel and Gretel" weekends Friday, Oct. 31-Sunday, Nov. 9, First Presbyterian Church, Maple Road just east of Cranbrook. 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1-Sunday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9. \$5. (248) 642-6712
TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
"Freeing the Actor Within," classes for ages 10 and older with Laura Gumina and Thomas Malcolm Olson, 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Dec. 2 and 9, at the playhouse, 38840 W. Six Mile and I-275, Livonia. \$50. (313) 464-6302

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTSHARE
6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, gala reception, sale and auction of fine art with host Huel Perkins of WJBK Fox 2, artists on exhibit include Sergio De Giusti, John Albert Murphy, Joanne Blau Bellel, Fredrick Birkhill, David Ellison, Urban Jupena, Pewabic Pottery, and students from Southfield-Lathrup High School and Detroit Public Schools, music by Alexander Zonjic and Friends, in the Garden Atrium of Southfield Town Center, 2000 Tower. \$50, to benefit the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center for abused children and families in crises. (248) 626-7527, ext. 3115
"THE CALLING AND THE COURAGE"
"The Calling and the Courage, an Interpretive Exhibition on the History of African-American Education," runs through Saturday, Nov. 15, next to Saks Fifth Avenue in Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. The Calling and the

Courage chronicles the dedicated and courageous men and women who, because of religious and moral convictions, heeded a call in the face of difficulty, and sometimes danger, to bring education to African Americans. (313) 593-3330
DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE'S BLACK TIE HOMECOMING
Black tie affair honoring the Detroit Repertory Theatre "for being a great artistic connector," and its alumni including Vondri Curtis Hall of "Die Hard," and "Coming to America," director of "Gridlock," Emmy nominee for "ER," and star of "Chicago Hope," 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$40. (313) 868-1347
DIA DE MUERTOS
Mexicantown celebrates Day of the Dead, a traditional holiday dating back to the pre-hispanic period, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day) and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 (All Souls' Day), considered as one holiday in Mexico; community ofrenda (altar), live entertainment, craft demonstrations, children's activities at the Mexicantown Center, 4114 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit. Hops shuttle bus 1-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday to ofrendas at Casa de Unidad, Centro Cultural Mexicana, Teen Memorial Mural, and United Farm Workers/UAW and El Central offices. Free. (313) 842-0450
HYPNOSIS SHOW
With Jim Hoke, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, The Wunderground Theater, 110 S. Main St., Royal Oak. \$5; 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Alpine Comedy Connection, 6706 E. Highland Road (M-59), White Lake. Two-drink minimum. (248) 546-1123/(248) 887-8090

MICHIGAN DEPRESSION GLASS SHOW
Michigan Depression Glass Society features 30 dealers from 10 states selling glassware manufactured between the early 1900s and 1950s, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1-Sunday, Nov. 2, guest appearances by glass author Gene Florence and Teri Steele of Depression Glass Daze newspaper at the Dearborn Civic Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. (near Greenfield), Dearborn. \$3, includes both days. (313) 421-3098

FAMILY EVENTS

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
"Dinner Theatre," an evening of enlightening entertainment with storyteller Linda Day, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, patrons should bring dinner, library will supply punch, in the Rotary Room, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham. Registration required. (248) 647-1700
PIPE SCREAMS
8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, the Motore City Theatre Organ Society and American Guild of Organists present an evening of music by Lance Luce, Tony O'Brien, Lawrence Picard, Joanne Vollendorf-Rickards, Ronald Prowse, and Robert Moncrief and their favorite fun and spooky musical renditions at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River,

Detroit. Free, costumes are optional. (313) 591-6444

TEDDY BEAR TEA
With "Mr. Magic" Ronnie Cee, ventriloquist/humorist/author of "The Magic Telescope," Richard Paul, and Jean Cane "Mrs. Santa Claus," 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. \$10, \$8 for children younger than 12, includes admission to the Festival of Trees. Send a check payable to Festival of Trees, c/o The Teddy Bear Hotline, 1334 Shenandoah, Rochester Hills, 48306. Benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan. (248) 650-8733
ZOO BOO

Parents and children can experience the Halloween trail with lighted jack-o-lanterns as well as gourds and pumpkins carved in the shape of animals, 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Oct. 31, Detroit Zoo at 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak. Trick-or-treat stations will be set up. \$3, free for children younger than 2. (248) 541-5835

HAUNTED HOUSES

HAUNTED THEATERS
Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Oct. 31, at Wayne Theater, 35164 W. Michigan Ave. (one block west of Wayne Road), Wayne. \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and under. Proceeds to Historic Wayne Theater Restoration Fund. (313) 728-SHOW; 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Oct. 31, The Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave., West, Windsor, Ontario. \$5 Canadian. (519) 253-8065
HOUSE OF NIGHTMARES
7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, at 14057 E. Nine Mile behind St. Leonard Parish, (east of Schoenherr, west of Gratiot). \$10 adults, \$5 children. Proceeds to Warren/Centre Line Special Education Program. (810) 445-6730
INDUSTRY NIGHTCLUB
"The Temple of Terror," the haunted third level of the club, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at the club, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charges vary. 21 and older. (248) 334-1999
NIGHTMARE ON ORCHARD LAKE
7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Friday, Oct. 31 on Orchard Lake Road (south of 14 Mile Road), Farmington Hills. \$5, with proceeds to Farmington Area Jaycees. (248) 477-5227

SIL0 X
A haunted missile silo with radioactive mutants controlling the military bases, 7:30 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Oct. 31, C.J. Barrymore's, 21750 Hall Road (two miles west of I-94, and four miles east of Lakeside Mall), Clinton Township, and in a field next to the Hitch House in the 54000 block of Grand River Avenue (between Wixom and Milford roads), New Hudson. \$12, with \$2 discount coupons for Thursday and Sunday visits available at Little Caesar's stores.

Recommended for children ages 9 and older. (888) 222-4088 or http://www.hauntedamerica.com

CLASSICAL

CLASSICAL BELLS
Featuring arrangements of melodies from classical to jazz, as well original compositions for handbells, 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave. (at Burns), Detroit. Admission charge. (313) 822-3456
DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With conductor Leslie B. Dunner and pianist Jon Kimura Parker performs Wagner's "Overture to Tannhauser," Barber's "Piano Concerto," and Schumann's "Symphony No. 4," 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1; With conductor Neeme Jarvi and violinist Isaac Stern, performing works from Beethoven, Stravinsky, and Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6-Friday, Nov. 7, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (313) 833-3700

FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES
Full orchestra and choir with baritone Marc Meyers and soprano Larissa Gleason-Clark perform Brahms' "Requiem," 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham. Free. (248) 644-0820

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Klassical Kaleidoscope" featuring pianists Anna Sorokhtei and Virginia Weckstrom in Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Churchill High School Auditorium on Newburgh north of Joy Road, Livonia. \$12.50. (313) 421-1111/464-2741

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, piano and violin recital by Linette Popoff-Parks, music department chair and Velda Kelly, a Farmington resident and member of Michigan Opera Theatre orchestra in Kresge Hall, 36600 Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Donation to music scholarship fund. (313) 432-5709

MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Featuring outstanding young pianist Joshua Cullen 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, \$10 seniors/students, \$50 for series of three concerts. (248) 601-MCSO

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The Three Baritones, "Metropolitan Opera Legend, featuring Pablo Elvira, Dino Valle, Quinto Millito, and bayanist Peter Soave, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15, \$10, (313) 451-2112
U-M UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Performs program commemorating the 150th anniversary of Felix Mendelssohn's death, and the 100th anniversary of Brahms' death, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 764-0594

POPS

RICHARD FRACKER
Metropolitan Opera tenor performs selections from Broadway productions such as "Company," "Carousel," and "West Side Story," with soprano Julia Broxholm, as part of "ENCORE: A Labor of Love," Friday, Nov. 7, Washtenaw Community College's Towlesley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$25, \$5 for WCC students. (313) 973-3665

AUDITIONS

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE
Holds auditions for chorus and small roles in "Porgy and Bess," Wednesday, Nov. 5, at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Positions are available for male and female singers in all vocal categories. Those selected will be granted a professional contract and compensated for rehearsals and performances, May 30-June 14. For an appointment, call (313) 874-7873
HAND BELLS CHOIR
Harbor Bells of West Bloomfield, an English secular handbell choir, has openings for ringers who are 18 years or older and can read music fluently. Rehearsals are once a week from September through June. For more information, or to schedule an audition, call (248) 681-6453.
TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for teens for spring production of "Into the Woods" 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Bring music that shows your vocal range. Be prepared to dance. (313) 535-8962
WYANDOTTE COMMUNITY THEATRE
Auditions for 18 men, five women for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at Morrison School of Dance, 1518 Northline Road, Wyandotte, and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 at Wilson Middle

School, 1275 15th St., Wyandotte. Performances scheduled Feb. 20-21, 27-28. (313) 283-6008

CHORAL

SECOND OPINION
A trio of women singers with harmony and energy sing songs of peace and justice Saturday, Nov. 8, Swords into Plowshares Peace Center, 23 E. Adams, Detroit. \$20, to benefit Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, and Central United Method Church 175th anniversary. (313) 963-7575
OKLAND SINGERS AND OKLAND SINGERS ENCORE
3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham. Free, donations accepted at door. (248) 471-7281
UKRAINIAN BANDURA CHORUS OF NORTH AMERICA
7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, concert of Ukrainian vocal and bandura music including traditional folk and minstrel songs, religious, and contemporary Ukrainian songs at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road and Hall (M-59) Road, Clinton Township. \$23 adults, \$21 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(248) 645-6666

JAZZ

LYNNE ARRIALE TRIO
9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$10. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310
"AUTUMN JAZZ CONCERT"
Featuring Henry Ford Community College's instrumental and vocal groups, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Aday Auditorium in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$12 at HFCC's cashier's office in the administration building or by calling Rick Goward at (313) 845-6470. Proceeds benefit HFCC music students.

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Oct. 30, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
JOE HENDERSON AND FRIENDS
"Celebration of George Gershwin's Centennial," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$26.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 872-1000

PHIL LASLEY TRIO
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
MICHIGAN JAZZ FESTIVAL
Benefit Jazz Brunch noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, brunch and music by the Matt Michaels Trio with guest artists saxophonist Russ Miller and Ron Kischuk, trombone in the Waterman Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. \$22.50. Must be purchased in advance. (248) 474-2720/437-9468
MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1 at D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road and M-59, Rochester Hills. (248) 852-0550

SAX APPEAL
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Peabody's, 154 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. (248) 644-5222
GARY SCHUNK TRIO
8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150
JAMES TAYLOR QUARTET
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (jazz/funk) (248) 333-2362
ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1, Thai-Chi Express, 630 Woodward Ave. (two blocks north of Jefferson Avenue), Detroit. \$7.50. 21 and older. (313) 963-8424

WORLD MUSIC

"CELTIC NEW YEAR CELEBRATION"
With performances by Charlie Taylor, Odd Enough, Mike O'Brien, and Corktown, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Gaelic League/Irish-American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave. (two blocks west of Tiger Stadium), Detroit. Irish books, T-shirts, tapes and other items will be on sale. \$5. 21 and older. (Celtic) (313) 839-4932
celia cruz
"Queen of Salsa" performs with Jose Alberto "El Canario," 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$20-\$36. All ages. (800) 221-1229
IMMUNITY
10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Woody's Diner, 208 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (248) 543-6911
JOHN MCDERMOTT
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, Chrysler

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Christina Fuoco; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (313) 591-7279

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Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$25 for main floor and \$22.50 balcony seats (Canadian dollars). Prices include GST. (Scottish tenor) (800) 387-9181

LEE "SCRATCH" PERRY
With Mad Professor, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (313) 833-9700

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

EILEEN MCGANN
With Jim Bertin and George Garcia (a.k.a. George And Me), 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, as part of the Off The Wall Acoustic Coffee House at St. William parish hall, 531 Common St., Walled Lake. \$10, \$20 family rate, \$7.50 students. (248) 624-1420

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9, \$8 members, students and seniors. All ages. (313) 761-1800

DANCE

ANN ARBOR CONTRA
Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance offers sessions with callers Bruce Hamilton and Carol Ormand with music by Footloose (North Carolina) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, beginners welcome, no partner needed, bring soft-soled shoes for dancing at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, 1/4 mile south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (313) 769-1052. Other weekend events include Saturday night's dance and Sunday morning's advanced English country dance by registration only (313) 483-2291

BALLROOM DANCING
3-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, music by the Varitones at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$4. (248) 689-3636

FLAMENCO MUSIC AND DANCE
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, with Maria Durante and Jean Agopian at Espresso Royal Cafe, 214 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (313) 668-1838

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB OF LIVONIA
November dinner/dance with buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing with music by The Walter Lipiec Band from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, Italian-American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$17.50. Reservation deadline Tuesday, Nov. 4. (313) 534-5924

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
7:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 1, country western dancing to DJ music at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 WSD members. (313) 526-9432/(810) 573-499311

COMEDY

BLUE OX COMEDY CLUB
Halloween party featuring Ross Amicucci with Mario 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Lumberjack's Tavern, 1655 Glengary, Walled Lake. \$8. 21 and over. (248) 624-6007

ANDRE-PHILIPPE GAGNON
8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, Chrysler Theatre in the Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. \$36.50 Canadian, includes GST. (800) 387-9181

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Billy Ray Bauer and Rich Higginbottom, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 (free), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1 (\$10); K.P. Anderson and Nick Swardson, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 (free), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8, at the club, 36071 Plymouth Road, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (313) 261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Mike Hessman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 (\$7), Friday-Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 (\$10) at 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Jackie Flynn of the movie "Kingpin," and J.R. Remick, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1 (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 (\$6); Keith Ruff and Jim Klein, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5-Thursday, Nov. 6 (\$6); The Amazing Jonathan and Jim Klein, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8 (\$17.50), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 (\$15), at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Generation X Files" through December at the club, 2301

Woodward Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs a free improvisational comedy set after Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday shows, and the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$14 Thursdays, \$17.50 Fridays, \$19.50 Saturdays, and \$12 Sundays and Wednesdays. The show's title is reflective of current cultural trends, not necessarily the show's content. (313) 965-2222

RUSSELL SIMMONS DEF COMEDY JAM
Hosted by Sommore, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25. All ages. (248) 433-1515

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM
October demonstration "Firehouse to the Future," 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays at the museum, 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. Museum hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. \$2.50 students, seniors, children, \$4 adults. (313) 995-KIDS

DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger, Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include: "Super Speedway," 10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; "Special Effects," 12:20 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Saturdays, and 1:45 p.m. Sundays; "Destiny in Space," 12:45 p.m. Sundays, at the museum, 5020 John R. (at Warren Road), Detroit. \$6.75 for adults, \$4.75 for youths 3-17, and seniors 60 and older, includes one screening of an IMAX film, a visit to the Exhibit Floor, a live science demonstration in the Discovery Theatre and a short laser presentation. \$2.50 for each additional IMAX movie. Discounts available to groups to 10 or more. Hours are: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and 12:30 p.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. (313) 577-8400 or <http://www.sciencedetroit.org>

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
"Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou," the first comprehensive exhibition to explore the arts produced within this religion, runs from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays through Sunday, Dec. 28, at The Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave. (at Brush St.), Detroit. "Sacred Arts" features a wide spectrum of art objects including sequined flags, sacred bottles, pots, painted calabashes, beaded rattles, bound medicine packets, dolls, cosmographs, musical instruments, multi-media assemblages and contemporary paintings. The exhibit is rated PG-13 as some of the images in Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou may not be suitable for children ages 13 and under, or individuals sensitive to graphic images. Adult supervision is suggested. \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. (313) 494-5800.

POPULAR MUSIC

ACES HIGH
With Bobby Beyond Atlantic, and Super Flu, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

AGNOSTIC FRONT
With Vision, Cold As Life, and Hate Breed, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (N.Y. hardcore) (313) 961-MELT

HOWIE B.
U2's DJ performs as part of Three Floors of Fun, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$5. 18 and older. (techno) (313) 961-MELT

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, O'Mara's, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8, Wine Cask Inn, 22100 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights. Cover charge. 21

and older. (rock) (248) 399-POOL

TOMMY D BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1, Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 624-5840

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CIGAR STORE INDIANS
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It's About Time: Sharon Bida invites the public to her studio where she offers clocks and sculpture assembled from found objects, painting, collage, and jewelry for sale noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2 at 11356 Overdale Court, off Sandalwood Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For more information, call (313) 455-6025.

6750/(313) 730-1627

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
Performs as part of Sisko's 20th anniversary party, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at the club, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (jump blues) (313) 278-5340/(313) 996-8555

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DINOSAUR JR.
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

TANYA DONELLY
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$11 in advance. 18 and older. (pop) (248) 335-8100

DREAM THEATER
7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door. All ages. (metal) (313) 961-MELT

EN VOGUE
With Something for the People, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 and \$35. All ages. (R&B) (248) 433-1515

EVERCLEAR
With Our Lady Peace, and Letters to Cleo, 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

DARYL HALL AND JOHN OATES
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$15. Superfan seating available. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100

WAYNE "THE TRAIN" HANCOCK
With Gino and The Lone Valley Boys, The Starlight Drifters, and Good Medicine Band, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, as part of the Honky Tonk Halloween Bash at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 544-3030

HARM'S WAY
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

THE HATCHETMEN
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

HOMUNCULUS
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

ILLEGAL
With Face, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Rock nightclub, 16350 Harper Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 881-ROCK

THE INCURABLES
Annual Halloween party with a costume contest, prizes and giveaways. 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Bullfrog Tavern, 15414 Telegraph Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477

JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

JANE'S ADDICTION
Featuring singer Perry Farrell, guitarist Dave Navarro, drummer Stephen Perkins, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist Flea, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, State Fair Coliseum, 1120 State Fairgrounds, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 368-1000

MICHAEL KATON
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7-Saturday, Nov. 8, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (boogie blues) (313) 581-3650

KILLER FLAMINGOS
With Brilliant, Sunglasses After Dark, Broken Toys, Grim, Miracleberries, and Artistik Koma, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. \$7, with partial proceeds to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. All ages. (variety) (313) 284-8620

JOE LABEAU AND THE COOL FLAMES
7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, The Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

JOHN D. LAMB
With his band, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Mr. B's Farm, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (248) 349-7038

K.D. LANG
8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$37.50, \$30. All ages. (country) (248) 433-1515

LITTLE MIKE AND THE TORNADOS
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Soup Kitchen Saloon, 1585 Franklin St. (at Orleans), Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 259-2643

MASCHINA
9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 485-5050

MATCHBOX 20
With Lily Hayden, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, State Theatre, 2215 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-5451

SARAH MCLACHLAN
With Madeleine Peyroux, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (pop) (248) 433-1515/(313) 983-6611

FOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 349-9110

MOTOR CITY JOSH AND THE BIG 3
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433/(248) 644-4800

MOTOR JAM
10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Mr. Sport's, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 532-7420

MUDPUDDY
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

STEVE NARDELLA
9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30-Friday, Oct. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

KARI NEWHOUSE BAND
With Variac and The Autumn's, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

19 WHEELS
With The Atomic Numbers, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave. (two blocks south of Nine Mile Road), Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (248) 546-3696

MIKE NOLAN BAND
10 p.m.-1 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 349-9110

ROBERT NOLL AND THE MISSION
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

WALLY PLEASANT
8 p.m. Tuesdays in November, Woodward Avenue Brewers, 22646 Woodward Ave. (two blocks south of Nine Mile Road), Ferndale. Free. 21 and older. (quirky acoustic pop) (248) 546-3696

PRIMUS
With Limp Bizkit and Powerman 5000, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$18.50. All ages. (bass-driven alternative rock/punk/rock) (313) 961-5451

GARY RASMUSSEN
With Tim Diaz and Dion Roddy, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Royal Oak Brewery, 210 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 545-1141

RATDOG
With From Good Homes, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at

Ticketmaster. All ages. (Deadhead) (313) 961-5451

MANSON RUFNER
9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

ROGER RUSSO AND THE DETROIT ALL-STARS
9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, Buck's Place, 23845 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 274-6005

SGT. ROCK
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31-Saturday, Nov. 1, Woodbridge Tavern, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (classic rock covers) (313)

SIXTEEN DELUXE
With Little Red Rocket, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

STEVE SOMERS BAND
With Valerie Barrymore, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4-Wednesday, Nov. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

SPRING HEEL JACK
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. All ages. (techno) (313) 961-MELT

SUPRA ARGO
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

TONIC
7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

U2
With Smash Mouth, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (pop) (248) 645-6666

VIETNAM PROM
With Helium Bomb, 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355</

MOVIES

'A Life Less Ordinary' not the usual comedy fare



JOHN MONAGHAN

"Shallow Grave" may be tighter; "Trainspotting" more outrageous and in-your-face. But if you really want to see where Danny Boyle's head is at, then check out "A Life Less Ordinary," the Scottish director's third and

quirkiest feature. The recommendation comes with a warning. This is not the best movie of the year. In fact, much of it doesn't work at all. But Boyle and his compadres (including producer Andrew Macdonald and writer John Hodge) bounce so many crazy ideas at you that the whole enterprise entertains despite itself.

Borrowing freely from old screwball comedies (especially

"It Happened One Night"), a recently fired janitor (Ewan McGregor) kidnaps a spoiled heiress (Cameron Diaz), daughter of the man that fired him. Once safely away, he has no idea what to do with her.

The twist is: She doesn't mind being kidnapped (it's happened before) and ends up giving him lessons so that he doesn't botch the job. The whole ordeal, it turns out, has been orchestrated by a pair of angels (played by Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo). According to heavenly law, they must happily unite these two star-crossed lovers or spend eternity stuck back on earth.

In a clever treatise on the way movies work, the angels decide to place them in perpetual jeopardy. After all, how many movies have you seen where a mismatched couple becomes lovers after a few close brushes with death?

Hunter, especially, is a hoot. Outfitted with a mane of Breck

Girl blonde hair and Nancy Sinatra boots made for walkin', her portrayal lurches back and forth between a cigar-chewing bounty hunter to a Bond-style Russian agent. She's obviously having a ball so why can't we?

Much of the charm in "A Life Less Ordinary" lies in Boyle regular McGregor ("Trainspotting's" memorable toilet diver), who plays loser Robert as a likable slacker with a lousy haircut. After losing his job, his girlfriend, his apartment and car in a single day, Robert does the impossible by growing more hapless as the film goes on.

The leggy Diaz, in her most substantial role to date, is one of the film's wild cards. In moments she's incredible, like the pleading call she makes to her father, pretending that she's tortured. But in the longer bouts of dialogue with McGregor, she's emotionally out of her depth.

"A Life Less Ordinary" gives Diaz her second opportunity this

year to croak through a karaoke song, this time in a redneck bar where kidnapper and kidnappee step out for a night on the town.

The resulting dream sequence become yet another clever movie reference, with the black-clad Diaz striking a classic Ann Margaret pose from "Viva Las Vegas."

Far more fun than someone like Godard (who the movie also owes a debt to) would have made it, "Life" goes on with one improvised idea after another. If this one doesn't work, another clever shot or plot twist is close behind.

Though not everyone's cup of tea, the movie has received a surprising number of pans, especially by those so kind to Oliver Stone's criminal "U-Turn." While both take on the overindulged road movie genre, Boyle's trip is the one worth taking.

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.



Comedy: Ewan McGregor and kidnap "victim" Cameron Diaz take a break in "A Life Less Ordinary."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

General Cinemas	PLAYING GOD (R) I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) 7 YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) ROCKET MAN (PG) MOST WANTED (R) GANG RELATED (R)	CALL FOR SATURDAY SHOWTIMES FRIDAY - THURSDAY No one under 6 admitted for PG-13 & R rated films after 6 pm	SOUL FOOD (R) NV KISS THE GIRLS (R) NV IN AND OUT (PG-13) NV THE EDGE (R) NV MEN IN BLACK (PG-13) THE GAME (R)	Free Refill on Drinks & Popcorn Please Call Theatre for Showtimes
Canton 6 Ford Rd., 1 Mi west of I-275* 981-1900 Advanced same-day tickets available *Denotes VP restrictions. Friday thru Thursday	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	NP DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R) SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) KISS THE GIRLS (R) THE EDGE (R) THE PEACEMAKER (R) IN AND OUT (PG-13) THE GAME (R)	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	CONSPIRACY THEORY (R) HERCULES (G) MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING (PG-13)
Novi Town Center 8 Novi Rd. South of I-96 344-0077 Advance same-day tickets available FRIDAY THRU THURSDAY *DENOTES VP RESTRICTIONS	Showcase Pontiac 1-5 Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W side of Telegraph 810-332-0241 Bargain Matinees Daily * All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily*	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	United Artists Oakland Inside Oakland Mall 810-585-7041	99c Livonia Mall Livonia Mall at 7 mile 810-476-8800 ALL SEATS 99c ALL SHOWS FREE Refill on Drinks & Popcorn FREE SHOWS DAILY FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER ADULTS 99c THIS FEATURE ONLY
DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R) SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R) THE PEACEMAKER (R) GATTACA (PG-13) PLAYING GOD (R) AIR FORCE ONE (R) THE GAME (R) FULL MONTY (R)	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	NP DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R) NP I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) NP SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) KISS THE GIRLS (R) THE PEACEMAKER (R) THE EDGE (R) IN AND OUT (PG-13) L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R)	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	CONSPIRACY THEORY (R) FIRE DOWN BELOW (R) HERCULES (G) SPAWN (PG) GOODBURGER (PG)
Keego Twin Cinema Orchard Lake Rd. at Cass Lake Rd. 682-1900 All Seats \$1.50 before 6 pm Family Matinee Fri-Sat-Sun	Showcase Pontiac 6-12 2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph 810-334-6777 Bargain Matinees Daily * All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Fri & Sat	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	United Artists 12 Oaks Inside Twelve Oaks Mall 810-585-7041	Waterford Cinema II 7501 Highland Rd. S.E. corner M-59 & Williams Lake Rd. 24 Hour Movie Line (810) 666-7900 \$3.25 (TWT-LITE) SHOWS DAILY
HERCULES (G) CONSPIRACY THEORY (R) EVENT HORIZON (R)	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	NP BOOGIE (R) NP FAIRY TALE-A TRUE STORY NP GATTACA (PG-13) NP THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R) NP I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) NP PLAYING GOD (R) NP SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) NP ROCKET MAN (PG) SOUL FOOD (R) THE EDGE (R) THE PEACEMAKER (R) IN AND OUT (PG-13) L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R) KISS THE GIRLS (R)	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	FAIRY TALE (PG) GATTACA (PG-13) LIFE LESS ORDINARY (R) I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) PLAYING GOD (R) DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R) SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) ROCKET MAN (PG) KISS THE GIRLS (R) THE EDGE (R) PEACEMAKER (R) IN AND OUT (PG-13)
National Amusements Showcase Cinemas	Quo Vadis Warren & Wayne Rds 313-425-7700 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed-Thurs. Fri. & Sat.	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	Birmingham Theatre 211 S. Woodward Downtown Birmingham 248-644-3419 NP Denotes No Pass Engagements	Terrace Cinema 30400 Plymouth Rd. 313-261-3330 All shows \$1 except shows after 6 pm * All shows \$1.50 75c every Tuesday Would you like to see free movies? Then become a "FREQUENT VIEWER!" COME IN AND FIND OUT HOW
FAIRY TALE (PG) GATTACA (PG-13) DEVIL'S ADVOCATE (R) PLAYING GOD (R) I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER (R) MOST WANTED (R) ROCKET MAN (PG) 7 YEARS IN TIBET (PG-13) GANG RELATED (R) KISS THE GIRLS (R) SOUL FOOD (R) L.A. CONFIDENTIAL (R) PEACEMAKER (R) IN AND OUT (PG-13)	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	Star Southfield 12 Mile between Telegraph and Northwestern, Off I-696 248-333-STAR No one under age 6 admitted for PG-13 & R rated films after 6 pm	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	WASHINGTON SQUARE (PG) THE FULL MONTY (R) LA PROMESSE (NR) THE MYTH OF FINGERPRINTS (R)
Star Theatres The World's Best Theatres Bargain Matinees Daily \$4.00 All Shows Starting before 6:00 pm Now accepting Visa & MasterCard *NP Denotes No Pass Engagement	Showcase Westland 1-8 6800 Wayne Rd. One blk. S. of Warren Rd. 313-729-1060 Bargain Matinees Daily All Shows Until 6 pm Continuous Shows Daily Late Shows Wed-Thurs. Fri. & Sat.	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	Star Winchester 1136 S. Rochester Rd, Winchester Mall 248-656-1160 No one under age 6 admitted for PG-13 & R rated films after 6 pm	Main Art Theatre II Main - 11 Mile Royal Oak (248) 542-0180 \$3.00 (TWT-LITE) SHOWS DAILY
Star John R at I-75 32289 John R. Road 810-545-2070	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	United Artists Fairlane Fairlane Town Center Valet Parking Available 313-593-4790	CALL FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS AND TIMES	WASHINGTON SQUARE (PG) THE FULL MONTY (R) LA PROMESSE (NR) THE MYTH OF FINGERPRINTS (R)
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 31

"ICE STORM"

Based on Rick Moody's extraordinary confessional novel of life in the high '70s, a comic and tragic look at a culture foundering in the backwash of the sexual revolution. Stars Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Joan Allen, Jamey Sheridan.

"RED CORNER"

Courtroom thriller about a high-powered attorney who travels to China to broker a multi-million dollar television deal only to be accused of murder. Stars Richard Gere, Bradley Whitford, Bai Ling, Byron Mann.

"SWITCHBACK"

A FBI agent fines himself in a cat and mouse game with a brilliant-minded serial killer who has kidnapped his son. Stars Dennis Quaid, Danny Glover. Scheduled to open Friday, Nov. 7

"MAD CITY"

Two strangers struggling with their fates accidentally cross paths at a pivotal moment. They form a bond of mutual need that is so profound it will forever change the course of their lives. Stars Dustin Hoffman, John Aida, Mia Kirshner, Alan Aida.

"STARSHIP TROOPERS"

A tale of the future that charts the lives of elite members of the Mobile Infantry, a corps of dedicated young men and women soldiers fighting side by side in the ultimate intergalactic war - the battle to save humankind. Based on the book by Robert A. Heinlein. Stars Casper Van Dien, Dina Meyer, Denise Richards.

"TELLING LIES IN AMERICA"

The story of a Hungarian immigrant boy's experiences in the world of rock and roll radio and his assimilation into American society in the early 1960s. Stars Kevin Bacon, Brad Renfro.

"WINGS OF THE DOVE"

In this big screen version of the popular British sitcom a quiet but spastic muse-



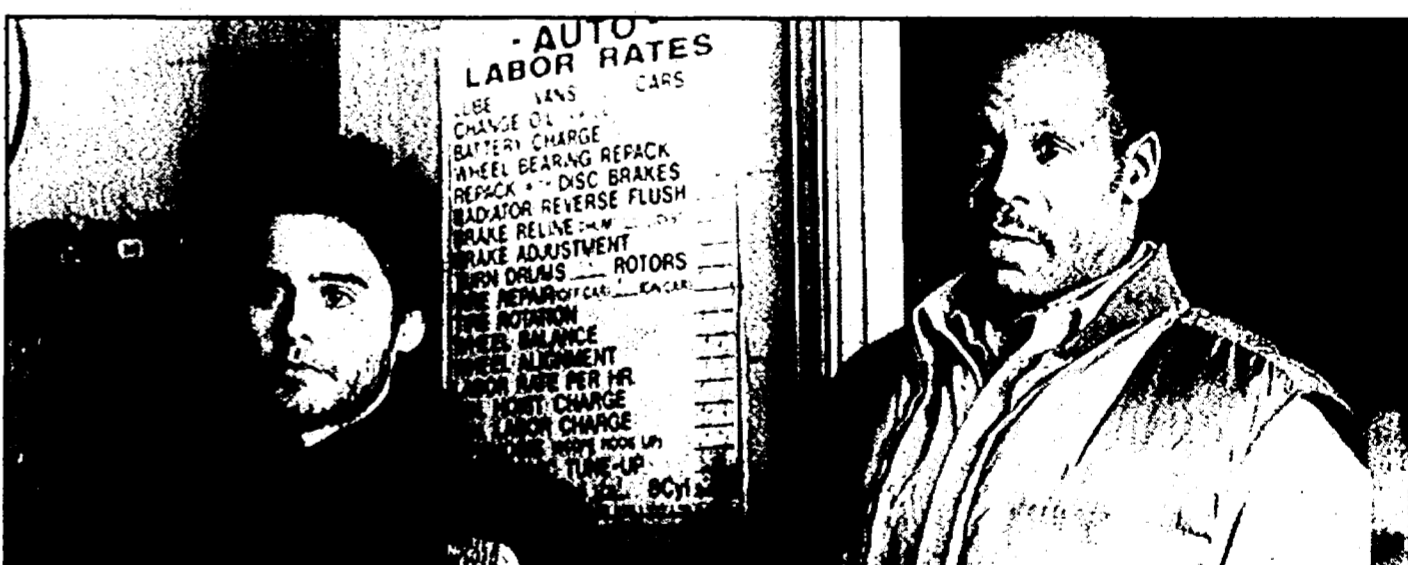
Drama: Catherine Sloper (Jennifer Jason Leigh, right) is a shy, awkward but wealthy young woman who suddenly finds herself courted by smooth and dashing, but penniless Morris Townsend (Ben Chaplin) in "Washington Square."

Based on Henry James' passionate turn-of-the-century romance, the story of a woman whose head and heart are in conflict between 19th century values and 20th century passions. Stars Helena Bonham Carter.

um curator finds himself the victim of mistaken identity.

"EVE'S BAYOU" Exclusively at the Main Art. In this mystic tale an eccentric family in a predominantly black Louisiana town is seen through the eyes of a high-spirited 10-year-old girl.

SCREEN SCENE



Crime thriller: Lane Dixon (Jared Leto, left) plays a mysterious drifter who crosses paths with an itinerant railroad worker Bob Godall (Danny Glover) in "Switch-Back."

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Detroit Film Theatre Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5.60; \$4.50 students/seniors)

"M" (Germany-1931). Friday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 2 (call for showtimes). Peter Lorre creates an unforgettable portrait of a child killer who terrorizes Germany between the wars. Directed by Fritz Lang, this early sound classic has been restored by the Munich Film Archive, with seven minutes of additional footage and newly printed subtitles.

"To Speak the Unspeake-able: The Message of Elle Wiesel" (Hungary/France-1996). 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. The film begins with the inauguration of the Holocaust Memorial Museum, then accompanies Nobel Prize-winning author Judit Elek

as he returns to his home in the Carpathian Mountains.

Main Art Theatre 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (248) 542-0180 for information. (\$6.50; \$4 students/seniors)

"The Myth of Fingerprints" (USA-1997). Roy Scheider, Blythe Danner, and Julianne Moore star in this independent drama about a family that must learn to confront hidden truths.

"Washington Square" (USA-1997). Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Albert Finney star in this adaptation of a Henry James novel about an awkward rich girl caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor.

"The Full Monty" (Britain-1997). One of the year's most delightful films is about a group of unemployed steel workers who decide to try their luck as exotic dancers. The only problem: their

non-Chippendales physiques.

"La Promesse" (France-1996). In a district near Antwerp, a 15-year-old boy helps his lying, swindling father run a network of illegal immigrant labor.

Magic Bag Theatre 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (248) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (Britain) 1975. 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30. The audience participation classic where it belongs: in a room full of enthusiastic fans and on a big screen. Don't forget the rice and toast.

Maple Theatre 4135 W. Maple Road (at Telegraph) Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 856-9090 for information. (\$5.75; \$3.75 matinees; \$3 twilight)

"The House of Yes" (USA-1997). A psychological comedy probes the mystery of a family whose strangeness somehow links with the JFK assassination.

STREET SCENE

Everclear surfs into uncharted musical waters



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Fans of Everclear may be a little surprised when they plop the band's latest album "So Much for the Afterglow" into the CD player. Kicking off with a Beach Boys-style introduction, "So Much for the Afterglow" surfs into the uncharted waters of organs, banjos, toy pianos, a three-piece horn section, keyboards, cellos, violins and slide guitars.

"If we made the same record, I think people would be bored with it," singer/guitarist Art Alexakis said of Everclear's 1995 platinum-selling album "Sparkle and Fade."

"It's a lot more grown up, I think. We worked really hard to better define the sound of Everclear and at the same time make it a departure from 'Sparkle and Fade.'"

"One Hit Wonder" features horn arrangements by Alexakis. The Wallflowers' Rami Jaffe plays vox organ on "Normal Like You" and "I Will Buy You a New Life," while the Wild Colonial's violinist Paul Cantelon performs on "Amphetamine" and "Like a California King" making for a richer, fuller sound than found on "Sparkle and Fade."

One of the stand-outs on the album is the hard-driving instru-

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 singer/guitarist

mental "El Distorto de Melodica."

Lyrical, "So Much For the Afterglow" is darker than "Sparkle and Fade" taking on painful relationships, drug addictions, a "poor boy who makes good," and death.

"They're grittier. I kind of went into the closet on this one. I think even though people think the lyrics are darker, I think they all have a lot of hope to them. That's because my characters never really give up, which I think is depressing," said Alexakis during a recent phone conversation from Seattle, Wash., where he was preparing for an in-store performance.

Two common threads run throughout "So Much for the Afterglow."

Some of the songs, such as "I Will Buy You a New Life," deal with the afterglow of achieving a platinum record. "I hate those people who love to tell you/Money is the root of all that kills/They have never been poor/They have never had the joy/Of a welfare Christmas."

The quirky "One Hit Wonder"

takes the listener beyond the standard meaning of the phrase.

"I think a lot of people are one-hit wonders in relationships. They're good at starting them and not good at finishing them. Men are guilty at that a lot more than women. But I think it goes both ways."

The most stunning songs take on the problematic relationships he's had with his parents. "Father of Mine" confronts his estranged father whom he said never paid child support.

"Father of mine/Tell me where have you been/You know I just closed my eyes/my whole world disappeared. Father of mine/take me back to the day/when I was still your golden boy/Back before you went away."

The banjo-driven "Why I Don't Believe in God" is an essay about his relationship with his mother. "I was just eight years old/Heard big words with a horrible sound/Why'd they have to call my school/Tell me my mother had a nervous breakdown."

Alexakis' autobiographical lyrics have had a profound impact on his fans, he explained.

"I talk to a lot of kids and a lot of them have a lot of issues at home," Alexakis said during a recent interview with actress Janeane Garofalo "I get letters that say, 'Art, you've got to help me - my dad's raping my sister' and things like that. I see a therapist because I'm still so (messed) up. And I go to my therapist and my therapist says you

can't be a father to all these kids. You've got to learn to distance yourself from them."

Sprinkled throughout the album are references to people who take anti-depressants. "Normal Like You" includes the line "Since you went away/the Prozac doesn't do it for me anymore/You ought to take your medication everyday/Be a good dog/Live life in a wonderful way."

In "Amphetamine," a slam-dance-friendly song about a recovering drug addict, Alexakis sings "Six months clean/Living sober and right/The doctors tell her/Everything will be all right./Yeah you just take your pill/And everything will be all right."

The thirty something singer, happily married with a young daughter, has been clean since he was 21. In writing songs, he takes from his life and the people around him.

"Everywhere you look there's someone who's on an anti-depressant," Alexakis said. "I've been on them several times. I have a chemical imbalance because of all the drugs I've done, unfortunately. It's a bizarre way to live a life."

Everclear with special guests Our Lady Peace, and Letters to Cleo perform Thursday, Nov. 6, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.



Coming to town: Everclear - from left, Craig Montoya, Greg Eklund, and Art Alexakis.

Backstage Pass takes a look at Albee's '3 Tall Women'

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

Boo! I am all about Halloween! For tonight's Backstage Pass program on Detroit Public Television, I actually wanted to dress up as the imaginary bunny, Harvey, but the producers said they had to "save me from myself." Fine. I hope they leave every door tomorrow night saying, "I got a rock."

Tonight's show has no tricks, a lot of treats and even a little rock. To start off, I thought I'd ask out intrepid theater correspondent Gary Anderson, artistic director of Plowshares Theatre, for his take on Edward Albee's Pulitzer Prize-winning play,

"Three Tall Women." First off, who are these women in flats? "The three actresses in the show all play the same woman at different stages of her life. At the succeeding stages, she's called A, B and C. But only about half the play is delivered in monologue. In fact, in the second act, A, B and C interact.

"One silent male is on stage for the entire play. The women often refer to him, or even address him at times. He's often the impetus for what she says. But he never says anything. The idea of this silent male, who is the woman's son, supposedly was loosely based on Albee's relationship with his mother. He was estranged from his mother, who gave him up at the age of 15. Placing him on stage without any communication symbolizes their lack of dialogue."

OK, but why tall women?

"Albee is a tall man, and his mother was tall. Which is another clue that this play is autobiographical.

"This production will bring out the comedy in the play, and the dynamics of human, female sexuality, which will make it different from the original New York production. The show started off Broadway, then moved to Broadway and was more literal - the audience was engaged more in listening to the words. This staging will try to engage you at a more sensual level. Geoffrey Sherman is directing. Last year, he won 'Best Director' from the Detroit Free Press Theater Excellence Awards for his production of 'Arcadia' by Tom Stoppard. In that production, he similarly brought out a great deal of the passion of the characters in a play that was very literary.

"Three tall women" explores the growth development of a woman in a fashion that probably hasn't been done on stage before. Unfortunately, most plays are written about men for men. Well that stinks. When will it change? "As soon as we get more women writing plays. That's my solution." Good answer.

Speaking of great women writers, we'll also get a field report from our own Nkenge Zola on WDET on the Nov. 1 Day of the Dead celebration at Detroit's Casa de Unidad. "Dia de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, originated in Mexico. It's a ritual holiday of remembrance for the dead, blending many traditions, including Indoos and Catholic traditions. In Mexico, the rituals differ from region to region. And in Detroit, it seems to be more removed from the private, indoor

folk celebrations, to a more communal art aspect, because around 1987 a lot of these ofrendas, or altars, were set up in art centers.

"The first group to set up an ofrenda in the city of Detroit was the Casa de Unidad in 1989. And they invite an artist each year to do one. There's even been one at the DIA in the Diego Rivera court." Casa de Unidad in Southwest Detroit's non-profit, community-based Latino cultural arts organization. They host exhibits featuring various artists throughout the year. This year's ofrenda will be built by artist Hector Perez Tapia.

Zola reports that Detroit's tradition is more and more firmly established. "You'll recognize some familiar traditions. You'll always see the skeletons and the sugar skulls. Usually flowers,

sweets and breads are part of the physical structure of the ofrenda. The idea is that the antepasados, or the spirits of the deceased, will partake of the food spiritually, and that the remaining food will be consumed physically by the living participants."

Rounding out the show, we'll welcome one of Detroit's most celebrated jazz musicians, pianist Bess Bonnier, into the Detroit Public Television studio to perform. Ms. Bonnier has gigged with all the real jazz cats as they've come through town since the '50s. She's absolutely the real deal, and we'll be hearing music off of her new CD, "Love Notes." Our other music guest is Jai, who describes himself as "a mod for the hip hop generation." That's all tonight at 9:30 on Detroit Public Television, Channel 56.

Award-winning comic coming

A. Whitney Brown, an Emmy Award-winning comedy writer, best known for being a featured performer on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" from 1985-1991 will be appearing at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, downtown Ann Arbor, Nov. 6-8.

Tickets are \$9 for the 8:30 p.m. Thursday performance; \$12 for 8

and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances, call (313) 996-9080.

Brown is now a featured performer on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," with Craig Kilborn seen 7 and 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Brown, a notorious political and social satirist, offers a hilarious perspective on current events.

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DINING

Family Buggy makes kids feel special

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Long before there ever was such a thing as a "Happy Meal," Don and Peggy Payne were doing things to make kids happy, and bring them back to their restaurant.

"Everyone knows who makes the decision in the family about where to eat," said Peggy who opened his first Family Buggy 30 years ago this October. "I was interested in the family market. I'm a kid at heart and know what kids like. We really concentrate on kids."

The children's menu, for children 10 years old and younger, is also a coloring book, and comes with a box of fresh, pointy crayons. Buggy Bear, a child-size stuffed animal, sits at the table. On busy nights, children have to share, but get a sticker that says "I had dinner with Buggy Bear." Kiddie diners also get their own special cup, and a puffy sticker when they leave.

A model choo choo train chugs along on a track outlining the dining room. It even goes into the kitchen. It's just one more thing to keep children occupied, and entertained.

"Nice people working for nice people," is the Family Buggy motto, and the Paynes are quick to give credit to their employees. "We are absolutely nothing without our employees," said Don.

Don and Peggy met at Michigan State University where he was majoring in marketing and hotel restaurant institutional management; and she in math. After graduating, they got married, and Peggy went to work as a math teacher, and Don as assistant manager for the Top of the Flame.

From Spartan beginnings, they built their successful restaurants.

"I wanted to work for a small company where I could learn everything," said Don. He was hired to oversee the construction of a new Maple House Pancakes in Troy, and get the place run-

The Family Buggy

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ning and profitable. Don never hid his original intent - learn the business and open my own restaurant.

Once he met his goal, he started looking around for his own place. The company's restaurant on Six Mile Road and Evergreen in Detroit was failing.

"Peggy saved \$5,000, we took over the debt and lease," said Don. "We had nothing to lose. She was 24, I was 25, we were driving used cars and living in an apartment."

They picked Family Buggy as a name because a buggy is a common man's form of transportation. "We got ready to open, and realized we didn't have any money to put in the cash register. Wilson Dairy Company loaned us \$1,000 to get going. They supplied us with milk and ice cream," said Don.

Even after the doors were opened, it wasn't Easy Street. They almost went bust until a newspaper reporter wrote about them. When people in the neighborhood realized there were new owners they came, told their friends, and kept coming.

Family Buggy was also reflective of what was inside. The Paynes decorated with antiques - "they're very warm, interesting

to families and kids, never go out of style, and you can always add to them," said Don. Peggy took care of the wallpapering and painting.

They opened their Livonia restaurant in 1987. The Farmington Hills location was opened in 1976, and the Rochester one in 1983.

The Family Buggy's menu rarely changes, and includes many family recipes. There's something for every appetite, luncheon items can be ordered any time of day.

The Marty Salad - a mixture of crisp greens, shredded Cheddar cheese, bacon bits and red onions tossed in a sweet, creamy dressing is named in honor of the neighbor who invented it.

You won't go away hungry at The Family Buggy, there's lots to choose from. American Pot Roast and Chicken Brochettes are some of the new menu items. You'll also find Special Center Cut Sirloin, Broiled Scrod and Walley, Boop's Smothered Chicken, and Grilled Boneless Pork chops.

Save room for dessert, and if you're not real hungry, but want something sweet, order a Golf Ball Hot Fudge Sundae - a golf



Family dining: Don and Peggy Payne in the restaurant with Buggy Bear, a child-size bear who dines with customers. The Paynes are celebrating the 30th anniversary of their Family Buggy Restaurants.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

ball size scoop of ice cream topped with hot fudge and a cherry perched on top of a golf tee.

Desserts change according to the seasons. The current menu offers pumpkin cheese cake, Dutch Apple Pie and Caramel Apple Sundae. Other year-round favorites are Annette's Turtle Pie and Hot Fudge Ice Cream Brownie.

Before you leave, stop in the gift shop that's stocked with lots of interesting items for kids, including Beanie Babies.

Taking care of customers and employees, and letting them know how much they're appreciated, is important to the Paynes. They have lots of loyal customers, spanning generations,

and employees, many of whom have been with them more than 20 years. Employees who pass the five year mark get their name on a plaque that's in the front of every restaurant, and gain admittance to the "Five Year Club."

From dishwasher to manager, everyone pulls together on the team. There are no special parking spaces for the boss and managers, and everyone pitches in to get the job done.

Peggy, still the teacher at heart, enjoys training new employees and watching them grow. Some have returned to work at the restaurant after graduating from college. Waitresses recruit their moms to work as hostesses.

The Family Buggy truly is a family restaurant run by families. "We treat each other as equals," said Don with Peggy nodding in agreement. "If you are working with friends, and working together, you don't need a boss. You're pulling together for a common goal."

The Family Buggy is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

"If we aren't willing to work those days, we won't ask our employees," said Don. "We set schedules so people can live normal lives and don't burn out," said Peggy.

Even if that means washing dishes so an employee can attend a homecoming dance.

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