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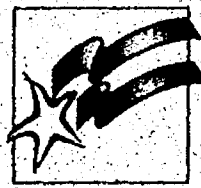
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Turner denies endorsing Conley



Republican state House candidate Steve Conley issued a statement claiming endorsements from four area elected officials. But Wayne-Westland school trustee Ed Turner denies endorsing Conley.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Republican state House candidate Steve Conley on Tuesday touted endorsements from four incumbent politicians, but one of them denied supporting him.

Conley issued a statement claiming endorsements from state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton Township, West-

land City Councilman Charles Pickering, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Wayne-Westland school trustee Ed Turner.

Bennett and Pickering immediately confirmed their support when contacted Tuesday, but Turner denied endorsing Conley's campaign against 18th District state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland.

Yack, reached at his office Wednes-

day morning, initially denied ever meeting or endorsing Conley, but said later in the morning that Conley jarred his memory with a phone call.

"Shame on me for not remembering," Yack said.

Conley, in his first bid for public office, not only touted four endorsements in a statement issued Tuesday, but he also quoted Bennett, Pickering, Yack and Turner. He said the quotes came from notes he took while meeting separately with them.

"I have nothing against the gentleman, but I did not make that statement," Turner said, referring to a quote he supposedly gave Conley on educa-

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tion issues.

Turner conceded that he and Conley met about four months ago to talk, but Turner denied agreeing to endorse Conley. Turner said he isn't endorsing in the 18th District, which includes most of Westland and a small portion of Canton Township.

But Conley said Turner told him that "he would be more than happy to endorse me." Conley said he personally jotted down Turner's remarks during

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Banding together

Warming up: Bundled up to fight the evening chill, Westland John Glenn senior Kristin Quint rehearses "The Star-Spangled Banner" with the marching band Tuesday. The band will perform at Glenn's football home opener this Friday against Plymouth Canton.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Community sale to benefit 2 local programs

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Listen up, bargain-hunters. A Westland community garage sale featuring 100 booths will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, in a public parking lot next to Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford. Money from the garage sale will go for programs that help troubled youths and disabled people of all ages, organizers said Tuesday.

The garage sale will benefit two organizations:

■ 'We have 100 spaces. Right now we have a little over half of them rented, so we still have a lot of spaces left.'

Ronaele Bowman

-Westland Youth Assistance director

■ Westland Youth Assistance, which provides mentors and a wide array of services to help steer troubled youths toward better behavior.

■ Westland Therapeutic Recreation Club, which sponsors field trips and other programs for mentally and physi-

cally impaired people who might otherwise lack opportunities to mingle and share experiences.

The autumn garage sale will be similar to a spring event in May that raised \$2,000 for the two organizations.

"It helps to defray our costs," thera-

peutic program director Margaret Martin said.

The programs get their money from space rentals at the garage sale. Cost is \$20 per space or \$25 for "premium" locations around the garage sale periphery.

Anyone who rents a space gets to keep the money they earn from selling items.

"We have 100 spaces. Right now we have a little over half of them rented,

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Fire displaces tenants from 12 apartments

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Tenants of 12 Westland apartments are looking for new residences after a fire forced them out, a fire official said.

The fire left \$150,000 in damages but injured no one when it erupted at 3:45 p.m. Sept. 2 inside Hampton Court Apartments, Westland Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Harder said.

"The fire started on a bed, and we

assume it was careless smoking, but we have been unable to determine that as an exact cause," he said.

Fire officials have ended their investigation at the apartment complex on Christine, northwest of Ford and Wildwood.

"The Red Cross came to the scene and found shelter for the 12 displaced families and provided them with food and clothing," he said. "The Red Cross

deserves some credit because they really helped these families until they can find housing or get help through other agencies."

A single woman who lives in the apartment where the fire started told officials she had stepped out for 20 minutes and returned to find the residence in flames.

Fire spread through the building and flames were shooting through two win-

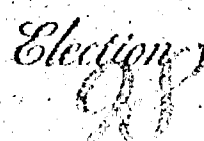
dows and into the roof when firefighters arrived on the scene, Harder said.

One apartment was severely damaged, while three others suffered "fairly heavy" damage and the remaining eight had mostly water and smoke damage, Harder said.

"They'll have to put a whole new roof on the entire building and repair the individual units," he said.

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Let the campaigns begin!



While candidates are pounding the pavement, dominating the airwaves and the print media, we believe voters have a lot to say. We'd like to hear from you -- the average voter -- on what you believe are important issues in the November election for governor.

The Observer will host a Citizens' Election Roundtable later this month and we're looking for a few residents to join others throughout your hometown circulation area for a lively discussion of what's important to you -- the average voter.

The roundtables will include discussions on the gubernatorial race and statewide ballot issues (physician-assisted suicide and Clean Michigan).

Roundtables will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 23-24, in our corporate headquarters at 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

We're looking for a good cross-section of voters. So if you've got an opinion and are available both evenings, please fill out the guest form which accompanies this article.

We'll notify you if you are selected. The sessions will be photographed and serve as the basis for stories to appear on the Westland Observer op-ed pages before the Nov. 3 election.

Our readers are well-informed and have lots to say -- we know because you write us, e-mail us and fax us on a daily basis. We're counting on a robust discussion of the issues. You provide the opinions, we'll provide the snacks and the moderator.

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90-year-old woman dies of car accident injuries

A 90-year-old woman died Saturday morning from injuries she suffered in an Aug. 31 accident in Westland, Sgt. Peter Brokas said.

Mary Zaplinsky's death came five days after the car she was riding in was hit by a pickup truck in the intersection of Warren Road and Central City Parkway.

The Dearborn Heights woman

was a passenger in a car driven by her 75-year-old sister, Nellie Szewchuk, also of Dearborn Heights, police said.

Police said Szewchuk was turning from westbound Warren onto southbound Central City Parkway when she apparently pulled in front of a Ford F-150 truck, which didn't have time to stop.

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so we still have a lot of spaces left," Youth Assistance Director Ronaale Bowman said.

To participate, call (734) 722-7620.

However, there are restrictions on what can be sold:

■ No food can be sold. Organizers sell the food, themselves, to earn extra money for programs.

■ No weapon-related items can be sold.

"No weapons of any kind can be sold - bows and arrows, guns,

knives, bullets or anything like that," Bowman said.

Selling weapon-related items would violate a city ordinance and force police officers to shut down violators, Bowman said.

Garage sale participants tend to sell items such as housewares, she said. They have to rent spaces and can't sell from their cars, she said.

If weather conditions cancel the event, it will be rescheduled for the same hours on the following day, Sunday, Sept. 27.

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The fire prompted Harder to note that most - and possibly all - of the renters had no insurance to cover their losses.

"It's really kind of a shame because renter's insurance is so reasonable," he said. "These are just innocent people who suffered losses because they didn't

have renter's insurance." Harder said he wasn't sure how many people fled the building when the fire erupted, but no one was injured.

He said early reports of a missing cat haven't been confirmed.

Kids' creations



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



Making things: Kids tried their skills at making paper scarecrows Saturday at the Westland library's Creation Station, which is where kids can make crafts the first Saturday of each month. Above, Catie Croft, 4, makes a funny face at her brother. At right, Aymen Maktari, 3, puzzles over which color to use. At top, Maria Radzwin, 4, concentrates on getting things glued together just right.

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their conversation. "I was under the understanding that I was going to get the endorsement," Conley said. "There's no benefit to me making this stuff up. I should have double-checked, but I thought it was a done deal."

Initial denial

Yack initially denied endorsing Conley. "To my knowledge, I've never met him," Yack said early Wednesday morning.

Referring to statements that Conley attributed to him in a press release, Yack said, "I never said that."

Yack said many candidates assume they are endorsed by elected officials who share their party affiliation, "but that's never been my mode of operation."

Later Wednesday, however, Yack changed his position on Conley after Conley called him and reminded him of a meeting that they had.

"When he started going over the conversation we had, I remembered it vividly," Yack said.

Early Wednesday, Yack com-



Steve Conley



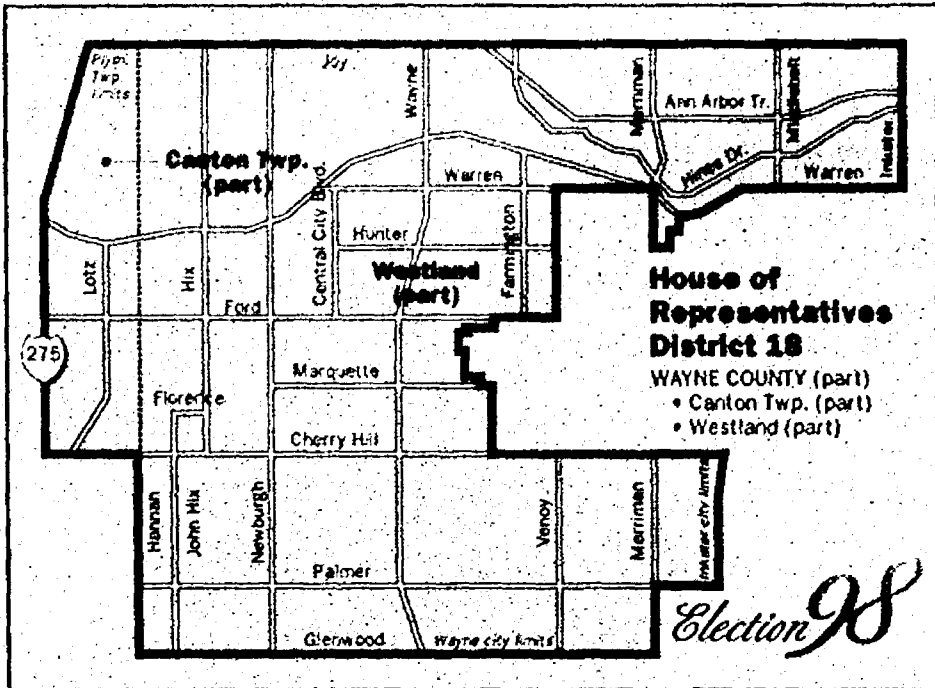
Eileen DeHart

mended DeHart for being "fairly responsive to any concerns I might have," even though DeHart's district includes only a small portion of Canton Township.

Conley seemed frustrated early Wednesday when two of the four officials named in his press release didn't recall endorsing him or making state-

ments that he quoted. "I'm just getting pretty fed up with the politics," he said. "That's one reason why I'm running."

DeHart was vacationing and couldn't be reached directly for comment. But she said through an office spokeswoman that she will continue to run her campaign with "honesty and integri-



Republican state House Candidate Steve Conley is campaigning against state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, for the 18th District State House seat which represents most of Westland and part of Canton Township.

that places temporary and permanent accounting employees with other firms.

Bennett hailed Conley's accounting background and said Conley "will be a quick study" on budget matters.

Pickering said, "I'm definitely endorsing him. I just think he will serve the best interests of the city (of Westland)."

Pickering agreed with Conley's assessment that other political races and issues could help Republicans win the 18th District race, even though Conley is a political newcomer.

ty." DeHart is seeking a third, two-year term.

Conley said he hopes the flap over his press release won't raise questions about his honesty. He said he never meant to mislead anyone, and he said he was "dumbfounded" by some statements made by elected officials.

On the trail

Conley said he believes he can seize DeHart's 18th District seat this year, especially if GOP voters turn out in large enough numbers to support other Republican candidates such as Bennett and Gov. John Engler.

"All of the indicators are pointing in the right direction for a Republican to take this seat," he said.

Conley, 32, owns a business

Westland man gets probation in shooting case

BY VALERIE OLANDER STAFF WRITER

Timothy Scott, 26, of Westland was sentenced to two years probation for being an accomplice in a Dec. 7, 1997, shooting at the Holiday Estates Mobile Home Park in Canton.

Scott pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of felonious assault before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Prentis Edwards. He was originally charged with assault with intent to murder.

A 20-year-old Livonia man was injured after a bullet from a 12-gauge shotgun pierced the rear passenger door of his friend's Ford F150 truck as the two of them were leaving the trailer park. The bullet struck Tom Esch in the lower back, searing his kidney.

The shooter, Edward Boldon, 19, of Detroit was sentenced Aug. 13 to two years in jail and two years probation after pleading guilty to one count of felony firearm use and one count of felonious assault. Felony firearm use is a mandatory two-year sentence.

Boldon was originally charged with assault with intent to murder and felony firearm.

According to Assistant Prosecutor Maurice Morton, the shooting stemmed from an alleged racial incident in which the defendants, who are black, claimed they were just scaring the victims, who are white, for an earlier incident.

"I can't get into why the plea offer was made, only that it was acceptable to the victim," Morton said.

Esch attended all the court hearings and appeared to be in good physical health, according to Morton. Esch was unavailable for comment.

According to testimony at the preliminary exam in 35th District Court, Esch's friend Patrick McVeigh said they went to the trailer park twice that day to meet girls another friend had met through the Internet.

The men had spoken by telephone with the girls several times that day and the girls invited them over for a party, he testified.

The phone conversation allegedly involved comments about the white girls dating black men.

McVeigh said he saw a suspicious vehicle, a dark-colored Thunderbird, at Hemlock and Orchard and circled around the trailer park.

As he neared the car again, McVeigh saw the passenger step out of the car, then he heard the gunshot. Esch told McVeigh he was shot. McVeigh sped off, calling 911 on his cell phone.

Meanwhile, police officers on a domestic violence call at nearby Sherwood Village trailer park spotted a speeding Thunderbird as they headed westbound on Michigan Avenue. The suspect's car was heading east bound. The men were apprehended at the I-275 entrance ramp.

Officers found a 12-gauge shotgun on eastbound Michigan Avenue, west of Haggerty. The gun was in two pieces after apparently being thrown from the car window.

Scott's attorney, Cyril Pessina, was unavailable for comment.

Farmington Hills officer sentenced to probation

A Farmington Hills police officer has been sentenced to one year probation after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor domestic violence charge.

Judge Gail McKnight sentenced Gary Brandemihl to probation at a hearing in Westland 18th District Court Sept. 4. He also has to attend a 26-week group domestic violence program stemming from a June 15 incident where his former fiancée said he assaulted her.

Brandemihl is set to appear before McKnight on charges that he violated his bond by having contact with the victim. The hearing is 2 p.m. Oct. 14.

On July 22, he entered a no contest plea under advisement to the charge. A person does not admit guilt pleading no contest under advisement.

At sentencing, Brandemihl's attorney asked that the no contest plea be withdrawn but later withdrew the motion, a court administrator said.

Brandemihl had been suspended with pay pending an internal investigation. A department trial board subsequently found him not guilty of misconduct.

The victim failed to appear at the trial board hearing, Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer said.

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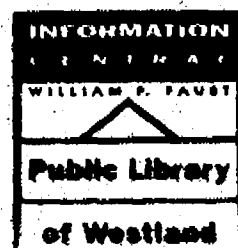
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Writing workshop, 7-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, Community Meeting Room A/B. Do your creative juices need stirring? Unlock the stories within you with enjoyable writing exercises. Renowned writer/teacher Kathleen Ripley Leo, president of the Detroit Women Writers, will conduct a workshop. There is no fee, but space is limited so reservations are required. For reservations, call (734) 326-6123.

Leo is also offering an eight-week writing class beginning Sept. 23. Those interested in the class are encouraged to attend the free introductory workshop.

Satires of Modern Family Life. Five professional actors give dramatic readings of four unique 10-minute plays, each written by a different

playwright 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21. No fee. Space is limited. Call for reservations.



Winter Care for Lawns and Gardens, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Community Meeting Room 8.

Garden expert Chip Hickey from English Gardens will discuss techniques and materials to provide winter garden protection and a successful spring. No fee. No reservations required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Starting this Saturday, 11 a.m. every other Saturday in the Children's Services Area. **Story Lady Saturdays.** The Story Lady will be reading two Saturdays a month throughout September, October and November. These sessions will feature the Story Lady sharing some of her favorite books for children. Sessions will be held Sept. 12 and 26.

Coming in October: True Colors Parenting Workshop, 6-8 p.m. Oct. 7 and 14. This takes place over two Wednesday evenings in October and makes you more aware of your personal traits and how you interact with your children. Registration is required. Call Children's Services at (734) 326-6123 to register.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library meet on the second Tuesday of the month. The group will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Community Meeting Room 8.

Prize winners

Westland resident Gail Latter got an early retirement present Saturday night.

The dispatcher at Chrysler Corp. in Romulus - who plans to retire in December - walked away with the \$20,000 top prize on "Road to Riches," the Michigan Lottery's weekly television game show.

Latter, 61, said she was always confident her name would someday be announced as a "Road to Riches" contestant. She just didn't know when.

The mother of six and grandmother of eight said she would share her winnings with her family, pay off her car and take a "dream vacation" to Australia or Alaska with her husband, Ernie.

In her spare time, Latter enjoys reading and playing backgammon, euchre and pinochle.

Don McClue, 53, of Redford, won \$700, plus the \$250 Confetti Cash bonus in round

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two. McClue, a maintenance repairman at Holliday Park Townhouses Cooperative in Westland, said he was surprised to hear his name called on "Road to Riches" - his wife, Teresa, sent an entry in his name and didn't tell him.

McClue plans to use his winnings for a Hawaiian vacation. For enjoyment, McClue likes to read, listen to music and go to movies. Lottery representative Diane Marsh played in McClue's place.

Food distribution

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times:

Residents located in the area bounded by Palmer, Stieber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17.

All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, which is located at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads.

Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution.

Items distributed for September will be green beans, macaroni and pork.

For additional information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hot line at 595-0366.

This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services.

All food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

5 Star Chambers Expo open to public

The Five Star Chambers Expo scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Joy Manor in Westland is open to the public.

Booths for the expo, which is hosted by the Westland, Canton, Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Wayne chambers, are sold out.

Adult admission to the expo is \$2 and also enters attendees in a drawing for prizes including a Princess Di Beanie Baby, 19 inch color TV, Sony Playstation, a

Drill Driver Kit, and a reciprocating saw. Children under 12 are admitted free. In addition, many participating businesses will also be holding drawings during the day for gifts.

The "Taste of Five Communities" is free to attendees and features Dairy Queen, Joy Manor, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Toarmina's Pizza and Val's Catering Inc.

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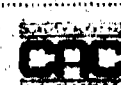
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Schoolcraft, faculty union reach tentative agreement

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College has reached a tentative agreement with faculty members. The two sides met until about 5 p.m. Friday and hammered out a contract settlement that faculty members may vote on as early as next week. Neither side would discuss details about the agreement until the college's board of trustees and the union's members received a summary of the tentative pact.

"It's a decent agreement," said Ron Rogowski, a counselor who represents the faculty's union. "It's adequate. I can live with it. Nobody's tremendously happy, nobody's tremendously sad. We don't lose any morale over it, but it won't increase morale, either."

The faculty's contract had expired Aug. 25. Rogowski was one of six negotiators representing 122 full-time and 320 part-time instructors.

Rogowski hoped to write up

details for faculty members by this weekend, then have a vote on the pact next week.

Sandra Florek, dean of marketing and development at Schoolcraft, said the college's administration was pleased with the agreement. "The faculty hasn't seen it yet, and we expect to present the information to the board (of trustees) Sept. 30," Florek said.

The three other groups seeking a new contract are the maintenance workers, secretaries and administrators.

Legislature can't pass 'supermajority' - Kelley

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Legislature can't pass bills requiring itself to give tax hikes a 60 percent "supermajority," Attorney General Frank Kelley has ruled.

On almost party-line votes, the Senate GOP this year passed four bills to require such supermajority to hike the single business tax, sales tax, use tax and personal income tax. The would have applied to both the tax base and rates.

Only one Republican senator - John Schwarz of Battle Creek - voted no, and it was Schwarz who requested Kelley's ruling, which has the force of law until overturned by a court. In political fact, Democrats, who rule the

House, have effectively killed SB 1163-66 by bottling them up in committee.

"The Legislature is powerless to limit the constitutional authority granted to itself with respect to the votes required for adopting, amending, and repealing public acts," said Kelley.

"The Legislature may not, by statute, require a three-fifths vote to enact legislation for which the constitution otherwise requires a simple majority vote."

Nor may one Legislature pass a law requiring a future Legislature to obey a 60 percent supermajority statute, Kelley said.

"A Legislature may not tie the hands of future Legislatures," Kelley said. "Through the Senate bills described in your letter, the Legislature is purporting to limit

its own constitutional authority, thereby restricting itself as well as future Legislatures."

The Senate wanted to put a 60 percent-for-taxes constitutional amendment to the ballot. But it couldn't muster a two-thirds vote to do so.

Kelley's opinion was issued Aug. 10, more than a month after the legislative session ended. Lawmakers will hold a brief session beginning Sept. 12.

The impact of Kelley's ruling on Wayne County is unknown. Voters Aug. 3 amended the county charter to require 60 percent voter approval of tax increases.

Kelley noted the current constitution, adopted in 1963, requires supermajorities for sev-

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Auto thefts dropped in '97

Michigan's motor vehicle thefts dropped 4.9 percent in 1997, according to the results of the 1997 crime report by the Michigan State Police.

Officials at Help Eliminate Auto Thefts, a statewide auto theft prevention program, reminds residents to continue to keep their eyes open to auto theft and report what they see. HEAT offers auto theft prevention programs that educate the public and provide solutions on what they can do to help.

The 12-year-old program, which operates an anonymous tip-reward hotline, offers cash rewards for information on auto thefts, carjacking, insurance fraud and chop shop operators.

Any citizen who has information about stolen vehicles or wants to report a tip should

Officials at Help Eliminate Auto Thefts, a statewide auto theft prevention program, reminds residents to continue to keep their eyes open to auto theft and report what they see.

immediately call the police and the HEAT tip line and report what they know," said Bill Liddane, HEAT director.

The tipline (1-800-242-HEAT) is monitored by the Michigan State Police Criminal Investigation Section. The section directs tip information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

HEAT tip callers are rewarded up to \$1,000 if their tip leads to the arrest and prosecution of a suspected car thief. Up to \$10,000 is rewarded if the tip results in the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft ring members or chop shop operators. HEAT also awards \$2,000 for information leading to the issuance of a warrant for a carjacking suspect.

Since its inception in 1985, the HEAT tip line has received 5,545 calls leading to the arrest of 2,100 suspects resulting in \$1.9 million awarded to tipsters and the recovery of 2,570 vehicles valued at \$29.1 million.

"The bottom line is if people stay aware of auto theft and cooperate with law enforcement - we can all look forward to those numbers continuing to go down," said Liddane.

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Boys' Towns salutes Olympian, community leaders



Charles Tangora



Sheila Taormina

One of baseball's most popular ambassadors, Tommy Lasorda, headlines the 53rd annual Michigan Chapter of Boys' Town of Italy awards banquet on Sunday at Livonia's Laurel Manor.

The fund-raising event for homeless children salutes five community leaders for their work.

■ Charles G. Tangora is the recipient of the Michelangelo Award. Tangora, a Farmington resident, is president of the Italian American Club of Livonia, where during his five years of service, the membership has grown from 100 to 750 families. During his tenure a banquet, conference and membership center was built at Five Mile and I-275. His other community leadership positions include the Livonia YMCA and the local and national chapters of the American Diabetes Association. Tangora is a partner in the law firm of

Brashear, Tangora and Spence.

■ Sheila Taormina receives the World of Tomorrow Award. A 1996 Olympic champion, Taormina swam to a U.S. gold medal in the 4 x 200 freestyle relay race for which she holds the Olympic and American records. Taormina has won many other titles for her athletic abilities and her academic achievements. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in

business from the University of Georgia, where she was graduated magna cum laude both times. She currently travels the country giving motivational talks to organizations such as Dean Witter, The New York Times and Merchants Bank. She lives in Livonia.

■ Brigida Bianco is the Woman of the Year. She is active in the Detroit Symphony, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Amit Club (American-Italian

Profession and Business Women's Club). Real estate has been her career and has included land development and residential and commercial construction and management. She lives in Grosse Pointe.

■ Paul J. Policicchio is the Man of the Year. His professional life has been devoted to the American labor movement. He came to the Service Employees International Union AFL-CIO.

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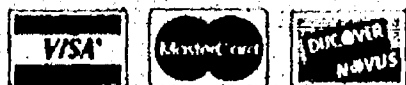
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Students say thanks for scholarship awards

Schoolcraft's Culinary Extravaganza on Sunday, Sept. 20, will spotlight some of the finest eateries in the metro Detroit area.

And while patrons are sampling entrees, fine wines and tasty desserts, it's a good feeling to know that the price of admission to the culinary feast is helping students pay for their education at the Livonia-based community college.

Hundreds of students benefited from last year's record-breaking event which raised \$120,000. Organizers are hoping to add to scholarship coffers with this year's event in the Waterman Campus Center.

Sponsorships, however, are running slightly behind schedule, according to organizers who hope that a last-minute appeal will reach area residents and local businesses.

Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$5,000 and include tickets to the event, publicity in the program and other benefits. For more information, about sponsorship opportunities, call Saundra Florek at 462-4463.

Two culinary students benefiting from the scholarship fund this year are Carlos Bonilla of Westland, a graduate of Plymouth Salem and Alexander Martinov of Troy.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

In the classroom: Culinary students Alex Martinov of Troy (left) and Carlos Bonilla of Westland cut vegetables in the culinary arts kitchen at Schoolcraft College. Both have received scholarships financed in part by the Culinary Extravaganza fund-raising event.

and in the future own and operate my own restaurant."

"I'm up for the challenge," said Bonilla. "It's an exciting world."

Bonilla thanks his former high school teacher, Carey Gary, who got him interested in the culinary field.

"I was planning to study aeronautical engineering at the University of Michigan," said Bonilla, who took a class in food and "decided to pursue a career I enjoy."

"The students help run a restaurant at the school — the Rock Cafe. I really enjoyed it and started thinking about a career in culinary arts," said Bonilla, adding "this has been a wonderful experience."

Carlos, a native of Mexico, came to Michigan when his

father, Jose Bonilla, was offered an engineering position at Total Planning and Management in Livonia.

The family lived in Canton while Carlos attended high school. The Bonilla family, Jose and Felicitas, Carlos and his older brother, Luis, live in Westland.

Bonilla started his studies at Schoolcraft thanks to a scholarship from the Plymouth Rotary. When that ran out he turned to the Schoolcraft Foundation for help.

S'craft attracts

Martinov, 30, transferred to the Schoolcraft program because of its premier reputation and a

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Culinary fest draws premier eateries to Schoolcraft campus

The seventh annual Culinary Extravaganza is planned for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the Waterman Center.

Approximately 60 restaurants are expected to participate.

The event includes delicious food samples, a live auction featuring combina-

tion prizes and a raffle with two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. or a trip to Las Vegas. There will be free mini-seminars on food-related topics, including demonstrations of healthy, low calories meals by a chef from the Weight Watchers Group, whose president, Florine Mark, is the event's

honorary chair.

"The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza provides attendees the opportunity to discover so many new foods and restaurants in one afternoon," said Mark. "I can't think of a better way to raise scholarship money."

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Bonilla, 21, is in his last semester at Schoolcraft. He'll earn an associate's degree in culinary arts. After that, he plans to attend Eastern Michigan University and obtain a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management.

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Nov. 28 at Vladimir's, Farmington Hills. (248) 391-7665 or (248) 473-8979
Class of 1988
A reunion is planned for Nov. 27. (313) 886-0770
Class of 1968
Sept. 26 at Barnstomer's Entertainment Complex, Whitmore Lake. Tickets in advance only. (313) 538-0184
Class of 1963
Oct. 10 at the White Lake Inn. Cost is \$24 per person. Class of 1963, 5131 Surfwood, Commerce Township 48382 or by e-mail at L.O.sborne1@AOL.com or JSO426@AOL.com

ROMULUS
Class of 1958
Is planning a reunion. (313) 699-4925 or (313) 697-7483.

ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

Class of 1988
Nov. 27 at Laurel Manor, Livonia. (734) 397-8766 or www.reunion-works.com

ST. AGATHA
Class of 1978
Nov. 7 at the Bonnie Brook Banquet Center, Detroit. (734) 397-8766 or by e-mail at www.reunionworks.com

ST. ALPHONSUS
Class of 1958
A reunion is being planned. (613) 878-7483 or (734) 455-1277

ST. ANTHONY
Class of 1948
Sept. 27 at The Mirage, Clinton Township. (734) 981-4540, (810) 777-0026 or (248) 686-7328

ST. HEDWIG HIGH
Class of 1958
A reunion is planned for Oct. 10. (734) 953-1011
Class of 1973
A reunion is being planned for the fall. (734) 981-1254 or (313) 274-3623

ST. MARY'S OF REDFORD
Class of 1978
A reunion is planned for Nov. 20. (313) 886-0770

ST. RAPHAEL
Class of 1974
A reunion is being planned for later this year. (734) 729-3320 or (734) 266-3137
Class of 1973
Reunion Mass at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 28, followed by a reception. Send current name, address and telephone number to Class of 1973, c/o 6905 Gilman, Garden City 48135.

TAYLOR KENNEDY
Class of 1978
Nov. 7 at Oak Hall in Wyandotte. (248) 360-7004

TAYLOR TRUMAN
Class of 1978
Nov. 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. (734) 675-0244 or (313) 565-5725

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Class of 1983
Sept. 26 at the Roma's of Garden City. (248) 360-7004, press 1
Class of 1972
Oct. 3 at Roma's of Garden City. (734) 729-6023
Class of 1973
Oct. 3 at Roma's of Garden City. Terri Laraway, 31035 Barrington, Westland 48186 or (734) 729-6023.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 33601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before **Monday, September 21, 1998, at 10:45 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made) for the following:

22' TRAILER

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For questions pertaining to the specifications, please contact Robert Tolliver or Theodore Williams, Sr., at the City's Department of Public Service at (734) 728-1770. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No: 661-092198
Publish: September 10, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE STATUS OF YEAR XXIII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND SUBMISSION OF THE GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT (July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998)

The City of Westland will be holding two (2) public hearings on the status of its Year XXIII Community Development Block Grant and HOME program. The first is Thursday, September 17, 1998, at the City of Westland Community Development Citizen's Advisory Committee at 7:00 pm at the Dorsey Community Center. The second is the Monday, September 21, 1998, meeting of the Westland City Council in the Council Chambers at 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan. The purpose of these public hearings is to receive questions and comments on the Year XXIII Community Development Block Grant and HOME projects and programs for the fiscal period ending June 30, 1998. All interested persons, especially LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS, SENIOR CITIZENS, COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS AND MINORITIES are encouraged to attend. In addition, written comments may be received at the Mayor's Office at the Westland City Hall or the Office of Community Housing and Community Development, 32715 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan. Oral questions and comments, as well as written comments will be received on the following Year XXIII projects:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS EXPENDED FOR PERIOD FISCAL 1997/1998

Project	Status	Amount
C.D. Administration	Annual, Completed	\$247,790
Rehabilitation Administration	Annual, Completed	\$74,612
Housing Rehabilitation Program (City wide)*	Annual, Completed	\$129,108
Senior Programs	Annual, Completed	\$173,775
NSA Transportation Program	Annual, Completed	\$5,596
Hogira/Community Commission on Drug Abuse	Annual, Completed	\$24,680
First Step	Annual, Completed	\$19,700
Child and Family Neighborhood Program	Annual, Completed	\$19,700
Rehabilitation Code Enforcement (City wide)	Annual, Completed	\$5,985
Ordinance Code Enforcement (Target areas)	Annual, Completed	\$10,437
Youth Assistance Program	Annual, Completed	\$15,000
HomeBuyer Program	Project Underway	\$38
ALS Rescue Vehicle Station #3	Project Completed	\$91,052
VanBorn Watermain Phase I	Project Underway	\$2,913
Friendship Center Bldg. Expansion, Ph. I	Project Underway	\$735,723
Friendship Center Loan Repayment, Ph. II	Project Underway	\$12,374
Easement Removal Norwayne Phase I	Project Completed	\$32,180
Easement Removal Norwayne Phase II	Project Underway	\$27,948
Carver Sub. Infrastructure, Phase I	Project Underway	\$434
Jefferson-Barns Drop-off	Project Completed	\$61,263
Emergency Rescue Vehicle Stat. #1	Project Completed	\$456
Playscape	Project Completed	\$49,636
TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES YEAR XXIII PROGRAM		\$1,740,400

HOME FUNDS EXPENDED FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD 1997/1998

HOMR Administration	Annual, Completed	\$30,563
Norris Apartments	Project Completed, Not Closed	\$90,250
Peoples' Community Hope	Projects Underway	\$64,339
Rental Rehabilitation (City of Westland HOME) funds and MSHDA HOME funds)	Program Year Completed	\$121,803
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES YEAR XXIII PROGRAM		\$306,955

*All financial data is subject to final reconciliation and audit adjustments. Total program income (Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Fund) for Year XXIV is \$158,936.26. Program Income (interest earned) for the Friendship Center Section 108 Loan Fund is \$14,522.94.

In conjunction with reviewing the progress of Year XXIII Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs, the City will be submitting its annual Grantee Performance Report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development which will be available for review and comment during the period September 14, 1998, through September 29, 1998, (15 day comment period) in the Office of Housing and Community Development, Dorsey Community Center, 32715 Dorsey Road, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. All written comments, if requested, will be forwarded to the Detroit Office of HUD.

JAMES GILBERT, Director
Housing and Community Development

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on **Monday, September 21, 1998, at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

Bulk Road Salt 1998-1999 Season

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

Bid Item No: 463-092198
Publish: September 10, 1998

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154

6-16 PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES (FOR PAYMENT JULY, 1999)

Bids will be received until 2:30 P.M. on the 21st day of September 1998 at the office of the Board of Education, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education in the Purchasing Department.

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

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Eileen Urlick, Purchasing Supervisor at 734-523-9165.

Publish: September 3 & 10, 1998

LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154

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

REPAIRS TO EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL TILE DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS PER PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ADDENDUM #1 TO PERFORM A COMPLETE TURN KEY PRODUCT

Bids will be received until 10:30 a.m. on the 10th day of October, 1998 at the office of the Board of Education Maintenance Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. At this time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Vendors are encouraged to attend.

Contract documents, including specifications, may be obtained on or after 12:00 P.M. local time, September 10, 1998 at the Purchasing Department, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

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

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Any questions regarding this bid may be directed to Tim Kohut, Maintenance Supervisor at (734) 523-9160.

Publish: September 10 & 13, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **Monday, September 21, 1998, at 11:15 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

72" Liquid Cooled Gas Rotary Mower

Complete bid packages may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For further information pertaining to the specifications, please contact Ted Williams or Robert Tolliver in the Department of Public Services at (734) 728-1770. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent

Bid Item No.: 661-092198B
Publish: September 10, 1998

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan, 48135 (Telephone: 734-523-8814) on or before September 28, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR MAIL MACHINE AND POSTAL SCALE USED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk, in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s) bid.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer

Publish: September 10, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND PROPERTY TAX SALE SEPTEMBER 28, 1998 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND LOTS

A sale list is now available at Westland Assessor's Office, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 (second floor of Westland City Hall). Lists may be picked up Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sale lists will not be mailed or faxed! All bids must be received by 10:00 a.m., September 28, 1998.

Kelley from page A5

eral kinds of legislation. But the constitution was approved by the people, not the Legislature, the attorney general said.

Supermajorities are required for:

- Spending public money for local or private purposes (3/4).
- Spending more than the revenue limit (2/3).
- Overriding a governor's veto (2/3).
- Designating state-owned land as reserves (2/3).
- Convicting an official impeached by the House (2/3).

■ Repealing a local or special act (2/3).

■ Rejecting a pay increase proposed by the State Officers Compensation Commission (2/3).

■ Removing a judge for reasonable cause not sufficient to allow impeachment (2/3).

Gov. John Engler opened the debate in his State of the State speech in February to cheers from GOP legislators.

Source: Attorney General Opinion 6990.

Leaders from page A6

CLC in 1972 and became international executive vice president in 1996. He sits on advisory boards including Michigan State University's School of Labor and Industrial Relations and retains a lifetime membership in the NAACP. He lives in Novi.

■ Geraldine Calderone will receive the Commemorative Award for her 28 years of volunteering her time and energy to the Italian community and many charitable organizations. She is president of the San Francesco Church Altar Society, recording secretary of the Italian American Cultural Society and treasurer and events coordinator for the Calabria Club. In addition to her volunteer work, Calderone works as the office administrator for Doetsch

Industrial Services Inc. She lives in Warren.

"All of our award recipients honor the work of Boys' Towns of Italy by leading lives of usefulness and striving to be examples of industrious citizenship," said Angelo S. Lanni, Michigan Chapter chairman of the Boys' Towns of Italy.

Guest at the Sept. 13 awards dinner will be Monsignor John Patrick Carroll-Abbing, who founded Boys' Town and Girls' Town of Italy more than 50 years ago.

Tickets are \$50 per person. The event begins at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and program and silent auction at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Angelo S. Lanni at (248) 689-8680.

Students from page A7

staff comprised of master chefs. He credits Schoolcraft's Master Chef Kevin Gawronski for introducing him to the program.

A native of Bulgaria, Martinov will complete his Schoolcraft degree in 1999. He's already accepted at Cordon Bleu in Paris.

"In 10 years, I'll be a master chef and in 15 years I'll have my own television show," said Martinov, who is quick to express his appreciation for a scholarship.

"I hope one day to give back and help others here," said Martinov.

With his scholarship, Marti-

nov says he's been able to take some more time to study, refine his English language skills and "be the equal of my colleagues at Schoolcraft."

Martinov came to the United States in 1996 after he met his wife while he was working and she was vacationing in Greece.

He had previously studied psychology in Bulgaria but quit to find a job and earn some money to pay for school.

"I cooked some meals for my wife and she said: 'You're a really good cook.'"

That was all the encouragement he needed. He works,

along with several other culinary students, at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

Thankful students

Others benefiting from the scholarship fund are Jeanette Falk, who received the Betty and Yale Conroy Scholarship. Falk has worked as a medical/surgical assistant and office manager for physicians and now is a full-time wife, mother and nursing student. Her goal is to work in a traumatic brain injury hospital unit.

Jonathan Bailey's goal is to become an architect. He man-

aged a convenience store and realized he needed an education to have a fulfilling, well-paying job. He is an honor student and helps finance his education by tutoring and working part-time.

Juanita Broe wants to be a chef. After 15 years as an accountant, computer systems and software analyst, she decided to pursue her dream.

"I'm grateful that Schoolcraft was here and available to me when I was able to make a commitment to a dream. I've always had," said Broe.

Culinary from page A7

On the block at the live auction are packages that include a golf tour of southeastern Michigan courses, a hot air balloon ride ending with a champagne picnic, a dinner for eight prepared in your home by a Schoolcraft College certified master chef, a weekend stay at the Grand Traverse Resort with a tour of the Chateau Chantal

Winery and use of Jaguar for two weeks, a theater adventure with tickets to several Detroit area plays with dinners at top restaurants and a chance for a youngster to be on the floor at a Pistons game as an honorary ballgirl or ballboy.

Raffle prizes include two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the con-

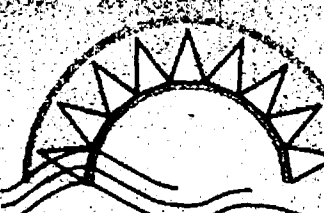
tiguous U.S. where Northwest flies; a Las Vegas trip for two; the lease of a new Saturn for three months; and a 14-karat ring with an iolite stone and five small diamonds.

Culinary Extravaganza VII tickets are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Both

can be purchased by calling the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard, Discover credit cards and checks are accepted.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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Westland Observer OPINION

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36251 SCHOOLCRAFT, LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48150

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998

New development Projects target corner of city

It seems to point to a renaissance of sorts. For the first time in 25 years, the far southeast corner of Westland, a long-stagnant area of the city, is the focus of a couple of building projects.

Peoples Community Hope for Homes, an offshoot of Peoples Community Baptist Church in Westland, is leading an effort to build new housing in Carver Subdivision.

The group is using federal money to build new homes and rehabilitate older, abandoned ones.

Meanwhile, first-time developer Daryl Williams has been working for three years on plans to develop 64 houses in the Carver area in a proposed new subdivision of manufactured homes called Randall Woods.

His project includes homes ranging from \$107,000 to \$125,000 on two streets that are included on many maps but were never built.

Many Westland city officials including Community Development/Housing Director James Gilbert have worked to bring about growth and improvement in the area. The city is expected to install infrastructure in the area of Williams' proposed project, including streets, sewers and sidewalks.

The city is also adding a police and fire department presence with a new substation

planned near Irene and Annapolis.

Recreation needs for the area are also in the long-range plans, but for now a small playground will be built near the police-fire substation, Gilbert said at a recent council study meeting.

All this adds up to investment in an area that has long gone without much attention.

We hope the rebirth of interest in the Carver area brings with it developments and improvements that will add to the pride of residents already living in that area of the city.

Carver and its neighboring subdivision, Annapolis Park, have a lot of history. Homes were developed in the area in the early 1950s and, in part, marketed to minority veterans. The area also continues to have a lot of community pride.

With residents who are among the most active voters in the city and residents who actively attend Westland City Council meetings, this is an area of the city with a lot of heart.

We hope the new development doesn't change the character of the area and the active nature of its residents. We do hope it brings more interest, services, housing opportunities and tax base to the city.

School starts a local decision

School starts when local school districts say it should start. That's the best way to do it — letting folks at the local level call the starting and quitting dates.

In western Wayne County, some schools resumed classes for the fall prior to Labor Day. Some started on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, the Michigan House of Representatives effectively squashed a bill that would have required schools to start after Labor Day. It was introduced by an Upper Peninsula lawmaker on behalf of resort owners. They saw their brief summer season being cut short by a week or two because parents had to get their kids to class the last week or so of August.

Theoretically, the bill could be revived when the Legislature holds a short two-week session beginning Sept. 15. But we hope lawmakers will let it die, and that it won't be revived after the term-limited sponsor leaves office at the end of the year.

The state has established free public education as a constitutional right, and that's good. The state has established standardized tests to see if kids are learning what they should be learning, and that's good.

The state has stepped up to its responsibility for funding schools by establishing a floor under spending per child, and that's good. The state gradually is increasing the number of class days from 180, where it has been for two generations, to 190, and that's good.

But the state shouldn't try to micro-manage schools by dictating the starting date of classes. The state shouldn't delve that far into school management unless it detects wrongdoing by the locals. And so far, no one has suggested the locals are mismanaging their school calendars — only that resort owners would like a longer season.

The latest news is that after a hot summer, Michigan is due for a cold, wet winter. That could mean class days lost for snow. Our local superintendents may need greater flexibility in scheduling, not less.

If parents really want school to start after

■ The latest news is that after a hot summer, Michigan is due for a cold, wet winter. That could mean class days lost for snow. Our local superintendents may need greater flexibility in scheduling, not less.

Labor Day, they should say so and make it a campaign issue during local school board elections. So far, no one has made it an issue. Voter turnouts continue to be anemic. Apparently there's no big demand for a post-Labor Day school startup among the people most affected.

There are better issues to which the Legislature could turn its attention:

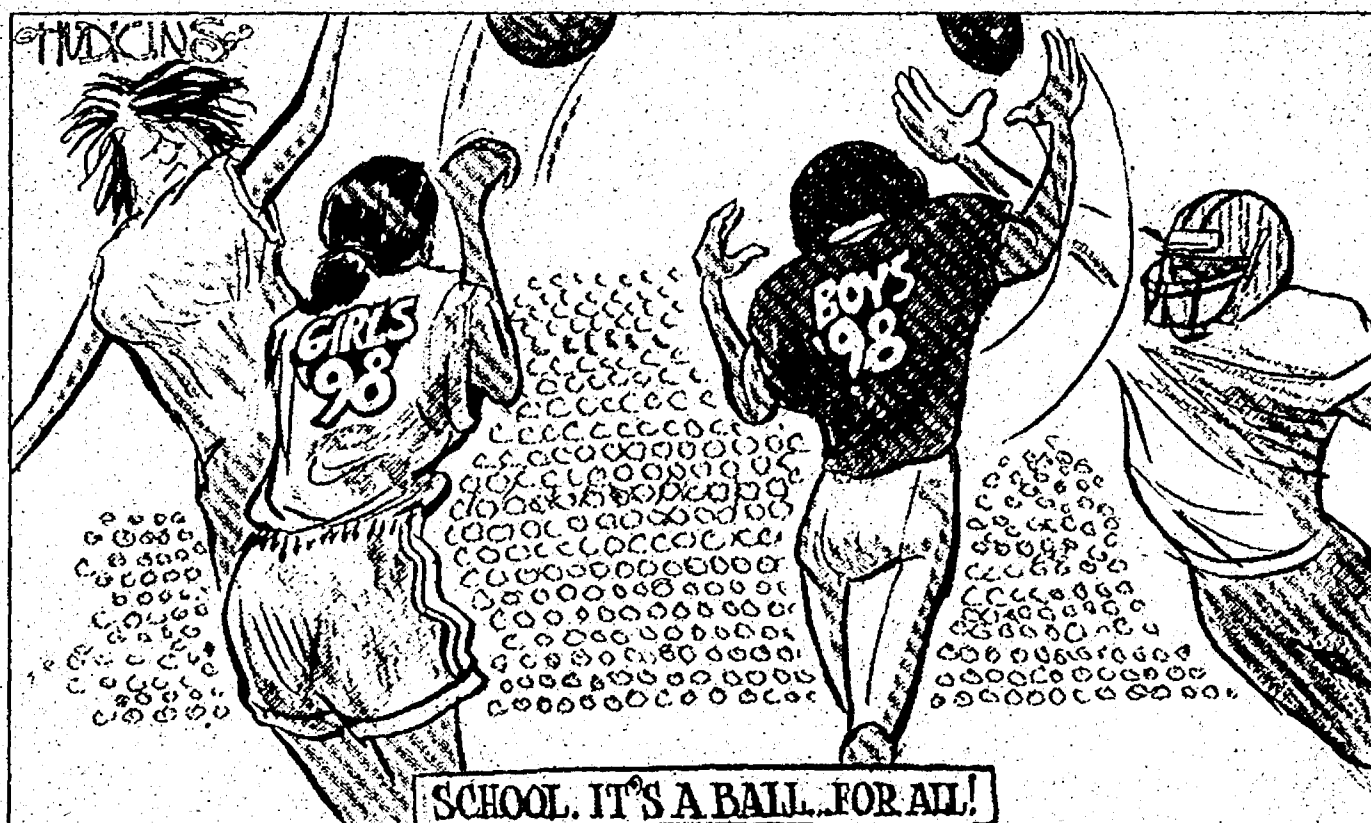
■ Election scheduling — Too many districts are setting up special bond issue elections on odd dates, so they can get "their" people to the polls. That's morally wrong. The Legislature should specify four dates per year — such as the first Tuesdays in February, May, August and November — and confine all units of government to those dates.

■ Special education — It has become a victim of its own success. The Legislature should either fund special ed better or pare down the categories of kids who are eligible. Special education should be addressed soon.

■ Committees — Some districts have discovered a mechanism for hiding important financial work. They have set up combined citizen-trustee advisory committees in order to beat the Open Meetings Act. So far, the courts haven't ruled on whether mixed committees can be exempted from the sunshine law. The Legislature should make it clear that board-appointed committees that include trustees are covered by the Open Meetings Act.

Those are the kinds of school problems — not calendar manipulation — the Michigan Legislature should address.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

Flight 401(k)

Can the stock market bulls deliver "Air Wall Street's" Flight 401(k) safe and prosperous to retirementland? It's starting to appear doubtful.

Lately, Wall Street bulls seem to be having a hard time keeping the plane's wings level. Perhaps they are struggling with excessive smoke and mirrors in the cockpit.

Nevertheless, many mom and pop passengers are starting to put on life preservers emblazoned "U.S. Bonds" just in case something bad happens.

Of course, the airline management, the Wall Street-Washington elite, are starting to be concerned because they repeatedly told mom and pop that the stock market was not only perfectly safe, but the only way to go.

In 1929, humorist Will Rogers said that the greatest concern of American investors was not return ON capital, but the return OF capital.

Will Rogers got his money out of stocks early in 1929 avoiding the market crash. But, a few years later he died in a plane crash.

When it comes to Wall Street, sometimes it seems the little guy just can't win.

Walter Warren

my window. He then told me that my car was on fire underneath.

I was shocked and took my time getting out.

He then stopped his car and helped me out and led me away from the car where within a few seconds the whole car went up in flames.

Since I was upset, I don't remember if I thanked this gentleman for his help.

I'm hoping he will read this letter of thanks or that someone who knows him will thank him for me.

I have since called him my "guardian angel" because without his help I may never have gotten out of the car in time.

I would also like to thank the ladies at "French's Flower & Gifts" on Five Mile Road and Farmington in Livonia.

They took me in and took great care of me when I needed it. I truly appreciate their kindness to a stranger in need.

—Thanks to all of you and God Bless!

Rena Giordano

Enough put downs

Geoffrey Fieger has said some inappropriate things. For instance, religious people are stupid and dangerous. I am a Christian and I'm proud of who I am! I'm only 7½ years old and he called me stupid. I've had enough put-downs in my life and this is one of the worst!

Kimberly Baird

Constitution honored

I would like to remind your readers that "Constitution Week" is Sept. 17-23. This week celebrates the signing of a document over 200 years old. It was written by our founding fathers to secure liberty and guarantee our freedoms as a self governing nation.

Study the constitution, know your rights enjoy the freedom that was fought for by so many.

History has it that at 4 p.m. on Sept. 17, 1787, the actual signing of the document was undertaken by 39 of our ancestors.

Remember this date and read your constitution.

Judy Mysliviec

She had 'wonderful' rescuers

I am writing to thank some wonderful people who helped me. Recently, I was driving to work, and my car was giving me trouble.

As I was trying to steer to safety, a young man in a teal Escort motioned me to roll down

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity and brevity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a daytime contact telephone number. No anonymous letters will be published.

The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not publish letters that discuss new issues, since last-minute attacks don't allow a chance for rebuttal. Responses to already published issues will be accepted.

Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; faxed to (734) 591-7279; or e-mailed with your name, city of residence and phone number to bjachman@ee.homecommi.net

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Do you think football is too violent?



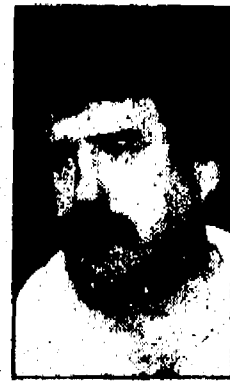
"Yes, I do. There's just too many people getting hurt."

Marlene Hornyak
Garden City



"Yes. People like Reggie Brown get broken necks."

Frank Baron
Livonia



"No. It's part of the game."

Mike Ketter
Wayne



"No. I don't. It's all a relative thing."

John Curry
Harper Woods,
works in
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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Air travel's enough to make anyone a bit weary

No longer can the general public think of taking an airplane trip and even hope that the journey in any way will be an example of "Flying the Friendly Skies," or experiencing the thought that an airline "Loves to fly, and it shows."

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In the Detroit Metro area airport, this is unusually burdensome, as the few moving "walkways" or electric carts are limited to patrons of Northwest Airlines.

Before getting to the loading gate of the planes, all passengers must pass through a security check. This is and should be a safety necessity. It should not be a moment of undue trepidation or worry. But that is exactly what occurs when women are forced to pass their purses through the security moving conveyor belt checkpoint. The timing of a person passing through the checkpoint as his or her belongings go down the conveyor belt is NOT timed simultaneously. In fact, professional thieves have begun to formulate plans of action which allow for accomplices to snatch various articles off the conveyor belt and make off with the items while fellow compatriots manage to hold up the line of people passing through the

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SHIRLEY WELCH

check-in point.

Due to some unknown business arrangement, Northwest Airlines has managed to almost exclusively control the Detroit Metro airport. Other airlines, even of large magnitude, such as Delta, American or United, are relegated to obscure gates, not easily or conveniently reaches, necessitating long arduous walks.

There appear to be no limits or

restrictions placed on Northwest to maintain a number of flights coming through the airport that can properly and safely be accommodated in a humane fashion.

One does not have to reach the airport to become a captive victim of Northwest. The fear and worry begin in the confines of the home of any Northwest patron, who is intimidated and worried after flight plans are made. These feelings occur from the almost constant fear of overbookings, equipment dysfunction or personnel striking. These factors should be dealt with by the airport management and not allowed to be an everyday occurrence. Yet, they are. It would appear that the majority of these problems could be handled properly if a reasonable restriction would be placed on the number of flights being controlled by the capacity of the facilities being used.

The lack of concern for passenger

welfare continues even after a person has traveled, trudged through the airport and retrieved luggage. There is then the difficulty of trying to find your pickup ride home. As only special ranking vehicles or cabs are allowed near the curb, everyday patrons must attempt the difficult task of dragging luggage to a middle of the road, narrow-curbed sidewalk to face a single long line of parked vehicles, one of which just might be the ride home being searched for in the chaos which reigns supreme.

It is hard to imagine any other particular industry which is allowed to function with such abandonment to the needs and comforts of their patrons. Despite the proposed design for enlarged and improved capacities, thought should be given to restricting business ventures within the realm of sensible proportions while awaiting those changes.

Shirley Welch is a Livonia resident.

Gun boards draw flak for 'need' standards

You hear lots of stories about county gun boards. They have power to issue permits to CCW (carry a concealed weapon).

There are 83, all dominated by three law enforcement people. Some issue permits, but others confine permits to cops and ex-cops, in the style of a third-world police state. Some are so bad they flagrantly violate the Freedom of Information Act by refusing to reveal who has CCW permits.

Few who complain about county gun boards keep good records. An exception is Donald K. McClure, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who lives in Traverse City. He has a case that will bear watching because, he tells me, he plans to go all the way in the courts.

We start with the broadly worded right in the Michigan Constitution: "Every person has a right to keep and

bear arms for the defense of himself and the state." Note: nothing about a "need." It's a "right."

McClure on March 18 was denied a general unrestricted permit by the Grand Traverse County gun board. He sued and won on an Open Meetings Act charge that the board refused to let him tape-record the proceedings. (That shows you how much law enforcement people respect the law.)

He is awaiting circuit court action on the rest his suit: That the gun board arbitrarily and capriciously denied him a permit. His case will drag into 1999 and beyond.

McClure argues that the state law saying one must have a "need" before being issued a CCW permit violates the state constitution, "the superior authority for all state government functions.... Indeed, I make the argument that my need is the constitution-

al right to bear a firearm for self-defense. You (the gun board) cannot legally or morally take the position that you have the authority to regulate my right of self-defense out of existence."

He sees two different scenarios at work. "Law enforcement is involved in the physical apprehension of a suspect. Self-defense is entirely different. My goal is to keep a dangerous threat at a distance."

At this point, many people on both sides of the handgun issue get bogged down in the crime argument. Some say murders and armed robberies decline when gun permits are more easily available. Other say in-home accidents and domestic squabbles resulting in death increase with the availability of guns.

The statistical arguments can be used both ways and are unimpressive.

What we're dealing with is a constitutional right.

The origin of the right is the people's desire to protect themselves from government - not from crooks or savages. Early Americans wanted to protect themselves from King George's lobsterbacks and then from their own governments. Thomas Jefferson said it repeatedly.

So where does the state get the notion that you must demonstrate a "need" before you may have a CCW permit?

"The last time I met this board," McClure told the Grand Traverse panel, "I was asked if I had ever been threatened. Not directly, therefore, according to this board, I do not need to carry a firearm."

I don't know that anyone ever has challenged the constitutionality of a state law saying you must "need" a



TIM RICHARD

handgun before you may carry one. Perhaps McClure's case will make case law that will set a precedent.

The Michigan Legislature currently is embroiled in a dispute over the CCW law.

It appears more than a few people are reading the plain words of Art. I sec. 6 of the state constitution. And those with a police state mentality don't like it.

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Businesses investing in staffers are doing wise and right thing

Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

Take, for example, the profound shift in domestic policy associated with welfare reform. After prolonged and bitter debate, the political system finally got it right. The government is to quit just handing out welfare checks. Instead, it first requires folks who want public assistance either to go to work or be in training for work.

Lots of policy wonks wondered what would happen if the economy went into recession just as the new welfare-to-work policy hit. Most folks on welfare have limited skills, the argument went. If a recession economy were to generate few low-skill, entry-level jobs, lots of folks would be in a terrible Catch-22: No skills, no jobs, no welfare check, no income.

But the lucky stars shone on welfare reform. The economy was humming, and it kept humming. Demand for labor was high and went higher. The mighty engine of economic growth started sucking previously unemployed folks off the welfare rolls and into productive jobs.

Today, as the manager of any fast food store will tell you, the big problem is to get labor of any kind. And as the manager of any company in need of skilled workers will tell you, the biggest problem is to find anybody with skills to hire. In some classifications, there is an absolute labor shortage.

In Michigan, where for the first time in decades the unemployment rate is less than the national rate, it's fair to say that the biggest barrier to economic growth is the short supply of labor.

That's why Oakland University and Public Policy Associates were smart to co-sponsor last week a conference on "Untapped Resources - National Solutions to a Tight Labor Market." Because I'm both an employer (through this newspaper) and a job training fan (I used to be chair of the Michigan Job Training Coordinating Council), they asked me to make some remarks after lunch to keep people awake enough to get to the afternoon sessions.

As an employer, I'm not particularly interested in receiving corporate welfare, in this case government subsidies to hire folks off welfare. That just labels them as damaged goods and provides an excuse for some government bureaucrat to start nosing around inside my company.

The big task, both for employers and for folks coming from welfare to work, is finding ways to go beyond the low-skill, low-pay, entry-level job



PHILIP POWER

■ And wise companies, already experiencing labor shortages, might begin to think about training and retraining the ones they already have.

and get to the higher-skill, higher-paid second or third job. That's how former welfare recipients can earn enough money to support their families. And that's how employers can find people with suitable skill sets to help them grow their companies.

The key to this, in turn, is training. Ambitious entry-level employees have to get enough information on where the high-skill, high-pay jobs are coming from in order to get themselves positioned and trained. Most public agencies don't do a good job at this.

And wise companies, already experiencing labor shortages, might begin to think about training and retraining the ones they already have.

My company, for example, has had a policy for years that allocated 1 percent of payroll for training. It's not an expense. It's an investment in human capital that I believe will pay off better than buying new equipment or buildings.

And while we're at it, we just might keep our fingers crossed the economy stays healthy so the experiment in welfare reform, now so promisingly started, can have a chance to succeed.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, Ext. 1880, or by e-mail: ppower@coonline.com

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JACK GLADDEN

Using youth in 'stings': What next?

Police in Canton Township conducted another "sting" operation a couple of weeks ago, sending minors into randomly selected businesses to attempt to buy alcohol or tobacco products. If the kids were able to make a "buy," a plainclothes officer waiting nearby would issue a citation to the store.

Earlier this year Farmington Hills sent a 15- and a 17-year-old "decoy" into 63 businesses to buy cigarettes. In Troy, Rochester Hills, Detroit — all over the country, for that matter — similar operations are becoming routine.

Columnists and editorial writers sing the praises of these "stings." They say they are "sending a message," "educating the public," "protecting the lives of our children."

As one local columnist summed it up recently: "As a community, we have an obligation to do whatever we can to narrow the gateway to kids' smoking." (Emphasis added.) It's that whatever we can mentality that bothers me.

Now, I don't want to get into the Tobacco Wars debate here. That's a whole issue in itself. But the use of teenagers as government snitches is a direct outgrowth of the Tobacco Wars, and I have a real problem with that.

As part of the Clinton Administration's crackdown on teenage smoking, states were required to enact and enforce laws about selling cigarettes to minors and to report to the Nanny (federal) Government the results of their enforcement efforts. Failure to make such reports would result in states losing federal aid.

A recommendation?

A little-publicized rule issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which distributes money for drug treatment and prevention programs, "recommended" the use of sting operations using undercover teenage operatives.

The rule did not require states to use this method of enforcement, but noted that "the department has not identified evidence of any other workable or valid method of random, unannounced inspections for determining illegal sales."

And thus the Clinton Youth was born.

Where do they come from? Some volunteer, some are recruited. So far as I know, no one has been drafted yet, but this movement is still in its infancy. In the Chicago suburb of Woodridge, Ill., police recruit their teenage operatives at the junior high school. In Utah, where the program is run by the state Department of Health, a spokeswoman said:

"A number of (health) districts already have trained cadets. In other places, arrangements were made to train the youth." (Emphasis added.)

In Canton Township, the police are using "Police Explorers," young volunteers, who, when they aren't working undercover, dress in uniforms similar to those worn by their adult mentors.

How do the stings work? The methods vary, but here's how one worked in Crown Point, Ind., a couple of years ago:

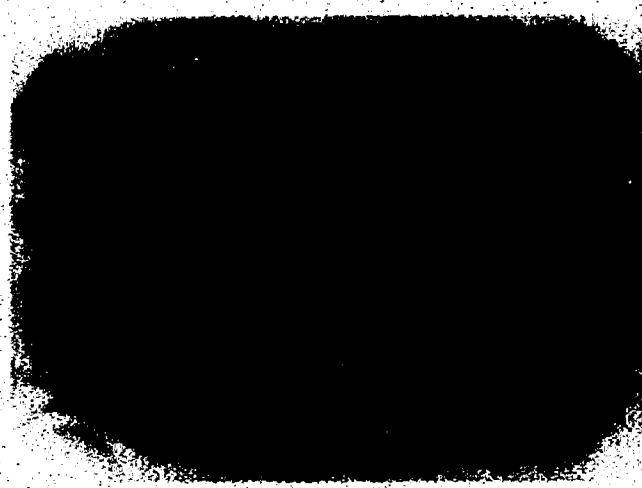
A 13-year-old boy was taken to 10 different gas stations where he attempted to buy cigarettes. He would enter a station and ask for a pack of Marlboro Ultra 100s. If the attendant refused, the kid was told to offer him an extra \$5. If the attendant still wouldn't sell, the kid left.

"He got a kick out of the people who were smoking and told him not to," said Crown Point Police Lt. Michael McColly. His son served as the "decoy."

All over the country, kids as young as 13 have been used for such purposes. They couldn't get jobs in the stores they were "stinging," they're too young. But obviously not too young to serve as undercover agents for the government.

What's wrong with this picture?

Please see GLADDEN, B2



■ When the "50th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards" airs on Sunday evening, 11-year-old Carly Bradford will be watching, not to see George Clooney or Jimmy Smits. She'll be looking for herself among an eight-minute video tribute to television news, drama and comedy of the past 50 years.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

At the young age of 11, Carly Bradford admits she's an addict. She can't get enough of the antics of television's most famous redhead, Lucille Ball.

And that addiction may have earned her a chance to be part of this year's "50th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards" program, airing Sunday, Sept. 13, on WDIV-TV Channel 4.

"If she's on for 30 seconds, I'll be happy," said her mother Carolyn. "They're going to try very hard to use her. She's the only child they interviewed and the only child talking about at 1950s show and not a 1990s show."

The "they" is a production company that's putting together an 8-minute piece that will focus on television news, drama and comedy to air during the Emmy show.

A producer, assistant producer, director, camera man and sound man spent the better part of an August afternoon at the Bradfords' Livonia home, interviewing Carly and filming her in her "Lucy" costume.

"I was kind of nervous," she said, adding that, "they made me take off a little of the makeup that they told me to put on. They wanted it for when I dressed up as Lucy, but not for the interview."

A sixth grader at Livonia's Buchanan Elementary School, she's been a fan of "I Love Lucy" since age 4, but only got into collecting "Lucy" memorabilia with her mother three years ago.

Her introduction to "I Love Lucy" was in Atlanta, Ga., where her uncle Dale Kiroff lived at the time. He had several tapes of the "I Love Lucy" show.

"My mom would take me and my brother Ian and some friends to Atlanta and the first thing we would want to do is watch 'Lucy,'" she said. "We'd watch the tapes every single night; we'd watch them over and over again."

"That's how I got hooked on it and I've been watching it ever since. Ian liked it, too, but he doesn't anymore. He kind of outgrew it."

The Bradford "Lucy" collection includes about a dozen shows tapes and three Lucille Ball movies. A small upstairs room is devoted to the comedienne. Fondly called the Lucy room, there's porcelain "Lucy" dolls, caricatures, posters, even an "I Love Lucy" game, scattered around it.

Downstairs, a green leather chair that belonged to Desi Arnez has a place of honor in the TV room. A framed photograph of the chair hangs on the wall and attests to the fact that it was in Arnez's office.

"We started collecting about three years ago, but I'm not sure why," said Carolyn. "We just wanted some 'Lucy' stuff. We got a picture to start, but the chair is the biggest item."

The Bradfords paid \$1,300 for the chair at an auction to benefit the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, held as part of the Loving Lucy Convention in Burbank, Calif., last year.

"Desi gave to chair to Jess Oppenheimer, one of the writers, when they changed studios," Carolyn explained. "The chair was the last thing to go up for auction. People were surprised it went very low."

Collecting "Lucy" memorabilia can be a costly hobby. At this year's convention, the Bradfords watched as one of the last "Lucy" wigs sold for a high bid of \$3,700 and one 5-piece place setting of the dishes used on the show went for \$3,100.

They purchased one of the first porcelain "Lucy" dolls that is now out of production at the convention. They also order two dolls — Babalo Ricky and grape-stomping Lucy.

The convention screening rooms ran "I Love Lucy" episodes non-stop, offered panel discussions and re-enacted Lucille Ball's radio show, "My Favorite Husband," celebrating the 50th anniversary of the show that aired on CBS radio between 1948 and 1951.

"They really did a good job with it; we felt like we were back in the '40s," Carolyn said. "The conventions are fun because you have something in com-

mon. You have the same interest and you can talk 'Lucy' until you're blue in the face."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Emmy time

Young fan shares her 'love'



Loving 'Lucy': At age 11, Carly Bradford knows what she likes, and it revolves around the 1950s hit TV show, "I Love Lucy." Carly and her mother, Carolyn, are into collecting "I Love Lucy" memorabilia. A room upstairs in their Livonia home features collectibles they've gathered up in the last three years, and the focal point of a room downstairs is a green armchair that belonged to Desi Arnez, that was given to one of the show's writers and bought by the Bradfords at an auction at the Loving Lucy convention last year.

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Workshop looks at empowering daughters

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

When Carole Lapidos read "Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls" by Mary Pipher, it sounded an alarm.

The book, which "reads like a novel," chronicles what adolescent girls go through in the transition between middle school and high school ... the pressures and stereotypes that threaten their self-esteem and future identities.

A social worker and mother of two daughters, ages 6 and 9, Lapidos teamed up with Sally Wisotzky, a psychotherapist in private practice in Ann Arbor and the mother of a 9-year-old daughter to do something to address the problem.

Together, they developed "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters," a workshop for parents and other adults who work with pre-adolescent girls that will be offered 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, and for four weeks 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at Livonia Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia.

"As a parent, I wanted to do the best thing I could to keep my daughters from losing their self-esteem," said Lapidos. "A lot of young girls get the message that what is important is to be cute and sexy, it's more important to keep up appearances

than to keep up grades." The workshops are being offered through Livonia Public Schools' Community Education. The fee is \$54 for school district residents \$57 for non-residents. The deadline for registering for the Sept. 19 workshop in Thursday, Sept. 17. For more information, call (734) 523-9277.

Educating parents
The workshop focuses on educating parents so they in turn can talk to their pre-adolescent daughters, ages 9-11, about "what's out there" and what is going to confront them as they enter adolescence.

It aims to increase parental awareness of the limiting cultural stereotypes girls face and develop

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tially dangerous), or the fact that the 13-year-old who was told to offer an extra \$5 to an attendant who refused to sell the first time was getting awfully close to entrapment, the very concept of using teenagers as secret government agents is abhorrent to democratic principles.

What kind of "message" are we sending to these underage, immature undercover cops?

And when the little government operatives are organized into quasi-official units (those "trained cadets" in Utah or the "Police Explorers" in Canton),

one cannot help but recall another time and another place where children were recruited to perform "government service." They were called *Hitler Jugend* - the Hitler Youth.

I'm not suggesting that these young tobacco and liquor warriors are wearing hob-nailed boots, marching in goose step and raising their arms in a Sieg Heil to the chairman of the Food and Drug Administration.

Not yet. I am suggesting that in the frenzy to keep young people away from alcohol and cigarettes, we seem to have lost

all track of reason. We worry about "war toys" and violence on television and explicit sex in the movies.

Then when the federal government not only approves of, but virtually mandates, using children as secret government agents, state and local officials fall in step and begin assembling their youthful armies of spies.

That's heading down a road I don't want to travel.

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

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these kids look to see who they are and see images that aren't even real.

"This workshop helps parents with the transition into a new relationship with their daughters. It concentrates on things parents can do. People don't realize how careful they need to be in what they say to young girls."

As a spin-off of the workshops, the two women have landed a grant from the Ann Arbor Area

Foundation for "It's Great to be a Girl." The 10-week program is an after-school mentoring program that pairs up middle school-aged girls at Forsythe/Middle Years Alternative in Ann Arbor with undergraduate women enrolled in women's studies at the University of Michigan.

The mentors, called "femtors," meet in home groups of three women to six girls to concentrate on girls' issues. The Wild Swan

Theatre is helping the girls develop the issues they identify in to dramatic vignettes that will be presented to middle school students.

Lapidos and Wisotzky hope to expand the program to other schools.

For more information about "Raising Strong and Confident Daughters," call Carole Lapidos at (734) 668-7491 or Sally Wisotzky at (734) 996-3554.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

New members: Getting involved in Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County's "Fashion with a Flair" benefit are new members Dorothy Chomicz, an administrator with the Livonia Public Schools, and Margaret Walter, a registered dietitian for the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, and Sally Randall, president of the Northwest Wayne club.

Zonta hosts fashion benefit

Looking for "Fashion with a Flair?"

Now's the time to get your tickets for Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County's annual "Fashion with a Flair" benefit, slated for Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Marriott Hotel at Laurel Park in Livonia.

The annual fund-raiser will kick off with a meet and greet at 11:30 a.m. and informal modeling and a seminar by Parisian Department Store of Laurel Park Place.

There also will be door prizes, goody bags and discounts on purchases in Parisian's women's department.

Tickets for the benefit cost \$30 (including a \$10 donation) and are available by sending a check, payable to Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County, to the club at 11812 Tall Tree Dr., Plymouth 48170. Tickets will be mailed to participants.

For more information, call

(734) 459-8374.

Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in businesses and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women.

Locally, Zonta of Northwest Wayne County's fund-raising activities have supported Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, Greenmead Historical Village, Seedlings - Braille Books for Children, Zonta Leadership Academy, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Wayne County Family Shelter, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy and First Step.

The local club also supports the Zonta International Foundation which encourages young women to seek leadership positions in policy making, government and volunteer organiza-

tions through its Young Women in Public Affairs Program and provides financial support for graduate studies through its Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships.

Sylvia Vukmirovich recently completed a stint as chair of the YWPA program, bringing home one of the many international projects very close to home for Northwest Wayne members. She also is incoming chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee on the international level.

"It is crucial that we nurture these young women and involve them in Zonta," said Vukmirovich. "They are our future leaders and have the potential of future membership."

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279.

VILLAGE PAINTERS

The Village Painters will have their third annual Treasure Chest craft show 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 11 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Plymouth

Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Tickets are available by calling Peggy at (734) 379-3934.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will have its 27th annual arts and craftsmen show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 12 and noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 13 at Central Middle School in downtown Ply-

mouth. The donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and students. Children under age 12 are free.

MARSHALL PTA

Space is available for the Marshall Elementary School PTA's 13th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 10 at the school, 33901 Curtis, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 442-2367.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 426-6227.

ST. THEODORE

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

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on **Monday, September 21, 1998, at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

BETACAM SP PLAYER WITH DMC

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

Bid Item No: 296-092198
Publish: September 10, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#1965A, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Service Station with Convenience Store on Lots #7 to #19 and #74 of Carver Subdivision; (Revised) 4621 S. Middlebelt Road, SE Corner of Middlebelt Road and Annapolis Avenue, SW-36, Salem Bseilch.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 1998. Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185

ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before September 18, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Work Description:

The approximate quantities of major items of work involved in the project are to install 2,600 tons of asphalt paving, 960 LF of concrete curb and gutter, 210 LF of storm sewer of various sizes, four catch basins, one inlet and related appurtenances and restoration, remove 1,100 SY of concrete pavement, pulverize 7,760 SY of asphalt paving, cold mill 227 SY of bridge deck and remove 135 LF of existing 24 inch RCP and 36" storm sewer.

Contract Documents on File:

Contract documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices, 37095 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 and Dodge Reports, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034 and the Construction Association Plan Room at 1625 S. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

Contract documents may be obtained at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices. A non-refundable charge of ten dollars (\$10.00), check only, payable to the City of Westland will be required for each set of contract documents. Contract documents will be available beginning August 31, 1998.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front, left-hand corner "Henry Ruff Paving Project Bid". Proposals must be addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Westland and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable without condition to the City of Westland, as security for acceptance of the Contract. No bid may be withdrawn for at least ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive informalities in bidding, or to accept any bid it may deem in the best interest of the city.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, September 15, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
83	SUZUKI	MTR-CYCLE	BLACK	JS1GL51K8D2100676
87	DODGE	4 DR OMNI	RED	1B3BZ18C0HD647703
84	FORD	2 DR EXP	RED	1FABP0142EW2252569

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 AM at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

82	CHEV	VAN	BLUE	2GCDG16H4C4104418
83	BUICK	4 DR CENTURY	GRAY	1G4AH19E5DD443871
86	FORD	2 DR ESCORT	RED	1FABP349ZGW235576
84	FORD	2 DR T-BIRD	BLUE	1FABP4630EH184710
82	CHEV	2 DR CAMARP	RED	1G1AP8775CN156469
85	MERC	4 DR TOPAZ	WHITE	2MEBP76X7FB632938
86	FORD	TAURUS ST WAG	MAROON	1FABP30U6GA184122

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

#1452C, Special Land Use Approval for Sale and Display of Recreational Vehicles on Lots #17 and #18 of Ford Hix Westland Industrial Subdivision No. 2, East Side of Executive Drive, North of Ford Road and East of Hix Road, SE-7, Mike Stanson/Jeff Van Buren (David Wells).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 22, 1998. Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185.

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before **Monday, September 21, 1998, at 11:00 a.m.** (no exceptions) for the following:

10 1/2 Four-Wheel Drive Versatile Rotary Mower

Complete bid packages may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. For further information pertaining to the specifications, please contact Ted Williams or Robert Tolliver in the Department of Public Services at (734) 728-1770. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agents

Bid Item No: 661-092198A
Publish: September 10, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND Invitation to Bid Hix Road Reconstruction Project (Warren to Joy) Job Number 0135-98-0063

Sealed proposals for the Hix Road Reconstruction Project, will be received by the City of Westland at the office of the Purchasing Agent, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, **until 10:00 a.m., local time on September 28, 1998.** (no exceptions will be made) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The approximate quantities for major items of work are 15,000 syd bituminous base crushing and shaping, 300 syd bituminous pavement removal, 4,750 tons bituminous aggregate leveling course, 2,600 tons bituminous aggregate wearing course (F), 25,300 ft inlay cold plastic pavement marking 4 inch (white & yellow), 800 ft thermoplastic pavement marking 4 inch (white & yellow), 7,000 ft temporary pavement marking type NR paint 4 inch (yellow), 7,500 syd 3 inch topsoil & hydroseeding.

The project involves approximately 1.3 miles of local street resurfacing including miscellaneous ditching, storm sewer work and structure adjustments. The project also contains pavement marking consisting of temporary paint and permanent overlaid and inlay cold plastic materials.

Contract Documents may be examined at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices, 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185; Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34935 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150; Dailey Construction Reports Plan Room, 25229 Dequindre Road, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071-221, Dodge Reports, One Park Lane Boulevard, Suite 328E, Dearborn, MI 48126; and Construction Association of Michigan, 3151 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207.

Contract Documents may be obtained after 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 1998, at the City of Westland Engineering Division Offices located at 37095 Marquette Road, Westland, Michigan 48185. A non-refundable charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) will be made for each set of Contract Documents.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and shall be plainly marked on the lower front, left-hand corner "Proposal - Hix Road Reconstruction - Warren to Joy". Proposals must be addressed to the City of Westland, purchasing Division 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298 and delivered to the Purchasing Agent's office on or before the time specified above. Bidders are responsible for submitting proposals before the stated closing time. Any proposal received after the stated closing time shall not be accepted and no exceptions shall be made.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid and be payable without condition to the city of Westland as security for acceptance of the Contract. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for receiving bids. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities, or accept any bid it may deem in the best interest of the City. All bonding companies must be listed in the Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing.

This project, per City of Westland Ordinance Number 240, requires Contractor's and sub contractors to pay employees the prevailing wages and benefits as stated in the most recent survey of the Michigan Department of Labor for prevailing wage determination, under Act 166 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Charles J. Haas, Project Engineer for Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment at (313) 622-6711.

JILL B. THOMAS
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

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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.

MOMS
Registration is being accepted for the 1998-99 MOMS (Mothers Out for the Morning) program at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. MOMS meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. two Fridays at month September through May to provide support for mothers. The first meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11.

Meetings include a devotion relevant to mothering, small group discussion, crafts, refreshments and periodic guest speakers and special presentations. Child care is provided. The registration fee is \$20, and there is a \$5-per-meeting charge to cover the cost of craft supplies, children's program expenses and paper products. To register, call Barb Pilat at (734) 953-0381 or (248) 344-1629.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will offer a seven-week divorce recovery workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 17, in Knox Hall. A donation of \$25 for pre-registration or \$30 at the door. Free child care is available. For more information, call the Single Point offices at (248) 374-5920.

BLOCK PARTY
Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a community block party 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the church, 2055 Merriman, Garden City. The event was created to give people in the community an opportunity to meet. The party is free and will include food, live music, classic cars, games and prizes for the children, puppets, clowns and face painting. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-0472.

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. Admission will be \$1. For more information, or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-6227.

WOMEN'S AGLOW
Diana Baily will be the speaker when Women's Aglow Westland/Canton Chapter meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 12,

in the Community Room of Auto-Nation, 39600 Ford, Canton. The treasurer of the chapter, Baily will share Biblical truths concerning God's will. For more information, call Penni at (734) 261-5268.

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.

HIGH HOLIDAYS
Tickets for high holiday services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia, will be on sale at the synagogue 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Sept. 13. They also are available by calling Marty Diskin at (248) 474-7616 or Jeff Kirsch at (248) 471-7389.

Rosh Hashanah services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. For Yom Kippur, the Kol Nidre will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, with services at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

The congregation Sunday School also will hold its opening day assembly at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the synagogue. Registration for children ages 5 and older will be available. A youth group and an adult education class also will be offered. For more information, call the synagogue at (248) 477-8974.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY
Free indoor swimming and an outdoor corn roast will be a part of New Life Lutheran Church's Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 13, after its 10 a.m. worship service. The new congregation worships temporarily at Our Lady of Providence Chapel, 16115 Beck, between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville Township. Visitors need bring only their swim suits and towels. Table service and food will be provided. At 11 a.m., there will be a drawing of the name of a worshiper (middle-school age or above) for two free tickets to the UM-EMU football game on Saturday, Sept. 19. For more information, call the Rev. Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181.

JAZZ SUNDAY
Nativity United Church of Christ will feature two Sundays of jazz music during its regular services Sept. 13. The music pre-

Community Free Will welcomes new pastor

The Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland has the welcome mat out for its new pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Beckley, W.Va.



Rev. Jimmy Lawson

Lawson is a graduate of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist College in Wendell, N.C. Engaged, he will marry Sarah Ange of Ahsoskie, N.C., on Sept. 26 in North Carolina.

Community Free Will Baptist Church is at 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., followed by worship services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays. Bible study is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

lude will begin at 10:15 a.m. Professional bassist Ron Anderson will join professional keyboardist Leo Watkins to perform jazz arrangements of sacred classics. Nativity United Church of Christ is at 9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 421-5406.

CHICKEN BARBECUE
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a chicken barbecue Sunday, Sept. 13, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Lunch will be served noon-1 p.m., with carryouts only available beginning at 10:30 a.m. Advanced tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under. At-the-door prices will be \$7.50 and \$3 respectively. For more information, call (734) 422-0149.

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL
St. Matthew Lutheran Church will have a Friendship festival noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. The festival will feature 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 the church at (734) 425-0260.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Congregation Bet Chaverim, a growing reformed Jewish congregation in Wayne County, will have its third annual return-to-

school ice cream social Sunday, Sept. 13. For more information, call (734) 480-8880.

'TASTE OF ST. PAUL'S'
Join the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for "A Taste of St. Paul's" 9:45-10:45 a.m. and 12:15-1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at the church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The "taste fest" will feature the many opportunities for involvement in the congregation. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-1470.

MISSIONARIES VISIT
Johnny and Paula Snyder, Living Link missionaries to Latin America, will be at worship services at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. The Snyders are regional directors in Latin America for the Church of God. They supervise, counsel and coordinate all missionaries in the region and handle strategic planning and imple-

Buying Beanie Babies!!
15¢ Gracie, 20¢ Dottie, 30¢ Curly, 40¢ Bazzard, 50¢ Bones, 60¢ Earl, 70¢ All 3, 80¢ Bunnies, 90¢ Stripes, 100¢ Yarn, 110¢ Puppies, 120¢ Wares, 130¢ Inch, 140¢ Legs, 150¢ River, 160¢ Twigs, 170¢ Waddle, 180¢ Ziggy, 190¢ A's, 200¢ Early, 210¢ Fetch, 220¢ Gog, 230¢ Jabber, 240¢ Juke, 250¢ Kuku, 260¢ Rocket, 270¢ Sings, 280¢ Tracker, 290¢ Whisper, 300¢ Cutie, 310¢ Happy, 320¢ Peace, 330¢ Flip, 340¢ Lolly, 350¢ Pats, 360¢ Scatter, 370¢ Squeaker, 380¢ Whistle, 390¢ Bucky, 400¢ Ten, 410¢ Mystic, 420¢ Snowball, 430¢ Soccer, 440¢ Fortune, 450¢ Wish, 460¢ Speedy, 470¢ Level, 480¢ 97, 490¢ Teddy, 500¢ Doodle, 510¢ Gossie, 520¢ Hood, 530¢ Magic, 540¢ Princess, 550¢ Erin, 560¢ Glory, 570¢ Amy, 580¢ Spot, 590¢ Beanie, 600¢ Teddy, 610¢ Tank, 620¢ Doggy, 630¢ Flash, 640¢ Splash, 650¢ Truck, 660¢ Scary, 670¢ Scissors, 680¢ Radar, 690¢ Bubbles, 700¢ Gert, 710¢ Marmy, 720¢ \$100-\$110, 730¢ McDonald's, 740¢ Set, 750¢ Bubbles, 760¢ Chop, 770¢ Garcia, 780¢ Grant, 790¢ Mavy, 800¢ \$120, 810¢ Coral, 820¢ 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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The city of Westland will be distributing surplus federal food at the Dorsey Community Center on the following dates and times: Residents located in the area bounded by Palmer, Steiber, Merriman and Wildwood roads, which is known as Norwayne and Oak Village, will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. All other residents north of Michigan Avenue will pick up their commodities 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18. Westland residents south of Michigan Avenue should pick up their commodities on the third Monday of each month at St. James United Methodist Church, which is located at 30055 Annapolis, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt roads. Senior citizens living in Taylor Towers will pick up their food at Taylor Towers and must call their building manager for their day of distribution. Items distributed for September will be green beans, macaroni and pork. For additional information, call the Dorsey Center's surplus food hot line at 595-0366. This program is administered by the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services. All food allocations, distribution sites and dates of distribution are determined by that agency.

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.

TOY SHOW

It will be a veritable toy land as the Westland Rotary Club sponsors a Toy Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Joy Manor in Westland. Dealers of antiques, collectibles and obsolesces can rent tables for \$25 each. Admission is \$3. Children under 12 get in free. Proceeds will benefit Rotary projects and charities. Joy Manor is at 28999 Joy Road, east of Middlebelt. For information, call Ken Belanger at (734) 721-1810 or John Toye at (734) 729-8693.

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.

AT THE LIBRARY

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

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 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) 695-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings and 3 and 4-year-olds meets Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708 for more information.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

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

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the 1998-99 school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

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

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, 4:53-5:30 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.

What's it worth?



Appraisal clinic: An appraisal clinic offered by the Frank Boos Gallery of Bloomfield Hills will be 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. Cost for the appraisals is \$3 per item or two items for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Westland Library. To reserve a spot, call (734) 522-3918. Walk-ins will be taken if time permits.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Children, ages newborn to 6, and their mothers are invited to a "Mom's Morning Out" from 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburgh United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh Road. Children are grouped together by ages in rooms with two caregivers per room. This program is an optional co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

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

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG

Limited space is available for individuals and small groups to participate in the archaeological dig at the Westland Historical Museum, at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette. The digs will be from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 20 and will run weather permitting to Nov. 15. To participate you must register in advance. For more information or to register, call Daryl Bailey (evenings) at (734) 326-7362 or leave a voice message at the Westland Historical Museum at (734) 326-1110.

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.

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. For more information, call (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.

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.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

BINGO

DEMS' BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army and the School for the Blind. Call (734) 422-5025 or (734) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the M.J. Hall, 35412 Michigan, next to Farmer Jack in Wayne. Call (734) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. Call (734) 326-3323.

SMOKELESS BINGO

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

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh in Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. Call (734) 722-7632.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hot line: (734) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO

The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. Call (734) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

PEANUT DAY SALE

The Kiwanis Club of Westland will hold its annual Kiwanis Peanut Day Sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 23, 24 and 25, at the intersections of Wayne and Warren roads and at Wayne and Ford roads.

CRAFT SHOW

Space is available for a craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 23, 24 and 25, at the Ramallah Club, 27484 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Table rentals are \$30 for one day or \$60 for all three days. For more information, call Nona at (734) 462-2936 or Nadia at (734) 522-4208 after 5:30 p.m.

CHADD

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the school year at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. CHADD is a nonprofit, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M128, a support group for sensible weight loss, meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. For more information, call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets weekly; weigh-in is 6-7:15 p.m., meeting is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Med-Max building, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. For information, call Suzanne, (734) 728-8437.

RAILROADIANA

You can buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. To register for tables, call Norm at 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Pre-registered tables are \$12, tables at the door (if available) are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person or \$4 per family.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) urges people who want to learn the art of public speaking to attend the club's weekly meetings at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. For more information, call John Elbe at (734) 326-5419, anytime.

VFW AUXILIARY

Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will ensure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin at (734) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland in Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia, Redford, Detroit and surrounding areas.

MOMS CLUB

The MOMS Club of Westland will meet 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church (east entrance), 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Newburgh in Livonia. Participants will discuss fall activities. Children are welcome at meetings of the group, which is for stay-at-home moms. For information, call Stephanie at (734) 266-2919.

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.

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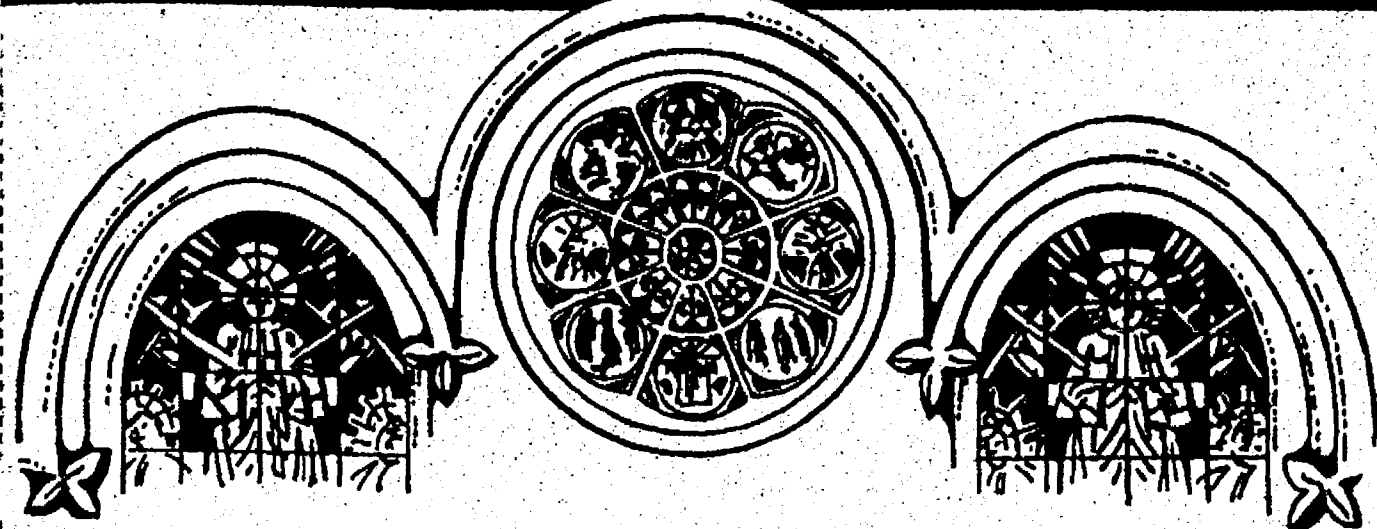
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Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.
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8:00 Praise & Worship Service
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11:00 Traditional Service
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8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
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Evangelical Presbyterian Church
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248-374-7400
Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Worship Services
Sunday School
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A.M.
Evening Service
6:00 P.M. In the Chapel

Nursery Provided
Worship Service Broadcast
11:00 A.M. WFLP-AM 1030

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5403 S. Wayne Rd. • Wayne, MI
(Between Michigan Ave. & Van Buren Rd.)
(313) 728-2180
Virgil Humes, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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20805 Middlebelt (corner of 8 Mile & Middlebelt)
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WORSHIP SERVICES
Saturday Evening 8 p.m.
Sunday Morning 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30

Pastor John W. Meyer • 474-0675

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46250 Ann Arbor Road
(1 Mile West of Brighton)
Plymouth • 453-5252

Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Pastor David Martin
Hugh McMartin, Lay Minister

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School
5885 Venoy
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland • 425-0260

Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
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Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available

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532-8655
Pastor Gregory Gibbons

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Pastor James Hoff
Pastor Eric Steinbrener

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Livonia • 427-2290
Rev. Carla Thompson Powell, Pastor
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10:00 a.m. Family Worship

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Main & Church • (734) 453-6484
(313) 453-5013

Worship Services 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Church School & Nursery 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
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September 13th
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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Evening Fellowship Meeting 7:30 p.m.
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Burkhart-Putman

Beatrice Burkhart of Livonia and James Burkhart of Norwood, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Marie, to John David Putman, the son of Marilyn Putman of Lake Forest, Calif., and Hugh T. Putman of Plano, Texas.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a senior auditor for Guaranty Federal Bank, FSB, in Dallas, Texas.

Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of J.J. Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas, and a 1990 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas. He is employed as a senior auditor at Comerica



Bank-Texas in Dallas, Texas. A September wedding is planned at All Saints Catholic Church in Dallas.

Cousins-Mosher

Andrea C. Mosher, formerly of Plymouth, and Lance W. Cousins were married May 2 at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Jennifer McLaren-Saad officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia and Larry Jackson of Northville and Pete and Pat Mosher of St. Joseph. The groom is the son of Juanita Cousins of Sterling Heights and Lance F. Cousins of Watergate.

She is a 1986 graduate of Ladywood High School and has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. She is employed as a brand development manager at Mars Advertising.

A graduate of Grand Valley State University, he is employed as an account director of Exhibit Enterprises.

The bride asked Laura Rosen and Cheryl Boykansky to be her attendants.



The groom asked Tony Schmitt and Chris Vinton to be his attendants.

The couple received guests at the Townsend Hotel before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Germany, Italy and Austria. They are making their home in Birmingham.

Stephenson-Morris

Dave and Charli Johnston of Livonia and Randy and Jane Stephenson of Brighton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Michelle Lyn Stephenson, to Rhys Rainsford Morris, the son of Charles and Sandra Morris of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed by Ross Roy Communications Inc.

Her fiancé also is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

A September wedding is planned at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Brighton.



De Luca-Johnson

Ugo and Dorinda De Luca of Brookfield, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Rose, to David Paul Johnson, the son of Jerry and Kathy Johnson of Plymouth Township.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of arts degree in hotel and restaurant management. She is employed by Chicago Title.

Her fiancé is a 1983 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Redford and a 1987 graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He is employed by Source One Sales and Marketing in Arlington Heights, Ill.



A September wedding is planned at St. Louise Church in LaGrant Park, Ill.

Pappas-Schils

James and Marilyn Pappas of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elena Alessandra, to Scott Alan Schils, the son of Lloyd and Mary Ann Schils of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 1991 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of science degree. She is employed at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health as a psychologist.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed with United Parcel Service.



A September wedding is planned at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Fike-Caprara

Frank and Judy Fike of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Anne, to Michael Andrew Caprara, the son of Thom and Reggie Caprara of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ann Arbor High School and Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Ferris State University.

An October wedding is planned at St. Joseph Catholic



Church in Dexter.

Seabolt-Ammar

Michael and Sharon Lorr of Canadian Lakes, formerly of Canton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Seabolt, to Mohamad Ammar, the son of Souad Ammar of Westland and the late Hassan Ammar.

An August 1999 wedding is planned.



Volpe-Winkler

Robert and Vicki Volpe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Elizabeth, to Christopher Allen Winkler, the son of Gary and Nancy Winkler of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree and has a teaching certificate from Saginaw Valley State University. She is pursuing a master of arts degree in teaching from Saginaw Valley.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree and the Wayne State University School of Law.

An October wedding is planned at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield



Hills.

Easterwood-Moore

Carley and Marsha Easterwood of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Kay, to Jason Moore, the son of Howard and Elaine Fox of

New Baltimore.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ferris State University. Her fiancé also is a FSU graduate.

A September wedding is planned.

ANNIVERSARIES

Klanseck

Rudy and Rita Klanseck of Detroit celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 1 with a pre-anniversary surprise celebration at St. John Bosco Hall in Redford.

The couple married Sept. 4, 1948. She is the former Rita Parnis.

The party was organized by their 15 children - Rudy of California, Bob of Livonia, Nina of Detroit, Marianne of Livonia, Patti of Alabama, Irene of Tennessee, Gloria of Livonia, Stephen of Flint, Cindy of Novi, Ken of Tennessee, Dan of Detroit, Bill of Detroit, Karl of Redford, Paul of Grand Rapids and David of Detroit. They also have 31 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A native of Laurium, Mich., he is from a family of 10. A Detroit native, she is from a family of five.

A communications specialist, he worked at the Associated Press until he retired in 1975.



Fiolek

Walter and Lula Fiolek, former Garden City residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 25 at a reception at Montana's Seafood and Steakhouse in Westland after renewing their vows at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City.

The couple exchanged vows on July 24, 1948, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Detroit.

They have four children - Wally, Mike, Sue and Jennie.

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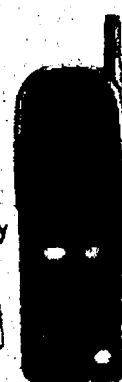


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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Collegiate notes

■ Miami (Ohio) defensive tackle Gino DiGiandomenico, a 6-foot-4, 276-pound red-shirt freshman from Livonia and Redford Catholic Central, had four tackles, including a sack, in a 13-10 upset win Saturday over No. 12 ranked North Carolina.

The visiting Redskins held NC to 221 yards, 46 in the second half. DiGiandomenico's sack cost the Tar Heels eight yards and was one of three recorded by the Redskins.

■ Northern Michigan University sophomore Marc Dugas (Westland John Glenn) made his first start at right offensive tackle as the Wildcats' opened their football season with a 58-0 victory over St. Francis (Ill.).

The 6-3, 309-pound Dugas helped NMU rack up 456 yards in total offense.

■ Wayne State University began the 1998 football season on Saturday with a 24-17 loss to visiting Mercyhurst (Pa.) College and some of the Tartars' have Observerland ties.

■ Mark Carter (John Glenn), a 6-3, 180-pound sophomore, provides depth at wide receiver. The son of Wayne Memorial coach Floyd Carter was red-shirted in 1996 and didn't see action in '97.

He is one of the Tartars' scholar-athletes.

"He's made incredible improvement," WSU coach Barry Fagan said. "He needs more consistency. He can play on special teams and we can keep him in the fold that way."

■ Eastern Michigan University freshman David George (Livonia Churchill) scored the lone goal in the Eagles' 1-0 men's soccer win Saturday over Wisconsin-Green Bay.

■ Former Redford Catholic Central captain Casey Cook, 17, is a starting midfielder for the Duquesne (Pa.) University men's soccer team.

The Dukes are off to an 0-2 start.

Cook, who resides in Plymouth, played for a Michigan under-21 team in Europe this summer. He is also a Junior Olympian who played club soccer for Vardar.

■ Oakland University freshman goalkeeper Mike Skolnik (Livonia Churchill) made four saves Monday as the Pioneers won their men's soccer home opener, 1-0, over the University of Dayton. OU is 2-1.

■ University of Michigan junior Anne Pogliits (Livonia Ladywood) had 12 kills as the Lady Wolverines defeated Maryland in Saturday's season volleyball opener, 15-8, 13-15, 15-8, 15-5, at the Georgetown Acumen Classic in Washington, D.C.

■ Lansing Community College took six of the first seven places to capture the Saginaw Valley men's cross country invitational meet on Sept. 4.

LCC freshman Rob Block (Livonia Stevenson) was seventh in 22 minutes. LCC's Lyle Mayers, Kirk Hiatt and Josh Criner finished one-two-three, all in 21:42.

Youth soccer champions

The Meteors, an under-17 girls soccer team sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA, finished undefeated in the under-19 age division last weekend at the Romeo Peachfest.

Members of the Meteors, which allowed only one goal, include: Alexis Bowman, Sarah Corless, Allison Curd, Ali Edwards, Kristen Katcherian, Beth Kolacki, Laura Kozub, Laura Leffingwell, Kristen Pimlott, Danielle Portelli, Beth Poulos, Anna Schovers, Patti Sullivan, Colleen Thompson, Kara Tweedy, Kelly Upton and Dana Wantin.

The team is coached by Bob Westfall and managed by Randy Upton.

Youth baseball tryouts

■ Select 13 tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League's entry into the 1999 Little Caesars Travel Baseball League will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads.

Players must be 13 prior to Aug. 1, 1999.

The team will play approximately 35-40 games.

For more information, call coach Jim Moss at (248) 476-8608.

■ Tryouts for the 12-year-old Michigan Thunder Baseball Club (1999 season), which will compete in the Little Caesars League, will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Plymouth's Massey Field, located at Plymouth and Haggerty roads.

Players born between Aug. 1, 1986, through July 31, 1987, are eligible.

For more information, call Max Riehl at (248) 380-9885, Matt Sinkovitz (734) 421-5257 or Jim Radford at (734) 427-2965.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Balancing act: Wayne Memorial Ericka Davis (bottom) tries to slide around Westland John Glenn defender Sarah Pack during Tuesday's city tussle.

Crews control

At 0:00, Glenn frosh nails 3 foul shots to sink rival Wayne Memorial, 42-41

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Crews may be a member of Westland John Glenn's freshman class, but she has senior blood in her veins.

Crews nonchalantly made three free throws with no time left Tuesday to lift John Glenn to a 42-41 victory over Wayne Memorial.

"For her to step up and make three free throws," Wayne coach Matt Godfrey said, "well, she just grew up three years right there."

Crystal Harris had made a clutch long baseline shot with 32 seconds left to give Wayne, 1-2, a 40-39 lead. She added a free throw with seven seconds to play which made it 41-39.

The Zebras backed their defense up to midcourt, except for Harris, and the Rockets inbounded to Stephanie Crews.

Coach Joel Lloyd had called a time out both before and after Harris' free throw to alert his team to its options.

"I looked the girls in the eye with seven seconds to play," he said, "and told them, 'Don't give up. Don't give up. Seven seconds is a lot of time.'"

"Stephanie Crews certainly showed the smarts of a veteran player by shooting the ball before time expired. I

GIRLS BASKETBALL

know we only needed two (points), but she got an attempt. She at least gave us a chance to win."

John Glenn inbounded the ball to Crews, she dribbled up the right sideline, cut across to the top of the key and launched an off-balance shot as the clock was ticking from 0:01 to 0:00.

The whistle blew before the horn sounded so the court was cleared and Stephanie Crews went to the line with the game on the line. Just herself, the ball and the basket.

Her first shot swished cleanly through, as did the second. The third banked off the inside of the back of the rim, then the inside of the front before swirling softly through the net. Ball game.

Crews did a two-second victory dance before being mobbed by her teammates.

She scored 10 of her game-high 16 points in the fourth quarter and made a key steal as well. LaToya Chandler scored eight and Sarah Pack six.

Chandler had seven rebounds while Crews and her junior sister Samantha each had eight.

Tanya Crawford led Wayne with 13

points while Laneetra Austin had nine, Harris seven, and Ericka Davis and Sarah Moore six each.

"We never did get untracked," Godfrey said. "But I attribute that more to John Glenn's pressure and heart than to us."

"It was a tough loss, especially to a crosstown rival. But they deserve the credit."

Both teams had trouble finishing plays. Each must have missed 10 layups or easy open shots.

Wayne rolled out to an 11-7 lead after the first period but John Glenn pulled into a 22-22 halftime deadlock. The Zebras went nearly four minutes of the third quarter before they scored but the Rockets also endured a similar cold spell.

Godfrey predicted before the season that John Glenn would easily surpass its three-win campaign of a year ago. The Rockets are 3-1.

"These girls," Lloyd said. "Their biggest quality is they never ever give up, no matter what the score is. They gave themselves a chance to win."

"All four of our games have been like that. All I ask is that they play hard, and let the chips fall where they may."

In this case, the chips and three Stephanie Crews free throws all fell John Glenn's way.

BOYS SOCCER

DeLaSalle (4-0-2 overall, 2-0 in the league) led 3-0 at halftime.

"As funny as it may seem, the first half was the best half of soccer we've played all year," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "We dominated the first half. I'm proud of the way we played. We pushed and dictated the tempo. We are usually tentative, but not today."

"Things began to deteriorate in the second half. But the score was not indicative of how the game went."

The Shamrocks slipped to 2-2-1 overall and 0-1 in the league.

■ LATHRUP 3, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Brian Pankow accounted for Livonia Clarenceville's only goal Tuesday when he scored on a penalty kick against visiting Southfield-Lathrup.

"It was a strong defensive effort for us," Clarenceville coach Randy McCoy said. "In addition, Steve Shaw and Nicole Morton played exceptional game for us."

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday's Titan race puts Pilon on display



Laura Pilon
Titan runner

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Laura Pilon knows all about high mileage.

The Livonia Stevenson grad juggles a job, classes and a running career while commuting back-and-forth to the University of Detroit Mercy.

"My car has way too many miles," the junior admits.

On Saturday, Pilon and her U-D Mercy teammates will open their cross country season at Cass Benton Park in Northville for the ninth annual Tommy Titan event, a series of 5,000-meter races.

The open race (entry fee of \$5) starts at 10 a.m. with the women's collegiate race following at 10:45 a.m. The men's collegiate competition starts at 11:15 a.m.

U-D cross country coach Guy Murray calls Pilon "our biggest surprise athlete."

During the 1997 cross country season, Pilon won the Coach's Choice Award after going 19:13 in a 5K at the Michigan Intercollegiate. She also placed 18th in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference championships as U-D Mercy tied for second in the team standings.

During the '98 indoor season, Pilon posted a time of 10:46.96, good enough for sixth in the MCC. She also ran an anchor leg of 5:16 for a runner-up finish as the Lady Titans' distance medley quartet set a school record (12:30.3).

But she made her greatest strides during last spring's outdoor track season.

Pilon was runner-up in the MCC 5,000-meter run with a personal best of 18:36.78 in a meet held at Butler (Ind.) University.

She also set personal bests in the 3,000 (10:41.2) and 1,500 (4:55.0) in a triangular meet at the University of Toledo.

"Laura's gained a lot of experience, and when she went to the big meets, every time out she kept setting P.R.'s," Murray said. "She's going to be a real key to this team. She's among our top two or three runners."

In 1995, Pilon was a member of Stevenson's potent cross country team as the Spartans finished second in the state Class A meet.

She accepted a scholarship to U-D Mercy, but was forced to sit out her first season after the NCAA Clearinghouse determined she was half-credit short of being eligible.

She was forced to train on her own and not allowed to practice with the team.

"It gave me a lot of motivation to do well," Pilon said. "It made me study that much harder. It made me appreciate running more."

"But I had been running competitively for five years, since the eighth grade. I may have needed the break."

Pilon, a business major with an emphasis on a marketing career, also has proven she belongs in the classroom, sporting a grade-point average better than 3.0.

She is scheduled to graduate on time during the spring term of 2000.

"I really like the school, the classes are smaller and you get more individual attention from the professors," Pilon said. "It's a nice learning environment to be in."

During the summer, Pilon worked two jobs, a landscaper at Western Golf & Country Club in Redford as well as an hourly supervisor at Rocky's Restaurant in Northville.

"And she's running more than ever before, even with two jobs," Murray said.

Please see TITAN RUNNER, C2

Shamrocks belt Pioneer; Warriors give up 'Rusty'

So far, so good. Redford Catholic Central, playing without two-way star Casey Rogowski, opened the football season with a 35-7 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer on Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Rogowski will be out at least five weeks with a broken fibula bone in his right leg.

Senior tight end Nick Brzezinski caught touchdown passes of 41 and 24 yards from quarterback Dave Lusky, helping the Shamrocks enjoy a 21-7 halftime lead.

Pioneer outgained CC 246-244 in total yardage but suffered four turnovers to the Shamrocks' two. CC defensive back Matt Lorida had two interceptions and Nick Kato and Lou Willoughby each had fumble recoveries.

CC had 153 yards rushing in 31 attempts to Pioneer's 183 yards in 48 rushes.

Senior tailback Kyle Entsminger led the Shamrocks with 107 yards on 15 carries and one touchdown. Junior running back John Kava had 43 yards on 11 carries, also scoring once.

Lusky was sacked once and completed three of 11 passes for 91 yards.

Pioneer quarterback Mike Lutz passed for 73 yards and rushed for 84 yards on 12 carries. Pioneer running back Akin Bryant had 51 yards rushing in 15 carries and also scored the Pioneer's only touchdown on a 56-yard catch.

CC opened the scoring with an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown by Jason Woehlke with 3:59 left in the first quarter. The extra point by Lusky, filling in for injured kicker Mike Sgroi, was wide.

Pioneer took its only lead of the night when Lutz and Bryant connected on their 56-yard aerial with 2:17 remaining in the first quarter.

The Shamrocks regained the lead after Lusky found Brzezinski for a 41-yard touchdown pass with 8:04 left in the half, capping a possession that lasted only two plays. Lusky's two-point conversion pass to Woehlke raised the lead to 14-7.

The Shamrocks ended the first-half scoring with a 24-yard TD reception by Brzezinski to finish a five-play, 44-yard drive with 1:12 left in the first half. Lusky's extra point kick made the lead 21-7.

Entsminger gave CC a 28-7 lead, scoring on the Shamrocks' first play from scrimmage in the second half — a 41-yard run with 9:43 left in the third quarter.

Pioneer was threatening to score but Willoughby's fumble recovery at the CC 14 late in the third quarter kept the lead at 28-7.

Kato's fumble recovery led to CC's last points, a four-yard run by Kava that capped a 38-yard drive with 4:45 left in the game.

Kato had two of the Shamrocks' four sacks. Jon Abshire and Jeremiah Hicks had one each.

Willoughby led the Shamrocks with 11 tackles, including four solos. Hicks and Kato had eight tackles apiece.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 36, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0: Lutheran High Westland ended last season with a 29-7 win over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

But in Saturday's 1998 opener, Northwest turned the tables with a resounding Metro Conference win over the host Warriors.

"Northwest is quite improved," Lutheran Westland coach Gary Kamin said. "They have better athletes. They played a lot of sophomores last year and it's paying off. They're more experienced."

Northwest, getting a pair of TD runs from Bryan Brown and a 37-yard scoring pass from Ryan Angott to Eric Jacques, also took home the equivalent of the Little Brown Jug — a 5-foot statue of a knight dubbed "Rusty."

"They wanted Rusty, too," Kamin said.

Brown had 114 yards on 19 carries as Northwest racked up 287 total yards.

Lutheran Westland had just 49 total yards, 39 rushing (on 32 attempts) and 17 yards passing (quarterback Gordie Engel was two of 11).

"Our line blocking has got to get better," Kamin said.

Defensively, Brett Braun had an interception for Lutheran Westland. Teammate Charlie Hoeft caused a fumble.

Linebacker Scott Archer was the leading tackler with five solos and six assists. Linebacker Mark DeFrank was in on seven tackles. Freshman safety Andy Molden-hauer added six.

The Warriors also lost starting nose guard and center Dan Anderson to a strained knee ligaments. Guard Brian Soos is also questionable for Friday's game at Harper Woods Lutheran East.

WLAA goes flat (3-9) in season openers

BY BRAD THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

What exactly did the first week of the high school football season reveal?

It appears the Western Lakes Activities Association, which has been riding high the past few years, could be a little down.

WLAA teams won only three of 12 non-league games last weekend.

And guess what?

The three winning teams remain the three favorites — defending state Class A champion Farmington Hills Harrison, along with 1997 Class AA playoff qualifiers Westland John Glenn and Walled Lake Western.

The same three schools all reached the state semifinals in 1996 with Western (Class AA) winning it all and Harrison (Class A) taking runner-up honors.

The WLAA went 0-4 last weekend against the Mega-Red and 1-3 against the Kensington Valley Conference.

Ironically, Mega-Red teams finished 6-1.

But don't completely discount the Western Lakes just yet because Northville made a respectable showing in a 10-3 loss to Brighton, and Livonia Stevenson led for a half before falling to Dearborn, 19-7.

There was one surprise from the WLAA.

Defending Lakes Division champion Walled Lake Central was hammered 35-12 by Milford of the KVC.

The Vikings, who will not have the services of star running back Nathan Bruce (knee surgery) this season, returned only two starters, one being quarterback Corey Heitsch.

As for the prognostication race, it's a close race after week No. 1.

Yours truly went 12-5, while defending champion Dan O'Meara combined for a less-than-glittering start (like the Lions and Michigan) to finish 11-6.

Here is a preview of this week's action:

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Wayne (1-0) at Dearborn, Dearborn (1-0), 7 p.m. It's the Mega-Red Division opener. The Zebras are coming off a 26-13 win over Adrian as Willie Perryman kicked a pair of field goals and four different running

GRID PREDICTIONS

backs gained 45 yards in coach Floyd Carter's Wing-T attack. Fordson, picked fourth in the Mega-Red, intercepted three passes in a 19-0 victory against Detroit Kettering. PICKS: Emons says Wayne steals the Trojans for the first time since 1993. O'Meara goes with Fordson at home.

Red. Thurston (3-0) at D.J. Crestwood (0-1), 7 p.m.: Quarterback Cedric Mann ran for a pair of touchdown passes and Scott Genord returned a kickoff for a TD as Thurston opened its season with a 34-12 win over Taylor Truman. Upcoming Mega-Blue opponent Dearborn Heights Crestwood fell to Garden City, 30-8. PICKS: The Eagles fly high again this week.

Redford Union (1-0) at Woodhaven (0-1), 7 p.m.: Linebacker Adrian Beaver had 14 tackles as the Panthers blanked Livonia Churchill, 14-0. Meanwhile, Woodhaven, now a fellow member of the Mega-Blue, fell to Mega-Red opponent Wyandotte, 22-14. PICKS: Woodhaven squeaks out a victory, both agree.

Ply. Canton (0-1) at Westland Glenn (1-0): Glenn scored three quick TDs to beat Detroit Cooley, 24-6, in its '98 opener. Third-year varsity tailback Reggie Spearman ran for 199 yards. Canton, which lost in Tim Beechler's debut, 33-8, to state-ranked Monroe, outgained the Trojans on the ground, 140-85, but gave up too many big plays. PICKS: Beechler has to wait another week. Glenn prevails.

Liv. Franklin (0-1) at Liv. Stevenson (0-1): The Patriots, a 19-0 loser to Lincoln Park, are rebuilding and looking for offense. Stevenson proved it could run the ball at times against Dearborn in a 19-7 defeat, but the passing game has to get better. PICKS: Stevenson wins this city tussle.

Liv. Churchill (0-1) at Ply. Salem (0-1): Salem opened with a 16-6 loss to state-ranked Belleville, but the Rocks' offense needs to get untracked. Churchill, stunned 14-0 last week by RU, played good enough defense to win, but had little offense to show. PICKS: Salem wins the Western Lakes crossover.

Edsel Ford (0-1) at Garden City (1-0): The Cougar players were not happy afterwards with your friendly prognosticators, both of whom picked them to lose to Dearborn Heights Crestwood. GC proved both of us wrong, winning 38-8 as QB Rob Hudson uncorked three TD passes. Edsel Ford, picked second behind Allen Park in the preseason polls in the Mega-White, fell to state-ranked Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 27-14. PICKS: The Cougars can't fool us two weeks in a row. Edsel prevails.

Lutheran Westland (0-1) at Lutheran East (0-1): It was not the kind of season opener coach Gary Kamin was looking for after Rochester Hills Lutheran

Northwest rolled over the host Warriors on Saturday, 36-0. Harper Woods Lutheran East, coached by Bruce Tuzend (son of Harper Lutheran Westland head coach Donata), was beaten by Messing Lutheran North, 20-14. PICKS: Flip a coin, it's East this time.

Allen Park Central (0-1) at Liv. Chardonville (1-0): Senior running back Willie England was held below 100 yards, but the host Trojans still came away victorious, 12-8, over Bloodfield Hills Crestwood. That's a good sign for coach Chuck Donaldson. Cabrini gave up over 300 yards rushing to Detroit Crockett in a 24-0 defeat. PICKS: You've got to go with the Trojans again.

SATURDAY'S GAME (all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

F.H. Harrison (1-0) at Farmington (0-1): It's the first meeting between the two schools since 1989 (won by Harrison, 55-0). Harrison, the juggernaut, looked impressive in a 48-0 win over Oxford. Farmington, meanwhile, was mistake plagued in a 38-7 defeat against Novi. The Falcons will have to avoid penalties and turnovers to make it respectable. PICKS: It's victory No. 250 this week for Harrison coach John Herrington.

W.L. Western (1-0) at N. Farmington (0-1): The Warriors were hitting on all cylinders last Friday in a 41-6 trouncing of Milford Lakeland as Eric Sage ran for TDs of 15, 63 and 76 yards, finishing with 203 yards in 12 carries. And don't forget fullback Dave Johnson, a third-year varsity performer. Meanwhile, the schedule makers have been unkind to North. They opened with a 42-0 loss to state-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's (at the Silverdome) and now must face one of the WLAA's favorites. PICKS: It's Western's day all the way. North's Rich Burrell waits another week for his first win as a Raider coach.

St. Agatha (1-0) at Ham. St. Florian (0-1): It didn't take long for coach Butch Cox to chalk up his first win as Wesley Shaw scored a pair of TDs and Scott Cumming led the defense with 11 tackles as the Aggies blanked Carsonville-Port Sanilac, 22-0. Hamtramck St. Florian is coming off a 34-32 overtime defeat to Ecorse. Marvin Bennett is the Lancers' top player. He had 129 yards and 13 tackles in the loss to Ecorse. PICKS: The Aggies make it two straight.

Bishop Borgess (0-1) vs. H.W. Bishop Gallagher (1-0), 2 p.m. at Roseville Memorial: The Spartans put up quite a battle last Saturday against Dearborn Divine Child, losing 38-21 after enjoying a 12-3 half-time advantage. Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher comes in this Saturday as the No. 1-ranked team in Class 0D. The Lancers put a 33-13 hurt on Sarnia (Ont.) St. Christopher as freshman Darnell Hill rushed for 183 yards and two touchdowns. PICKS: Borgess is not to be taken lightly, but Gallagher comes away with the victory.

Windsor team pulls out; No. 1 CC gets bye

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

An opponent for Week 2 is usually the toughest for Detroit Catholic Central's football team to find, and this season it's impossible.

Labor problems within the Windsor public and Catholic school systems have led to the late cancellation of CC's game against Windsor Holy Name. The non-league game was to be played Saturday night at Red-

ford's Hilbert Junior High.

Union contracts for Catholic and public school teachers in Windsor expired Aug. 31, but teachers agreed to return to the classrooms with the understanding there would be no extracurricular activities until a new contract is signed.

The second week is usually the hardest to fill because that's the first week most schools begin inter-league play. There are more potential opponents to play

in the first week because teams aren't locked into league play yet.

CC won't be given a forfeit victory, CC athletic director Bob Santello said. The absence of a second game means the Shamrocks will play only eight regular-season games instead of nine.

The lack of a ninth game won't hurt CC's playoff point average severely, according to Santello. Instead of dividing their playoff points by nine games, they will be divided by eight.

Santello tried to scramble to fill the void, contacting three schools in Ohio and another in Indiana that had open dates.

After some discussions, none would agree to a game.

"Right now we have no options at all," Santello said Tuesday afternoon. "We were willing to travel."

It's the second time in a year that extracurricular activities in Windsor were suspended because of labor problems, Holy Name football coach Bruce LePine said.

Teachers in the province went on strike for two weeks last fall to stage a "political protest" of a

bill put into legislation regarding teacher's contracts.

LePine said CC was told of the possible problems last spring when the two schools agreed to play. Holy Name had four practices before the season was suspended at the end of the contract, according to LePine.

"I told them about the potential problem and they said 'OK, we'll hope for the best,'" said LePine, whose team was 2-4 last year. "It's a mess, a very, very difficult situation for all students and staff. I was looking forward to (playing CC). I wanted to see how good they were. I knew we weren't very good."

CC's winning tradition makes it tough to fill an open date any time outside the Catholic League.

"I'm constantly trying to fill that date (the second week), as I am for next year," Santello said. "Right now I've got in front of me all the schools in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada that have open dates. You think you finally got it nailed down with a contract and all of a sudden it blows up in your face. It's just frustrating."

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Gold medal for Livonian

Hayden wins U.S. National figures crown in California

ROLLER SKATING

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

She loves it and she's good at it.

The two best reasons in the world to do anything are what make Marie Hayden one of the best roller skaters in the world.

The Livonia Stevenson senior captured the Gold Medal at the U.S. Roller Skating National Championships Aug. 13-18 in Fresno, Calif. She'll compete Nov. 7 in the World Championships held at Bogota, Columbia.

"It felt really good," Hayden said of her win in the Nationals, "because it was the first time I won the senior world class."

"Last year I got third. Now this probably gives me more confidence going to the Worlds."

Hayden captured the Junior Worlds in 1995 and defended successfully in 1996 before moving up to the seniors last year.

Going to the Worlds before Thanksgiving means Hayden will have to miss school.

"I haven't talked to them about it yet," she said, "But I go out every year so I think they pretty much know."

Just your average national champion who lives next door.

It doesn't happen without work, though.

Hayden goes straight from



National champion: Livonia's Nicole Hayden shows off her championship hardware.

Livonia Stevenson to Riverside Arena in Livonia, where she trains for three hours every day under the guidance of coach Petra Dayney.

She works on routines and the figures she has to skate because they're part of the competition.

Then she goes home and does her homework. Which at interview time was pre-calculus.

"I started (roller skating) when I was 3½ in a Tiny Tot class my mom took me to," she said. "They told me I had good balance, and that I should start taking private lessons."

"Ever since then I've been skating. I've been competing since I was five."

"I love the sport so much. I've been doing it for years. I don't know how my life would be, giving it up. That's basically my life now."

It's not like figure skating, where winning a World Championship can lead to untold wealth and traveling. About all winning a World Championship in roller skating can

win you is a trip home.

"I want to first win the Worlds before I quit skating," she said. "Then maybe in a couple of years I'll come back and teach skating."

"If you do really good at the Worlds, you can get grants to help you with expenses, free trips."

The traveling is a plus for Hayden. It comes along just often enough to break up the boredom of repetitive workouts.

The next choice facing Hayden is college. She said she's always wanted to go to Notre Dame, but might wind up at Michigan, because it's nearby, so she can train if she decides to skate competitively another season.

She's never had time to try a varsity sport in high school because of training for roller skating.

"For exercise," she said, "I do kick boxing. And I roller blade all the time."

It's hard to imagine Hayden not being successful in anything she tries.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Ladywood's 1st win

Blazers top Grosse Pointe North

Thanks to tenacious defensive pressure in the second half Tuesday, Livonia Ladywood was able to break into the win column.

Ladywood improved to 1-2 with a 50-45 victory at Grosse Pointe North.

Holding onto a slim 21-20 lead at halftime, the visiting Blazers turned on the pressure and went on an 18-8 run.

Leading the way was senior guard Erin Hayden, who netted a game-high 18 points (four three-pointers). Melissa Harakas scored nine of her 11 points in the second half and Carly Queen added eight.

"Our defense kept us in the game," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "We forced them into more than 20 turnovers. That was the difference in the game."

The Blazers won despite making only one-of-seven free throw attempts, including only one-of-four in the game's final minute.

Lindsay Hawkins scored 16 points for North (0-2), which converted 14-of-26 free throws.

•STEVENSON 62, WYANDOTTE 36: Livonia Stevenson outscored Wyandotte Roosevelt 26-5 in the fourth quarter Tuesday as the Spartans improved to 4-1.

The host Spartans received game-high 20 points from Stephanie Dutz. Kate LeBlanc added 13 points and five steals, while Lindsay Guskic had eight points and six assists. Guskic and Cheryl Fox combined for 15 steals.

"We did not play a good first half," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "We opened up our lead in the third quarter, but got sloppy which kept the game close. We turned up the defensive pressure in the fourth quarter and got some steals."

"We out worked them in the second half. So far this season, we've had one quarter in each game where we get on a roll. It's only a question of when."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Swarming defense: Franklin's Lisa Balko (with ball) gets tied up by Garden City's Mary Bullard.

Roosevelt (1-1) was led by Beth Fortuna's 13 points.

•SALEM 56, CHURCHILL 32: Livonia Churchill's schedule maker wasn't kind to the Chargers as state-ranked Plymouth Salem opened play in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rocks, playing their first game of the season, flexed their muscles and took control early by jumping out to an 18-8 first-quarter lead.

Salem's Tiffany Grubaugh scored 11 of her game-high 21 points in the first quarter rally. Andrea Pruettt added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Chargers (1-2 overall, 0-1 in the WLA) made only six-of-14 free throws. Kersten Conklin poured in 17 points for Churchill. Stacey Sepanich added six points and five boards.

•GARDEN CITY 46, FRANKLIN 39: Garden City improved to 2-0 Tuesday thanks to a 14-6 spurt after halftime which gave the visiting Cougars a 36-29 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Junior Tera Morrill paced the Franklin attack with 14 points and 20 rebounds. However, Morrill scored only four points in the second half. Sophomore center Kerstin Marshall added nine for the Patriots.

Carly Wright and Mary Bullard scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, for the Cougars.

•WAYNE 51, ROMULUS 37: The Zebras jumped out to a 16-8 first quarter lead and cruised to their first victory of the season Saturday in their second game at Taylor Truman Tip-Off Classic.

Tanya Crawford and Laneetra Austin, each scored 12 points to lead Wayne, which held a 33-17 halftime lead. Sarah Moore scored 10 and Beth Molitor contributed eight in the consolation final.

Crawford had eight of her points in the second period.

Titan runner from page C1

Pilon's best time as a high schooler at Cass Benton was 20:01.

On Saturday, she be in fast company among the women, which includes an appearance of the Michigan State squad, along with teams from Eastern Michigan, Siena Heights, Schoolcraft, University of Windsor, Macomb CC, Western Ontario and the Running Fit Track Club.

EMU's Carrie Gould, an All-MAC performer who ran in the Pan Am Juniors, and MSU standout Leah Nilsson, are both expected to compete.

The men's races will feature Ian Forsyth, Michigan Runner of the Year, and Paul Aufdem-

berge.

Former U-M runner Trinity Townsend, a member of the Ann Arbor Track Club and third place finisher in the U.S. National Track and Field Championships in the 800, may also compete.

"I feel pretty good right now," Pilon said. "We've had some tough practices and gotten in lots of mileage."

"We're looking forward to it. I like my teammates and we're all pushing each other."

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Outcome Sunni for Ladywood

Senior Sunni Piotrowski ran 23 minutes, 48 minutes for 5,000 meters Tuesday, leading host Livonia Ladywood to a 23-38 girls cross country victory over at Cass Benton Park.

Notre Dame Prep's Meghan Scheider ran 21:58 to finish first overall.

Ladywood took five of the first-

seven spots led by Piotrowski, second; Jen Koterba, third (24:01); Rebecca Pawlik, fifth (24:07); Page Ahrens, sixth (24:20); and freshman Sydney Korth, seventh (25:34).

"I was very pleased with the way they ran," Ladywood coach Rod Sorenson said. "And as I hoped, Sunni took the leadership role for us."

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SWIM RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 200
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 300
Sept. 8 at Livonia

200-yard medley relay: 1. Wayne (Kristen Mocerri, Heather Dobrowski, Kara Pardee, Kelsey Farago), 2:07.84; 2. Ladywood (Dara Wehrmister, Lindsay McKay, Mary MacDonald, Kim Lauer), 2:15.87; **200 freestyle:** 1. Jennifer Drennen (WM), 2:23.91; 2. Megan Melvin (LL), 2:24.73; **200 individual medley:** 1. MacDonald (LL), 2:41.01; 2. McCahill (WM), 2:41.07; **50 freestyle:** 1. Pardee (WM), 28.12; 2. Dobrowski (WM), 28.12; **100 freestyle:** 1. Allison Bentley (LL), 1:00.05; 2. Chelsea Kloss (LL), 1:11.0; **100 butterfly:** 1. Christina Mocerri (LL), 1:03.41; 2. Farago (WM), 1:04.7; 2. Melissa Cobb (LL), 1:05.03; **200 freestyle:** 1. MacDonald (LL), 5:25.33; 2. Drennen (WM), 5:38.41; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Ladywood (Cobb, Katie Timko, Melvin, Mocerri), 1:53.3; 2. Wayne (Dobrowski, Erin Scott, Farago, Kristin Behren), 1:57.35; **100 backstroke:** 1. McCahill (WM), 1:13.6; 2. Wehrmister (LL), 1:15.46; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Mocerri (LL), 1:18.11; 2. Dobrowski (WM), 1:18.86; **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Ladywood (Cobb, Melvin, MacDonald, Mocerri), 4:17.21; 2. Wayne (Pardee, Heather Spry, McCahill, Farago), 4:24.96.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 145
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 30
Sept. 8 at Livonia Churchill

200-yard medley relay: Churchill (Kristen Derwich, Trish McGowan, Angela Simetkosky, Courtney Lim), 2:06.57; **200 freestyle:** Adrienne Doyle (LC), 2:05.5; **200 individual medley:** Whitney Green (LC), 2:39.1; **50 freestyle:** Lim (LC), 28.63; **100 freestyle:** Simetkosky (LC), 1:04.8; **100 butterfly:** Derwich (LC), 1:01.9; **500 freestyle:** Doyle (LC), 5:37.6; **200 freestyle relay:** Churchill (Green, Julie Wodyka, Lim, Doyle), 1:54.2; **100 backstroke:** Simetkosky (LC), 1:06.1; **100 breaststroke:** Green (LC), 1:20.5; **400 freestyle relay:** Churchill (Carolyne O'Keefe, Derwich, Doyle, Simetkosky), 4:03.9.
 Churchill's dual meet record: 1-0.

In order to be the best, you have to compete against the best.

That's the attitude Livonia Stevenson took into its season opener last Thursday against Grosse Pointe North.

Unfortunately for the Spartans, attitude wasn't enough as North took the meet 94-92.

"It could have gone either way," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill.

Grosse Pointe took first and third in that final relay to edge the Spartans.

"They beat us at the state meet last year," Phill said. "We're a little weaker than last year and they're a little stronger. But it was a good meet."

The coach said he'd much rather open against a strong squad like North.

It gives the Spartans a taste of what's to come in November.

"It gives our kids something to think about," said Phill.

As always, Stevenson gave everyone in Class A something to think about last year.

The Spartans won their sixth straight Western Lakes Activities Association title. Stevenson went on to place fourth in the state.

Phill said his team may not have as much talent as a year ago, but should still be among the state's elite.

Gone are first-team All-Area swimmers Adrienne Turri (100-yard backstroke) and Jordyn Godfried (50 freestyle).

"We're not as good a dual meet team," he added. "But we can be as good a championship team. I'm hoping for a top five finish in the state."

An undefeated dual meet season isn't uncommon for the Spartans. But Thursday's loss may not be the only one this year, Phill warned.

"I could see us losing three meets this year," he said, noting that Ann Arbor Huron and Pioneer will both be tough to beat.

Julie Kern is Stevenson's top

returning swimmer with her specialties being the 200- and 500-freestyles where she was a WLAA champion in both.

Kern also took sixth in Class A in the 200 freestyle (1:57.14) and set a Western Lakes record in the 500 freestyle (5:05.41).

"She's a very hard trainer," Phill said.

Meghan Mocerri, a junior, was runner-up in the WLAA in both the 200- and 500 freestyles. She finished 11th in Class A in the 50 (5:10.66).

Another top returnee is junior Katie Clark, who despite a shoulder injury which kept her out half of the season, placed second in the conference meet in the 200 IM (2:13.56) and 100 butterfly (1:00.96).

Junior Jessica Makowski added a 12th place in the 100 backstroke (1:02.01) at the state meet, while sophomore Lindsay Dolin placed third in the WLAA in the 100 backstroke and 11th at the state meet (1:00.6).

Senior Marti McKenzie was a member of Stevenson's first-team All-Observer 200 medley relay, which set a school record (1:48.59) while winning the WLAA and placing second in the state.

Mckenzie and Clark also were members of the state championship 200 freestyle relay squad (1:38.04). They also set a WLAA record.

The Spartans also have a strong one-two punch of divers.

Junior Katy Ballantine was fourth in the WLAA and 12th in Class A (335.20 points), while senior Laurel Dolin finished second in the Western Lakes and will be gunning for her third straight state meet berth.

Adding depth to an already potent lineup is senior returnee Meghan Lesnau.

Westland John Glenn

Coach Ron Staples lost his entire 200 medley relay team to gradua-

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tion — Krista Cordio, Kristin Stone, Jamie McPartlin and Julie Anderson — along with diver Jenny Marchand.

Marie Anderson (200 IM) transferred to Fenton, while Noelle Swartz and Ashley Siebenrock did not choose to come back.

Staples will rely on 17 freshman and 12 sophomores.

"We're inexperienced, but the attitudes are fine," he said. "We usually have 98 to 100 percent attendance."

"We're teaching all the strokes and we're getting them to improve."

Among the leading returnees are senior Michelle Merandi (200 IM/freestyle), junior Jenny Down (diving) and junior Heather Rehahn (100 backstroke/200 IM).

Promising newcomers include sophomore Jessica Sears (distance freestyles), freshman Lindsay Ramas (all-around), sophomore Tanya Turner (freestyle) and senior Julianne Mion (freestyle relays).

Livonia Churchill

While Livonia Stevenson rules the WLAA with an iron fist, Churchill could find itself in a battle for a top five finish this fall.

The Chargers are coming off a 9-6 season and return many of their top swimmers.

But if Churchill is to move among the league's elite, depth will have to suffice.

"We don't have a lot of top kids," admitted coach Ken Stark. "But we do have a lot of kids in the middle. I think we'll be a better dual meet team."

An improved Angela Simetkosky will need to lead the way as one of the area's top freestyle distance swimmers.

Adrienne Doyle and Kristen Der-

wich are top returning seniors. Doyle made All-WLAA in freestyle while Derwich is strong in the butterfly and backstroke.

Livonia Franklin

There's no where to go but up for the Patriots, who lost seniors Natalie Harrison and Kim Baruzzini to graduation.

Franklin, which opens its season tonight at the Western Lakes Relays, finished 11th in last year's season-ending WLAA meet.

"We're getting stronger," Franklin coach Jean Pritchard said. "We're still a young team, even though we have 10 seniors. We have a new pool and it's created excitement. Maybe we can bump up a place."

Captain Shiloh Wint, a regional competitor in diving, is among 10 senior returnees along with Terri Cobb (100 breaststroke), Erin Brown (200 IM/distance freestyle), Holly Green (200 IM/100 butterfly) and Angela Lang (100 backstroke).

Other returnees include junior Becky Farrell (distance freestyle), and five sophomores — Danielle Meah (freestyle sprints), Carly Bastow (all-around), Ashley Hewitt (100 backstroke), Dawn Rezin (diving/100 breaststroke) and Lisa Vorhes (100 breaststroke).

Promising newcomers include junior Suzanne DuPuis (diver), sophomore transfer Amy Smith (all-around) and freshman Jenny Linn (100 breaststroke).

Livonia Ladywood

After a 5-7 campaign a year ago, the Chargers are looking for a winning season in 1998. According to coach Randy Ferguson, Ladywood will have a deeper, more talented squad.

"I do think we have a better team than last year," he said. "I'd like to win seven meets this year."

Ladywood finished fourth in the Catholic League last fall and Ferguson is convinced his team might be able to catch third-place Regina.

"That's our goal," he added.

A total of eight seniors graduated from last year's team, but the Ladywood coach has enough to fill those voids.

The team has looked sharp so far, winning a tri-meet Tuesday against Wayne Memorial and Monroe St. Mary's.

Christina Mocerri heads the list of returning swimmers.

The sophomore, who went 55.35 in the 100 freestyle, made state cuts in six events last season.

"I put her in wherever I need her," said Ferguson, who's in his sixth year with Ladywood. "She swims everything well."

The Blazers will have three senior co-captains — Bridget Blaskay, Liz Heer and Julie Whitekus — all of whom have displayed fine leadership qualities and will score points in the pool.

Amanda Aranowski is another senior to which, while junior Melissa Cobb is the Blazers' other captain. Cobb specializes in freestyle events 50 to 200 yards.

"She'll be in the league's top 12," Ferguson said.

Lindsay McKay and Carolyne Branchick are other top juniors. They'll be Ladywood's top breaststrokers.

Katie Timko, also a junior, should contribute in the freestyle and butterfly events. Dara Wehrmister leads a strong group of sophomores.

She'll work in the backstroke while Mary MacDonald and Megan Melvin swim in the individual medley races. Allison Bentley, Chelsea Kloss and Kim Lauer are top freshmen.

Wayne Memorial

If the Zebras hope to move up in the Mega-Red, they'll have to have more balance throughout the lineup to challenge teams like Dearborn Edsel Ford and Wyandotte.

"We're young and inexperienced, but we're deep in a lot of events," said Wayne coach Mike Gruber, whose team was fifth a year ago. "We have a lot more versatility."

Gruber lost Theresa Yorke and Andrea McCahill to graduation, but returns five talented juniors including Kara Pardee, 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly; Christina McCahill, 200 IM and 100 backstroke; Erin Scott, freestyle sprints; Heather Dobrowski, third in the Mega-Red 100 breaststroke; and Anne Bailey, 100 breaststroke and 200 IM.

Among the promising newcomers are five sophomores — Krissy Farago, Melissa Raymo, Kristen Zilka, Heather Spry and Kayla Slezak; along with freshman Jennifer Drennen.

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Schoolcraft off to best start

It's been awhile since Schoolcraft College soccer coach Van Dimitriou can remember when his team started 5-0.

"It hasn't been anytime in recent history," he said, following Schoolcraft's 2-0 victory Tuesday at St. Clair College (Windsor).

And what can be the reason for the Ocelots' success?

"Our kids are using their heads - literally," the Schoolcraft coach said.

Dimitriou's reasoning was evidenced by what he calls a "highlight goal" that put away St. Clair late in the second half. Leading 1-0, the Ocelots scored a goal without the ball ever touching the ground. Bart Mays threw the ball in near midfield and it was then headed by Matt Nyholm.

Ryan Konley then raced in front of the defender and headed a perfect ball past the St. Clair goalkeeper. Konley scored Schoolcraft's first goal at the 20 minute mark of the first half after receiving a cross from Shannon Lamb.

The Ocelots won a two-game tournament last weekend at Prairie State College (Ill.). In the opener, Schoolcraft blanked the host school 2-0. The Ocelots scored both of their goals in the first half.

The only goal Schoolcraft would need came at the 20 minute mark by Scott Hulbert. Eric O'Neil,

MEN'S ROUNDUP

who recorded the shutout in nets for Schoolcraft with six saves, set up the tally with a punt that traveled three-quarters of the way down the field. The ball bounced over the defender and Hulbert found himself on a one-on-one breakaway.

Musoki Mulenga added an insurance goal 15 minutes later after tapping in a pass from Lamb.

The Ocelots then won the tournament with a surprisingly easy 8-1 rout of South Suburban College (Ill.). Hulbert recorded the hat trick for Schoolcraft, which scored seven times in the first half.

Mulenga and Rob Jumber each had two goals and an assist. Konley added one goal and an assist. Also recording assists were O'Neil, Dave Lotarski, Ayman Atwa and J.R. Longlois.

•**St. Mary's 7, Madonna 0:** St. Mary's College scored four times in the first half Tuesday and went on to rout visiting Madonna University 7-0.

Sam Piraine had six of Madonna's 18 shots on goal.

The Crusaders fielded only nine players due to disciplinary action.

WOMEN'S WRAP

"Monroe was the first team we've faced that gave our defense a challenge," Tolstedt said. "We missed a couple of point-blank range chances and gave up a couple of uncontested shots, especially in the first half."

"But we made adjustments and played much better in the second half. This was an invaluable experience for us and it showed on Sunday."

Schoolcraft traveled to Octavia (N.Y.) on Sunday and shutout Genesee College 2-0. Kerri Bremner scored the game-win-

ning goal after putting a rebound into the net. Meghan Jannuzzi, who fired a shot off the sidebar, recorded the assist.

The Ocelots added an insurance goal with just one second remaining in the first half when Julie Majewski ripped a beautiful shot just under the crossbar and off the goalkeeper's fingers. Lisa Tolstedt was credited with an assist.

Schoolcraft kept pressure on throughout the game, holding an 18-7 shot advantage.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft will host Manchester (Ind.) College.

A win would help Schoolcraft break into the national rankings, according to Tolstedt.

Lady Ocelots split in New York

Some say that the only way to get better is to play the best teams.

And if that's true, than the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team is on its way to getting even better.

The Ocelots (4-1) split a pair of games over the weekend against a pair of nationally-ranked NJCAA teams, but played well against both of the powers.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft lost at Monroe (N.Y.) Community College 5-0, despite holding a 14-12 shot advantage.

Monroe, ranked sixth nationally, gave the Ocelots a good test, according to Schoolcraft coach Bill Tolstedt.



Holiday Classic champions: Livonia Youth Soccer Club United, an under-16 girls soccer team, recently finished first in the Civic Holiday Classic in London, Ontario. Playing in the under-17 division, United outscored its opponents 15-4 in five matches, including an overtime semifinal win and a shootout victory in the championship match. Members of United, coached by Dennis Smith and Chuck White, include: Christine Argenta, Beth Battison, Ashley Cooley, Jessica Harrison, Leslie Hogan, Nicole Katikos, Alexandra Katona, Toni Koram, Erin Locke, Carly Longmate, Christine Luther, Angela Maile, Sarah Pack, Michelle Smith, Lisa Taube, Kelly Wallace, Dana White and Jamie Zimmer.

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Eiko and Koma employ dance, music and film in "River" 8:15 p.m. on the banks of the Huron River in Nichols Arboretum. Program presented by the University Musical Society, call (734) 764-2538 for tickets.

SATURDAY

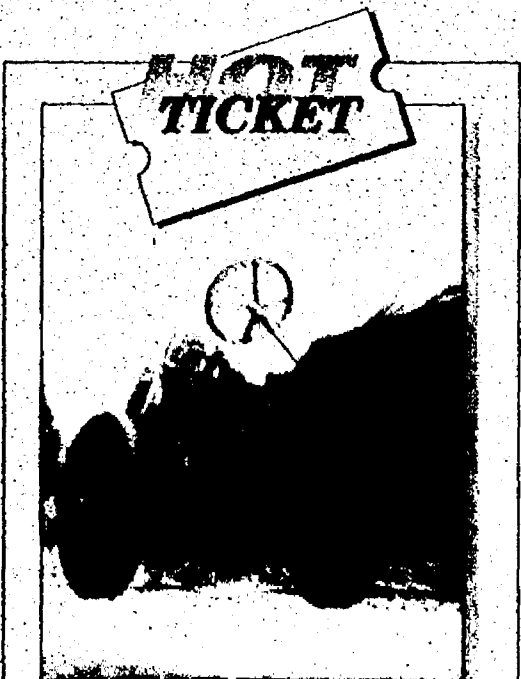


The Village Painters show door crowns and decorative accessories for the home in a sale and exhibit by 30 members of the Village Painters, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Admission \$1, call (313) 386-9727 for more information.

SUNDAY



George Landino's "New York" appears on T-shirts for Art in the Park 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Shain Park, downtown Birmingham. The 24th annual fair features 170 artists, children's art activities, live music, and an exhibit of art works by students with disabilities from the Kennedy Center. For more information, call (248) 456-8150.



Hot Tix: More than 500 vehicles from 1932 and earlier, roll into Greenfield Village in Dearborn during Old Car Festival, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 12-13. Admission \$12.50 adults; seniors 62 and over \$11.50, children ages 5-12, \$7.50, under five and members admitted free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

FAMILIAR PLAYS INTENDED TO BOOST AUDIENCE AT MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

Meadow Brook Theatre's 1998-99 Season Schedule

- "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by William Shakespeare, Sept. 16-Oct. 11.
 - "The Miracle Worker" by William Gibson, Oct. 21-Nov. 15
 - "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, Nov. 21-Dec. 27
 - "Having Our Say" by Emily Mann, Jan. 6-Jan. 31
 - "Scotland Road" by Jeffrey Hatcher, Feb. 10-March 7
 - "A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals" by Karim Alrawi
 - "The Rocky Horror Show" by Richard O'Brien, April 14-May 9
- Curtain times: 2 p.m. Wednesday; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 & 6 p.m. Sunday.
Note: 6 p.m. Saturday performance during opening week of show.
- Ticket Prices**
- Single ticket: \$19.50-\$35
 - Six-play season: \$109-\$183
 - Seven-play season: \$127-\$183
- Meadow Brook Theatre is on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. For ticket information, call (248) 377-3300



Geoffrey Sherman

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

With the millennium approaching, Geoffrey Sherman had two choices: to look ahead at the possibilities of theater in the 21st century or to look back.

Since attracting audiences is critical these days at the financially strapped Meadow Brook Theatre, Sherman — who heads into his fourth year as artistic director — saw clearly that the future was in the past.

While Sherman is reluctant to call the upcoming schedule of plays a "conservative season," he cannot claim any cutting-edge productions in 1998-99. Apparently, Meadow Brook's pursuit of a more diverse audience has been put on hold.

The England-born director prefers a broad, thematic explanation.

"We're looking back," he said. "In some ways, (this season) is a retrospective of how these plays stood up over the period we're leaving behind — the millennium."

Several of the plays were written at either the end or beginning of a century. (For instance, Shakespeare penned "The Merry Wives of Windsor" circa 1600. "Scotland Road" was written in the early 1900s.) The century's end is a time, contends Sherman, when many playwrights deal with putting history into perspective.

But compared to Meadow Brook's compelling productions of recent years — "Piano Lesson," "Arcadia," "Appalachian Spring" and "I Am a Man" — the upcoming season seems a bit static.

Missing from the lineup is an experimental or contemporary sensibility, and a spirit of adventure.

Despite the critical success of last spring's collaborative production, "Angels in America," last fall's production of Edward Albee's "Three Tall Women" and the British slapstick "What the Butler Saw," Meadow Brook has chosen plays that won't come close to generating controversy. The problem, of course, is that this season's plays might "look back" without making a statement on our present condition.

Surely, that doesn't mean that quality theater must always push boundaries. Rather, it reveals that Meadow Brook has obviously chosen to sustain their audience-base through predictable and entertain-

Comic romp: William Shakespeare takes a turn for the west in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor." (below) the play features (left to right) Janet Maylie, David Regal, Diana Van Fossen and Rombin Chadwick.

ing plays rather than with contemporary plays and social commentary.

"Perhaps we're more pragmatic this season," said Sherman.

That's an honest and realistic assessment, especially when most theaters must compete for audiences with movie theaters, video stores, TV shows, sports events and Broadway productions.

This season's most awaited production is the world premiere of "A Gift of Glory: Edsel Ford and the Diego Rivera Murals." The drama about the relationship between the capitalist Ford and Rivera, a renown muralist with socialist leanings, is written by first-year playwright-in-residence Karim Alrawi.

"A Gift of Glory," admits Sherman, is the ideal type of historical-social play that can be developed at a regional theater to engage local audiences and provoke an exploration of their shared milieu.

Apparently, before Meadow Brook can be a regional force in the development of new plays and local talent, they must appear as a viable, conventional theater for mainstream audiences.

For a moment, consider that the first rule of theater is to survive. That might make this upcoming Meadow Brook season more palatable.

Here's a summary of the seven-play season:

■ "The Merry Wives of Windsor"

Shakespeare's bawdy farce about looking for riches under the disguise of love set in the American southwest of the late 1800s. The play opens Sept. 16 with a stellar cast, including Robin Chadwick, Robert Grossman and David Regal in the lead role of John Falstaff.

■ "The Miracle Worker"

The American classic made famous by Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke's portrayals of Annie Sullivan and Helen Keller.

■ "A Christmas Carol"

Meadow Brook's production of the Charles Dickens classic has become an annual rite of passage into the holiday season. Scrooge, the Cratchits and the cobblestone streets of 19th-century London literally come alive in an extraordinary production.

■ "Having Our Say"

Set in the living room of the

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Former journalist's a newsmaker



Kathleen Madigan

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Kathleen Madigan used to have a real job, not anymore. On a dare from friends, who bet \$60 that she wouldn't do it, the former journalist, bartender/waitress, went up to the mike on amateur night at the St. Louis Funny Bone Comedy Club, and stood up to the challenge of stand-up.

"I figured it's only five minutes, I'll never see these people again," she said. "If you tend bar you already have a lot of stories. I had stories I knew would make people laugh, because I told them at the bar."

People clapped, and having an extra \$60 was nice too. Madigan was getting by, but working two jobs.

After graduating from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1987 with a degree in journalism, she started freelancing, and got a job editing an in-house publication for a St. Louis athletic club. On weekends she worked at a restaurant tending bar and waitressing to make extra money.

"I worked 9 to 5 at on this 40-page, color in-house magazine. I took all the pictures and wrote the stories. I was making 20 grand a year and had a lousy parking space," she said. "It doesn't take a lot of courage to quit when you have my job. I wasn't settled down."

Madigan worked on her act for over a year until

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Kathleen Madigan

WHERE: Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak.

WHEN: 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-17; 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

TICKETS: \$8 Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday performances. \$15, Friday-Saturday, call (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>. Check out Madigan's website www.flylive.com/kathleenmadigan.html

POPULAR MUSIC

Aerosmith's live album hits a little north of Detroit

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Joey Kramer, drummer for Aerosmith, is a man of few words. He's not too chatty about his upcoming tour which includes two shows at Pine Knob Music Theatre Sept. 13 and 15.

"We're going to come in and rock you. If I told you about it, it wouldn't be a surprise," Kramer explained.

Nor is he talkative about his recent accident during which his car caught on fire at a gas pump. Kramer sustained severe burns on his arms forcing the band to postpone its tour for a second time. The first postponement was due to singer Steven Tyler's knee injury.

WHO: Aerosmith

WHEN: Performs with Monster Magnet 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, and Tuesday, Sept. 15.

WHERE: Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

HOW: Tickets are \$45 pavillion, \$27.50 lawn for the Tuesday show only. Call (248) 377-0100 or visit <http://www.palacenet.com> or any Ticketmaster outlet.

"I'm feeling really good. It was not a pleasant surprise."

He pretty much didn't have much to say about the recording sessions for Aerosmith's latest album "Nine Lives," released March 18, 1997, on Columbia.

"We had some problems. I had some

personal problems during that time. But we didn't record it any different (than previous albums)."

But when it comes to talking about Detroit-area audiences, he lightens up a bit.

"Pine Knob is one of our favorite places to play. Just over the years, Michigan's always been really good to us."

Aerosmith's Detroit shows have been so tight during the "Nine Lives" tour that several songs recorded at The Palace of Auburn Hills will be included on the double live CD set "A Little South of Sanity" due out on Geffen Records Oct. 20, accord-

Please see **ALBUM**, E2



Award nominees: Aerosmith has earned four nominations in tonight's MTV Video Music Awards.

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she had 15 minutes. That was 10 years ago, and since then she's been on the Tonight Show, Comedy Central, A&E, starred in an HBO half-hour comedy special, released a comedy CD "Live," named "Best Female Stand-up Performer" at the 1996 American Comedy Awards, and was one of Bob Hope's Ladies of Laughter in 1996, on an NBC special.

"I even have relatives who don't think of it as a real job," she said. "They say 'you go up there for an hour,' what do you do the rest of the day? You wouldn't ask an actor, you made a movie' what's your day job?"

Freedom and fun are words Madigan uses a lot. "I had a real job, I know what it's like to do chores on Saturday because you're working all week. There's an immense amount of freedom. I'm always shocked, and keep

'I even have relatives who don't think of it as a real job. They say 'you go up there for an hour,' what do you do the rest of the day?'

*Kathleen Madigan
comedian*

waiting for someone to knock on my door and say, 'OK, the ride's over.' I was shocked, and I'm still shocked, at the amount people will pay me."

Madigan's the first to admit "it comes real easy to me." She grew up in a large Irish Catholic family in St. Louis and has four brothers, and two sisters.

"I'm outspoken," she said. "I could never figure out those peo-

ple who are afraid to talk to people. They must be an only child. In a family with seven kids if you don't say something, you won't get in the bathroom or dessert. I'm pretty like normal, not ultra-weird."

She doesn't bash men in her act, but does talk about her dad who is flattered. "I talk about TV, my family the news, computers, some stuff just flies in my head."

It's still just a job, and even a comedian needs a little down time. "I spend every night with 250 people. When I'm off I want to hang out at home," she said. "Half the time I'm on airplanes. I want to tell people the truth, that I was a comedian. Then they'd want me to tell them a joke. Now I say I work in sales, when they ask 'what kind?' I tell them insurance, and they're quiet. If the person seems normal I'll tell the truth."

The biggest kicks in her career have been meeting Bob Hope

and Phyllis Diller. "Bob Hope was someone my grandfather was impressed by. Bob Hope was freak-out. I said 'this is bizarre,' I was one of five female comedians on his show, 'Bob Hope's Ladies of Laughter.' I couldn't believe it. Phyllis Diller is great, she's 80 and a ton of fun. She's with it, still telling jokes and doing gigs. She's the coolest person I've met."

Madigan will be at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 16-20. "I always like the crowd

there," she said. "It's just a nice club. There are four great clubs in the country and Mark Ridley's is definitely one of them. The people know good comedy, they're friendly and nice. I always have fun going there."

Stay up late Tuesday, Sept. 15, and tune in the Tonight Show. "I'll be doing a weekend sports wrap-up," said Madigan. "Jay really likes the idea, because he's not a sports freak. I had four brothers and was forced to watch sports all the time. I know statistics about people I don't even know."

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ing to Kramer. "For a quarter of a century, we've been on a pilgrimage of rock 'n' roll," frontman Tyler said in a prepared statement. "We've looked out over our own Blue Army of countless fists and Bic lighters in cities in countries across all five continents. This collection of songs is our way of saying thanks to the faithful who've allowed us to rock their worlds, who've filled the seats night after night. We hope you like it as much as we do."

It is also Aerosmith's way of fulfilling its contractual obligations to its former record label Geffen.

The 23-track collection encompasses Aerosmith's entire 25-year career ranging from "Dream On" to "Amazing."

"We were recording shows over the last year or so. We just recorded every night and we went through all the shows that took all the best versions of whatever songs. It goes from classic Aerosmith like 'Back in

the Saddle' and 'Last Child' to some new stuff," Kramer said.

He called "A Little South of Sanity" one of Aerosmith's best works.

"It's just my opinion. I just heard the mastered version of it. To me, for the most part, live albums are usually just a lot of drum tracks and (other) tracks that are re-recorded in the studio," he said.

"This is the band playing, Steven is singing. There's no (crap). As far as live albums, this is one of the best I've ever heard."

Aerosmith recently scored its first No. 1 hit with the ballad "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" from the movie "Armageddon," which stars Tyler's daughter Liv. The song was written by Diane Warren, who also penned "Because You Loved Me" by Celine Dion, and "How Do I Live," performed by LeAnn Rimes and Trisha Yearwood.

The syrupy sweet song "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" also

earned Aerosmith two nominations for tonight's MTV Video Music Awards Best Video from a Film and Best Editing. The single "Pink" is up for Best Rock Video and Best Special Effects in a Video.

Collaborating on the "Armageddon" soundtrack, Kramer said, was "a lot of fun," especially the premiere party which was held at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"It was a lot of fun doing the video, going to the premiere of the movie. It was great plus they gave us a tour. We got to see everything. They took us out on the launching pad and the up the same elevator they go up on to make a launch. They invited us back in October for John Glenn's launch," he said.

For now, Kramer is happy to be back on the road and to have his injuries and Tyler's knee injury behind him.

"It's life and the way it is. We take nothing for granted."

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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'Simon Birch' stars visit Birmingham

BY KERLY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

I fell in love with "Simon Birch" before I even met him at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. He's funny, outspoken, and very wise.

"People who are short aren't supposed to be a freak show," said Ian Michael Smith, the three-foot-one-inch high 12-year-old star of "Simon Birch," opening Friday, Sept. 11, at metro Detroit movie theaters. "We're real people."

Smith has Morquio Syndrome, an enzyme disorder; dwarfism is one of the symptoms. He doesn't let being small stop him from doing what he wants to do, and hopes his determination will inspire others.

That's why he agreed to do this movie, "Simon Birch," a story about friendship between two boys, both of them outsiders in Gravestown, Maine. Smith portrays "Simon," the smallest delivery ever recorded in the history of Gravestown Memorial Hospital. His parents called him a "peculiar little disappointment," but Simon believes he's a "miracle," and that there's a reason God made him so small.

His best friend is Joe Wentworth, portrayed by Joseph

Mazzello. Joe's mom, Rebecca (Ashley Judd), never married Joe's father, and won't tell him who he is. The other kids make fun of him, he's the town bastard.

"Simon Birch," a Hollywood Pictures release, written for the screen by Mark Steven Johnson, is based on John Irving's novel, "A Prayer for Owen Meany." Johnson, who also makes his directorial debut with "Simon Birch" is best known for "Grumpy Old Men," and the sequel "Grumpier Old Men."

Irving's novel is not represented in its entirety in the movie. Johnson's screenplay spans one year of the boys' lives when they were 12.

Off stage, Mazzello and Smith share the same camaraderie they do in the movie. During press interviews at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham to promote the movie, they seem more comfortable together than apart. Mazzello, cast by Steven Spielberg as Tim Murphy in "Jurassic Park," has done this before. Smith hasn't, still, he's happy to answer the same question for a millionth time and talk about his life and hobbies.

"It's a powerful, moving film," said Mazzello who went out of

his way to get the part. In addition to auditioning he picked three scenes he liked best, and videotaped himself acting in them and sent the tapes to Johnson.

"There's a lot of emotional stuff. It is really sad, but there's a lot of funny stuff, too, there's a lot of balance in the film. Acting has to come from the heart. It's a gift. I really like the scene in the church when Ashley, Ian and I are walking down the aisle. I loved the way it was photographed with the light coming through the stained glass window. That picture stands out in my mind."

In the movie Mazzello and Smith play on a baseball team together, the Tigers. Mazzello's a baseball fan, Smith would rather be sailing, but they had fun together.

"Ian's an interesting character," Mazzello said with a chuckle. "We were never bored on the set. I liked sitting on the bench during the baseball scenes. We would spit sunflower seeds and see who could spit the farthest."

Like the character he plays, Smith says "he's pretty determined, and doesn't let other people stop him from doing what he wants to do."

Unlike Simon, who is very religious, Smith isn't. "Where's the fun if you know your destiny is determined," he said.

"My character grew up in a family that doesn't exactly take care of him, and I think I'm a hero put on Earth by God for a certain purpose. So basically my whole life is helping Joe find his dad and figuring out how I'm supposed to become a hero."

The biggest challenge for him was remembering lines during sad scenes. "You have to be sad and at the same time remember your lines. It takes some effort," he said.

While acting came pretty naturally to him, Smith would like to be a lawyer when he grows up. His interests include science, inventing, computers, music, sailing, swimming and playing with friends. He likes to participate as a team member with classmates in the annual Odyssey of the Mind competition, takes piano and trumpet lessons, and sings in his school choir.

Jan Hooks portrays Sunday school teacher Miss Leavey, and a lot of comic relief. Oliver Platt is Ben Goodrich, Rebecca's boyfriend who befriends the boys. David Strathairn is the Rev. Russell.



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOLYNSKY

Just visiting: Ian Michael Smith (left) stars as Simon, and Joseph Mazzello as his best friend Joe, in "Simon Birch." They recently visited Shain Park in downtown Birmingham on a media tour to promote the movie, which opens Friday at metro Detroit movie theaters.

STREET SCENE

Sloan avoids striking out with new album



CHRISTINA FUOCO

The Canadian pop band Sloan has resigned to the baseball "three strikes and you're out."

The band released an album on Geffen Records. The Enclave and had a chance to offer "Navy Blues," its fourth album, on another major but was hesitant.

"The Enclave folded a year after we signed to them," said guitarist/vocalist Jay Ferguson. "A couple other labels were interested. Just as an experiment, we said we could go with another major label, but if it fails again that would be three strikes. Who's gonna sign a band that's been on three major labels with little success?"

So Sloan put "Navy Blues" out on its own label, the Nova Scotia-based murederecords. Ferguson explained that the band couldn't lose by doing that. A major label wouldn't drop the

band if the album failed, and if it does well, Sloan's members make out.

The album in question, "Navy Blues," is an amalgamation of influences of the Beatles, '70s pop and Broadway showtunes. When Ferguson heard that, he broke out in laughter.

"Patrick (Pentland, guitarist/vocalist) did an interview and talked about how the different writers represent different things. He said I started to write showtunes and he was expecting to see me in the front row at (Bob) Fosse," Ferguson said still laughing.

"A Broadway feel, huh? I don't know if I was aiming at that. I tried to make it be a little bit more ... I don't know what. Thank you?"

Sloan - which also includes drummer/vocalist Andrew Scott and bassist/vocalist Chris Murphy - is a band of songwriters and singers which attributes to the varied sound of "Navy Blues."

"Those are my favorite kinds of records, the ones with different

types of songs and different sounds, not just a guitar band going full steam ahead for 12 songs. We're a band of different singers and different instruments," Ferguson explained.

"Andrew's songs are catchy but complicated, hard to learn. He has to play everything on the songs until we learn it, which is until we have to play live or something. Patrick will get pegged with rockier songs like 'Iggy and Angus,' 'Stand By Me, Yeah,' and 'I'm Not Through With You Yet.' They're not ballads but more acoustic kind of songs."

"I always try to come up with pop songs that have a good Motown beat. I don't care what's

on top of it," he said with a laugh. "Chris fills in the gaps with whatever's needed on the record. He likes pop songs."

On the road, Sloan hopes to recreate the songs as best as it can.

"We'll probably bring a piano, a Fender roads piano so that for my two songs on the record I can play it. Then we'll all take turns. It adds a little bit so it's not just a guitar ballistics show."

Sloan performs Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, in Pontiac Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$15 day of the show. Call (248) 333-2362 or visit <http://www.961melt.com> for more information.

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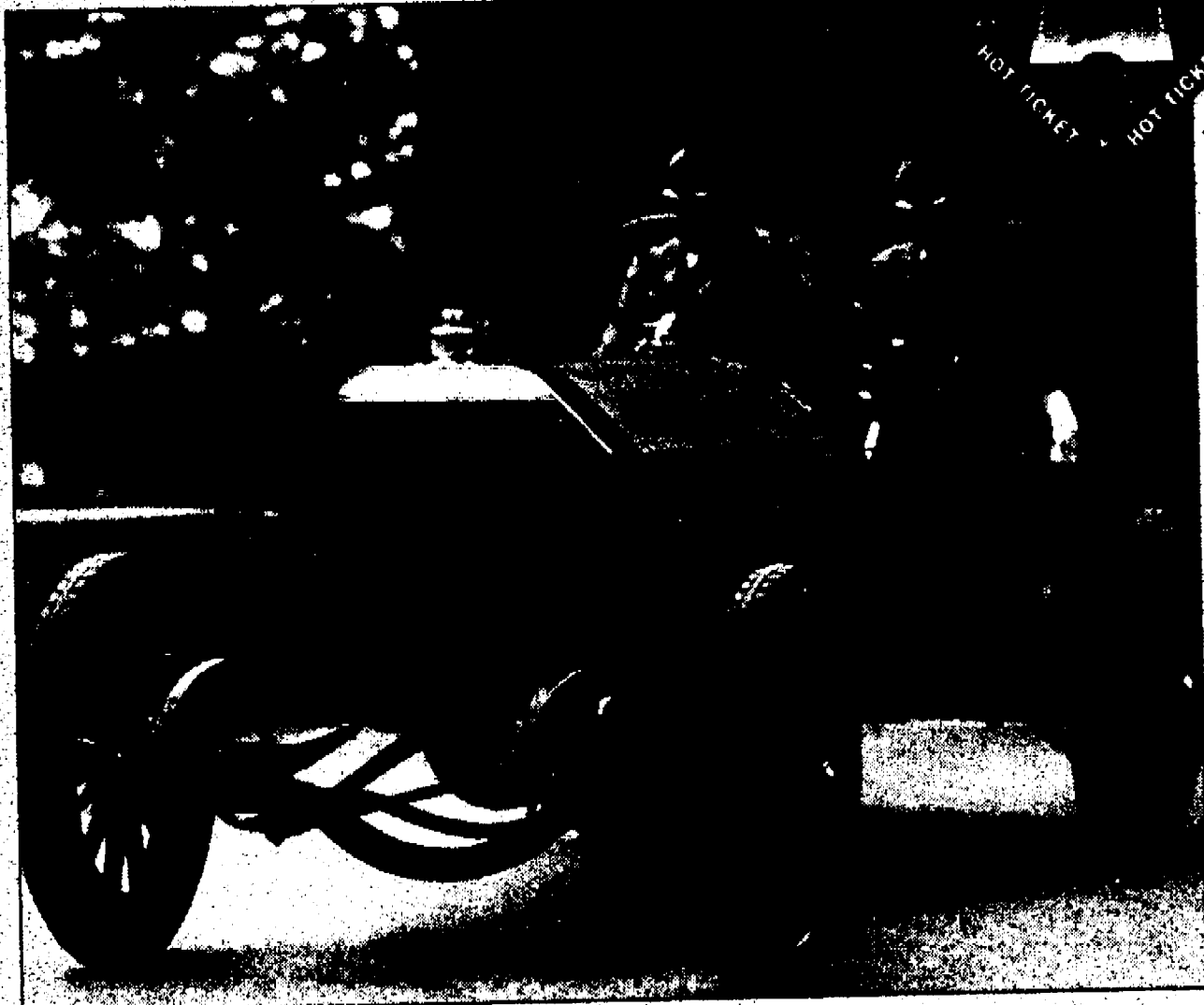
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Auditions for "The Foreigner," a modern farce set in a fishing lodge in rural Georgia, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 14-15, at the playhouse on Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For performances Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1 and Nov. 6-8 and 12-14. Scripts available (not for check-out) at the Rochester Public Library. (248) 608-9077

DEARBORN BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for male and female dancers for "The Nutcracker," minimum two years serious dance training, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium, formerly St. Barbara's School, 13500 Colson, off Schaefer Road between Michigan Avenue and Ford Road, Dearborn. For performances with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra Nov. 28-29. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/BALLET INTERNATIONALE

Open auditions for dancers age 7 through college for "The Nutcracker," 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 (boys) and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 (girls), at Marygrove College, room 228 of the Liberal Arts Building, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. For performances Dec. 10-20 at Detroit Opera House. (313) 576-5114

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Auditions for singers age 18 and older, musical experience not necessary but is helpful, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Registration will be the following week for those accepted, small registration fee. (248) 471-4516

GROSSE POINTE THEATRE

Auditions for "Follies," 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe. Performances Nov. 5-21. (313) 885-6086/(810) 790-7038/(313) 886-0944

HURON CIVIC THEATRE

Auditions for "Anything Goes," 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, Huron High School Auditorium, 32044 W. Huron River Dr., New Boston. (734) 782-5380/(734) 675-4017

THE METROPOLITAN SINGERS

Open house and auditions, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, Fountains of Franklin, 28301 Franklin Road (near 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway), Southfield. (248) 399-1426/(810) 939-6090

NORTH ROSEDALE PARK PLAYERS

Auditions for all-ensemble role in the Lamb's Production drama of "Dracula," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 and Tuesday, Sept. 15, at North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, east of Outer Drive, north of Grand River, west of Southfield Expressway, Detroit. Rehearsals begin Sept. 17 for performances Nov. 13-15 and 20-21. (734) 459-2332

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22 and 29, especially needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for concertmaster, second oboe, second clarinet, second French horn, section strings, others may audition for substitute positions, Monday, Sept. 14. (734) 482-3897/(313) 640-1773

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Auditions for 15 men and women of varying ages for "Twelve Angry Jurors," a mixed cast version of "Twelve Angry Men," 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, actors must give one-minute monologue on any issue they feel strongly about, either original or scripted, for performances Nov. 6-22. (734) 420-2752; open house for children and adults interested in theater, 205 W. Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks, Troy. (248) 988-7049

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOR

Auditions for new members 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 and 22, for season including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach's "Magnificat," in Room 530 of the Forum building on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

STAGECRAFTERS

Auditions for "The Helress," 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, First United Methodist Church, 320 W. Seventh St., Royal Oak. Scripts available at the Baldwin Theatre office, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Performances are Nov. 13-29. (248) 541-4832

VANGUARD VOICES

Auditions for 65-voice mixed choir, 7:30-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, in the MacKenzie Fine Arts Building (Room F-113), Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. For performances Nov. 29, Dec. 12-14, Feb. 5, March 21, April 11, and May 23. Rehearsals Thursday nights in Dearborn. (313) 845-6474

VILLAGE PLAYERS

Auditions for "She Loves Me," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 8 and Thursday, Sept. 10 at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut Street, south of Maple Road, Birmingham. For performances Nov. 12-15, 20-22, 27-28. (248) 644-2075

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for children ages 5 and up for "The Velveteen Rabbit," 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 14-15, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon at Junction, Plymouth. Participation fee of \$100 PCAC members, \$125 non-members due upon casting. (734) 416-4278

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

GOSPEL

AGAPE POWER

"Lifetime of Praise" concert, ice cream social, child care provided, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile, Birmingham. Free will offering. (248) 646-6100

JAZZ

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE

With The Articles, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (acid jazz/Jamaican Jazz)

MICK DOBDAIY TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

KURT ELLING QUARTET

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. \$20 in advance. All ages. (734) 99-MUSIC or <http://www.99music.com>

ELLERY ESKELIN

With Andrea Parkins and Jim Black Trio, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, as part of the New Music Society Concerts, Xhodos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Cover charge. All ages. (248) 399-3946

EXPLOSION CEREBRAL

9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, as part of Mood Indigo night, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JEFF HAMILTON TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SCOTT HENDERSON AND TRIBAL TECH

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO

6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays

to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333

KIMMIE HORNE

9 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Sept. 18-19 and 25-26, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550

"JAZZ ON THE LAKE"

Featuring Ramsey Lewis and Alexander Zonjic, two dozen area restaurants and wine merchants serving complimentary wine and gourmet hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction with sports and entertainment items, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$50. (248) 683-1750

SHEILA LANDIS

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150; With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

RAMSEY LEWIS

With Alexander Zonjic, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13 event opens at 2 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting, and silent auction, at St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$50. (248) 683-1750

MATT MICHAELS TRIO

With vocalist Barbara Ware, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, and with trombone player Ron Kischuk, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover, waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

CARL MICHEL GROUP

9:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Music Menu Cafe, 511 Monroe, Detroit. (313) 964-6368

MARK MOULTRUP TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 17, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and



JOYCE E. MURPHY

Season opener: Avon Players opens its 1998-99 season 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 with the musical, "Oliver" featuring Dennis Starch as Oliver, Rick Gebbie as Fagin, and Jon Dalton as the Artful Dodger. Show continues 8 p.m. Friday-Saturdays through Oct. 3, additional shows 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19; 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27; and 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at the theater on Tienken Road (1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road) in Rochester Hills. Tickets \$15, season ticket \$65 includes five shows. Call (248) 608-9077.

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URUSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

WORLD MUSIC

BURNING SPEAR
With Immunity, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$18 in advance. 18 and older. (reggae) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12, Spectadium, 2511 N. Livernois Road, Troy. Cover charge. (248) 362-4030; 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, The Rhinoceros, 265 Rlopple, Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 259-2208 (reggae)

PAPERBOYS
8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10; \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (Celtic rock)

PEGGY SEEGER
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

THIRD WORLD
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CULTURE VULTURES
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (bluegrass)

STEPHEN FEARING
With Ray Bonneville, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

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DANCE

AUTUMN LEAVES DINNER DANCE
With dancing to music by The Mike Wolverton Band, and buffet dinner of pork loin with mushrooms, roasted chicken, pasta primavera, mostaccioli, California vegetable medley, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and dutch apple pie, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, The Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. \$16.50. (313) 534-5924/(734) 422-3415

PICNIC DANCE
2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, music by Walt Lipiec Orchestra, folk dancing by "Rzeszow" Dance Group, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, at Dequindre, Troy. \$4. (248) 689-3636

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS
Country-Western dancing, 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. \$7, \$6 members. (810) 573-4993

WSSS COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE
7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. \$7. (734) 425-2627

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Bill Hildebrandt, Kevin Zeoli and Pauline, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 10-12; Scott Henry, Keith Ruff and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 17-19, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill,

36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$5), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$12), unless otherwise noted. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$5), unless otherwise noted. (734) 261-0555

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
R. Bruce, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 11-12 (\$10); Claudia Sherman, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-17 (\$7), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Jenny McNulty and Paul Frisbee, Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 10-13, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 9:30 p.m. Fridays (\$12), and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or <http://www.comedycastle.com>

SECOND CITY
"Viagra Falls," 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through November, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, \$17.50 on Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

CRYSTAL METHOD
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13.50 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (techno) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

IRIS DEMENT
8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (country)

GLEN EDDIE
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

EL VEZ
"The Mexican Elvis," 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

FAITH AND DISEASE
With Trance to the Sun, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Ascension U.K., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (313) 961-5333

GHETTOBLASTER
With The Volebeats, The Witches, The Hentchmen and the Dirtbombs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

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9922 (blues)
CIRCUS MCGIRKUS
With Quasar Wut-Wut, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

GUY CLARK
With Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (country)

"CLASSIC ROCK ALL STARS"
Featuring Peter Rivera, Jerry Corbetta, Mike Piner and Dennis Noda, of Rare Earth, Iron Butterfly, Blues Image, Cannibal and the Headhunters, and Sugarloaf, performing hits such as "Get Ready," "I Just Wanna Celebrate" and "Tobacco Road," with special guest The Plants, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$15.50 in advance. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

A.J. CROCE
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, Fifth Avenue, 215 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$6. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

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LISA HUNTER
Hosts open mic night, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 13, Gargoyle's, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790

ELTON JOHN
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$49.50 and \$39.50. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

MARK KOZELEK
Red House Painters singer perform with special guest His Name Is Alive, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (pop)

LOCAL H
With The Superjens and Stanford Prison Experiment, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

NILS LOFGREN
Former lead guitarist for Neil Young and Bruce Springsteen, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

MASSIVE ATTACK
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$30-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

MAYFIELD FOUR
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

MICHAEL McDONALD
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$22.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn. All ages. (rock) (248) 377-0100 or www.palacenet.com

MR. TIDY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

MOTOR CITY JOSH
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

MUSTARD PLUG
With The Pilfers, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (ska)

STEVE NARDELLA
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 18-19, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BEN NEILL
With Transglobal Underground, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (techno)

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

ORIGONE BOX
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ROBERT PENN
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PETER AND THE TEST-TUBE BABIES
With Bumpin' Uglies, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (punk)

PLUMLOCO
With Heavy Weather, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students and seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

ROGER AND ZAPP
With Evelyn King and Al Hudson, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$27.50 main floor, \$23.50 balcony. All ages. (313) 961-5451

ROOMFUL OF BLUES
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

RUTH RUTH
6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

SAFFIRE - THE UPPITY BLUES WOMEN
With Susan Calloway, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

"SEPTEMBER SLAM '98"
With LA, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700

60 SECOND CRUSH
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053; Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, with Broken Toys and Mew, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

SLOAN
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$13 in advance, \$15 day of show. All ages. (pop) (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>

STEVE SOMERS BAND
Featuring Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

SPAT
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, On the Rock, formerly known as Lou's

Blue Rose, 16117 Mack Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 883-6440 (pop)

SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (R&B)

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2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, originally scheduled for Oak Ridge Natural Amphitheatre moved to Pine Creek Golf Course, 50521 Huron River Dr., Belleville. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (rock) (248) 645-6666

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8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-9500 (rockabilly)

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DINING

Ron's Fireside Inn has a new attitude and menu

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Once upon a time Ron's Fireside Inn was a white tablecloth restaurant with an upscale menu and tuxedoed waiters. Long waits weren't uncommon, and finally owner Ron Bullock of Redford said "enough!" and got down to the business of serving the neighborhood.

He hired a new manager, Michele Williams of Garden City, and asked Chef Calvin Hill to get cooking on a new menu that offered more variety, sandwiches, pasta and home style meals, but the same quality.

Hill was glad to oblige. "I like to cook a lot of basic food, I'm a home cooker," he said. His barbecued ribs and chicken are flavorful and tender with just a little kick of spice and garlic. Home-made chicken noodle soup is offered every day along with a soup of the day.

Williams has worked with staff to help create a friendly, welcoming atmosphere that complements the decor. Ron's Fireside Inn has three field stone fireplaces, it will remind you of places you visited up north this summer. Paintings of peaceful landscapes with trees and waterfalls decorate the walls. Relax in one of the booths, or at a table.

"We want people to come in and be comfortable," said Williams. "We offer casual, family dining in a pleasant atmo-

Ron's Fireside Inn
Where: 28937 W. Warren (east of Middlebelt) Garden City, (734) 762-7766.
Open: 4-11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2-9 p.m. Sunday.
Menu: American family dining including broasted chicken, barbecued ribs, steaks, chicken, seafood, pizza, and daily specials. Children's menu available.
Reservations: For parties of 10 or more.
Banquet Room: Seats up to 75 people.
Credit Cards: All majors.
Seating: 225.
Entertainment: Dwight Carroll sings top 40 and country 9 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday.
Carryout: Available.
Cost: Moderate, sandwiches \$4.25 to \$6.25; dinners \$6.25 to \$13.95.

sphere so prompt, attentive service is important. Our service has improved greatly."

Come in and sit at the bar to watch the game on TV. There's a new Munchies menu that offers fresh cooked chips and salsa, nachos, flowering onion, deep fried mushrooms and chicken tenderloin strips. Or order a pizza. Pick your favorite toppings, or order one of the specialty pizzas.

Hill has something different on the menu for dinner every day. Daily specials are served with a bread basket, soup or salad and choice of potato - mashed, french fries, baked, broasted or twice baked.

Ron's Fireside Inn has lots of ways to satisfy your appetite.

from homestyle favorites like stuffed green peppers, meatloaf, stuffed cabbage and baked Salisbury steak to steaks, seafood and prime rib. Call ahead to find out what the daily specials are.

For dessert choose from New York style cheese cake, assorted fruit pies, chocolate cake, carrot cake, or rice pudding.

Bullock and his staff extend their apologies to customers who might have had a bad experience at Ron's Fireside Inn, and thank the customers who have stuck by them.

The new, expanded menu is at the printer's and should be out any day.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Ready to serve you: Ron Bullock, owner of Ron's Fireside Inn, and manager Michele Williams, present one of the restaurant's specialty items, barbecued ribs.

Schoolcraft College hosts 'Culinary Extravaganza'

'Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers.'

—William Shakespeare, *Romeo and Juliet*
A feast for the body can fuel the minds of Schoolcraft College students at Culinary Extravaganza VII 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the Waterman Center.

With approximately 60 of the premier restaurants of southeastern Michigan in attendance, patrons will find plenty of dishes that tempt them to lick their fingers while they help raise money for student scholarships.

The event includes delicious food samples, a live auction featuring combination prizes and a raffle with two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. or a trip to Las Vegas. There will be free mini-seminars on food-related topics, including demonstrations of healthy, low calorie meals by a chef from the Weight Watchers Group, whose president, Florine Mark, is the event's honorary chair.

"The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza provides attendees the opportunity to discover so many new foods and restaurants in one afternoon," said Mark. "I can't think of a better way to raise scholarship money."

To tempt the palate, diners can start with appetizers from the Capital Grille, baby lobster bisque from the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, or fresh fettucini Alfredo from DaVinci's in the Novi Hilton. The fish course includes samples of pan-seared scallops with leeks from Plymouth's Cafe Bon Homme, rock shrimp chevre and roasted tomato risotto from Southfield's Golden Mushroom or rock shrimp with basil in puff pastry from Excalibur, or peppered salmon from The Moveable Feast in Ann Arbor.

Elk and wild mushroom ragout from the Local Color Brewing Company in Novi, beef Wellington enroute from Livonia Embassy Suites, marinated grilled chicken with corn salad from Pike Street or shepherd's pie from the Arbor Brewing Company. Assorted breads, honeys and jams will be offered by the Breadsmith and Great Harvest Bread Company and beverages will be available from Absopure Water, Central Distrib-

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utors of Beer, the Cadillac Coffee Company and the Michigan Grape and Wine Council.

Save room for desserts and choose among chocolate pecan torte from Kerrytown Bistro, cakes and tortes from Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe or magic brownies from Zingerman's Bakehouse.

To learn more about food, there will be free mini seminars on food-related topics and demonstrations of nutritious Low Calorie Cooking by the Weight Watchers chef.

On the block at the live auction are packages that include: a golf tour of southeastern Michigan courses, a hot air balloon ride ending with a champagne picnic; a dinner for eight prepared in your home by a Schoolcraft College certified master chef; a weekend stay at the Grand Traverse Resort with a tour of the Chateau Chantal Winery and use of Jaguar for two weeks; a theater adventure with

tickets to several Detroit area plays with dinners at top restaurants; and a chance for a youngster to be on the floor at a Pistons game as an honorary ball-girl or ballboy.

Raffle prizes include two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to anywhere in the con-

tiguous U.S. where Northwest flies; a Las Vegas trip for two; the lease of a new Saturn for three months; and a lady's 14-karat ring with an iolite stone and five small diamonds.

Culinary Extravaganza VII tickets are \$40 per person or two tickets for \$75. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Both can be purchased by calling the Office of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417. Visa, MasterCard, Discover credit cards and checks are accepted. More restaurant participants and sponsors are also being sought. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$5,000. For information about participating in Culinary

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