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Cable TV competition plugs in



Discounts, more movie channels, free groceries, high-speed Internet access and digital television are among the services touted by local cable companies as current and future benefits for customers.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A cable TV war has erupted in Westland with newcomer Americast promising senior citizen discounts, more movie channels and even free groceries to try to loosen MediaOne's customer stronghold.

But MediaOne has fired back by touting advances such as high-speed

Internet access and — still to come — digital television and competitively priced local telephone service.

"There's not going to be any panacea in savings but, because we have competition, it's going to be good for the customer," Westland Cable Commission Chairman Ed Turner said.

Americast — a cable service offered by Ameritech New Media — won't reveal how much of Westland it is already

capable of serving.

"We probably wouldn't reveal that for competitive reasons," Americast spokesman Geoff Potter said from his Chicago office.

But he indicated that Americast hopes to offer services citywide by early next year.

MediaOne isn't flinching — publicly, at least. Spokesman Bill Black said the company still has about 25,000 Westland customers — a number that he said has remained stable despite Americast competition.

"We haven't lost any customers in that area yet," Black said.

He maintained that any Westland

customer losses to Americast have been offset by new subscribers.

Keeping secrets

Westland Cable Commission members say it has been impossible to give an early assessment from the cable TV battlefield. Americast hasn't revealed how many subscribers it has signed up, and MediaOne, too, has become more secretive about its customer base, cable Commissioner David Moranty said.

Moranty, a longtime MediaOne critic who has switched to Americast, said the new company in town has been received "tremendously."

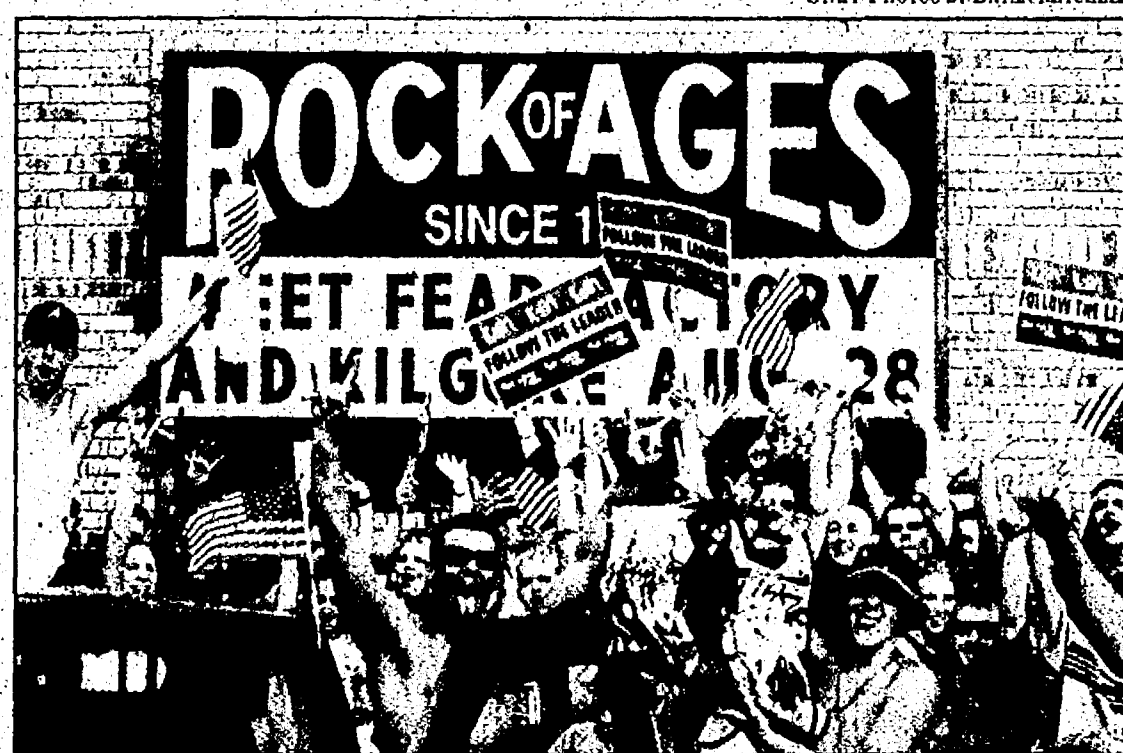
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Korn Campaign



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Surprise appearance: Above, MTV VJ Jesse Camp greeted some of the 2,000 guests, including Rachel Cinpak, 16, of Westland and Monica Sparks, 16, of Livonia, waiting in line to meet the hard rock band Korn at Rock of Ages in Garden City Monday. Some fans waited in line as long as 13 hours to see the band. See story on today's Community Life front, Page B1.



Pool event takes shot this week

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An upscale Westland billiards club is gearing up to host top wheelchair pool players from around the world, who will compete starting Friday in back-to-back national and international championships.

The Electric Stick, tucked in a strip mall on the northwest corner of Hunter and Wayne roads, will be in the international spotlight when ESPN films a world championship game during the highly competitive event.

"We've been painting and cleaning and getting ready for it," operations manager Geo Marvaso said Tuesday. "We're making sure we're all prepared for ESPN and television."

Some 100 competitors will square off during a three-day national contest that will be followed by a three-day international championship.

Reigning state champion Bob Calderon, a double amputee from Livonia, said spectators can watch games for free except for international finals, scheduled for 7 p.m. next Wednesday. Admission for that event is \$10, Calderon said.

The first round of fun will be Friday through Sunday during the National Wheelchair Pool Players Association's championship.

Calderon, president of that group, said spectators will be allowed to watch games that he said are expected to be played between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The three-day national contest will be followed by the first-ever Olhausen International Pro Wheelchair 9-Ball Championship on Monday through Wednesday.

Again, spectators may watch those games for free from roughly 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, except for the \$10-per-person finals, Calderon said.

"We are welcoming people to come and watch all week long," he said.

Top wheelchair players from across the United States will compete with challengers from countries such as England, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Ireland and Sweden, among others.

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Power outages add to Monday's malaise

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

EDISON WOES

Kroger customers couldn't go Krogering.

Library patrons couldn't get books. Mall-goers couldn't shop at Westland Center.

Daytime television viewers couldn't keep up with their soap storylines or watch Clinton-Lewinsky reruns.

Many Westland residents couldn't even retreat from a hot August day to the cool of their air-conditioned homes. And it was a Monday, of all days.

The weekend-to-Monday transition was made even more difficult this week when 1,200 Westland residences and businesses lost power — twice, in some cases.

"We had a power line problem," Detroit Edison spokesman Lew Layton said.

Westland Center shoppers had to leave the city's busiest retail spot for about two hours Monday morning,

marketing manager Claudia Frederick said.

"The stores couldn't operate without their power," she said.

At Kroger on Ford Road, shoppers seemed puzzled that automatic doors wouldn't open, despite a window advertisement touting around-the-clock hours.

"We lost power two times," store manager Andy Gerben said. "It went off once around 7:15 in the morning and came back around 10:45. Then it went off again around 5:50 in the

evening and stayed off until about 7:15."

Kroger used generators to keep perishables fresh, he said.

Westland public library patrons seemed equally confused, and some people who wanted to go inside resorted to dropping their return books in an outside bin.

Unlike Kroger, many places like the mall reported only one power outage.

Some city buildings, such as the Westland Police Department, used gen-

Please see POWER, A4

Cooper reunion promises day of memories

BY BETH SUNDRA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

It was a close-knit community held together by a common bond — Cooper School.

That bond is continuing as Cooper alumni and staff members plan to gather Sunday, Aug. 30, in Hines Park in Westland, for a reunion.

"I really feel it's going to be a total success," Gayle Bates Crawford, a Cooper alumna, said.

Students and staff members who attended or worked at the school between 1930 and 1980 and their families are invited to attend the reunion,

which will be held 8 a.m. to dusk in Hines Park near Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive across from Nankin Mills.

Last year's reunion, which was the first Cooper reunion in recent years, brought together some 200 students from all over the United States including Utah, California and Arizona, Bates Crawford said.

Bates Crawford says the reunion makes for interesting conversations. She attended from about 7:30 a.m. to about 9:20 p.m. last year. "I was not bored for two seconds," she said.

She attributes the closeness of the community to

teachers, principals and students knowing everybody. "I absolutely loved it," she said. "I loved all of my teachers."

She called the experience challenging and extremely stimulating. "We would never think of skipping school," Bates Crawford said.

She lived with her family near Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt in what she called "a wartime neighborhood" and attended Cooper from 1946 to 1951.

"The teachers seemed to take a personal interest," she said.

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Construction zone



A work in progress: Despite some breaks in the action, construction on Newburgh Road in Westland, between Palmer and Enterprise Drive, south of Cherry Hill, continues. The \$8.8 million project to widen Newburgh Road is expected to be mostly completed by mid-November, Westland Public Services Director Richard Dittmar has said. Workers are widening the one-mile stretch to five lanes and moving Newburgh under a new CSX railroad overpass. The measures are expected to ease traffic problems and provide better access to expanding businesses along Newburgh.

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

High-speed chase results in arrest

A high-speed chase in Westland's southeast side ended with police arresting a driver, a police report said.

The incident began about 3:12 a.m. Aug. 16 when police tried to stop a motorist who turned from southbound Henry Ruff onto eastbound Annapolis without using a turn signal.

The motorist began speeding as fast as 54 mph in a 25 mph zone, ignoring stop signs and leading police along several streets until the car finally stopped on Thomas Circle, police said.

Police retrieved a small plastic bag that the motorist threw out of the car window after stopping, and it was believed to contain crack cocaine, police said.

Police arrested the man and planned to seek warrants on drug charges, fleeing and eluding, and driving on a suspended license.

Over-withdrawn

A woman told Westland police she lost money after an automatic teller machine didn't give her card back to her. The incident occurred on an August afternoon at First Federal of Michigan, 7205 N. Wayne Road.

The woman said the machine didn't give back her card after she withdrew \$100, so she went inside for help. A second woman who went to the ATM behind her apparently used the same card to withdraw \$400, the victim reported after receiving a bank statement about a week later.

The second woman did, however, return the victim's ATM card at the scene when she saw her come out of the bank.

Guns reported stolen

CRIME WATCH

A resident in the 31000 area of Windsor in Westland reported a break-in between 5:30 p.m. Monday and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Reported missing were a Smith & Wesson .22-caliber semi-automatic pistol, a single-shot 12-gauge shotgun, a 12-gauge "pump" shotgun, two hand-held, two-way radios, and one compact disc. The resident reported that someone apparently pried their way in through a kitchen window.

Break-in at home

A resident in the 35000 area of John Hawk reported that his residence was broken into between noon and 4:30 p.m. Aug. 20. Reported missing were a 35mm camera, five videocassette movies, money from a jar and a set of garage keys. Total losses were estimated at \$475.

Jewelry taken

A Woodcrest Villa Apartments tenant told police someone got into her apartment between 5 p.m. Aug. 13 and 5:30 a.m. Aug. 17 and took \$5,400 in jewelry, a \$130 VCR, a \$159 VCR, a \$199 Sega game and controller, a \$136 Nintendo game and a \$40 desk top calculator.

Gas station break-in

The Clark gas station at 31215 Warren Road was broken into between midnight and 7:30 a.m. Aug. 16. Reported missing: cigarettes, lottery tickets and some cash. The break-in occurred after a glass door was broken.

2 face sentencing in attack on man

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Two Westland men face sentencing for attacking a 36-year-old man who, according to police, was severely beaten, kicked in the face and robbed of \$6.

James Robert Meade, 20, and James Lee Hicks, 23, are awaiting sentencing for an attack that occurred at 2:06 a.m. Aug. 31, 1997, in the city's Norwaync neighborhood.

Meade could face up to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to unarmed robbery in front of Wayne County Circuit Judge Gershwin Drain.

Hicks faces sentencing for a one-year misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault, but police say he also could be in trouble for a parole violation.

"He had been placed on parole until March, 1, 2003, for a burglary out of Garden City," Westland police Sgt. Jon Handzlik said.

The beating charges stem from an attack that occurred while

the victim, who had been to a bar, was walking home on a back pathway near Dorsey Street, between Otsego and Cheboygan courts, police reports said.

Had the case gone to trial, police had at least three witnesses who agreed to testify that two suspects bragged about beating the victim and robbing him of \$6, according to court records.

Yet another witness reported finding the badly beaten victim as he lay motionless on the sidewalk.

Police reports indicated that the victim was hit on the head and knocked to the ground, where he was kicked repeatedly in the face and on the head. He was bleeding profusely when he was found, police reports said.

A witness who saw the victim ran to a nearby residence and asked the owner to call for help, police said. The victim was rushed to Oakwood Hospital/Annapolis in Wayne, where he was listed in serious condition after the beating.

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Cooper from page A1

This year, Bates Crawford hopes teachers, maintenance people, bus drivers and cooks will also plan to attend.

The event brings together students for a picnic and for reminiscing about the Cooper community and its history.

Bates Crawford said it's important for Cooper people to get together to keep their history alive, especially since on of the organizers of last year's event, Bunny VanBynen Wegzyn, died in June.

Cooper School, which is now in the Livonia Public Schools district, was actually housed in five different buildings all located at sites along Ann Arbor Trail, according to Ruth Dale, head researcher for "Tracing Our Roots, Cooper School Past and Present."

Named for the Gilbert Cooper family which lived on a farm at Ann Arbor Trail and Middlebelt, the first Cooper School was on the Coopers' land beginning in 1836, Dale said.

It was used until 1865 when a one-room frame school was constructed. That building was used until 1938, which is a longtime for a one-room school, she said.

In 1938, a third building was constructed. Additions to that building were constructed in

1941 and in the late 1940s, Dale said.

The building was abandoned for 14 years and in September 1994, the building was razed to clear the property for new construction.

Cooper was an independent school district until 1957 when it was annexed into the Livonia schools.

"Up until that time there were eight grades going there," Dale said.

A fourth Cooper School building, from 1966 to 1991, was located east of Middlebelt on Ann Arbor Trail. It was closed after controversy erupted over the school's construction on a former landfill.

The fifth and current Cooper School is located in the former Whittier junior high school building. It is located across the street from the former building.

Attendees at Saturday's event are asked to bring their own picnic supplies including food, drinks and tableware and are also encouraged to bring Cooper School memorabilia.

Copies of "Tracing Our Roots, Cooper School Past and Present," a 176-page book, will be for sale at the reunion for \$5. The book was revised this year.

City increases fees for false fire alarms

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

City fines are increasing four-fold for Westland businesses where false fire alarms repeatedly occur.

Business owners who have more than two false alarms within a year will now pay \$200 rather than \$50 for the third incident and succeeding incidents.

"It's an incentive for business owners to fix their alarm systems when there's a problem," Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Harder said.

The change stems from a new Westland City Council ordinance aimed at clamping down on business owners who'd rather pay small fines than fix their fire alarm systems.

A typical false alarm costs the city — meaning taxpayers — about \$1,000. The new ordinance requires the fire and police departments to notify violators and collect fines.

Only a few businesses are considered big offenders, Harder said, but some of them have had 40-50 false alarms during a one-year period.

The city attorney's office drafted the ordinance changes after fire officials asked that cost-recovery measures be considered for false alarms.

Not only does a false alarm bring a \$1,000 cost, it also typically uses 30-60 minutes of Westland firefighters' time, City Attorney Angelo Plakas noted in a letter to council President Sandra Cicirelli.

"The increased fee under this ordinance will provide a stronger incentive to business owners to ensure that their alarm equipment is operating properly," Plakas' letter said.

Fines will remain even higher — as much as \$500 — for fire alarms that are intentionally set off and result in misdemeanor criminal charges.

Fire officials note that cost-recovery efforts for false fire alarms would help pay the city's expenses for equipment, materials and responding firefighters.

Harder studied false alarm charges in other cities before the Westland City Council adopted the new measure to quadruple fines, Plakas noted in his letter.

CARRIER OF THE MONTH: WESTLAND

Jeff Tallman, 13, of Westland has been named the Westland Observer's carrier of the month for August. He is an eighth grader at Stevenson Middle School. He is the son of Jeff and Barbara Granger. He has a brother, Matt. His favorite subject is math and his hobbies include golf, competitive diving, snow skiing, bicycling and computers. His achievements include the Junior Olympic state, regional and national diving competition.



Jeff Tallman

If you want to be a Westland Observer carrier, please call 591-0500.

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Surviving are: wife of 65 years, Alzire; daughter, Donna Harris of Farmington Hills; brother, Clemente Burchi of Chicago; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Burchi was preceded in death by his daughter, Dewann Dudley. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

ARTHUR J. MOENAERT
Funeral services for Arthur Moenaert, 74, of Westland were Aug. 22 in Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church with burial at Christian

Memorial Cultural Center, Avon Township. Officiating was the Rev. Gerard V. Bechard.

Arrangements were made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Mr. Moenaert, who died Aug. 18 in Garden City, was born in Detroit. He was a custodian. Surviving are: wife, Shirley; son, Matthew; brothers, Gerald and Allen; and sister, Clara. Mr. Moenaert was preceded in death by his brother, Richard. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans or Boystown.

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Power from page A1

erators to stay in business.

And, by Tuesday, Westland had returned to normal as Kroger customers and mall-goers caught up on their shopping, library patrons checked out new books and residents resumed their daytime TV viewing habits.

Westland had survived another Monday.

"Everything's fine," Gerben said.

Pool from page A1

It wasn't immediately known when the international championship will be aired on ESPN.

Aside from wheelchair tournament games, the event also will include less-experienced players during a charity tournament at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Charity games will raise money for The Children's Miracle Network, which helps terminally ill children fulfill dreams such as trav-

eling to Disney World. Several city officials and local district judges are expected to be among the participants, who will be matched with wheelchair professionals, Marvaso said. The charity event will cost \$15 per person and includes a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, followed by competition. For information or to get involved, call Calderon at (734) 422-2124.

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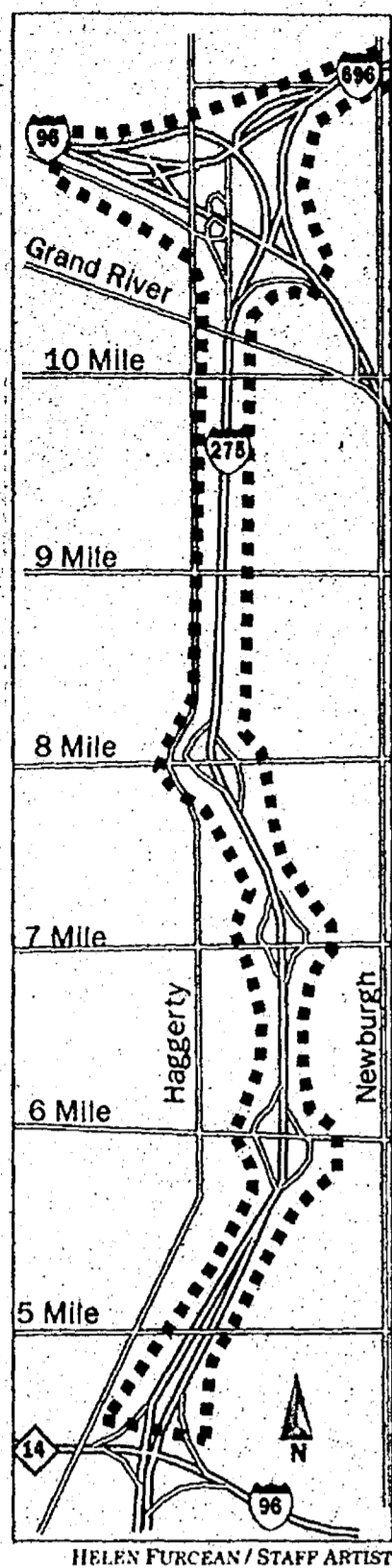
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I-275 resurfacing

MDOT outlines plans for northbound project



BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

If you think I-275 is a mess this year, just wait till next year. The Michigan Department of Transportation has scheduled an \$80 million resurfacing project for about seven miles of I-275 between the I-96/M-14 exit in Wayne County and I-696 in Oakland County.

More than 190,000 motorists drive each day on I-275.

MDOT outlined plans Aug. 18 at a public informational meeting at Schoolcraft College, which calls for the resurfacing of the four-lane freeway over two construction seasons. From April through November in 1999, contractors will work on the southbound lanes, entrance and exit ramps and interchanges; the following season they will construct the northbound lanes.

This construction comes on the heels of the two-year resurfacing project of I-275 between I-96 and I-75 in Wayne and Monroe counties, scheduled to be completed by mid-October.

MDOT officials have proposed the following game plan:

Four lanes of roadway and shoulders of I-275, from I-96 to the I-696 interchange, will be removed and reconstructed with a 12-inch thick concrete pavement.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

A minimum of three lanes will remain open at all times. Contractors will pave an additional temporary lane for traffic so motorists can use the inside shoulder, the two inner lanes and temporary pavement while the two outer lanes are worked on.

As interchanges will be constructed one at a time, two of three interchanges at Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile roads will be open at all times. Motorists will be advised to use Haggerty and Newburgh roads to access I-275 when their desired interchanges are closed.

All ramps will be reconstructed at Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. A "weave" lane will be added between Five Mile and Six Mile, Seven Mile and Eight Mile, and Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads. "It enables motorists to merge better with traffic," said Jim Marcinkowski, roads group manager with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, consultants for MDOT.

Ramps will be resurfaced to and from I-696.

Traffic will be studied at Eight Mile and Haggerty before the Eight Mile ramps are rehabilitated. A "sanctuary" lane may be added at that intersection to

substructures.

The new surface

A base of drainage coarse material will be installed below the concrete, comparing it to the old base like a straw compared to 3-inch PVC pipe.

"It will be able to handle increased loads of trucks," Marcinkowski said.

Marcinkowski said crews will work in the direction of travel; that is starting at I-696, south to Eight Mile, then Seven Mile and Six Mile, closing all three ramps of each interchange on that side of the freeway at once.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has scheduled an \$80 million resurfacing project for next year of about seven miles of I-275 between the I-96/M-14 exit in Wayne County and I-696 in Oakland County. The construction will affect about 190,000 motorists who drive on I-275 each day.

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Chamber cheers PAC court ruling

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is cheering U.S. District Judge Paul Borman's decision to uphold the constitutionality of Michigan's 1994 campaign finance law amendments dealing with PAC payroll deduction.

Bob LaBrant, the chamber's senior vice president and gener-

al counsel, said the chamber had been an intervenor in the lawsuit filed by the Michigan State AFL-CIO.

"The AFL-CIO maintained that the law's requirement that PAC payroll deductions be affirmatively renewed each calendar year by the contributors violated the constitution," said LaBrant.

"That's hogwash. We applaud Judge Borman's decision."

In his decision, Judge Borman said: "The suggestion that asking people to check a box once a year unduly interferes with the speech rights of those contributors borders on the frivolous."

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Dems convene

Exec protege leads race to succeed Kelley

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Democrats, who enjoy a good intra-party squabble, may have several when they meet Saturday and Sunday in Lansing to nominate 13 persons for the state ticket.

As of press time, gubernatorial nominee Geoffrey Fieger had yet to pick even a lieutenant governor running mate. What Fieger, a governmental neophyte, will say about the rest of the ticket is an even greater mystery.

Most eyes are on the contest for attorney general. Frank Kelley, 73, is retiring after 37 years, the longest incumbency in the nation.

Wayne County corporation counsel Jennifer Granholm, 39, appears to be the leading contender.

Sheriff Robert Ficano, 47, of Livonia, who was also among the short list of candidates announced Wednesday that he was pulling out of contention.

An attorney who was groomed as an administrator by the late county clerk Jim Killeen, Ficano has long had good relations with organized labor, though the unions in his department aren't always happy with him.

Ficano was a deputy county

clerk in 1983 when got the job by appointment through Killeen's maneuvering. Ficano has been renominated and reelected every four years since then, so he is a familiar face to the public.

Granholm, a Northville Township resident is the county corporation counsel, chief civil lawyer. She is a protege of CEO Ed McNamara, who had disdain for Ficano even before the sheriff ran against him for the executive nomination in 1986.

Granholm has prosecuted cases for Wayne County and the U.S. Department of Justice before taking the essentially defensive post as corporation counsel.

Granholm in her youth worked for Republican President Gerald Ford and then for 1980 presidential contender John Anderson. Since 1984 she has worked for Democrats.

And like Fieger, she also studied acting in her youth.

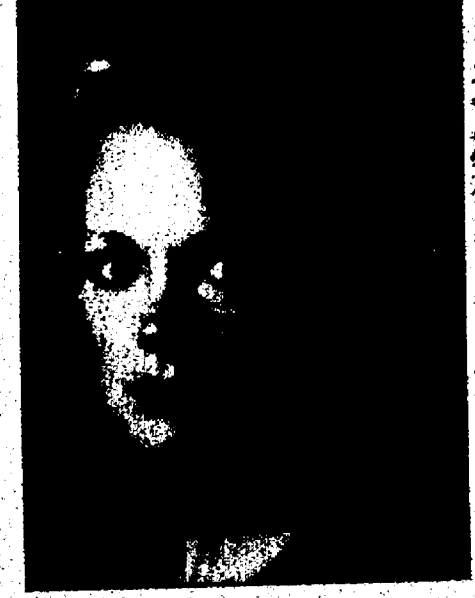
Ficano is the son of Italian immigrants. Canadian-born Granholm got her American citizenship in 1980. Both are Catholics. It isn't known how that sets with Fieger, who publicly criticized Archbishop Adam Maida's opposition to assisted suicide.

John Austin, a Genesee County road commissioner, has been campaigning for 19 months for the secretary of state nomination.

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Out: Sheriff Robert Ficano took his name off the list for attorney general.



In: Jennifer Granholm, county corporation counsel, is the leading candidate.

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tion, issuing a ton of press releases attacking Republican incumbent Candice Miller.

He isn't related, but he has a good name. Democrat Richard Austin held the post for 24 years until Miller toppled him.

Labor role a key

A key player is big labor — the AFL-CIO federation, headed by Frank Garrison, and the United Auto Workers, headed by Steve Yokich.

The labor caucus will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Radisson Ballroom of the Lansing Center. Garrison typically lays down the ground rules: Any delegate who participates must support labor's endorsees on the convention floor. Then he announces whom a committee is recommending. Always the caucus supports the motion unanimously. The voting takes about five minutes.

What's significant is that Garrison says more than half of all the 2,000 or so delegates are part of the labor caucus, and thus are assured of nomination.

Labor can dominate a convention, but it no longer can dominate an open primary. Fieger,

the flamboyant medical malpractice attorney and advocate for suicide doctor Jack Kevorkian, has no history of party activity or governmental service. Labor picked and backed East Lansing attorney-businessman Larry Owen.

Fieger won the Aug. 3 primary with 41 percent to Owen's 37 percent and Doug Ross' 22 percent.

Part of the AFL-CIO has kissed and made up with Fieger. The Michigan Federation of Teachers announced its support for Fieger Aug. 20, 17 days after the primary.

MFT president Rollie Hopgood (a former State Board of Education member) noted Fieger's mother June was an organizer for the AFT, and his father Bernie was the union's attorney. MFT's membership is 30,000, about one-fourth the size of the MEA.

Ed posts first

The next key time will be 3:30 p.m. Saturday when the convention picks its education candidates. In past decades, all formal convention business was on Sunday.

Democrats must pick two persons for the State Board of Education. One could be incumbent Barbara Roberts Mason, a two-term board member and its current treasurer. She works for the Michigan Education Association, an integral part of the Democratic Party. The second would have to be a non-incumbent.

University of Michigan Regent Phil Power, chair of the company that owns this newspaper, will be seeking a new term after 12 years in office. Announced for the second spot is Katherine White, Ann Arbor attorney and engineer. She's an assistant professor at WSU's law school.

Both Michigan State University seats are Republican-held, but one Republican, Jack Shingleton, is retiring.

At Wayne State University, Democratic incumbent Brenda M. Scott of Detroit is up for reelection. The other seat is Republican-held.

For Michigan Democrats, there are unwritten rules about the education slate's makeup. Invariably there are four men and four women.

Beyond that, there are representatives of Big Labor, the MEA, the Hispanic caucus, the

Jewish community and so on. In recent years, an Upper Peninsula nominee has been replaced by someone from the Arab-American caucus.

High court crucial

Democrats have most to lose, however, on the Supreme Court. By a quirk in the Michigan Constitution, justices are nominated by party conventions but run on a nonpartisan ballot.

Currently, Democratic nominees and appointees have a 4-3 advantage, which shows up in labor cases involving sexual harassment of a pregnant police officer and pension rights under worker's compensation.

Terms of two Democrats and one Republican expire this year.

Justice Michael Cavanagh, 57, is expected to be renominated for a full term. After two years as a Lansing district judge, Cavanagh was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1974 and eight years later to the Supreme Court. He is completing his second eight-year term.

Justice Patricia Boyle, 61, is retiring, depriving Democrats of a tough-on-criminal defendants jurist as well as a popular Irish

name.

Besides replacing Boyle, Democrats also must field a candidate against the Republican nominee, Justice Clifford Taylor. Democrats will gather at 9 a.m. Sunday to vote on their plat-

form, candidates for lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general, and the three Supreme Court posts.

At 3 p.m. they will rally on the State Capitol steps.

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Environmentalists seek wetlands review

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Representatives from local environmental groups say four of 11 proposed wetland sites along the Rouge River will harm natural habitats and lessen educational opportunities for area students.

Wayne County recently proposed the sites for a wetlands mitigation bank to create artificial or manmade wetlands to offset removal of other wetlands due to development. Under the Wayne County program, a wetlands fund or "bank" will generate mitigation credits that the county can use or sell to a developer to offset, in advance, the unavoidable loss of wetlands.

Members of the Southeast Michigan Group of the Sierra Club, the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and other residents appeared before a Wayne County wetland mitigation bank executive committee last Wednesday requesting the removal of the four sites from the list and placement of three alternative sites on it instead. Four other sites presented "major concerns" and three sites had "limited concerns."

Banking wetlands

Revenue from the sales of the credits presumably will be used by the county, in part, to purchase or otherwise acquire land for the creation and maintenance of public parks. That money would be placed in the wetlands preservation fund and reported to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality by Wayne County.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Jack Smiley, a Westland resident who is active in the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and Michigan Audubon Society, told the committee four sites are inappropriate because of their educational value and their categorization as field habitats.

The MDEQ must issue a permit for any wetland construction.

The county first would use those proceeds to repay costs of construction and then reimburse the county for operating and maintenance costs of the wetlands. Remaining funds can be used as determined by the executive committee to acquire property for public parks, for economic development activities to benefit the Wayne County residents and surrounding areas, and to finance the further expansion of the mitigation banking program.

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Sites can educate

Jack Smiley, a Westland resi-

dent who is active in the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and Michigan Audubon Society, told the committee he believed four sites were inappropriate because of their educational value and that their categorization as field habitats.

"There are a number of sites that can be accommodated easily," Smiley said.

One site, located south of Hines and west of Merriman,

downstream from the creek, was described in a report by Smiley, Livonia resident Bill Craig and others as an excellent field site with "high habitat value" that supports a variety of plant and animal species.

"Maintaining this field and successional habitat will provide a good educational linkage with the nearby Nankin Mills Nature Center. There is a tremendous opportunity to bring kids to this site for spider, insect and wildflower tours."

Other sites deemed inappropriate by the activists were Hawthorn Ridge, south of Hines, west of Merriman and upstream from the creek, and a site south of Hines Drive west of Sheldon Road.

"We shouldn't swap one ecosystem for another," said Bob Duda, executive committee member of the Sierra Club. The environmental groups also were concerned with tree removal and placement of excavated soils in the floodplain.

Craig is active on a Rouge River public advisory council but said at the meeting he was acting as a private citizen that day. Craig told committee members he hoped efforts could be coordinated between the county's bank committee and Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council.

Many reports used

Don Tilton, a consultant hired by Wayne County, told members he used the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Nat-

ural Resources assessment reports and other resources to select the proposed sites.

Tilton said the proposal was an issue of water quality. "We're not just offering wetlands to clean up stormwater."

Tilton said manmade wetlands in Inkster produced high levels of oxygen in the river. "We do not want to destroy the high quality, wetland communities," Tilton added.

Tilton added that Wayne County did not want to create ecological traps - areas where a species can live but not expand its presence in an area because it is surrounded by development.

Healthy ecosystems consist of 10 percent wetlands, whereas the Rouge has 4 percent. "So we have a ways to go," Tilton said.

The 11 areas are small because Wayne County wants to create small pockets of wetlands. "One acre of wetland can process 100 acres of runoff," Tilton said.

No action was taken that day on the sites by the executive committee, which includes Hurley Coleman, director of Wayne County parks; Cameron Priebe, director of Wayne County public services; Jim Murray, director of Wayne County Department of Environment; and Edward Boike, a Wayne County commissioner who also chairs the commission's Committee on Environment, Sewers and Drains. Murray also oversees the county's cleanup efforts in the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project.

Coleman expected the committee would have more discussions on the topic.

Advisory group wants more say

A public advisory group overseeing the Rouge River wants to have more input on Wayne County's choices of wetlands near the river for a wetlands mitigation bank.

The Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council, a group which advises federal, state and county governments and serves as a public forum on the river's restoration and pro-

tection issues related to the Rouge River Remedial Action Plan, wants to communicate with a wetland mitigation bank executive committee of Wayne County officials on wetlands plans.

RRAC members approved the resolution last Wednesday calling for its chairman, the Rouge RAP coordinator, and Habitat and Headwaters Subcommittee

chairman to discuss the wetlands plan with the county's committee and report back to RRAC their findings for review and recommendations.

"We want RRAC to be involved to watch what they're doing," said Jim Graham, RRAC member and executive director of Friends of the Rouge.

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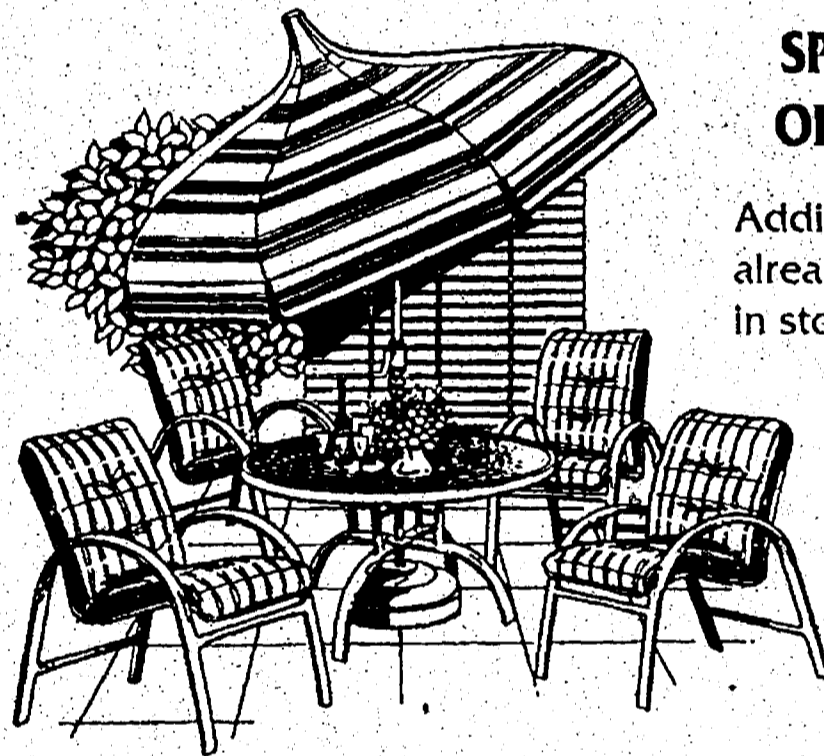
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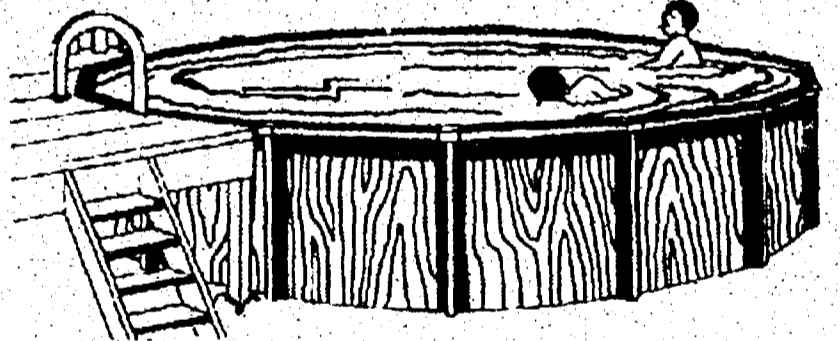
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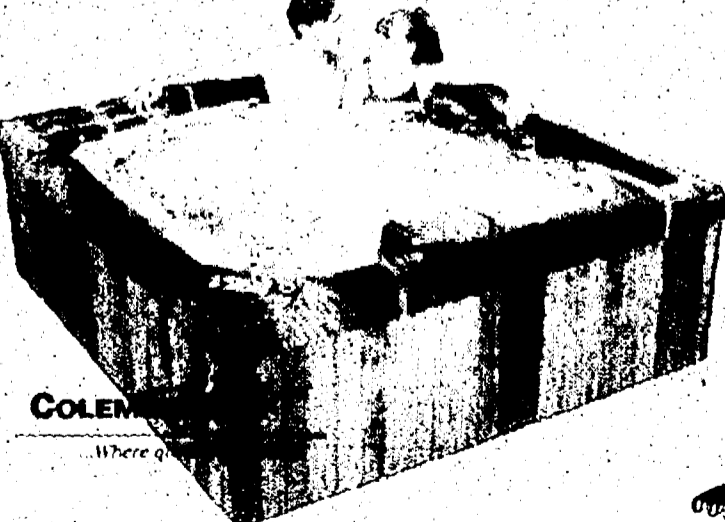
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Engler handpicks 'team players' for GOP ticket

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Republicans almost don't need to have a state convention Friday night and Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Gov. John Engler has told delegates well in advance the 13 names he wants on the Nov. 3 ticket. "These men and women are proven leaders, hard workers and team players," he announced.

It's common for a gubernatorial candidate to pick his running mate and perhaps a couple of other offices on the slate, but Engler is shooting for 100 percent domination.

Once, he failed to get his way. That was in 1996 when he endorsed Grand Rapids civic leader Judy Frey for the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Delegates, prompted by Right to Life, rebelled at Frey, who is pro-choice on the abortion issue, and nominated Rochester Hills attorney Mike Bishop.

Some 1,500 Republicans, elected from county and district conventions, have been chosen from the ranks of precinct delegates and officeholders. How many will show up, when Engler has left them so little to do, is the question.

No surprise

It was hardly news that Engler picked his longtime friend and understudy, Dick Posthumus, for lieutenant governor. Posthumus, 48, an Alto farmer, is a four-term state senator and followed Engler in 1990 as Senate majority leader. Previously, he had worked for the Michigan Beef Industry Commission and the Farmers and Manufacturers Beet Sugar Association. They've been chums since high school.

If nominated, Posthumus will replace two-term incumbent Connie Binsfeld, who is retiring.

Secretary of State Candice Miller, 44, is a shoo-in for a second term. She was an Engler pick in 1994, though many coun-



Dick Posthumus



David Brandon

ty politicians backed the Ottawa County clerk anyway. Miller was elected Harrison Township supervisor in 1980 and Macomb County treasurer in 1992.

Some Republicans see her, rather than Posthumus, as the gubernatorial candidate in 2002, when Engler is term-limited out.

G. (for George) Scott Romney, 57, is Engler's choice for attorney general, but he faces a battle from John Smietanka, the 1994 nominee and former U.S. attorney for western Michigan. Romney is the son of the late former governor and has been in private practice with the Detroit law firm of Honigman Miller Schwarz and Cohn since 1976.

Romney is on the boards of the Boy Scouts Council, Children's Center of Wayne County and Hospice of Michigan. He has no public experience, however, and Democrats will use that against him.

Ed board picks

Eight education candidates will be nominated. Engler, in his 1994 landslide victory, was able to carry just five of eight education nominees with him. With presidential nominee Bob Dole heading the 1996 ticket, all eight GOP nominees lost. The governor's picks:

■ State Board of Education -

controversial. He is on the board of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The Plymouth Township resident has been a major fund-raiser for the GOP. He attended U-M on a four-year athletic scholarship.

Jessie Dalman, 66, of Holland, four-term state representative and 12-year veteran of the Ottawa County board. In the House, she served on the Education and Colleges-Universities committees. She earned degrees in business and economics from U-M and is a life member of its alumni association.

■ Michigan State University trustees -

Delores (Dee) Cook, Greenville, incumbent, elected in 1990. One of the few Englerites with a background in public education, Cook served eight years on her local school board and is listed among the founders of Montcalm Community College. She earned her MSU degree in 1954. She also is on the board of the Detroit College of Law at MSU.

David Porteous, 45, a Reed City attorney. He was appointed to the MSU board in 1996 by Engler but lost in the Democratic sweep that year. He has degrees from MSU and the Cooley law school.

■ Wayne State University governors -

Elizabeth P. Hardy, incumbent, lawyer in the firm of Kienbaum (her husband), Operwall, Hardy & Pelton in Birmingham. A Franklin Village resident, she earned her law degree from WSU and undergraduate degree from George Washington University. She has served on the U.S. Senate staffs of Robert Griffin of Michigan and Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota.

Vernice L. Davis-Anthony, incumbent, Southfield resident and senior vice president of community health at St. John's Health Systems. A registered nurse, she has headed the Wayne County and state public

health department. Engler reappointed her to the WSU board in 1997 after she lost a 1996 election bid.

By a constitutional quirk, Supreme Court justices are nominated at political party conventions but run on a nonpartisan ballot. The first two candidates are running for full eight-year terms, while the third is seeking the remaining four years of an unexpired term.

Maura Corrigan, currently chief judge of the Court of Appeals. Corrigan 50, of Grosse Pointe Park has been a law clerk for an appeals judge, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor, assistant U.S. attorney and chief of appeals, and in private practice. She has taught at WSU. Engler appointed her to the Court of Appeals in 1992, and she was re-elected that year and in 1994.

Jeffrey Collins, 39, Wayne County circuit judge since his election in 1996 and previously a

judge of the former Detroit Recorder's Court. He has degrees from Northwestern University and Howard University law school. He had eight years experience when Engler named him to the Recorder's bench in 1994. He is president of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan and teaches in WSU's law school.

Corrigan and Collins are to be nominated for eight-year terms.

Justice Clifford Taylor, 56, of East Lansing, who was appointed to fill a vacancy (Dorothy Comstock Riley) last year and must run for the remaining four years. A longtime associate of Engler, he was the 1990 attorney general candidate. Engler named him to the Court of Appeals in 1992. Taylor's wife, Lucille, has been the governor's legal adviser.

Justice Taylor is known as a "strict constructionist" or "textualist" in his reading of court precedents. His degrees are from U-M and George Washington University law school.

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School violence

Seek help to avoid trouble

Students preparing for the start of the new school year are looking forward to rejoining their school friends, meeting new friends and getting in gear with new teachers and books.

But some parents are concerned about the safety of their children in school — thanks to visual reminders from TV networks about several tragic school shootings within the past year.

The country has been appalled to read and hear about school violence.

The focal points for the issue are the youths charged in shooting students and/or teachers in Kentucky, Arkansas, Oregon and Mississippi.

But the violence is not always far away, it's often right in our own school yards.

A 14-year-old Wayne-Westland middle school student was attacked and stabbed four times in a field as he left school May 8, 1997. He was wounded in the spleen, right leg and left arm.

His 12-year-old friend was also attacked and beaten but not stabbed.

The incident occurred when the two boys were attacked by five other young males, who were not from the same school.

Police said the attack wasn't gang-related and apparently erupted following an exchange of words. Only one of the attackers was accused of wielding a knife.

Entwined in the violence is the ongoing debate on the constitutional right to bear arms.

On reflection, the issue clearly isn't guns — or any other weapon.

The overriding concern is how some young people don't have the emotional maturity, skills or stability to resolve a conflict or personal problem. It's about the mental health of our young people. And it's yet another concern for the local education community.

The overwhelming number of people under stress don't kill others, either adult co-workers, fellow students or family members.

Many people involved in those types of murders have a problem(s) which could have or should have been addressed and resolved before a breaking point is reached.

But families should know there is help locally.

While middle and senior high schools have counselors, unfortunately most of their work is focused on class scheduling, planning for

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college admissions and the like.

For example, John Glenn High School has nine counselors and an estimated 2,200 students. Wayne Memorial has seven counselors and an estimated 1,900 students. Lutheran High School Westland has two counselors and 320 students.

While counselors do deal with students having relationship problems, that isn't and obviously can't be the focus of their professions.

In addition, Wayne-Westland district and local parochial high schools — Lutheran Westland and Huron Valley Lutheran — work with police liaison officers.

With local help available, families shouldn't be resistant to contacting an agency for help to resolve a problem.

In many schools, the administrations have formed peer mediation programs among their students who have been trained in conflict resolution.

Other resources such as Youth Assistance Programs are available.

It's important that parents of teens giving off signals of improper behavior or emotional problems not be afraid to seek professional help.

Some health insurance policies cover mental health services.

High school and middle school can be tumultuous times for young people. They face problems and have feelings that can't simply be shrugged off to adolescence.

Following are some agencies and phone numbers that local families may contact:

Westland Youth Assistance program, 467-7904.

Hegira-Westland Counseling Center, 425-0636.

Northwestern Community Services Inc., 425-6110 in Garden City and 454-1580 in Canton.

The Observer hopes that students and their parents start the new school year with enthusiasm, not unfounded fears. But if help is needed, it is close by.

Good attitude sparks success

At the start of another school year, it's important to begin with a positive attitude. Working together, parents, teachers and students can make the new school year a success.

The National Education Association offers the following tips to help get the new school year off to a good start.

Parents should start talking about the upcoming school year and the first day of classes. Discuss what students can expect — catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, learning and observing classroom rules and finding out what's ahead.

Take the time to get to know your child's teacher. Let the teacher know that you want feedback on your child's progress. Make a point of meeting other school staff members.

Provide your student with a regular place to study and do homework.

Set aside a specific time for studying every night. Review the day with your child

and review all homework assignments.

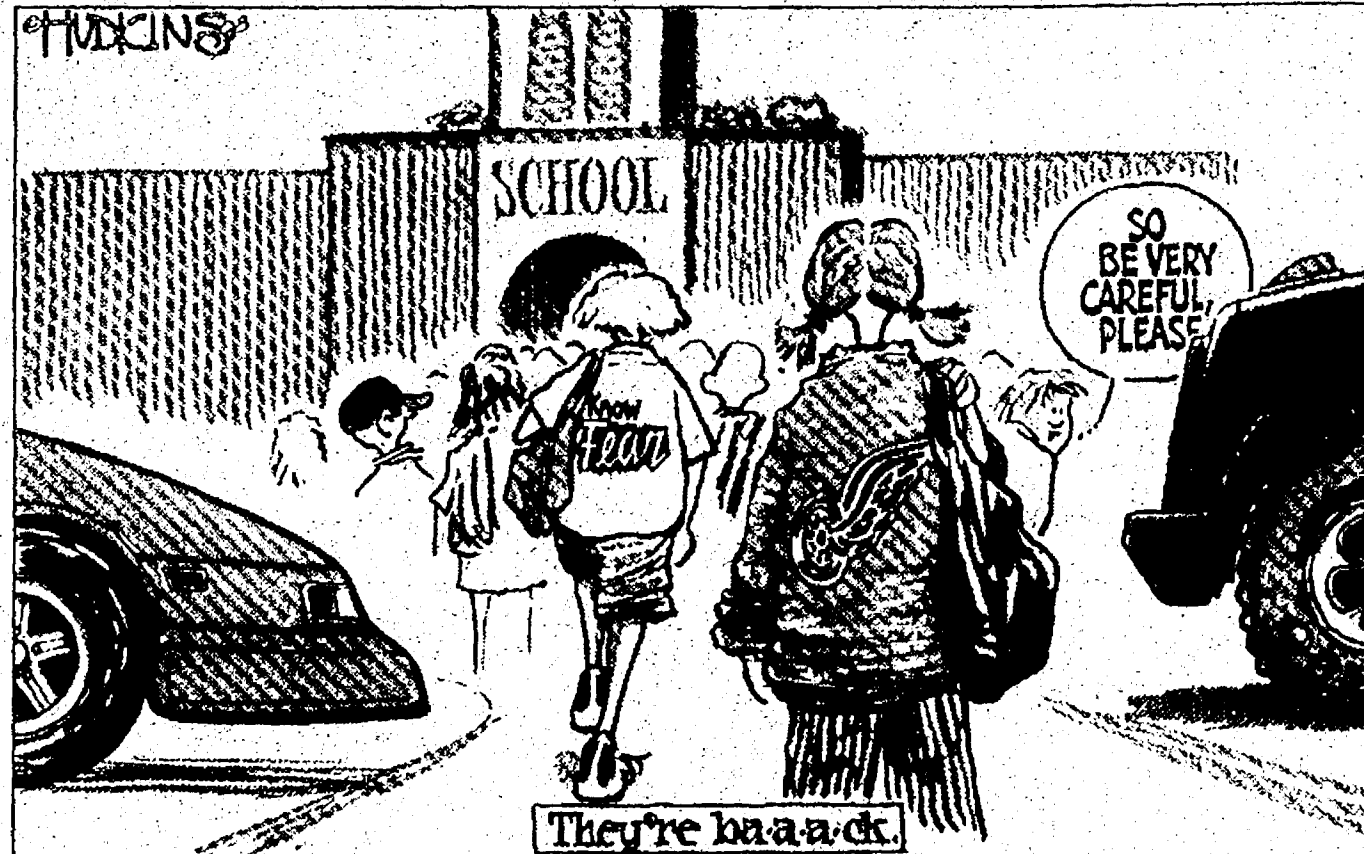
Create high expectations for your student. As a parent, you are the most important adult in your child's life. The feedback you give will have a lasting impact on your child's self-confidence. Be encouraging.

Attend parent-teacher conferences. Talk about them with your child and come prepared with your own set of questions about the school program. Ask to see examples of your child's work. Talk to the teacher about ways to work together.

And finally, make reading a habit in your home. Research shows that children who are read to in their early years do better in school. Read to your child at least 20 minutes a day. For older children, set aside 30 minutes each night for family reading time. Keep plenty of books, magazines and newspapers on hand. Let your kids see you reading.

Let the school year begin!

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Bennett's credibility problem

As I headed west on I-94 from Metro Airport last Saturday, I viewed a large billboard for Sen. Loren Bennett proclaiming he was "Making Michigan Cleaner." If the gentleman senator simply means that he cleans his teeth daily, that's fine. But, if he's referring to his duties as chairman of the Senate's Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee which oversees the Department of Environmental Quality, he has a credibility problem of presidential proportions.

Almost six years ago we had 500 gallons of fuel oil, including the toxic chemicals benzene, zylene and toluene, negligently dumped in our home's basement and septic field by a Northville oil company. Due to the failure of the polluter to promptly clean up the inside portion of the spill, my wife continues to suffer painful medical problems due to toxic exposure.

Shortly after the spill, as verified by state election records, our polluter's insurance company contributed \$246,000 to one of our governor's favorite ballot proposals. It was soundly rejected by the voters, but for its generous efforts, the insurance company was given a polluter's "get out of jail free" card.

To this day, 300 gallons remain in our septic field located immediately above our deep well at a toxic level of more than 10 times the legal limit, forcing us to buy bottled water to drink and cook. The environmentalists at the local district level of the DEQ have repeatedly threatened the insurance company with state enforcement action, only to have it blocked at higher levels. How can this happen without environmental chairman Bennett's tacit approval?

Sen. Bennett needs to come clean with the voters and explain why, after four years in office, Michigan's environmental laws continue to be openly violated by pampered polluters and their insurance companies who make large selective political contributions.

John J. Riley
 Milford

Wag the doggism

Were the recent U.S. missile attacks on Afghanistan and the Sudan motivated by cynical "wag-the-dog" political considerations? I say yes. Here's why:

Something drastic happened to President Bill Clinton during his recent vacation to Martha's Vineyard. Supposedly, he was there to reclaim his private life and renew his marriage.

But, meanwhile, the Clinton presidency was swirling dangerously in the toilet bowl of public opinion. Pundits were having a field

day with "the dress," the DNA and the symbolism of "Monica's tie." Clearly something had to be done. And quick.

The missile attacks were supposedly planned for some time. But, if so, why did the president have to rush back to Washington alone to announce them? Why go on vacation at all if a major policy initiative is planned? Very strange indeed.

We are told that the targets were chosen because attacks on Americans were "imminent." Yet, the pharmaceutical plant that was bombed was alleged to be producing, at best, only precursor chemicals for terrorist weapons. And, the rebel tent city that was bombed was in the remote wilds of Afghanistan. Clearly, these targets were opportunistic and not imminent threats to our interests.

Finally, the attacks could not have come at a worse time for the global economy which was already on the verge of a destabilizing collapse. To disrupt the global political equilibrium at the very time that the key world economies in Asia, Latin America and especially Russia were in dire straits was the ultimate act of wag-the-dog cynicism.

Strangely, none of our allies were notified of the attacks in advance — not even through diplomatic channels. Not England, not Germany, not France.

My God! What a crap shoot! Historians will find Clinton's hurried speech at the White House announcing the attacks to be textbook "wag the dog."

Even attacks on the pope and some hokey top-secret terrorist summit conference were thrown in for good measure.

If this is what the Clinton presidency has degenerated down to — I'm ready for Al Gore in the White House.

Clinton's next presidential speech should be his resignation.

Walter Warren
 Westland

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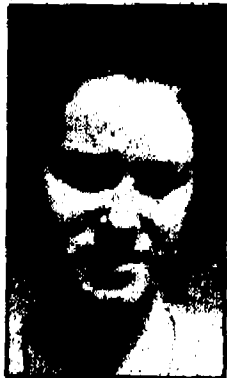
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"Recess."
 Robbie Schultz
 Northville
 Christian School



"Just for the education, but I don't want to go back to school yet."
 Amanda Schultz
 Schoolcraft
 College



"Playing."
 Dylan Hatcher
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 Schweitzer
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"The best part to me is learning."
 Robert Brandon
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We asked this question in Westland's Central City Park.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Affable airport chief just may be on right track

If Northwest Airlines' pilots strike Saturday, Metro Airport isn't where you want to be. But, next time you're there, be sure to use the set of bathrooms located nearest to the Marriott Hotel.

Redoing all 65 of the aging, ugly airport bathrooms is just one priority on the agenda of Dave Katz, the young (39), likeable, tell-it-like-it-is director of Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport since January.

No, he's never directed an airport before. As Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's chief of staff for the past eight years, it was Katz' job to put together a list of candidates to run Metro when the job opened up late last year. As Katz tells it, "there wasn't anybody who wanted to do it because of the prob-



Katz

lems." And so ... "It's been a hoot," he says.

Katz is one funny guy. He was on the job one day, and a security breach shut down the airport for hours. The next week, Metro was named the worst airport in the country.

Recently, torrential storms created basement flooding, took advantage of known roof leaks and caused power blackouts.

"We're just waiting for the locusts," Katz reports, with a wry grin. I didn't ask him whether that was a euphemism for the threatened Northwest pilots' strike.

Katz is one disarming guy. He freely acknowledges my - and your - criticism of Metro, because, we, after all, are his customers.

"My biggest challenge is cultural," he says. "The assumption has been that airports take care of airlines. Airlines take care of customers. I'm



JUDITH DONER BERNE

trying to change the paradigm."

So while he's looking ahead to 2001 when the new 74-gate midfield terminal, 12,000-space parking deck and fourth north-south runway open, he's also working to upgrade the current outdated, outgrown terminals and to instill a new philosophy of customer service.

Top on the prominent "to do" list in his office is "Disney training." He is

planning to have all 600 Metro Airport employees go through customer service training. "They need to own the place," he says.

You may have read that 13 new restaurants have signed on and are expected to open by the end of the year. And that three weeks ago, the impossible passenger pickup at the Davey Terminal was redesigned and curb space tripled.

The day I was in Katz' office was the day he announced 2,000 more parking spaces would be installed in time for the holiday rush. He has future plans, he says, to computerize the parking system so customers approaching the terminals will know immediately which decks and lots have space.

Katz is one honest guy. He acknowledges little more can be done at peak times to deliver baggage any faster to the six Northwest baggage

belts until the new terminal opens with its 18 baggage turnstiles. But as we speak new carpeting and paint in the Davey Terminal's baggage claim area may make your wait more pleasant.

A tiny information desk opposite the hotel is a start on what Katz sees as a major airport information center, which will include the lost and found department and a hot line you can call for information.

Katz is one persuasive guy. "A year from now," he says, "I hope the airport culture is different." And you know what, he has me convinced he might just pull that off.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1997, or in a letter, e-mail or fax to the editor.

State education boards aren't small potatoes

They say large minds discuss ideas, medium-sized minds discuss events, and small minds discuss personalities.

By that standard, Americans and the media serving them have teeny-weeny minds with their noses buried in Monica's wardrobe or snickering at Fieger's kicking foot.

Michigan voters have some major decisions to make on state education posts this year. It's not a matter of voting a straight ticket to "support" the gubernatorial candidate. These boards get their power from the Michigan Constitution, not a party platform or executive orders.

The two major parties will meet this weekend, Republicans in Grand Rapids and Democrats in Lansing, to nominate two candidates each for State Board of Education and the governing boards of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University.

From experience, I will guess coverage will be poor. One Detroit paper has no Sunday edition, and the other has an early deadline. Detroit TV doesn't cover the conventions at all any more. Forget commercial radio.

What coverage you the voter will get will consist of the Republican coronation of Dick Posthumus as lieutenant governor and the Democratic standardbearer's lip-shooting jokes.

But let us follow Deep Throat's advice to Woodward and Bernstein and "follow the money": The state general fund budget is \$8 billion-plus; the three universities have combined budgets nearing \$4 billion.

State employment is in the 60,000 ballpark. The three universities have enrollments totaling more than 120,000 (counting U-M's Dearborn and Flint campuses).

That is a ton of money and a lot of young and emerging minds.

The State Board of Education has

rule-making powers that many of its members don't grasp. The incumbent governor is striving mightily to steal its potential thunder and gut its powers. He knows how important that board is, even if the small minds of the voters and news directors are limited to what part of Engler's anatomy Fieger wants to kick.

So what are the issues:

■ Openness - Two of the university boards have been plagued by open meetings problems and document secrecy.

■ Tuition - Parents and self-supporting students can't understand the long history of tuition and fee hikes in excess of the federal consumer price index. One university has a tuition gimmick that gives the illusion of holding rates under the CPI - for any one graduating class - but few people see through it.

■ Bias - One university is prepared to fight all the way to the U.S.

Supreme Court to defend its "diversity" admissions standards that others consider anti-white and anti-Asian bias.

■ Expansion - One university is having major problems with its \$1 billion-plus hospital system. Another is hell-bent on expanding into academic areas justified by its yearnings for prestige more than the market's need.

■ Charter schools - Between them, the three major universities have chartered just one public school academy of the 100 or so. What is their thinking?

Clearly these contests are far more important than who issues license plates and who hires the assistant attorneys general who actually try the cases. But you can guess what kind of coverage you'll get and what your friends will be gossiping about at lunch.

Into the breach is stepping the American Association of University



TIM RICHARD

Women's Livonia branch. AAUW is inviting all the candidate - yep, Libertarian, too - to answer the tough questions on Sept. 24. Can't make it? The four boards will be videotaped by the local cable company which will make it available statewide.

I'll be covering it, and I expect student journalists from the Michigan Daily will, too. Watch for the official announcement, and be ready for the coverage.

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Lawmakers and 'lawbreakers' reveal life's many shades of gray

Take pity, I suggest, on the members of the Southeast Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium (SONIC) and the police in Novi.

Having just received approval from the Novi council to put a \$3.5 million upgrade of the police station on the November ballot, they then went and busted up a nickel-dime poker game in the clubhouse at the Maples of Novi golf course.

Turns out the malefactors, ranging in age from 55 to 80, have been playing their regular game for years without bothering anybody. But the cops got an anonymous complaint of gambling in a public place. So they turned up (in plain clothes) at the Maples clubhouse, ordered a couple of beers, observed the poker game, announced the bust in front of 80-odd members, took the players outside, noted their names and confiscated the chips.

"Nobody was arrested," said Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer. "We'll simply gather the information and present it to the prosecutors." As of this writing, the prosecutors have, well, folded.

Lee Elbert, one of the players, was fuming. "We've been playing poker there for probably five years. I understand they were investigating a complaint, but don't they have anything better to do?"

It's fun making the cops look silly when you run across a story like this. And certainly, there's no doubt the police could have handled things with greater tact and grace.

But there is another side to this story, one that introduces an uncomfortable shade of gray into something that looks black and white on the surface. It's a side that often gets overlooked in the big city media, especially when reporters and editors are getting their grins about a story.

There is a state law that says that no gambling shall take place in a public place unless it's licensed by the state. Moreover, there is another state law that says that any establishment that serves liquor may not allow criminal activity there, on pain of losing the liquor license. A complaint had made to the police that illegal gambling was going on. And by law, police departments are obliged to investigate complaints duly made.

The law is the law. And when police have the discretion of deciding which laws they will enforce and which they will ignore, we're all in trouble.

Lawmakers, of course, are seldom interested in this point when caught up in the frenzy of



PHILIP POWER

making laws. Novi Police Chief Shaeffer got it right when he said, "No one ever gave a police officer a list of laws they didn't want enforced."

The U.S. Congress, for example, got its grins in recent months by beating up on the Internal Revenue Service. Of course, there is considerable evidence the IRS has been overzealous (to put it mildly) in going after tax cheats. But few made the point that the tax laws are passed by the Congress, not the IRS, and that if anybody deserves the blame for our unbelievably complicated and confusing tax code it should be the Congress that created the code in the first place.

But the law is the law. And the poker players at the Maples were using chips, not cash, so the police were uncertain just what the stakes were. When they turned out to be nickel-and-dime, the cops were just as embarrassed as anybody.

And the police could have used more discretion, as Maples manager Todd Gerhart pointed out. "Had an officer just said to me, 'Listen, I'm going to go finish my dinner and my beer, and when I walk out of here in five minutes I don't want to see any of that going on,' fine. It would have been done."

So where are we? Things are usually a little more complicated in real life than they seem in the newspaper.

And when you see a story that makes somebody look really silly, there's usually another side to it. It's the obligation of community newspapers like this one to explore that other side, because real life usually is painted in shades of gray.

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Rouge study finds frogs, toads are doing well in western Wayne

RIBBIT! CROAK! GAIJUMP!
The final results of the "frog and toad" survey conducted by the Friends of the Rouge this past spring should be completed by the end of the year, but it appears the little fellows are alive and doing well.

Frog and toad proliferation is an overall indicator of a site's wildlife health.

"Actually, the indications are that there is a good diversity and wide-spread distribution of these amphibians," said Jim Graham, executive director.

The survey was developed by Applied Science and Technology Inc. in Brighton and conducted throughout Salem, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Novi.

Over 100 volunteers were trained by listening to audio tapes to recognize the specific voices of three types of frog and one toad. The volunteers then sat in many a wetland through many a starlit night listening to

Frog and toad proliferation is an overall indicator of a site's wildlife health

mating calls. Remember, it was spring, a time when a young frog or toad's fancy turns to thoughts of love.

The spring peeper frog emits a high-pitched sound, almost a trill. The chorus frog is similar, but about an octave lower. The macho wood frog produces a deep, throaty sound, while the American toad settles for a short, subtle chuckle.

Graham hopes the survey results act as a catalyst for local governments to protect their wildlife habitats. He strongly believes community residents would miss these frog and toad sounds if they were gone.

Tough on drunks

If "tough new laws" could stop drunk and unlicensed driving, then the Michigan House of Representatives may have 10 bills that will prevent 544 road deaths per year.

Late in the session, the House passed a bipartisan package that, in part, will:

- Permit "boots" and other immobilizing devices to be placed on the vehicles of convicted first-time drunken drivers. They require immobilization for 14 days for a second drunk offense and six months for a third suspended-license offense. Sponsor of HB 4961 is Rep. Pan Gochaux, R-Birmingham.

- Allow courts to order vehicle forfeiture for drivers convicted a second time of any alcohol-related traffic offense. Sponsor of HB 4959 is Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge.

- Allow the secretary of state to suspend licenses of repeat offenders and make reinstatement of driving privileges tougher. Four bills are in this package, sponsored in part by Fitzgerald and Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights.

- Allow felony charges to be brought against any third drunken driving charge, whether for "impaired" (0.08 percent blood alcohol count) or drunk (0.1 percent). Sponsor of HB 5956 is Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison.

- Close a loophole under which a repeat offender can be charged as a first-offender in drunk driving. HB 5951 is sponsored by Rep. George Mans, D-Trenton.

The package heads to the Senate in the session starting Sept. 12.

Red light trap

Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, has a bill to catch drivers who run red lights at southeast Michigan's most dangerous intersections.

His SB 1257 calls for a two-year test at five of the worst intersections, especially Southfield Road and I-696, which has averaged 82 crashes a year since 1993.

Tellis Traffic Inc., an Arizona firm, would install equipment to take electronic photos of a vehicle's license plate when its driver

ignores a red light. State Police would issue a ticket to the vehicle's owner that would carry a fine but not penalty points.

The bill will go into the hopper when the Senate reconvenes Sept. 12.

New laws

Gov. John Engler has signed into law:

- A bill to allow deer hunters to buy one license for both the firearm and archery seasons. It allows taking two deer per year.

It takes immediate effect. Prices: \$26 for residents, \$240 for non-residents, \$13 for youths aged 12-16 and \$10.40 for seniors. Hunters still could buy separate licenses.

- Increased funding to inspect nursing homes and child day-care facilities. The budget bill has \$425,600 in new money for child day-care licensing and \$610,400 for eight new nursing home inspectors.



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When driving with Mom, bring a map

Pay attention: Always, always, ALWAYS listen to your mother ... even when she's riding in the back seat.

These words should be plastered across every billboard; in fact, they should be stamped on the forehead of every newborn.

A few sunny Sundays ago I made dinner reservations for my 80-year-old mother and me at the St. Clair Inn in St. Clair, a place she and my father often visited when he was alive. I should've realized all would not go smoothly when the pubescent hostess refused my request to speak to the manager when I called for directions.

"Like, I can help you," she chirped. "You can get me from Canton to St. Clair in time for my six o'clock reservations?"

"Like, yeah, why not? Just take 275 to 696 to 75 then, then ... just a minute..."

I could hear her conferring with some boy-child waiter.

"I got it," she continued. "Just stay on 75 to exit 257."

In retrospect, I would've given my first-born son and his new wife for a map. Little did I know exit 257 is near the Yukon.)

I got to my mother's Redford Township house at 4 p.m. A half-hour later, after packing a wheelchair, walker and two canes (she likes choices!) into the trunk and my mother into the back seat, we were off.

"Are you sure you know the way?" my mother said about 20 minutes after we had turned onto I-75.

"Sure, why?"

Where's the trees?

"Oh, I don't know. I don't see any trees."

"What do you mean, trees?" My shoulder blades tightened. "Ma, we're on a highway. They aren't any trees."

Another 20 minutes and several exits go by.

"This isn't the way your father and I went. When I looked out my window, I always saw trees. Is this the river road?"

My neck stiffens. "Ma, what's a 'river' road? I-696 I understand. I-75 I understand. River road I don't understand. Give me a road with a number and I'll listen."

Silence.

"This isn't the river road. There are no trees. I remember water. I don't see any water." I hear her tapping her finger against the window.

Sometime after we whizzed by Grand Blanc I decided to stop at the proverbial gas station. My mother remained in the back seat.

"Get me a Vernors," she said. "And tell those nice men you're lost."

Shear humiliation awaited me in that station, especially after I told those nice men I had 15 minutes to make my dinner reservation. "Lady, do you know where you are?" one of them managed to say above the laughter. "You're in Flint!"

Change of plans

"We're going to Frankenmuth," I told my mother as I slammed the car door. I didn't tell her we were about 70 miles northwest of the river road.

At 7:30 p.m. I pushed my mother, her cane hooked over the wheelchair's handle and her five-pound purse hanging from my shoulder, up two half-mile ramps of the Bavarian Inn.

We ate chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles and sauerkraut while she told the couple at the next table how her grandfather, who once owned a large tool and die factory in Detroit, "invented" the level. She also told them about growing up in The Depression with 11 brothers and sisters.

Afterwards, we watched a group of seniors dancing to the music of an outdoor one-man band, and I wheeled her in and out of fudge shops until the final one closed. By 10 p.m. we were back on I-75 heading home.

"I had a wonderful time," my mother said, rolling her window down and

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MTV meets Garden City: Jesse Camp, the latest addition to the MTV VJ lineup, slaps high five to fans waiting in line to meet Korn at Rock of Ages record store in Garden City.

Korn 'kampaigns' at Rock of Ages

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Nathanael Shurfield is trembling. He's filled with so much energy that he looks like he's ready to run outside and scream. The 14-year-old is speaking so fast that his words are slurred.

He's a little thrilled about meeting his favorite band, Korn.

"Dude, I don't even know what to say, I'm speechless," said Shurfield, a Plymouth resident. "I've been waiting so long for this. The day went by so fast. I couldn't sleep last night. I even did my hair like Head."

Braided guitarist Brian "Head" Welch played drums on the table with his Sharpie as bassist Fieldy, guitarist James "Munky" Shaffer and drummer

David signed autographs at the Rock of Ages record store in Garden City Monday as part of the "Korn Kampaign" tour, promoting its new album "Follow the Leader" (Epic/Immortal). Lead singer Jonathan Davis bowed out of the in-store appearance to attend his grandfather's funeral.

But the more than 2,000 people waiting in line - some as long as 13 hours - had a surprise visitor. As a white van pulled into the Rock of Ages parking lot, the mostly teenaged boys chanted "Korn," but weren't disappointed with the Axl Rose-like, 6-foot, 6-inch MTV VJ Jesse Camp stepped out.

Raising his hands in the air, Camp dodged a few thrown pop bottles, but otherwise was greeted with rousing applause.

It looked like a twisted political campaign. Young men wrote "Korn" with black markers on their bodies as others screamed and raised "Korn - Follow the Leader" campaign signs courtesy of radio station WXDG-FM.

Korn followed in another white limousine and was ushered quickly through the crowd, slipping the red steel door that led into Rock of Ages. Once inside, the band signed autographs for fans.

First in line

Scott Duff of St. Clair Shores was one of the first people in line to meet Korn. He got up at 3:30 a.m. to make sure he made it to the store by 5:30 a.m.

"I got over \$1,000 in Korn stuff. This

is my first time ever meeting them," said Duff, 14. "I love Jon. I had a lot of problems in my childhood like he has."

Robert Looney, 15, of Garden City waited 13 hours in line. "I like their music. It makes me want to mosh. It makes me want to be aggressive," he said.

Purple-haired Justin Pierson of Van Buren Township is such a huge Korn fan that he plastered his room with posters of the band. He and his friend Ed Michelin, 14, of Canton, were driven there by Justin's mother, Michele Pierson.

As Michelin explained that Korn "kicks. They're cool," another young fan antagonized him and Pierson.

"Yeah, but do you have their home video?" he asked Pierson. When he did, the fan yelled "Damn it."

Rachel Wright of Madison Heights and Michelle Miettinen of Warren, both 15, waited in line for four hours to meet Korn, specifically lead singer Jonathan Davis.

"They're thrashy and hardcore; we have a crush on Jonathan Davis," said Wright.

For one youngster, it was her first time meeting a rock band.

"I brought a little onesy of hers that they're going to sign. Her next concert is gonna be Pantera," said Ken Kiser of Lincoln Park, feeding his 2-month-old daughter, Maeve Kiser.

"She falls asleep to Pantera," her mother, Adrian, explained. "She doesn't like kids' music. If I put in Pantera or (pop singer) Patti Rothberg, she's happy as hell."

The vibrations from the deep bass on Pantera and Korn albums, she said, lull the baby to sleep.

Brian Parenteau of Madison Heights wanted this occasion on tape. He

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Big fans: Justin Pierson, 15, of Van Buren Township (left) and friend Ed Michelin, 14, of Canton wait in line outside Rock of Ages Monday to meet Korn, while inside, Brian Wilson, 17, of Wayne, handed his guitar to Brian "Head" Welch, as James "Munky" Shaffer and David signed autographs.



Ministry helps second marriages succeed

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to marriage these days, 43 percent of the first-time "I do's" will end in divorce. Undaunted, 85 percent of those divorced people will remarry, but only 40 percent of the subsequent marriages will last five years or more. And it's a downhill slide for success after the second marriage.

Gloomy statistics at best, they are statistics that the Remarried Ministry at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church aims to reverse. Through workshops, activities and social events, the ministry is helping remarried couples and blended families overcome the second-time-around pitfalls.

"We knew there were a lot of other people who were scared to death about remarriage, so we decided to form support groups and gather people around to help each other," said Darlene Johnston who is active in the ministry. "Most tell us that it's tougher than they thought it would be in areas they never thought of."

The Livonia resident can relate to that. An accountant for Ford Motor

Co., she is closing in on her third remarried anniversary.

The ministry was started by the Rev. Paul Clough, long associated with Ward's highly successful Single Point Ministries. Remarried himself, Clough now serves as minister to the remarrieds.

Prior to marriage the couples meet with Clough. The get-together is "more of an evaluation of their lives, what would be red flags, and issues that need to be resolved," according to Johnston.

"A lot comes out like what to watch for, so all the little pieces fit together," she said.

But there's more to the ministry. There's workshops like "Rethinking Marriage When Thinking Marriage" and a 14-week series for remarried couples that covers everything from improving listening skills, developing new family traditions and looking at needs and expectations.

There's also the weekly Common Ground Bible study, the monthly Blended Family Forum and account

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Making it work: Remarrieds Sandy and Darlene Johnston (from left), Tom and Cindy Ayers, Richard Baldwin and Sharon and David Madison have found help in making their second marriages work through Ward Church's Remarried Ministry.

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ability groups comprising four to five couples who talk about problems and "hold your feet to the fire," said remarried Richard Baldwin of Northville.

'Good for us'

"The group has been very good for us," said Baldwin who with wife Judy celebrated their first anniversary on July 21. "Remarrieds have a high percentage of divorce because they don't realize how much support is needed or where to get it."

"Once you've been divorced, you know you can survive, if you have to bail, but that's where the accountability groups come in," added David Madison of Novi who with wife Sharon celebrated their first anniversary on July 18.

The Baldwins are among the many remarried couples who have taken advantage of the remarriage series. He describes the series as "marriage maintenance," pointing out that "a lot of people spend more time working on their car than working on their marriage."

They also are advocates of Common Ground. Not a Sunday school class, it helps couples work on their marriages through Scriptures.

"Several of us who stumbled in our first marriage and who are Christian, struggled with it from a Christian standpoint," added Baldwin. "We've learned we can be forgiven and we can start

over. That's one of the big draws of Common Ground. You can start over."

For Tom and Cindy Ayers of Northville, remarriage was a then end of a whirlwind courtship. Tom, who claims he was "Cindy's mission" - she was trying to place him with one of her Single Point friends - divorced in March, married in August and started dating in September.

The Ayers took a compatibility test and had four to five counseling sessions before marrying. One of the things Clough had them do was make a list of why they were getting married. They drafted a letter, read it and then "put it away until we think we don't want to be married," Tom said.

With two adult children ages

Remarried workshop offer

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is offering a 14-week workshop for remarried couples designed to provide couples with the tools to accomplish their objectives and introduce them to other couples who are experiencing the same set of circumstances.

The workshop will offered free of charge, 7 p.m. - Wednesday, Sept. 9, through the Remarried Ministry.

To sign up for the workshop or for more information call the Remarried Ministry at (248) 374-5912.

19 and 25, Tom didn't think they would have a problem blending their families. But three days after returning from their honeymoon, the children had a dramatic impact on their lives.

"We weren't married 10 days when we ended up with a grandson for six solid months," said

Cindy. "I didn't think I was going to get anymore wedding presents, but I did."

"It was really tough. When you go into a marriage and kids are there, you expect that they come with the package, but when the children come when you're dealing with two houses and merging

households ..."

Blending families

"Families don't merge or blend," said Pete Wood of Farmington Hills. "They collide."

Wood is a team leader for the Blended Family Forum that meets the fourth Monday of the month. Remarried for four years, he and wife Denise have five children - his, hers and theirs.

"There's so much to deal with, like family traditions for the holidays," he said. "Who do you spend it with? What do you do? How do you blend traditions? It's endless."

Madison, a clinical psychologist and supervisor at a Farmington area counseling center, agrees.

"The generality that children don't have an impact on mar-

riage is a falsehood," he said. "I raised my daughter for 10 years. She's 13 now and felt she was replaced, so there was some head butting with Sharon. She has three children, and her oldest is close to her dad. She felt I was trying to replace him."

"Children think they have a vote about you remarrying, like 'hey, wait a minute you didn't ask me.' In courtship, they seem fine, then they become terrorists and saboteurs."

"The key words are you promise to be held accountable to your husband or wife for what you do," added Baldwin.

Couples interested in the Remarried Ministry of Ward Church can call (248) 348-5912. The church is at 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township.

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dragged along his elementary school-aged brothers Mike Parenteau and Rob Comeau to videotape him meeting Korn.

"Hey, they're Korn fans, too," he said with a laugh. "Their dad got them started on Korn a long time ago."

Lollapalooza veterans Korn has earned two Grammy nominations for "Best Metal Performance" for the songs "Shoots and Ladders" from its 1994 self-titled debut and "No Place to

Hide" from 1996's "Life is Peachy." The latter debuted at No. 3 on Billboard's Top 200 Albums chart, having sold more than 106,000 copies in its first week of release. "Follow the Leader" was released on Aug. 18.

Korn hit the "Kampaign" trail on Monday, Aug. 17, in Los Angeles and will wrap up the promotional tour on Sept. 1 in Phoenix. The band's singer Davis is not expected to return until its Aug. 30 in-store appear-

ance in Atlanta, Ga.

Bob Farsakian, president of Rock of Ages store, said he was pleased with how well-behaved the fans were.

"I've done Slayer; I.C.P. has been by a bunch of times. This is by far the biggest one we've done," Farsakian said. "Considering how many radio stations we have around here, it's been going very well. This is designed for everyone to have a good time."

Korn recently started its own Reprise Records-distributed label, Elementree Records, which signed Orgy, one of the bands appearing on Korn's "Family Values" tour Sept. 30 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Chad Jolly, a 17-year-old from Wayne, is hoping to one day be a part of the label. Carrying a guitar, Jolly asked guitarist Welch if it was OK to send his band's demo tape to him.

"We're a hardcore band," Jolly

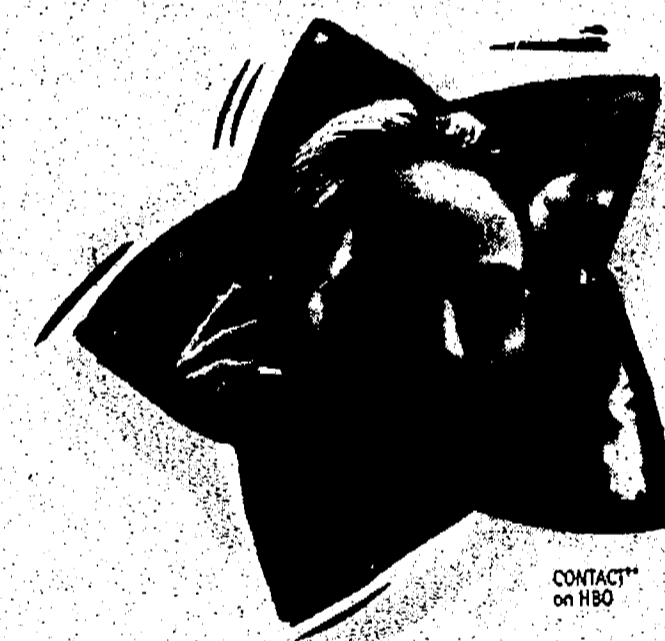
said. "We are what we are. But Korn... they're my heroes."

To coincide with Korn's in-store appearances on Monday, The Palace of Auburn Hills announced that tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, for the Korn "Family Values" tour 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. Tickets are \$29.50 for reserved and general admission floor.

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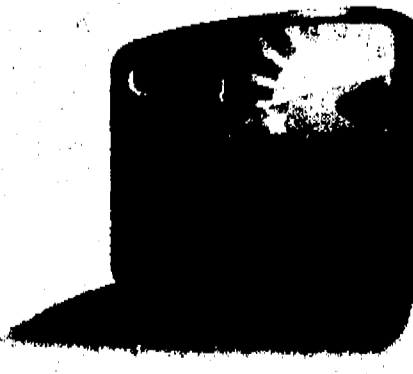
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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road July 20, 1998

*The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of July 20, 1998; 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 Nay convened the meeting at 7:00 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.

Written Communications: President Nay shared with the Board a copy of the 1997 Time Warner Cable Year in Review report.

Audience Communications: Maria Longnecker, 14375 Hubbard, addressed the Board on several concerns: traffic flow on Hubbard that will be increased because of the fitness & health center at Bentley Center; use of Bentley/School Bond Fund to furnish a free health facility for Livonia Public Schools employees; and alternative education programs having free access to the fitness center.

Bridget Case, 19012 Norwich, and Janet Kokenakes, 18576 Mayfield, addressed the Board regarding restoring the instrumental music program into the elementary curriculum.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Kokenakes and Lessard that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: IVA Minutes and Synopsis of the Organizational Meeting of July 6, 1998. IVB Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 1998. VIA move that general fund check nos. 302081 through 302368 in the amount of \$1,527,747.26 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$988,840.82 be approved. Also move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1899 through 1900 in the amount of \$148,328.80 be approved for payment. VIB Move the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of a Caterpillar No. 928G Wheel Loader from the low bidder, Michigan Cat, for the total price of \$86,550. IXA 1998-99 Board Committee Assignments: BUILDING & SITE COMMITTEE: Patrick Nalley, Kenneth Timmons, James Watters; CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: Kenneth Timmons, Frank Kokenakes, Daniel Lessard; FINANCE COMMITTEE: James Watters, Daniel Lessard, Kenneth Timmons; PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Daniel Lessard, Frank Kokenakes, Patrick Nalley; POLICY COMMITTEE: Joanne Morgan, James Watters, Frank Kokenakes; LIVONIA LIAISON: Patrick Nalley; WESTLAND LIAISON: Daniel Lessard; MASH LRN: Joanne Morgan; MASH TECHNOLOGY REP: Kenneth Timmons; MASH: Daniel Lessard; NSBA NATIONAL AFFILIATE ADVOCACY INFORMATION NETWORK REP: Joanne Morgan; LIVONIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION BOARD: Frank Kokenakes. (NOTE: Chairpersons are listed in bold type.) IXB Move that the Board of Education cancel its meeting dates of: Board Committee Meeting, July 27; and Regular Board Meeting, August 3. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: none.

Gift-Head Start Program: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of \$3,000 from the Livonia Goodfellows to the Head Start program at the Perrinville Early Childhood Center. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Roosevelt PTA: Motion by Nalley and Morgan that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of \$2,400 from the Roosevelt PTA for the purchase of classroom amplification systems. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Purchase of Computers for LS/TC: Motion by Kokenakes and Watters that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public School District approve the purchase of 13 power Mac G3 workstations from Apple Computers, Inc., for a total purchase price of \$41,289. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Purchase of Computers for Stevenson H.S.: Motion by Morgan and Timmons that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of 25 Power Mac G3 workstations and 4 Hewlett Packard DeskWriter printers from Apple Computers, Inc., for a total purchase price of \$50,534. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: The Board unanimously approved resolutions of appreciation for the following retiring employees: Aaron Engel and Barbara Perkett.

Resignation: The Board accepted a resignation for Steven Kosinski, effective 7/11/98.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Kokenakes and Lessard that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to the following teachers: Deborah K. Bartnick, Cynthia E. Breisch, Mary Ann Bubar, David E. Dreyer, Michelle Hruska, Linda T. Ligon, Loretta Nesti, Corinne Oh, Kathryn Smith, Mark Stachurski, Joanna Tullos, Heather Tynan, and Dana Zambeck. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

30-Year Resolution: The Board unanimously adopted a resolution of appreciation upon the completion of 30 years of service with the Livonia Public Schools for William Liptow.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson discussed the additional parking spaces that are being added to the Stevenson High School parking lot; and expressed on behalf of the Board well wishes for Jay Young's wife who underwent emergency surgery while on vacation in Canada.

Hearing from Board Members: The Board discussed the seven additional special education positions; "Jamin in the Park" at Veterans Park; thanked the Roosevelt PTA and Goodfellows for their generous gifts; thanked the Instrumental Music Committee for bringing their concerns to the Board; congratulated Ms. Nay, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Lessard on their new appointments; reminded everyone that August 3 Board meeting was canceled; and stated that they would keep Mrs. Young in their prayers during her illness.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Watters that the regular meeting of July 20, 1998 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Publish August 27, 1998.

Tee Time Classic benefits Women's Resource Center

So you say you enjoy hoofing it around a golf course? Every chance you get you head for the links?
Oh, and you also enjoy a good dinner?
Well, if that's the case, grab your clubs and head out to the Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon

for the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's fourth annual Tee Time Golf Classic on Friday, Sept. 11.
The festivities get under way with registration and coffee and doughnuts at 8 a.m. Golfing will be a scramble format with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

The cost is \$85 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, electric cart, small bucket of range balls, hot dog lunch after nine holes and buffet dinner at 4:30 p.m. For those who prefer to skip the links but join in the dinner festivities, the cost is \$30.
There will be prizes, awarded

by the Modified Calloway scoring (women only, men only and mixed gender teams) and longest drive and closest to the pin for men and women.
Businesses or individuals also can help as hole sponsors for a cost of \$100 or by placing business cards in the program for \$25.

To register for the classic, send the name address and telephone number of each member of your foursome with a check, payable to Schoolcraft College, to the Women's Resource Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152-2696.
The golf classic is one of the many ways the Women's Resource Center raises money for scholarships for women at Schoolcraft College. Another way is through fall and winter luncheon series.
The three-part series features lunch and a presentation and is

held in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus.
The cost is \$14 per lunch. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at 11:45 a.m. Seating is limited and to reserve a spot, send a check, payable to the college, to the WRC.
The fall series kicks off Friday, Sept. 18, with a tour of the Henry Ford Estate through a slide show presented by Ruth Ann Melikan.
On Friday, Oct. 23, the guest will be Susan B. Anthony, a leader in the women's suffrage movement. Rosanne Heppner will portray Anthony and take the audience for walk back through women's history.
And back by popular demand for a special holiday treat on Friday, Dec. 4, will be storyteller Linda Day who will entertain the audience with holiday stories.
For more information about

the Tee-Time Golf Classic and the Fall Luncheon Series, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.
The Women's Resource Center is located in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on the Livonia campus. It's open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.
It also has an office in Room 120 of Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, Garden City, open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
Among the services available at the Women's Resource Center are peer counseling, referrals and information, support program with tuition assistance for single parents, displaced homemakers and/or single pregnant women and those seeking a career that is non-traditional for their gender, divorce support group and From Chocolate Chips to Micro Chips.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Ready to tee off: Schoolcraft College Registrar Ron Randall (from left), Accounting Associate Jan Wilson, Cashier Bonnie Reilly and Purser Mary Beaudoin follow the lead of Counselor Sylvia Vukmirovich in getting ready for the Women's Resource Center's Tee Time Golf Classic.

Skoglund from page B1

letting the breeze blow her thin, bowl-cut gray hair. "I didn't care you missed the river road."

"You mean I-94, mom. Those gas station guys said we were supposed to get off I-75 somewhere around 11 Mile and get on I-94."

"Whatever," she said. "They're just roads with

numbers. The most important thing is we had fun."

A comfortable silence settled in. Lesson learned, mom. Better late than never.

Margaret Cartier's daughter, Renée Skoglund, lives in Canton Township.

SIZZLING SUMMER FUN!

This summer there is so much going on it's hard to decide what to & where to go! That's why the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers has put together this special directory to make it easier.....For more information about advertising please call Rich: 734-953-2069 • Nan: 734-953-2099

Wheelfest '98 August 28-30

Thursday, Aug. 27 • 6:00 Wheelfest King & Queen Contest • 7:30 Be a Star Talent Showcase

Friday, Aug. 28 • 6:00 Wheelfest Parade • 7:30 Janis Leigh & Luck of the Draw (Country) • 9:45 Aaron Nonwood (Country)

Saturday, Aug. 29 • 8:00 Soap Box Derby • 12:00 Science Discovery Animal Show • 1:00 Storytime W/ Curious George Rings at the Senior Center • 3:00 Gemini Family Performer • 4:00 Lip Sync Contest • 6:00 Robbie Sox & The Greasers (Oldies) • 9:00 Herman Hermits

Sunday, Aug. 30 • 9:00 Car Show • 12:00 Pet Contest • 1:30 Miss Evelyn's School of Dance • 2:15 Kicks The Kwon Do Demonstration • 4:30 Streetcorner (Oldies) • 6:00 Bryan Brenner (Variety) • 7:00 Streetcorner • 8:00 Elvis Revue • 9:00 Streetcorner

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On August 29th, David Faas will make a special appearance at Heslop's to help you choose the perfect figurine for our upcoming signing event. After you've made your purchases, you'll have to return to our Novi store on September 26th to have them signed by Rosa Lladró in your presence. Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity!

This is your chance to:

- Receive a gift with your purchase. When you buy a Lladró figurine with a value of \$150 or more, you'll receive a free, hardback Lladró catalog. (Quantities are limited!)
- See Heslop's extensive Lladró collection, including retired, new, and limited-edition figurines.
- Enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Children have many special needs...and because parents don't always have a lot of time, the Observer & Eccentric has created this unique directory to make life just a little easier.

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADOPTION SHOWCASE

The Dearborn Animal Shelter will be having an adoption showcase Saturday, Aug. 29, at Superpetz, 34420 Ford Road in Westland.

WALK HOME

The second annual Ron Pritchard's Walk Home benefiting Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 3, in Hines Park. Registration is at 8 a.m. with the 5-mile walk at 9 a.m. beginning at the Nankin Mills site. Walkers get T-shirts. Prizes are awarded for the top pledge takers. (734) 522-4244.

LIBRARY DISPLAY

Books and objects on the subject of "Chili and Chili Peppers" from the collection of self-described chili-head Walter Warren of Westland are on display now through Sept. 15 at the Wayne Library.

WALK AND RUN

Wally's Walk & Fun Run to help raise funds for the American Brain Tumor Association and Karmanos Cancer Institute is Saturday in Hines Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk and run, which includes a 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) walk and a fun run and a 1-mile children's run and track events, begins at Nankin Mills, near Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive in Edward Hines Park, Westland. Entry fee is \$12 for children and \$15 for adults. Package and registration pickup begins at 8 a.m. The 5K run starts at 9 a.m., the 5K walk at 9:15 a.m. and the 1-mile children's run at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 235-3730.

AT THE LIBRARY TRAINING

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

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

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

RECREATION

SWIMMING HOURS

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

RECREATION AND FUN

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

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club has formed an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (734) 722-1091.

CHAMBER EVENTS

FIVE-STAR EXPO

A Five-Star Expo will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. The chambers of commerce involved include: Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Wayne and Westland. More than 70 tables will be available for members of the five chambers of commerce. An exhibition table will include a white tablecloth (skirting not provided) and an opportunity to hold a door prize drawing and offer giveaways. Packages available are: 8-foot or 10-foot table or space, \$100; 10-foot-by-2 1/2 foot (no table) space for free-standing exhibits, \$100; contributing sponsorships including brochure, flier, newsletter and newspaper inserts, announcement at event, display table or space, chamber Internet home pages and admission tickets, \$300. Spaces are available on a first-come/first-served basis. For information, call (734) 326-7222.

FASHION SHOW

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

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

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

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community School District has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660 for information.

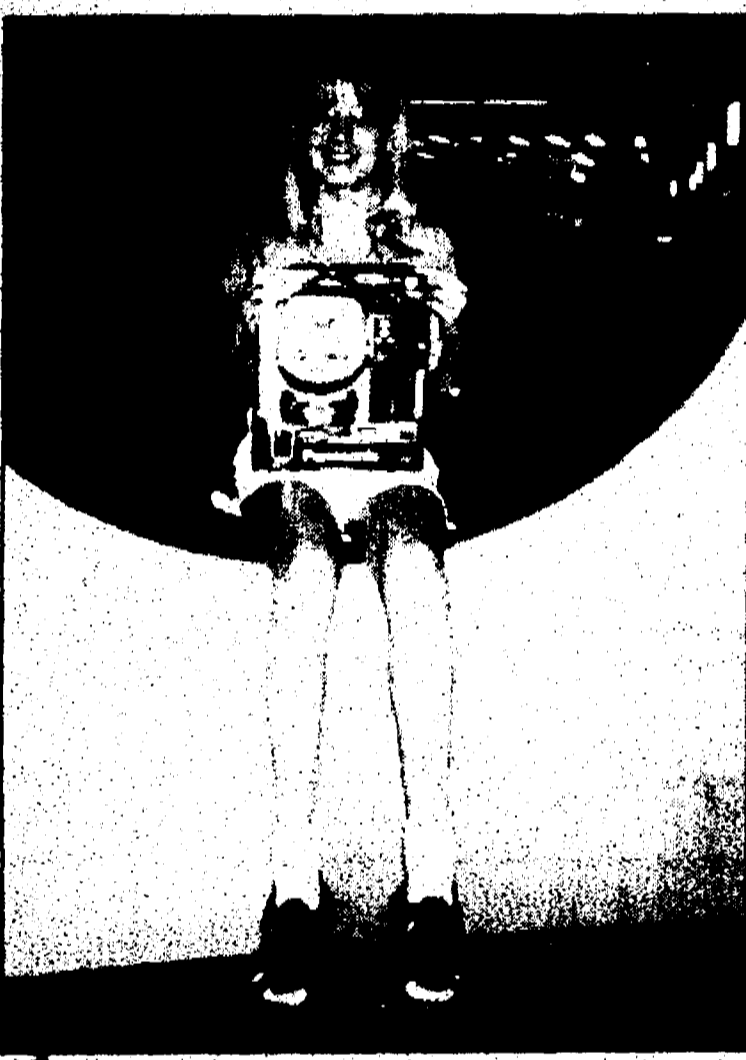
CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages

Library awards



Bingo: The Westland library played host to 1,029 kids playing library bingo this summer. Young people up to age 18 read all kinds of books this summer, and each time they completed a line on their bingo card, they were awarded a small prize. Those finishing their entire bingo card were eligible for the grand-prize drawing. In addition, those children in elementary school and younger were invited to a Magic Pizza Party if they completed their entire card. Children up through elementary-school age played the juvenile bingo card. Those in middle and high school played the young adult card. Winners of the juvenile bingo grand prize of Schwinn Thrasher mountain bikes are: Lynne Schulz (lower right) and Stephanie Jones

(top right). Winners of the young adult bingo grand prize of Panasonic portable CD players are: Erika Redden (top left) and Stephanie Biglow (lower left). In addition to library bingo, the summer reading program included events such as wild animals at the Science Alive program, Bead-O-Rama jewelry making program, the Mystery and Mayhem party and American Girl parties. Sponsors the program include: the Friends of the Library, which co-sponsored the juvenile and young adult programs and contributed the grand prizes; Burger King, which co-sponsored the juvenile and young adult programs and contributed the grand prizes; Sam's Club, which sponsored the Dino-Lunch events and provided snacks and drinks; Pizza Hut, which sponsored the Magic Pizza Party and provided 44 large pizzas for the event; and Skatin Station II, which provided free passes for all kids who registered for juvenile library bingo.



18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708 for more information.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Early Childhood School Readiness Program is available to 4- and 5-year-old children. The YWCA is at 28279 Michigan in Inkster. Call (313) 561-4110.

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a basic education with business and

entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with access to the Internet. Call (734) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. An open house is planned for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. For information, call (248) 471-0077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community, and members aren't required to have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. Call (734) 326-1110.

DRESSES ON DISPLAY

The Westland Historical

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

FRIENDS MEET

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

FOR SENIORS

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. On Friday, Aug. 28, the group will attend a Tigers vs. Devil Rays game. Departure from the center is at 5 p.m.; game starts at 7 p.m., with return between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Register at the front desk or call the Friendship Center for more information, (734) 722-7632.

DINNER THEATER

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

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

A trip to a performance of "Hooray for the Holidays" at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, \$40 cost including lunch and show, is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 10. Departure from the Westland Friendship Center at 9:30 a.m. Arrive at Cornwell's 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Show time is 2 p.m. Return to the center between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Open to the first 19 paid members.

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CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (734) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is at 1119 N. Newburgh.

MONTHLY MEAL/DANCE

The Wayne Ford Civic League for people 50 and older schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road two blocks south of Ford. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to Big Band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Call (734) 422-1052.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:
Date and Time:
Location:
Telephone:
Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will have a Bethany Together Dance at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, at Divine Providence Church, Eight Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph, Southfield. For more information, call Celia at (313) 561-2722 or Val at (734) 729-1974.

The group meets regularly on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road (north of Six Mile), Livonia - call Val at (734) 729-1974 - for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Family Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (734) 464-3325.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Church of Today West-Unity meets at 10 a.m. Sundays at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook, south of 13 Mile. The church offers youth education and Bible classes, meditation, Artist Way and Unity Basics courses as well as a Thursday Night Study Group, led by minister Barbara Clevenger, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile west of Novi Road. For more information, call (248) 449-8900

Golden Agers celebrate 25th anniversary

For 25 years, the Golden Agers have been meeting in Livonia, for 20 years at Kenwood Church of Christ and now at Memorial Church of Christ.

And when the group decided to celebrate the milestone, more than 80 people joined it.

On hand for the recent celebration was Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, Memorial ministers Mark McGilvery and Mike Hazelton and Kenwood elder

Bill Kelm.

The Golden Agers, a group of retired people who meet monthly for fellowship, meals, entertainment and outreach projects, recognized both churches for their support.

The group also honored several Golden Agers officers - treasurers Dale Pike of Southfield and Julia Parker of Livonia, Secretary Josephine Daniels of Livonia, Vice Presi-

dents Cliff Hooker of Livonia and Dale Porter of Garden City and Acting President Cliff Parker of Livonia.

Throughout its history, the group has been based in Livonia. It started meeting at Kenwood Church of Christ. The group started with 28 members in 1973 and grew to more than 65 by 1984.

It met at Kenwood for 20 years before moving to Memori-

al Church of Christ where it meets at 11 a.m. the third Monday of the month, except the months of July and August. It now has more than 100 members representing 23 cities, 25 churches and three counties.

Some of the group's outreach projects have included the Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt, Mich., Lutheran Senior City in Columbus, Ohio, and the Detroit Rescue Mission.

will have a Friendship festival noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The festival will feature fun for the whole family. There will be a pig roast, games, crafts, tricks, comedy, live animals, banjo and fiddle playing and cartooning. The special guest will be Ted Jordan. For more information, call (734) 425-0260.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Friday through Sunday, Sept. 18-20, at St. John's Family Life Center in Plymouth Township. For more information or to register, call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at (810) 286-5524.

BLOOD DRIVE

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

or visit its Web site at <http://www.cotwest.com>.

MOM TO MOM SALE

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will have a men's fellowship breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Former astronaut Jack Lousma will speak on "Perspectives from Space." Tickets cost \$3 and are available by contacting the church at (248) 374-7400.

BIBLE CLASS

The community Bible class, representing 16 denominations and 61 congregations, will resume weekly classes Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Ward Evangelical

Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Class time will be 10 a.m., with pre-class study groups meeting at 9:30 a.m. The class takes participants through the Bible chapter-by-chapter in eight years.

Northville resident Pam Dodge will begin her third year of leading the study. A 13-year member of Ward Church, Dodge is currently director of single young adults. She is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and a doctoral candidate in biblical studies at the University of

Michigan.

To arrange for child care or for more information, call Bonny Romerg at (248) 349-7258.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have a flea market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call John Frith at (313) 537-7865 or the church office at (313) 634-4907.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congregation Beit Kodesh Sunday School will hold its opening day assembly at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.

Registration for children ages 5 and older will be available. A youth group and an adult education class also will be offered. All programs are open to the community, and non-members are welcome. For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

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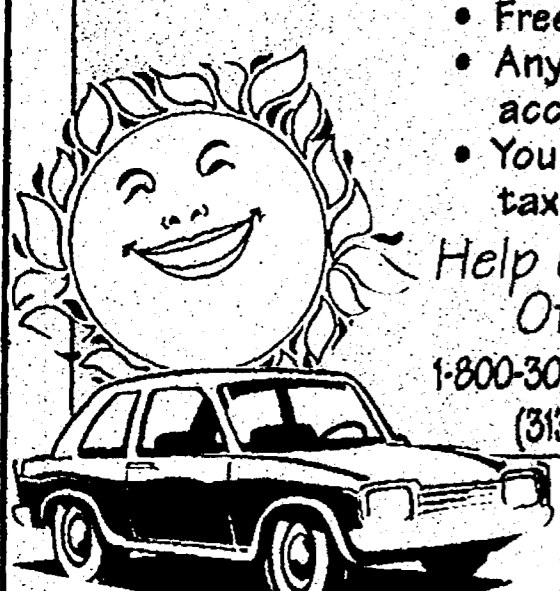
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Mizzi-Becker

Joseph and Pamela Mizzi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Mae, to Brock Michael Becker, the son of Donald and Patricia Becker of Silver Springs, N.Y.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are students at Madonna University in Livonia.

A July wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia.



Cygan-Babut

Kimberly Ann Babut and Michael Patrick Cygan were recently married at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Ray Deahl of Plymouth and Russ and Victoria Babut of Ypsilanti. The groom is the son of Martin and Linda Cygan of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed by the Ford Motor Co.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and the University of Toledo. He is employed by Walbridge Aldinger as a commercial estimator.

The bride asked Wendy Gutek-Leach and Christine Cygan to serve as her matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Michele Moriarty, Jennifer Keller, Joy Anne



Bard and Melissa Tolstyka.

The groom asked Brian Bartlett and Marc Green to serve as best men. Groomsman were Dennis Moriarty, Scott Babut, Brian Burlison and Steve Burlison. Ring bearer was Nicholas Babut.

The couple received guests at Weller's in Saline before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii. They are making their home in Ann Arbor.

Lim-Grant

Harwyn and Pat Lim of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Krystan R., to Paul M. Grant, the son of Pete and Lucy Grant of Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan Technological University. She is employed as an electrical engineer and maintenance supervisor for Michigan Induction.

Her fiancé is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan Technological University. He is employed as a civil engineer at Atwell-Hicks Inc.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

Lombao-Kearly

Arthur and Cecile Lombao of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Leslie, to Peter Ryan Kearly, the son of James and Francine Kearly of Farmington Hills, formerly of Sterling Heights.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is employed as a first-second-grade teacher at a school of choice in the Detroit Public Schools.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Sterling Heights High School and has his bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Wayne State University. He is working on his doctorate and teaching composition and litera-



ture at Wayne State University.

A September wedding is planned at the historic First Congregational Church in Detroit.

Harrison-Robert

Bill and Connie Harrison of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Elizabeth, to Leon James Robert, the son of Rick and Florence Robert, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is employed by NBD Bank and pursuing a degree in sonography.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed by Reinhart Industries.

A September wedding is planned at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Livonia.



Stapula-Maegerlien

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Collier of Temperance, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Stapula of Garden

City, to Vernon Maegerlien of Garden City, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maegerlien of Dearborn and Diane Maegerlien of Dearborn Heights.

An April wedding is planned.

Keck-Rihn

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Keck of Dayton, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Leo John Rihn IV, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Rihn III of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Centerville High School in Dayton. She is employed by First of America Bank in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh and a 1997 graduate of the University of Dayton with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed by Wheel to Wheel in Troy.



A September wedding is planned in Pittsburgh.

Theard-Witulski

Robert and Carol Theard of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Todd Michael Witulski, the son of David and Sharon Witulski of Shelby Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by the Southland Corp. as a field consultant.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Utica High School. He is employed by AIS Construction Equipment Corp.

A November wedding is planned at St. Lawrence Catholic Church.



Radewan-Witt

Jeff and Jane Radewan of Battle Creek announce the engagement of their daughter, Teah Lynn of Canton, to Gary Alan Witt, the son of Robert and Judith Witt of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Battle Creek Lakeview High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in biological science. She is employed as a research assistant at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in surveying and an associate's degree in civil engineering technology.



He is employed as a project surveyor at Atwell-Hicks. A September wedding is planned at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia.

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ANNIVERSARIES

McDonald

Donald F. and Rita Y. McDonald of Mulberry, Fla., former 30-year Livonia residents, celebrated their 50th anniversary with a celebration at the Commerce Township home of their son Donald.

The couple married July 24, 1948, in Redford. She is the former Rita Y. Laducer.

They have five children - Linda of Livonia, Karen of Phoenix, Ariz., Michael, Donald and Gary of Allen Park - and seven grandchildren.

He retired from Allied Supermarkets and the City of Ply-



mouth 10 years ago.

Donald McDonald is active with the Knights of Columbus and a golf league in Mulberry, Fla.

Diedrick

Ralph and Doris Diedrick of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 11 with family and friends at a dinner party at the Dearborn Inn.

Classmates at Plymouth High School, they started dating in the 10th grade. They were married on July 9, 1948, at the Methodist Church.

They are the parents of Connie Jacobs of Northville and the late Pam Diedrick. They also



have four grandchildren.

Hinsch

Jim and Beverly Hinsch, who have lived in Livonia since 1961, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16. The couple's official celebration will be in October when the family will get together in Orlando, Fla.

Jim Hinsch and the former Beverly Corner met at St. Scholastica's Catholic Youth Group in Detroit when they were 16.

They have four children - Kathryn Hinsch and husband Ben of Seattle, Debra Renauer and husband Jerry of Redford, Jim Jr. and Veronica of Ohio and Robert and wife Gloria of



Olympia. They have two grandchildren, Morgan and Renee.



Wells

Bill and Sue Wells celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a party with friends at their Livonia home before leaving on a trip to Charlevoix.

The couple exchanged vows on June 29, 1973, in Westland. She is the former Sue Swanson.

They have two children, Dan and Brett.

They enjoy cruising in their 1963 Corvette and spending time with their sons and friends.

Palmisano

Ignatius and Wanda Natalie Palmisano, 45-year Livonia residents, are celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary and his 80th birthday with a family party.

The couple married July 28, 1951, in Detroit. She is the former Wanda Natalie Hamiele.

The couple has seven children - John of Ann Arbor, David and his wife Mimi of Muskegon, Steven and wife Kim of Yardley, Pa., Nancy of Chicago, Peter and wife Maggie of Eden Prairie, Minn., Robert of Toledo and Daniel and wife Jody of Franklin, Wis. They also have nine grandchildren - Michael, Sarah, Patrick, Andrew, Sammy, Jack, Leah, Brent and Jenna.

Retired in 1991, he was a general surgeon at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and served as its chief of surgery when the facility first opened. He also was with Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital. His interests include stained glass, wood carving and furniture making.

She is a former school and catechism teacher and is a homemaker.

HelpSource has need for foster parents

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster parent? HelpSource, a non-profit organization, is looking for dedicated and motivated people to help change the lives of children.

People interested in what could be the most rewarding experience of their lives can find out about foster parenting, the kind of children who come into care and support services available through the agency at an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at HelpSource, 27676 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

For more information, call HelpSource at (734) 480-1800 or (734) 422-5401.

Registration opens for 'Connections'

Children grieve differently than adults and they need special attention. That's why Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. is offering "Connections," a six-week series to assist children in better dealing with the loss they have experienced.

The series is offered for children ages 5-16 in a safe and shared environment to voice and explore ideas, concerns or ask question about death and understand how it affects their lives.

Children are in age-appropriate groups. Topics covered include reactions and feelings associated with loss, defense and protecting feelings, how to find and use support systems, coping and adjusting to loss and how to

affirm to one another.

"Children are really the forgotten mourners," said Kathy Datolo, CHHCS director of social work. "Sometimes, in the midst of their own sorrow, adults inadvertently forget or are unable to support their children through the loss."

Parents or guardians of children enrolled in the program are strongly encouraged to attend the "Connections" group for adults. The adults meet concurrently, but separately from the children's group.

Topics covered in the adult group include phases and tasks of grief, family support systems, how to cope and adjust to loss and information about how chil-

dren grieve.

At the end of the six-week program, the children and adults meet together for a memorial service to remember those who have died.

The next session of "Connections" will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 22 through Oct. 27, at the CHHCS offices at 32932 Warren Road, Westland. There is a \$20 per family registration fee to secure placement in the program. For more information, call CHHCS at (734) 522-4244.

CHHCS also is offering an

adult grief support series for adults who have experienced the loss of someone significant in their lives. The comprehensive six-week support series is designed to help adults understand and work through the grieving process.

The meetings will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 24 through Oct. 29, at the CHHCS's Plymouth office, 127 S. Main St. There is no cost for the series, however, donations are welcome. To register for the support series, call Rebecca Rouse at (734) 522-4244.

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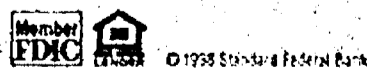
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Hot Harrison clips Rockets

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

This could be Westland John Glenn's strongest boys golf team in Dan Burtka's 12 years as coach, but that doesn't guarantee success.

The Rockets, coming off a win in the Sandmann Best Ball Tournament on Thursday and a runner-up finish in the Pinckney Invitational on Friday, ran into a hot Farmington Hills Harrison squad Tuesday, losing 200-208, in the dual meet opener for both teams at Fellows Creek.

"Two-hundred is a great score for not being on your home course," Burtka said. "We just ran into a buzzsaw today. I don't know if we could have beaten them on a good day."

Harrison's Brian Grohman, a junior, was medalist with a 37, while brothers Kenny and Matt Lee each fired 39s. Chris Scott added a 40 and Rob Platt didn't figure in the team scoring with a 45.

Senior Chris Tompkins, a first-team All-Observer golfer from a year ago, and junior Matt Darnell, each shot 40s for Glenn.

Tompkins was hurt by a double-bogey on the doglegged No. 4 hole when his 120-yard approach shot found water.

"That doesn't happen too often with Chris, he just had an off-day," Burtka said. "So far he looks real good. He's hitting the ball farther than ever."

BOYS GOLF

"Matt played JV for us last year. He's been a pleasant surprise."

Junior Brian Shamrock added a 41, while senior Brian Reed had a 43. Texas transfer Duane Stott had a 44.

"This is Reed's third year on varsity and Shamrock earned his letter last year by playing in 50 percent of the matches," Burtka said. "Duane just didn't putt well today. He three-putted a couple of times. But he hits the solid from tee to green. He can play, no question."

Tompkins had a 76 on Friday to lead Glenn to a second-place finish at the 20-team Pinckney tourney held at Rush Lake. Stott and Reed each carded 78s, while Shamrock had an 80.

Hartland, the defending state Class A champion, had 302 to Glenn's 312.

Glenn returns to action next Thursday against rival Wayne Memorial in a match at Fellows Creek.

The Rockets then play Sept. 9 at Glen Oaks against host North Farmington in their second Western Lakes Activities Association match.

"This league is going to be a dogfight and today was a good indication," Burtka said of the Harrison match. "This league is

so tough this year. (Plymouth) Salem is outstanding, then you have North Farmington, Stevenson, (Plymouth) Canton and I heard Walled Lake Central is vastly improved.

"These guys have the potential to be the best team I've had — talent-wise. And I think we'll be O.K. and hold our own."

Brighton Invitational

Brighton's 'A' team placed first in its own invitational Monday, shooting 298 on its home course at Oak Pointe.

Linden was second with a 302, followed by Salem and then Howell and Bloomfield Hills Lahser, who tied for fourth at 307.

Other local team finishes: Plymouth Canton, 12th with a 317; Livonia Churchill, tied for 15th with a 327; and Redford Catholic Central, 20th with a 330.

Salem was led by Erik Krueger, who tied for fourth overall with a 72. Ben Tucker paced Canton with a 73, tying for sixth. Both earned medals.

The overall medalist was Saline's Scott Melcher (67).

Pacing CC was Evan Currie with a 77. Next was Anthony Domol (81), Armand Samouelian (85) and Zack Davis (87).

Churchill's low scorer was Will Bashara with an 80, followed by Mike Lightbody (81), Tom Fitzstephens (82) and Evan Chall (84).

Eagles claw Franklin; Warriors reach finals

Redford Thurston and Redford Union started the girls basketball season impressively, winning their first game in RU's Tip-off Tournament Tuesday night at Redford St. Agatha.

The Aggies played fast because the RU gym is a smaller facility.

Senior guard Kelly Grenan scored a game-high 25 points, including 13 in the first half, to lead Thurston to a 48-39 win over Livonia Franklin.

RU beat the host Aggies in the other first-round game, 49-34, as the Hillson sisters, Laura and Karen, each scored in double figures.

Erica Cotton and Julie Stoll added eight points each for the Eagles, who led 27-22 at halftime and 37-32 through three quarters.

Thurston was only eight of 20 at the free throw line but made them when it counted, making five of six in the fourth quarter.

Franklin made five of 12 free throws.

Junior forward Tara Morrill led Franklin with 15 points and sophomore center Kerstin Marshall added eight. Alexis Bowman chipped in with seven.

Lisa Balko and Lindsay Duprey joined them in the starting lineup.

"I think we learned a lot from it," Franklin coach Gary Warner said. "They controlled the boards is what happened and we didn't get after it."

The Eagles and RU met in the championship game on Wednesday night. See Sunday's Observer for details.

Laura Hillson, a senior guard, led the Panthers with 13 points and her sister Karen, a sophomore guard, had 10 points, including two three-point baskets.

A total of nine Panthers scored, including senior center Ericka Walker with six points. Senior guard Debbie Christensen added five.

RU led 8-5 after one quarter and 31-9 at halftime.

ROUNDUP

Sonia Lousia led the Aggies with 11 points, including two three-point baskets. Kristen Rodgers added eight.

RU was 12 for 25 at the free throw line and St. Agatha was two of six.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 53, CABRINI 49: Lutheran Westland used a strong second quarter to beat Allen Park Cabrini on Tuesday in the first round of the Royal Oak Shrine Tournament.

The win sends the Warriors into the finals at 7 p.m. Thursday against the host Knights, who coasted to a 56-33 first-round victory over Southfield Christian.

"Shrine looked like a machine, beating Southfield Christian — scoring the first 24 points — but that's all right," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gertz said. "We're excited to get to the finals."

Senior forward Anna Scheweke led the balanced Lutheran Westland attack with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman Chris Hilden had 10 points and senior Sharon Greer eight. Junior Anna Rolf and freshman Karen Abramczyk, celebrating her 14th birthday, chipped in with six points each.

STEVENSON 43, FORDSON 34: A balanced scoring attack carried Livonia Stevenson to a non-league victory Tuesday over visiting Dearborn Fordson in the season opener for both teams.

Senior forward Stephanie Dulz led the Spartans with nine points and 10 rebounds despite playing less than a half because of foul trouble.

Junior forward Katie King and senior guard Jen Pettier added seven points each for the Spartans, who led 8-6 after one quarter and 23-15 at halftime.

Senior forward Becky Smith had six points and six rebounds and senior forward Cassie Ehlandt had five points and five rebounds.

Seven different Spartans scored at least four points apiece.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

METEORS FINISH 3RD

The Livonia Y Meteors, a girls under-11 soccer team coached by Doug Calvin, took third place (Aug. 15-16) in the Maumee (Ohio) Invitational with a 3-1 record, their only loss coming against the Canton Dynamite in the final minute, 2-1.

Members of the Meteors, who outscored their opponents 20-2, include Christen Diskelonis, Ashley Calvin, Christina Curl, Kati Germane, Wendy Hoots, Kate Kelly, Mary Peszek, Jamie Radley, Michele Roffey, Anna Ross, Paige Taylor, Jessica Theisen, Stephanie Thom, Lauren Trossel, Casey Van Swearingen and Emma Wojtowicz.

The assistant coach is Bob Theisen; Mike Trossel is the manager; and Jeff Bobo the trainer.

FALL INLINE HOCKEY

Registration for fall inline hockey leagues, open to boys and girls ages 5-17, will be at Skateland West, located at Cherry Hills and Newburgh roads, in Westland.

The cost is \$125 per person (includes eight games, jersey, free practice times, end of session party, awards and insurance).

The entry deadline is Oct. 2. For more information, call

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things we're going to have to work on.

"We'll tighten some things on defense and hopefully come back against New Boston with a better effort."

A couple other things stood out for John Glenn.

Amad, although not playing, was showing a teammate some options on offense while the teammate was taking a breather.

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Rage and Florida Bobcats of the AFL.

■ Was that MSU starting guard Charlie Bell running the 10-miler last weekend at the Bobby Crim Race in Flint?

Yes, and you've got to be impressed with that kind of pre-season conditioning, especially on a muggy Saturday morning.

■ How many first-round

defeats has CC and former Rice University All-America Steve Campbell suffered this summer on the pro tennis tour?

Five in a row.

■ What ever happened to Carrie Cunningham?

■ Who is Livonia's Al Iafra playing for this year?

Carolina Hurricanes.

■ If the Red Wings don't win

the Stanley Cup, who is the next best team?

I'll stick with Dallas and Mike Modano.

■ Is there another high school football playoff proposal in the works?

Rumor has it that all the 6-3 teams would make it automatically along with some 5-4s.

■ Is ex-Glenn quarterback

Justin Berent going to play for Michigan?

A good source told me he's going to enroll at a local junior college and attempt to get in as a preferred walk-on second semester or next fall. He's still in the process of rehabbing his knee.

■ What's my favorite road race of the year?

Run Through Hell, hands down. Loads of hills, lots of humidity, no mile markers and just three water stops for 10 miles.

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■ When does our High School Football Preview edition come out? Sunday, Aug. 30.

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Starr of Novi on drums perform 9:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, on the Hudson's/Live Jazz stage.

The trio have a steady gig at all Red Wings home games, playing 40 dates a year at the Joe Louis Arena Olympia Room and play once a month at Edison's in Birmingham.

In 1994 they released a CD, "The Key Player," but the music on the CD is only half the story.

"The stuff we do on record is classic piano trio, but we play another repertoire that uses electronic instruments. I have a large collection of keyboard instruments that I use when I play a concert," said Schunk.

Schunk, 44, was influenced by the music of Miles Davis, Herbie Hancock, Chick Corea and others.

"The stuff I've written and compositions I like are in what they used to call fusion, actually I guess it's still called fusion music," Schunk said. "Combining jazz composition with rock and

roll beats, different beats than the swing, 4/4, wider ranging." At Montreux, the trio will play both kinds of music.

"Fusion was an attempt by some jazz artists, mostly from the bands of Miles Davis, who wanted to seek a wider audience," Schunk said. "It had the energy of rock with the sophistication of jazz."

Schunk, who has been living in Redford since 1987, said he doesn't have the time he'd like to compose because it's always difficult to round up enough work.

"To be recognized on a national level, you have to be in that place which for jazz is New York and to a lesser extent the West Coast," he said.

Schunk said he looks forward to the Montreux festival to meet other musicians and to play for an interested audience.

"It's something to prepare for. I've played everyone since 1980. It's an enjoyable weekend," he said.

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it was expensive. The cost of the sampling clearances was so astronomical it almost killed us. It cost more to clear the samples than to record the music."

One of the motivations for the samplings was to pay homage to the jazz greats that have gone before. On "Make Some Noise" you hear bits of Dizzy Gillespie, Rashaan Roland Kirk, Eddie Harris, Ornette Coleman and Charlie Parker's famous intro to Gillespie's "Salt Peanuts."

Liquid Soul also pays homage with new performances of some great jazz standards including "Salt Peanuts" (with a scat vocal by Kurt Eilling), Miles Davis' "Freddie the Freeloader" and John Coltrane's "Equinox." For many young listeners, this is a first introduction to these artists.

"A lot of our audience never heard that stuff," Williams said. "A story about 'Salt Peanuts.' Our rapper (Dirty M.F.) was like 'Salt Peanuts' what's that? He had never heard the song before. Then we did our switch on it to 'Chocolate Covered Nuts' and he started listening to it and now it's his favorite tune. He went out and bought the original."

By keeping a foot in many musical camps, Williams has been attracting a new audience to jazz and attracting a jazz audience to other kinds of music.

"I like all styles of music, for me I don't like to define them," he said. "I like the energy of rock, the hard element of it. In jazz you have the same, but for me, jazz is the ultimate creativity outlet."

Williams said his own musical influences range from Parker, Coltrane and Davis to avant-garde jazz saxophonists Braxton and Ornette Coleman to rock and rhythm legends Jimi Hendrix and James Brown.

"I'm always listening to other things to keep my mind open. It's important to be open as a musician. If I stuck with one kind of music, I'd become stagnant."

Joining Liquid Soul on this tour will be jazz singer Nina Simone's daughter Simone, who recently performed in the touring company of "Rent" at the Fisher Theatre. Williams said she adds a more accessible pop sound.

"She also adds a nice look to the band, with nine guys on the stage it's nice to have a pretty girl," he said.

The Liquid Soul albums contain several live performances. Williams said the audience is an important part of the hard-driving, aggressive Liquid Soul sound.

"We feed off their response, it's an interactive performance," he said. "The audience starts

screaming, egging you on. They'll start cheering when you come into your solo and when you hear that it brings you into another level. They're with you in the solo. The audience is a big part of our performance. We're a great live band."

Williams, who is involved with half a dozen groups doing different styles of music, will take Liquid Soul back in the recording studio in October, hoping to again find that perfect mix of live energy and studio innovation and clarity.

Diane Schuur

Singer Diane Schuur offers a more traditional approach to jazz. She has been hailed by critics for sustaining the legacy of the great female jazz singers - Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Washington.

Schuur even paid tribute to her idols in her CD "In Tribute." Schuur will perform 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, on the Ford/Air Touch Cellular stage with the Duke Ellington Orchestra under the direction of Paul Ellington, the great composer/band leader's grandson.

"I've always loved Duke Ellington and his work a lot," Schuur said in a telephone interview. "I grew up with it, listening to 'In My Solitude,' 'Prelude to a Kiss.' I worked with the Duke Elling-

ton Orchestra at Carnegie Hall." Schuur has also worked with the Count Basie Orchestra, winning a Grammy in 1988 for her album with the Basie ensemble.

"The Duke Ellington band is a bit more complex than Basie. Some of their stuff is not as upbeat as Basie, Basie really does swing," Schuur said.

The singer wasn't sure what she would be singing with the Ellington band, though she said it would not be a program of Ellington songs. She will sing songs by her other favorites - Gershwin, Porter and Kern.

"I like to be able to relate to a song I'm doing on an emotional level as well as musical. I like to be musically challenged," she said.

Schuur, blind since birth, began singing in clubs when she was 9 years old. Her first record, recorded when she was 18, was produced by country singer and producer Jimmy Wakely. In 1979, she was discovered by jazz great Stan Getz who arranged for her to record as a jazz singer. She has been nominated for five Grammy Awards.

She will be arriving in Detroit from Mackinac Island where she will perform at the Grand Hotel's annual jazz festival, Sept. 5-6.

"I'm looking forward to this date, it's a great band," she said.

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8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Vincent York Quartet

Monday, Sept. 7

Ford/Air Touch Cellular Stage
Noon Wayne State Jazz Band
1:30 p.m. Chris Collins Quartet
3:15 p.m. Ralphie Armstrong's International Detroiters w/Vernon Reid

5 p.m. A la Carte Brass and Percussion

7 p.m. Diane Schuur & the Duke Ellington Orchestra directed by Paul Ellington

9:30 p.m. Regina Carter Quartet w/John Blake

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12:15 p.m. Paul Abler Quartet
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5:15 p.m. Dee Dee McNeil

6:45 p.m. Herrold/Gordon Small Band

8:15 p.m. Kenny Cox Sextet

9:45 p.m. Liquid Soul

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Ramsey Lewis, one of our country's most popular jazz pianists, will join jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 for the third annual "Jazz on the Lake" at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake.

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Tickets are \$50 per person, call (248) 683-1750 for more information. St. Mary's College is at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads on the east shore of Orchard Lake.

"One's style is one's style. It's there in every song you do, as are your fingerprints," said Ramsey, who has recorded over 60 albums, won three Grammy awards, and has five gold records in his four decades in the music business.

In the mid-1960s, Ramsey hit the pop singles charts four times with "The In Crowd," "Hang on Sloopy," "A Hard

Day's Night," and "Wade in the Water." Three of the singles, as well as the albums "Sounds of Christmas" (1961) and "Sun Goddess" (1975) went gold, and he won performance Grammy's for "The In Crowd," "Hold It Right There," and "Hang on Sloopy."

Currently, in addition to recording and presenting concerts, Lewis spends his time as Monday-Friday morning drive time on-air personality on WNUA-FM in Chicago. He's also host of a syndicated weekly program, the "Ramsey Lewis Show," that's heard in over 50 cities in the U.S. (including 9-

11 p.m. Sundays on Smooth Jazz 98.7 FM in Detroit); and host of a one-hour interview and performance program, "Jazz Central," for BET cable TV nationwide.

Zonjic also hosts a Monday-Friday drive-time program, 6-10 a.m. on Smooth Jazz 98.7 FM in metro Detroit. After several years as a rock guitarist, Zonjic began a relentless pursuit to learn to play the flute at the age of 21. A resident of Windsor, he quickly found success for his virtuosity. He has toured and performed all over the world.

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Nigel," to U2's debut "Boy" to Dave Matthews Band's "Under the Table and Dreaming."

Renowned producer and songwriter Ahmet Ertegun is also rumored to be interested.

The weekend before, Aug. 15-16, VH1's "Rock Across America" premiered interview and performance segments with the band taped during its Milwaukee Summerfest gig. Folks coming home from the Woodward Dream Cruise at 2 a.m. may have stumbled across the piece flipping channels.

"You saw it! Isn't that weird?" Bunkley said excitedly. "We've been doing a lot of things for VH1. They've taken us under their wing. They just kind of like us and are willing to help us out and allow us to get some exposure before the new CD comes out."

Tom Buffolano, vice president of event marketing and promotions for VH1, said that VH1 was so impressed with The Atomic

Fireballs that the channel hired the band to play a TCI Cablevision event in Colorado last weekend.

"Everywhere they go, people just go nuts. People are just dancing all over the place. I'm not sure how much airplay they get but that seems not to matter because they're so infectious," Buffolano explained.

"VH1 has been supporting the recent surge in popularity of swing music but a lot of the bands we're working with - the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, the Brian Setzer Orchestra, Royal Crown Revue - obviously are becoming nationally known and we found that working with The Atomic Fireballs you can take a band who obviously is really good and put them on our stage and use them for some of our events and you get a huge crowd reaction of it."

Novel idea

For years, Bunkley was the lead singer of the ska band

Gangster Fun, which he formed as a student at Oakland University in Rochester. When Gangster Fun ran dry, Bunkley, a 1987 OU graduate, took a break from music to pursue an advanced degree in sociology and work as a glassblower at Greenfield Village in Dearborn.

In 1996, he and trumpeter James Bostek came up with the idea to start a jump blues/swing band - long before swing bands like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Mighty Blue Kings, and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy hit the charts.

"I guess I just kept going back (in time). I was really interested in ska. I always listened to old music - old soul and blues and jump blues. I was thinking about a pure jump blues thing. There are so many influences from the present that I wanted to bring those in as well. It's really pure '90s music, not '30s and '40s. But I love and respect the music form that era," Bunkley explained.

For research, Bunkley, who

possesses a large record collection, looked to his friend Jason Schusterbauer, booking and promotions manager for Majestic Theatre Center, including the Garden Bowl.

"When John started talking about forming this band, the whole swing fad was not even on the map. It just wasn't there. The timing, I think, is incredible."

"When he sat down and listened to some old records, it just didn't seem like it would be viable," Schusterbauer explained. "All he wanted to do was start a band and play the music that he loved. The last thing I'm sure in his mind was to conquer the music industry. It seems like that's happening."

This summer, The Atomic Fireballs inked a multi-album deal with Lava/Atlantic Records. Jason Flom, president of Lava Records, was turned on to The Atomic Fireballs by a co-worker Rick Goetz who heard a track from "Birth of the Swerve" on a

Des Moines, Iowa, radio station.

"The Fireballs' live show is one of the most exciting and fun live shows I've ever seen," said Flom, whose record company also signed Detroit rapper Kid Rock. "It's highlighted by John Bunkley who, in my opinion, is a superstar in the making. He is charismatic. He's got style for days and his moves... he's on a different planet than the rest of us. You can't help smiling."

"The band's musicianship is, I think, stellar and they maintain an energy throughout the show that's just impossible to resist. Every guy is a character in the band and then there's the most important thing which is the songs. With songs like 'Caviar and Chitlins,' I think they can emerge as one of the most important swing bands that's out there."

Schusterbauer agreed that The Atomic Fireballs' live shows, complete with the cane swirling Bunkley, are its strong points.

"When they (fans) actually see the band, they see a band that swings but it's a hard jump blues style that nobody else does, largely because John and what a showman he is. With his dancing and his singing, there's so much soul there. There's not a lot of that with what people call 'swing bands today,'" he explained.

"That's what's going to propel them to crush and conquer all the swing bands. They're just a fun band to see. There really is no one else like them out on the horizon anywhere. They can go toe-to-toe with any hip stylish swing band on the planet. I'm astounded that VH1 and Atlantic Records (pay attention to them) and that they're actually being embraced by this music industry."

"Sometimes I think they couldn't find and sustain a talent if the heavens opened up and there was a neon sign in the sky. It's amazing. I'm really proud of him."

Farmington Players open new season with musical revue

It could be curtains for the Farmington Players Barn if the Farmington Players raise enough money to build a new theater.

"We've raised in excess of \$300,000, and have \$150,000 to go before we can absolutely go

ahead with our plans," said Cynthia Tupper, president of the Farmington Players.

This is Act II of a continuing drama that began last spring when the Players began discussion with Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc., which plans to build a

senior assisted living facility on property next to the Players Barn on 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The big white dairy barn that has been home to the Players for 45 years needs air conditioning, and must be made handicap accessible. The Players want to work with Sunrise Assisted Living, Inc. to develop a unified plan for the property that would include a new theater.

Tupper said the Players want to raise half of the estimated \$900,000 needed to build a new theater before they make a final commitment. If they reach their goal, they want to break ground for a new theater in late fall.

With an eye toward the future, the Players will open their season Friday, Sept. 11 with a special production - "Broadway Banned - A Musical Revue." All proceeds from that show will go into the building fund.

The rousing revue features memorable songs from all your favorite Broadway shows - "Guys and Dolls," "Brigadoon," "South Pacific," "Anything Goes," "Pajama Game," "Damn Yan-

kees," and "How to Succeed in Business."

These are all shows the Players have presented at the Barn over the past 45 years.

"We taken the show stopping numbers that everyone knows for our show," said Tupper, who is directing the show with Sue Rogers. It promises to be "Some Enchanted Evening."

"We have more talent in this show than we've ever had before," said Tupper about the ensemble cast of 24. "Everyone wanted to be in this show. They'll get to do what they do best sing, dance, or be funny."

For the rest of its 45th season, the Players will present their shows in the Kresge Chapel at nearby Tyndale College on 12 Mile Road between Drake and Halsted.

"We had to find another place to perform, and we wanted to find a place that was close," said Tupper. "Their theater seats 240, which is what our new theater would seat. It's still quite intimate." The Barn seats about 175 people.

Anticipating construction, and

a temporary home, the Farmington Players chose shows that require small casts, and are easier to produce.

"We picked really entertaining shows so our audience will stay with us during the transition," said Tupper. "There's a lot of variety. We want to make sure we don't lose our patrons. We want them to enjoy making the move with us."

For the first time ever, the Players will present a show during the Thanksgiving holiday - "A Tuna Christmas," a comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams. It takes place during Christmas in the third smallest town in Texas where two men take on the challenge of portraying 22 male and female roles in a radio station news personalities.

Farmington Players 1998-99 Season

Where: With the exception of "Broadway Banned - A Musical Revue," at the Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road (between Farmington and Orchard Lake Road), all shows will be at Tyndale College, 35700 W. 12 Mile Road (between Drake and Halsted) Farmington Hills.

Season tickets: Three shows for \$35, does not include "Broadway Banned," which benefits the building fund. Call (248) 553-2955.

- "Broadway Banned - A Musical Revue" Performances: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, Sept. 18-19, and Sept. 25-26; 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20; tickets \$20.
- "A Tuna Christmas" by Ed Howard, Joe Sears, and Jason Williams. Performances: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 6-7, Nov. 13-14, Nov. 20-21, and Nov. 27-28, matinee 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13; tickets \$12.
- "The Fantasticks," book, music and lyrics by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. Performances: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 5-6, Feb. 12-13, Feb. 19-20, and Feb. 26-27, matinee 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13; tickets \$14.
- "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti. Performances: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, April 30-May 1, May 7-8, May 14-15, matinee 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1; tickets \$12.


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Sixpence earns acclaim with self-titled album



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The music industry has been kissing up to the Tennessee pop act Sixpence None the Richer since it released the single "Kiss Me."

Matt Slocum, the band's guitarist/cellist, was thrilled about playing the notorious Viper Room in Los Angeles the night before. He's also overwhelmed that two prominent producers, including one formerly of Canton, wanted to put their spin on the single.

"Somebody of that stature being into your music is a really cool thing," Slocum said of Bob Clearmountain.

"Ben Grosse did another mix of 'Kiss Me.' It was cool to hear his mix on the radio. It's just like tons of compression. It just really kicks. I can't wait until our next record and maybe one of them would want to mix the entire record."

Last year, Grosse moved his Pearl Sound studio from Canton to California.

Radio station WPLT was so moved by the single that it added the band to Planetfest which hits Pine Knob Music Theatre in Independence Township on Sunday, Aug. 30.

"All the bands that are playing are cool," said Slocum whose band opened for Bran Van 3000 at The Shelter in Detroit. "Detroit's a really cool time. We really had a good time there. It's really cool that the Planet (WPLT) has picked up the single."

During the tour in support of its debut self-titled album for Squint Records, Sixpence None the Richer is hoping to steer its fanbase from a Christian music crowd to more mainstream.

"That's what we believe. That's our faith. We're not trying to be like a 'Christian pop act.' We were just want to be a normal band playing music," explained Slocum, who also performed on Natalie Imbruglia's album "Left of the Middle."

"We're all Christians. Our faith's a big part of our lives and that naturally comes out in our music. It's part of who we are. We don't really like being called 'Christian music' because there's a lot of negative connotations that go along with that."

"Sixpence None the Richer" has been compared to albums by the ethereal British pop act The Sundays. Singer Leigh Nash's vocals float out of radio speakers like Sundays' singer Harriet Wheeler, and strings play a big

part in the music. Slocum doesn't mind the comparison.

"I've always been a helpless fan for theirs. Everything that came out I loved."

Sixpence None the Richer was born out of Texas. Nash, 21, began her career singing Patsy Cline songs in Texan dance halls at age 12. Slocum met Nash in Texas and now both of them reside in Nashville.

The trio - which also includes drummer Dale Baker - released two critically acclaimed albums before signing to Squint. "The Fatherless and the Widow" was hailed as one of the 10 best albums of the year by Billboard magazine.

For "This Beautiful Mess" Nash's vocals were placed on a level with Edie Brickell and Natalie Merchant. Although the self-titled album is its third release, the band is calling it its first.

"This is the first time we've actually had the exposure that we're getting. This label that we're on is really supporting it big time."

Slocum added that this album shows the band's progression.

"Our first record was really mellow. It was definitely like an early Sundays thing. It was really stripped down with just guitar, bass and drums, a real indie feel. For the second record we went in more of an aggressive direction with more blaring guitars and that sort of thing. This album is a healthy mix of those two elements."

Pearl Jam funny?

Sunday night at The Palace of Auburn Hills, the rock band Pearl Jam proved that beneath the grumbling (or is it mumbling?), the squabbles with Ticketmaster, and its anti-media brigade, it remains one of the best live bands alive.

Pearl Jam played back-to-back songs from its most recent efforts "Yield" and "No Code" before breaking into the single "Alive" with a 18,000-member chorus. "Even Flow" was classic Pearl Jam - Mike McCready played his guitar while arching his back, singer Eddie Vedder bent down burying his mic with his hair, and bassist Jeff Ament jumped like a pogo stick.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the band's performance was, shockingly enough, its humor. After "Alive" Vedder grabbed the mic and yelled "Thank you. Good night" while laughing. When a Pearl Jam fan jumped on stage mid-song, he told a security guard to free the man and forced the fan to his knees. Vedder humiliated the Toronto man by telling him how

much he hates people who do that. Then harassed him for having short hair in front and long hair in back. To rectify the problem, a Pearl Jam roadie gave Vedder a pair of scissors which he used to chop off the man's hair.

The show was Pearl Jam's first at The Palace. Vedder told the 18,000-plus audience it was good to be back in Detroit. Judging from the well-behaved crowd and the strength of fans' vocals during hit songs, they agreed.

Misc.

Rob Zombie will visit Harmony House, 22818 John R Road, Hazel Park, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, to promote his debut solo effort "Hellbilly Deluxe." For more information, call (248) 543-6313. ... Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday for "Family Values" tour featuring Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$29.50 for reserved and general admission floor. ... Tickets for the Barenaked Ladies show Thursday, Oct. 15, at The Palace of Auburn Hills go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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