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Dancing duo



Western style: Nancy Guaetta of the Friendship Center in Westland drags Oscar Balde from the dance floor at the Country Western Get Together at the center. Balde was named the best-dressed male at the western outing. For more, please see Page A3.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Center pros, cons studied

■ During a special study session Monday, Westland City Council received information about recreation centers.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER



The pluses and minuses of recreation centers in Colorado and Michigan were shared with six Westland city council members as they weighed building a new facility.

During a special study session prior to Monday evening's city council meeting, Scott Veldhuis, economic development director, and Bob Kosowski, parks and recreation director, presented the council with information, brochures and photographs from a mid-June trip to the Colorado Design Man-

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Teen faces charge in fatality

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Joseph Norman Novell, 17, of Farmington Hills was arraigned Monday in 18th District Court on charges of negligent homicide in the death of a pregnant Inkster woman, 18-year-old Julia Margaret Serda.

Novell's bond was set at \$50,000 by Judge Gail McKnight. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8.

Serda died Aug. 1 of internal injuries when the 1990 Ford Tempo in which she was a front-seat passenger collided with Novell's 1990 Chevrolet Beretta at the intersection of Middlebelt and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Serda was 7 1/2 months pregnant at the time. Doctors at Garden City Hospital, where she was declared dead about 45 minutes after the 5:48 p.m. accident, delivered a baby girl by Caesarean section. The baby was airlifted to University of Michigan Hospital in

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Officials track traffic delays at railroad crossings

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

A train overpass being constructed on Newburgh Road may relieve the traffic problems at one intersection but other crossings will continue to be a problem as motorists find themselves waiting long beyond the legal five-minute limit.

According to Westland Mayor Robert J. Thomas, a meeting this week between CSX railroad representatives, city of Wayne Mayor Ken Warfield and state Reps. Eileen DeHart and Tom

Kelly may bring about a temporary answer to the ongoing problem but he's doubtful it will be the absolute solution.

"They seemed serious about trying to do something about blocking the crossings, but I think they'll do what they have to to appease us," said Thomas.

The city of Westland and community of Wayne fall victim to frequent traffic delays at crossings on Glenwood, Newburgh, and Cherry Hill roads - three busy thoroughfares in the cities.

Just two weeks ago CSX railroad appeared in Wayne's 29th District

Court receiving fines just over \$8,000 for more than a dozen incidents involving trains blocking the road beyond the legal limit.

Police officers in both Westland, Wayne and Plymouth report fining the Florida-based railroad company on a weekly basis but to no avail. The authorities can penalize CSX up to \$500 per incident yet there are no legal bounds to the quantity of violations the railroad company receives.

DeHart shared with the group some sample legislation she's initiating to financially deter railroad companies

from repeatedly breaking the law. "It's early in the planning stages," said DeHart of a sliding scale she's proposing to make it "more costly" for railroad companies to block traffic.

The preliminary proposal would fine a railroad company \$5,000 per incident if there were three infractions in one week, and \$25,000 if 10 occurred in a single week.

"Right now the \$500 fine is so cheap they'd rather pay than uphold the law by not blocking the crossings," said

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Bennett's war chest 5 times bigger than Warfield's

BY SCOTT DANIEL
STAFF WRITER

Loren Bennett is pulling out all the stops in his bid to retain his Eighth District Michigan Senate seat.

According to post-primary campaign finance reports, the Canton Republican has raised more than five times the money challenger Ken Warfield has. The Democrat believes the race will come down to more than just dollars, however.

"I feel the people of this district won't be bought," said Warfield, who currently serves as Wayne's mayor. "This seat isn't up for the highest bidder."

As of the report filing deadline of Sept. 3, Bennett



"They've seen what I've done over the last four years," Bennett added. "It makes a big difference."

By comparison, Warfield has raised \$55,640.55 from about 120 contributors. He wasn't surprised by the gap between his campaign war chest and Bennett's. He noted that the Senate Republican Caucus has contributed more than half of Bennett's money.

"That's typical," Warfield said. "But the campaign

is going well on our end. I expect to win this thing."

Voters will have their say on the Bennett-Warfield battle Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Besides the Senate Republican Caucus, Bennett has received contributions of at least \$1,000 from 72 sources. The biggest gifts come from political action committees.

The Detroit-based Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers PAC, for example, has contributed just under \$14,000 to Bennett's re-election bid. The Realtors PAC of Michigan, meanwhile, gave the Canton resident more than \$11,000.

Big business has also contributed substantially to

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Bennett's campaign. The Detroit Auto Dealers PAC gave him more than \$10,000 since May of 1997. CMS Energy, Browning Ferris Industries, Coca Cola, the Michigan Restaurant Association, Michigan Manufactured Housing and Blue Cross/Blue Shield are a few other big names contributing to Bennett.

"I don't pay a lot of attention to who's contributing," said Bennett, who noted that he has received numerous contributions from just ordinary folks. "It's quite different to get contributions from individuals. That's an indication I'm on the right track."

Notable individual contributors include Selective Group home builders President Michael Horowitz, DeMattia Group President and CEO Robert DeMattia, and Jack Kirksey, mayor of Livonia. Bennett also put \$210.65 of his own into the campaign on Jan. 27 of this year.

The Republican declined to say how much he hopes to raise before the November election.

Much of the money is going to radio and billboard advertising. Bennett has paid for expensive



Loren Bennett

ads on WJR-AM and WXYT-AM.

"The need in any campaign is to communicate your record," said Bennett. "I want to remind people what I've done and let them judge whether it warrants another term."

He said he has received a lot of positive feedback on the messages as he goes door-to-door to meet district constituents.



Ken Warfield

"We've gotten into many porch debates," said Bennett. "I know people are hearing the ads. It's causing a lot of discussion."

As for Warfield, he's relying on more of a grass-roots movement for contributions. State records show that none of Warfield's 119 contributors come from big business.

Labor is heavily represented.

Millwrights, boilermakers, the Teamsters, asbestos workers, and sheet metal workers are just a few giving hundreds of dollars to Warfield.

That suits the Democratic candidate just fine.

"I intend to fight for working families," said Warfield. "I want better wages and working conditions for the people of my district."

While Bennett had 72 contributors of more than \$1,000, Warfield boasts just seven.

The Michigan Trial Lawyers Association PAC is the largest single Warfield supporter with \$5,000 given. The Metro Wayne Democratic Club gave him \$4,000, Golden Warfield \$2,000 and Millwrights Local 1102 PAC a total of \$1,350.

The Michigan Laborers Political League and the King Co. both gave \$1,000. The bulk of Warfield's support come from gifts of \$100 to \$250. A total of 101 of Warfield's 119 supporters wrote checks in that range.

"I've been humbled by how generous people have been," said the former Wayne fire chief.

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Programs for Adults

Winter care for lawns and gardens 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30
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Time Colors Parenting Workshops

6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 7 and 14
A two-week series on how personality can affect parenting. No fee. Call the Children's Desk for reservations. Minimum of 25 participants needed to run the program. Community Meeting Room.

Msgr. Cadillac Dance Theatre

3-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18
This dance group presents French and colonial dances and Detroit history anecdotes for all ages. No fee. Call for reservations. Community Meeting Room.

Programs for Children

Fall storytime session II
Registration for fall session II begins

Oct. 1 by phone or at the Children's Service Desk. Dates for session II are: Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1 and 8; Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2 and 9.

The programs are as follows:
Toddler Tales
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appropriate storytimes for children 18 to 36 months old. Movement, singing and stories will keep children interested. All toddlers must

be accompanied by an adult. Registration required by phone or at the Children's Desk.

Just for Me Preschool Time

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A session of thematic storytimes for 3- to 5-year-olds intended to be independent experiences for children. Registration required by phone or at the Children's Desk.

American Girl Party

2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17
Program includes crafts and games that represent the different girls in the book series. Dress up as your favorite. Advance registration is required by phone or at the Children's Service Desk. Community Meeting Room.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library provide support for library programs with various fund-raising activities. If you have fund-raising experience, would like to assist with a program, or would just like to find out how you can help your community library, then visit the Friends at one of their meetings. Friends meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month in the Community Meeting Room. Next meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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Ann Arbor, where she is doing well, according to Westland Police Officer Cathy Gilliam.

Sgt. Steve Frazer, who responded to the accident with Gilliam, reported that Serda was wearing an over-the-shoulder safety belt but hadn't fastened her lap belt.

The Tempo was driven by Serda's roommate, 19-year-old Margaret Louise Bargowski, who suffered a fractured sternum in the accident.

The back-seat passenger, 19-year-old Joshua Daniel Krause of Livonia, was not injured.

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Both drivers apparently entered the intersection during an amber light.

The two young women were driving west on Ann Arbor Trail. Novell and front-seat passenger Jonathon Wood, 21, of Westland, were turning north onto Middlebelt from eastbound Ann Arbor Trail.

Police estimated the Tempo's speed at 34 miles per hour. Gilliam said that Novell was

driving at "a very slow speed" and was starting to make a left turn from a complete stop. "We all make the turn on that amber light," Gilliam said. "Both assumed the other was going to stop and wait. They both assumed wrong."

Police took Novell, who graduated this year as valedictorian from Clarenceville High School in Livonia, into custody after the accident but released him several hours later.

Negligent homicide could result in a maximum two-year prison sentence, a \$2,000 fine

and licensing consequences.

Novell has no prior police record. He also has a clean driving record, as does Bargowski.

Robert Chalifoux, Julia Serda's grandfather, asked McKnight for permission to speak to the court on behalf of his daughter and Julia's mother, Lori Serda. "What they say is true. It is a parent's worst nightmare, from which you don't awaken. We ask the person responsible for Julie's death receive the full consequence of the law."

Senior citizen dance is Oct. 5

Westland Shopping Center will host a senior citizen dance Monday, Oct. 5, in the mall's lower level auditorium. The dance begins at 11 a.m. with coffee

and refreshments served at 12:30 p.m. The dance ends at 2 p.m. The senior dance is held the first Monday of every month, except when it falls on a holiday.

Railroad from page A1

DeHart.

Thomas said he and the others have a second meeting planned, Monday, Oct. 26, in Wayne with CSX representatives from which he expects the company will propose a more accommodating train schedule in hopes of easing the traffic burden created by the company's frequent stops.

Increased use of the railroad by logistics firms and shipping companies in western Wayne County who supply clients, like the Big Three, with just-in-time

inventory and the federal directive to perform brake tests after rail car changes — have been criticized for the delays.

"I think CSX is really genuine in wanting to do something to help out and remain in good standing with the community," said DeHart who noted the railroad company would also like to avoid losing business from Ford Motor Co. in Wayne to trucking companies who can perform similar duties without the threat of holding up traffic.

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Happy dance: Lottie Pruszynski (left) and Antonia Sousa, both of Westland, enjoy the dancing at the Country Western Get Together at the Friendship Center.

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Going West



Enjoying music: Above, Helen Zakolski (left to right), Julia Mullins and Jean Kovach, all of Westland, clap to the music at the western outing. Top right, Butch Pilgrim of the Ramblin Country Band from the down-river area entertains the seniors. Lower right, Pauline LeBrun of Westland and Joe Buchkowski of Plymouth announce their engagement at the western outing and dance a song in their honor.



Adams Middle School upgrade plans revised

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN
STAFF WRITER

The plan to renovate Adams Middle School is undergoing changes to better use the school's space, according to district officials and architects.

The original plan, which was approved as part of the Wayne-Westland school district's bond sale earlier this year, wouldn't have allowed the school district to get "the full bang for the buck," according to David O'Shea, project architect from TMP Associates Inc., the district's architectural firm.

But the changes will allow the use of existing spaces that weren't being used to their full potential, he said.

Also, the new plan will cost \$40,000 less than the original plan, O'Shea said.

The new plans call for moving the school's current computer labs into the current industrial arts area, which isn't fully used, O'Shea said.

The current computer lab area, which is a small separate wing, will be torn down. This eliminates an area that was going to require heavy remodeling, O'Shea said.

An abandoned boiler room will be torn down and a new structure will be built in its place, he said.

This area will house the new band and vocal music rooms, he said.

An indoor courtyard area will also be renovated and used, he said.

The school will also receive a facelift outside with changes including colorful aluminum

accents to improve the school's appearance, he said.

The building will lose about 3,000 of its 135,600 square feet in the transition, but will more efficiently use areas of the school that are not currently fully used, according to Charlotte Sherman, assistant superintendent for general administration.

Under the original plan Adams would have had the capacity to house 810 students and have 36 teaching stations. Under the new plan, the school will have the capacity to house 765 students and have 34 teaching stations.

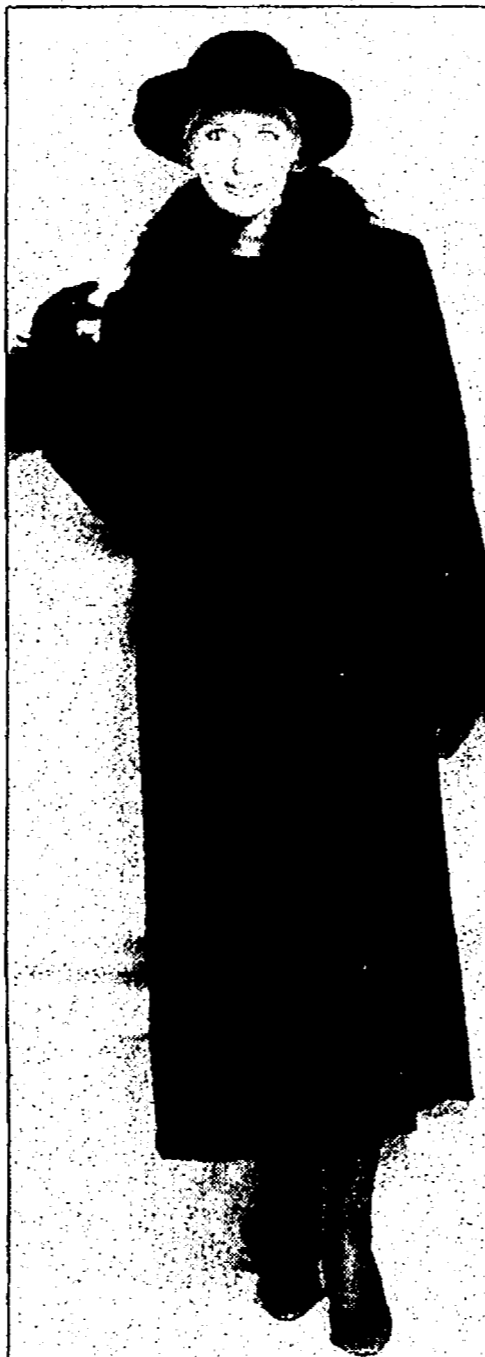
The five-year projection for the school's population is 734 students, O'Shea said.

The project, which is expected to go out for bids late this year, will take about a year to complete, with work to begin sometime next spring, according to Jon Riebe, project manager.

At a special meeting Monday evening school board members approved a resolution authorizing the district to submit the changes to the state Treasury Department which oversees the bond projects.

Wayne-Westland voters approved a \$108.3 million bond sale last year. The money is to be used for building renovations and technology.

Adams will also undergo schoolwide improvements including new ceilings and flooring, window, door and bathroom upgrades as well as improvements to move mechanical equipment off the roof of the school. The bond project also includes the purchase of computers for the school.



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Wayne-Westland schools hires 88 new teachers

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

New students aren't the only unfamiliar faces throughout Wayne-Westland schools this fall - there are also 88 new teachers who were hired this past summer after a teacher buyout in the spring.

Nearly 75 teachers resigned or retired as part of an early severance package offered by Wayne-Westland at the end of the 1997-98 school year, according to Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services.

"We've filled all those positions and some others," said Slee. "Most are full time but not all."

This is the second time the school district offered employees a buy-out package. In 1995, about 120 educators took advantage of the early retirement program. In the past two years however, the average number of new teachers hired by the district was between 10 and 15.

"We're way up this year

because of the buyout," Slee said. Another early severance package will be offered at the end of this school year when Slee expects 40 more teachers will depart.

This past summer, a lack of availability presented a problem in filling vacancies in the areas of special education, vocal elementary music, physics, and CAD/CAM, Slee said.

"We're still looking to fill a few positions like a middle school counselor. It's not that we had a lack of applicants, just availability in certain areas. We'll be doing more hiring next year to fill the 40 positions vacated by retiring and resigning teachers."

Although the district has had problems finding substitute teachers, Slee said he isn't aware of a problem right now. But with just three weeks completed in the 1998-99 school year, it's too early to know if there will be a shortage.

"It's OK now but a little early in the year to know."

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OBITUARIES

BARBARA M. DOCHERTY

Funeral services for Barbara Docherty, 61, of Westland were Sept. 22 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry A. Yarnell from St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Docherty, who died Sept. 18 at her Westland residence, was born in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, James; sons, James, Craig and Scott; daughter, Susan Wisely; and six grandchildren.

GEORGE A. FAIRCHILD

Funeral services for George Fairchild, 87, of Westland were Sept. 20 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Ruth Billington from Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Fairchild, who died Sept. 17 in Plymouth, was born in Canada. He was a veteran assistant for the state of Michigan.

Surviving are: daughter, Patricia (Robert) Barnes; grandchildren, Michael, Laurie, David, James and Heather; and seven great-grandchildren.

NOREEN J. RENUK

Funeral services for NoREEN Renuk, 63, of Westland were

Sept. 23 in L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Leonard Partensky.

Mrs. Renuk, who died Sept. 19 at her Westland residence, was born in Detroit. She was a kitchen manager for Livonia Public Schools.

Surviving are: husband, James; son, James; and daughter, Kim (Glenn) Macorkindale.

ARITA G. REGULSKI

A funeral Mass for Arita Regulski, 81, of Westland was Sept. 22 in St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Terence Treppa. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral home.

Mrs. Regulski died Sept. 20 in Westland. She was head seamstress for a retail store.

Surviving are: husband, Chester; sons, James Regulski of Westland and Richard (Rose) Thomas of Sterling Heights; daughter, Sharon (Kevin) Ryan of Farmington Hills; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings to St. Richard Catholic Church.

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agement School.

Mayor Robert J. Thomas and Councilwoman Sharon Scott, also conference attendees, shared their views in preparation for an Oct. 7 meeting with four firms regarding hiring one to oversee a feasibility study and survey residents.

Administrators from Canton's new recreation facility recommended Westland officials attend the Colorado conference if they were serious about building a similar rec center, Veldhuis said.

During the June 14-17 seminar, Thomas and five other city representatives toured recreation facilities ranging from the construction stage to the oldest built: in 1986.

"Colorado is the mecca for recreation facilities," said Scott. "They're the focal points of some communities."

The seminar provided first-hand opinions and sights of facilities from communities that were paying for, constructing, supporting and maintaining a recreational facility, Thomas said.

"The main reason we went was to see what there was to offer," said Kosowski.

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"Each had something different," said Veldhuis. "There are so many ways to attack this thing."

What the Westland entourage found, time and time again, was that the aquatic center presented the most difficulties.

"Some might have had problems, but they all said they wouldn't have built their recreation centers without a pool," added Scott.

Other concerns expressed by the out-of-state personnel included lack of storage, low visibility of clients, crowding, disorganized Nautilus rooms, underestimated needs for space and staffing requirements.

The consensus from the trip was the need for new and improved programming and ser-

vices in Westland.

City Councilman Glenn Anderson said he was concerned that the Bailey Recreation Center has many of the same choices and yet has been long overdue for attention. Anderson did not travel to Colorado for the conference,

"I believe the Bailey Center has been neglected for many years," said Anderson, "and that every director has tried to make improvements, but how can we maintain a new building when we can't take care of one that already exists?"

Mayor Thomas agreed that recreation "hasn't been a top priority" in the city, "but has moved up on the list."

"Whether we build a new facility or not at the next budget hearing, recreation will be a priority. Any extra money is going into the parks and recreation department, and I think you'll see some fairly dramatic changes in the department regardless of

whether we build something or not."

Thomas went on to say he didn't think the Bailey Recreation Center would ever close but that it would be used for different programming.

The existing swimming pool, constructed in 1978, is considered to be in a "dilapidated state" and needs to be "totally taken apart."

"I'm fearful we need to re-do the whole outdoor pool," said Kosowski.

Councilwoman Justine Barns echoed the recreation director's sentiments: "My money is on a new pool. That pool has cost us money from high maintenance and repairs from day one," said Barns.

"I don't want to put money in a rat hole. We have to look at the whole spectrum. We have 100,000 people to serve - from children to senior citizens. We may not be able to do it all at once, but we need to start somewhere."

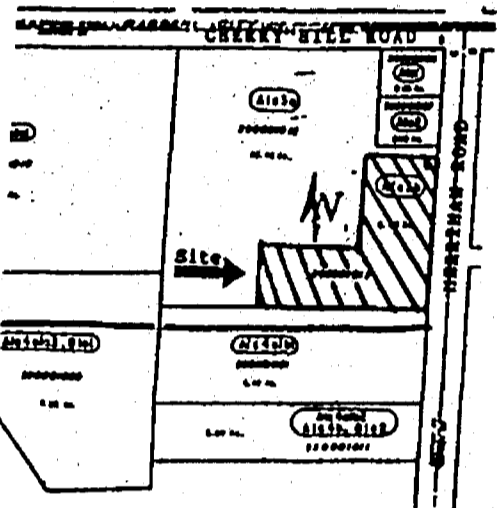
The city council expects to start with interviews of firms who will conduct the recreation issue feasibility study. The council would also like to see a survey of residents performed by the same company to assess the public's wants.

"We don't know all the answers, yet we'll keep plodding along," said Thomas.

**CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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#1382C, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Burger King Restaurant With Drive-Thru, Parcel #065-99-001-013, West Side of Merriman Road, South of Cherry Hill, NE-22, Chris Brochet (Joseph R. Daly).



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, October 6, 1998.

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ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

Published: September 24, 1998

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First for Michigan

State parties nominate women for No. 3 post in government

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

They have different attitudes toward mail voting, cutting the number of elections and reducing branch offices.

Incumbent Republican Candice Miller favors moving toward mail voting, endorses the concept of fewer special elections and already has reduced the number of Secretary of State branch offices from 181 to 178.

Democratic challenger Mary Lou Parks says people like to go to polling places, wouldn't reduce the number of elections and favors more programs and services.

Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars" for failing to submit campaign finance statements on time. Parks said the forms should be made easier to understand.

For the first time in history, Michigan's two political parties have nominated women for the No. 3 post running the oldest department in state government.

Customer options

"A lot of people have looked to Oregon," which ran a U.S. Senate special election by mail, Miller said. "It's a marked improvement in voter participation."

"In Michigan we are not ready for that until we have a good qualified voter file (now in place). We'd like to start with (mail voting in) school elections and single-ballot question elections to get the clerks around the state experience, making sure we do not have any kind of fraud."


Miller sees no gain from Saturday and 24-hour voting, but she favors consolidating (say) school and other local elections. "I come from Macomb County where we

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Education: Lake Shore High; attended Macomb Community College and Northwood Institute.
Personal: Married; one daughter.



DEMOCRAT ▶

MARY LOU PARKS, 62, Detroit.
Experience: state representative since 1993; executive assistant to U.S. Rep. George Crockett Jr.; special assistant to Gov. James Blanchard. Sponsored six bills this session, none enacted into law.
Education: Carver High, S.C.; attended Wayne State University.
Personal: four sons, one daughter.



had 18 elections in the course of a year. I think that (holding fewer elections) is an avenue for increasing voter participation.

"We should take off some of the restrictions on absentee voting - that is such an easy way to vote. Seniors, of course, use it extensively," Miller said. Under current law, a person may vote by absentee (including mail) if he or she is working, intends to be out of town, is 60 or older or incapacitated.

Parks said "not really" when asked whether she supported mail voting. "I like the process of voting. I think people enjoy get-

ting out to vote."

Parks added, "I'm not certain we should have fewer, more" elections. "That's something we could look at."

They were asked whether Michigan, with 51 elected state officials, inflicts too long a ballot on voters.

Miller was satisfied but would consider making all university boards appointive, as Gov. John Engler has proposed. That would eliminate 24 posts from the ballot.

"I won't say we should have fewer," said Parks.

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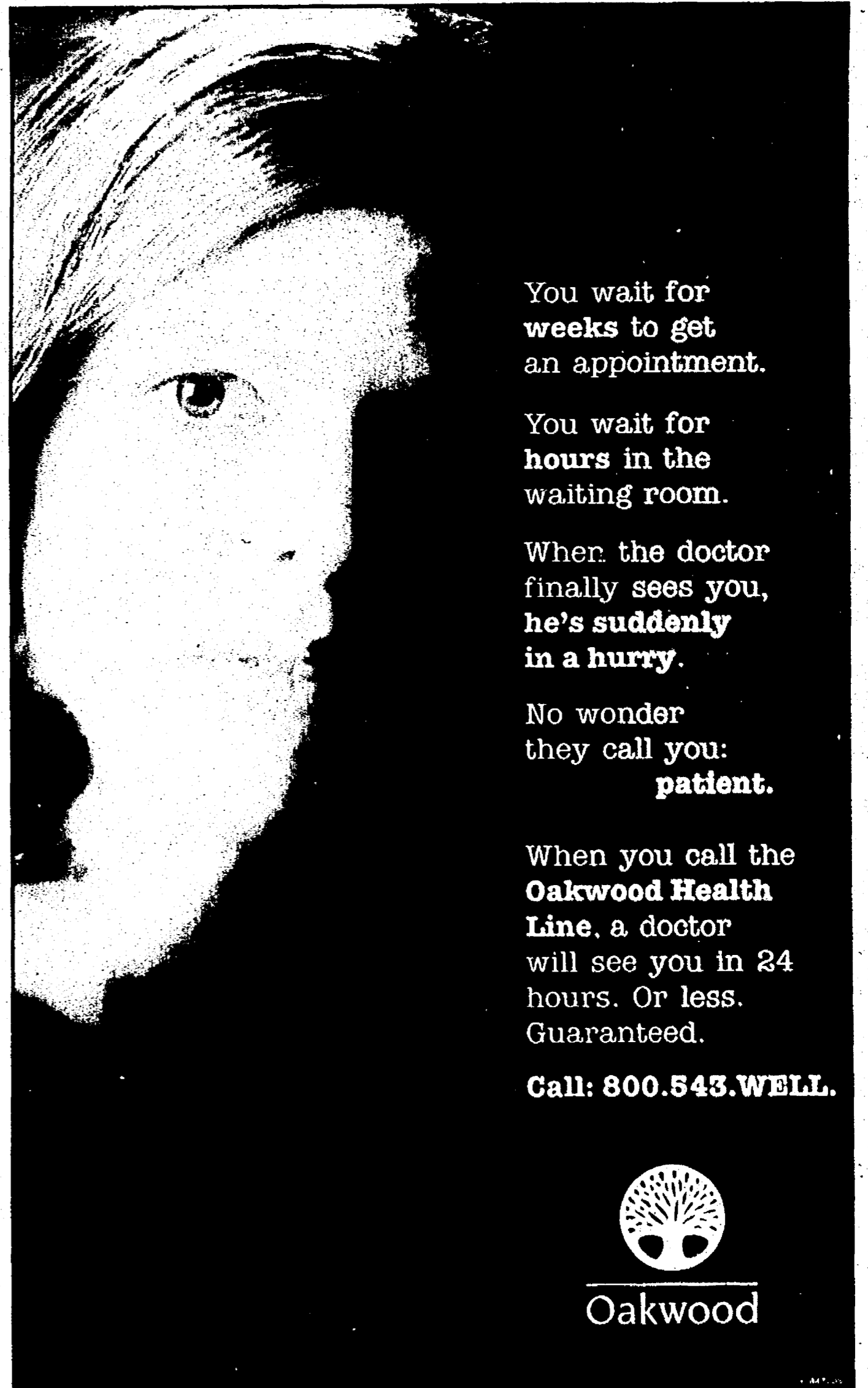
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Parents clash with district over class size

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

The mother of a Kennedy Elementary School sixth-grader said recently she was looking forward to meeting with Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Ken Watson.

But Chris Brueck said she wasn't optimistic that she and some 40 other parents will succeed soon in solving what they feel is overcrowding in the school's two sixth-grade classes.

The condition prevents the children from receiving the quality of education they deserve, according to another parent, Mary Ennis.

"The students are not getting enough attention" from their teachers and "the quality of curriculum is deeply impacted by this," she said, adding research journals "have supported smaller teacher-to-pupil ratios."

■ **The overall enrollment change in September at Kennedy was slight - not nearly as much as at Nankin Mills Elementary.**

Kent Gage
assistant superintendent for elementary instruction

However, the district, citing Michigan state standards, says the classes, each of which have 34 students, are not overcrowded, although it acknowledges they are at maximum enrollment.

The matter came to a head at a recent school board meeting, when Kennedy parents, requesting the district hire a third teacher for a new class, came

away feeling painfully rebuffed.

"It was a real slap in the face how Dr. Watson handled" the request, said Brueck. "I was surprised at how curt he was with us. And I was also surprised at how clear-cut the whole matter seems to him."

She said it seems "There's no option" available to reduce class sizes, "and we're sad about that."

"I know they (district administrators) have been lowering the pupil-teacher ratio" in the district "and they've been doing a good job - but not good enough. It's not working at Kennedy."

Brueck, an elementary school teacher in another area district, as is Ennis, said she was surprised when Watson's office called to set up a meeting with her.

But, she said, "I don't understand" why the district apparently can't do anything in the

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face of the state's class-size parameters, and "I hope that the meeting sheds some light on that."

Watson, out of town Wednesday, was unavailable to comment on the meeting's purpose.

On Monday night, Watson told the parents that he erred in using the state's terminology regarding class sizes in his district newsletter column on goals for the new school year.

The column spoke of "pupil teacher reduction ratios" and spoke of reducing the ratio "in all of our buildings this school year at the elementary level in grades four through six from 28.2 to 1 to 26.1 to 1."

He told the parents he should have used the word "average" for

class sizes, rather than "ratio." He also said the two sixth-grade classes at Kennedy were "at the maximum, not over."

Ennis agreed Watson had erred, saying Watson "made no mention that it was a formula, districtwide. He made it sound like it would be an absolute cap" on enrollment in each class.

"He did apologize for using the wrong terminology, but that doesn't get him off the hook for his promise right now."

The women charged that it is up to school principals to lobby for more teachers, but Kent Gage, the district's assistant superintendent for elementary instruction, said teaching assignments are based on enrollment figures, as required by the state

formula.

"All my principals lobby for additional teachers, but the bottom line comes down to, 'What is your enrollment?'"

He explained that preliminary teacher assignments are made in June, based on overall enrollment estimates per school, and are then changed - adding or subtracting teachers - in September if there is a significant increase or decrease in pupils.

He said the overall enrollment change in September at Kennedy was slight - not nearly as much as at Nankin Mills Elementary, which was assigned an additional teacher.

For her part, Brueck was philosophical about the situation. "If this is the way things will be" - no change in the class sizes - "I will feel better having tried to do whatever I could."

Purchase of new school buses raises music program concerns

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Will the halls be alive with the sound of music?

They may not, says one Livonia Public Schools trustee - at least, not when it comes to elementary-school students studying instrumental music in regular classes next year.

And to express his concern, Frank Kokenakes cast the lone dissenting vote recently on a motion to purchase 10 new school buses. The board voted 6-1 to approve spending \$685,110 for the buses.

He doesn't oppose buying the 1999-model buses as part of an ongoing program to update the fleet, but rather the funding of the purchase, which will come mostly from next year's as-yet undetermined school budget. Only two of the buses will be purchased with 1998-99 budget funds.

Kokenakes, who supports the growing effort to return instrumental music classes to the regular elementary curriculum, said he felt the board "shouldn't jump ahead" of the regular budgeting process "and spend half a million dollars," at least part of which could be used for other programs.

Such expenditures should be included in the overall 1999-2000 budget discussion, he said.

Pulling funds out of the budget early, he said, means less is available for the music classes or

other proposals such as enhancing and expanding sports facilities or instituting foreign language studies in the first grade.

However, the early authorization did enable the district to get a pre-season discount of 1.5 percent below the July 1998 bid, offered by Thomas Built Buses, the manufacturer, on orders received by Sept. 20, and passed along to the district by Hoekstra Truck Equipment Co. of Grand Rapids, the low bidder.

Lead-time to fill the order for delivery by next summer was also required, according to Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business. The first two buses will be delivered next June, with the remainder in July or August.

The cost per unit of the new Thomas MVP-ER model buses is \$68,511. The old buses replaced by the new ones will either be advertised for sale in trade journals or auctioned.

The school board meeting began Monday with strong pleas by past and present district students to reinstate the instrument classes which, since 1994, have been offered only after school on the elementary level.

"It's a healthy activity," Holly Webber told board members.

Webber, a recent Franklin High School graduate and former band member who studied

music regularly in grade school, also noted, "There are no drugs, no gangs, and it makes students more interested in schoolwork and what goes on at school."

She suggested using surplus school funds to support the program.

Lisa Hale and Laura Portwood-Stacer, Churchill High juniors and band members, did not participate at the grade-school level and felt this left them unprepared for the middle-school program.

They were grade-schoolers in 1994-95, when budgetary restrictions made the program after-school only.

Superintendent Ken Watson and board President Dianne Nay assured the young women the district is working on some manner of restoring the program.

"Nobody on the school board or the administrative staff is arguing the importance of music in the schools," Watson told them.

Nay said a committee is being formed to look into the issue and "You will be hearing about this."

Board member Dan Lessard, while not necessarily opposing music programs, added a lighter touch when he noted that, "Music is not for everyone - certainly not for me. I can play the radio, with some help."

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Candidates running for the state House 19th and 20th districts, state Senate 9th District

and Wayne County Commission's 10th District will be featured at the forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Livonia.

The 19th District includes parts of Livonia and Redford Township while the 20th District includes the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and part of Livonia.

The 9th Senate District includes the townships of Redford, most of Canton and Ply-

mouth and the cities of Livonia and Plymouth.

The 10th District for Wayne County Commission includes part of Livonia and the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The Livonia league includes members from Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford,

Wayne and Westland.

A candidates forum on education is set for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the Plymouth Canton High School's Little Theater. This event will be sponsored by the LWV-Livonia and Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding.

Candidates to date who are participating are state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and challenger Ken Warfield, a Democrat who is mayor of Wayne. The 8th District that Bennett represents includes part of Canton and Westland. Also attending will be state Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, whose 18th House District includes nearly all of Westland and part of Canton, and Republican challenger

Steve Conley. Ninth District candidates Republican Thaddeus McCotter and Democrat Carole Poenisch will attend along with 20th District state House candidates Republican Gerry Law, the incumbent, and Democratic challenger James Agee.

Plymouth Canton high school is at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads. For more information, call Mark Slavens at (734) 421-5210.

STATE LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

Lawsuits down

The Michigan Association of Insurance Agents is pleased with the effect of laws that went into effect in March of 1996 - fewer "frivolous" lawsuits over auto negligence in state courts.

The law 1) tightened the definition of "serious impairment," 2) allowed judges rather than juries to decide "serious impairment," and 3) prohibited uninsured motorists and those 50 percent or more at fault from collecting non-economic damages.

Statewide, auto negligence lawsuits dropped 64 percent, said Steve Yencich, spokesman for the insurance agents. The effect by county:

■ Livingston - from 233 in 1996 to 89 in 1997, a drop of 62 percent.

■ Oakland - from 3,703 in 1996 to 1,404 in 1997, a drop of 62 percent.

■ Wayne - from 11,993 in 1996 to 4,415 in 1997, a drop of 63 percent.

Insurance bills

Two area Democrats have introduced bills to control auto insurance premiums charged by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, has offered a bill to cap MCCA fee increases at \$10 per vehicle per year and to give the Legislature final approval of any increases in the fee.

"The MCCA fee subjects Michigan citizens to taxation without representation," said Peters, noting the industry appoints the board which is subject to neither the Open Meetings nor Freedom of Information acts. "I think it's time to give the Legislature oversight."

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, is sponsor of House-passed bills to require MCCA to observe the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information acts. The bills are stuck in the Republican-controlled Senate.

Gubow and Rep. Bob Brown, D-Dearborn Heights, praised MCCA for not raising its rate this year, but Gubow noted, "No one from the general public was present at the meeting today (Sept. 16) to observe how the MCCA board arrived at its decision not to raise rates."

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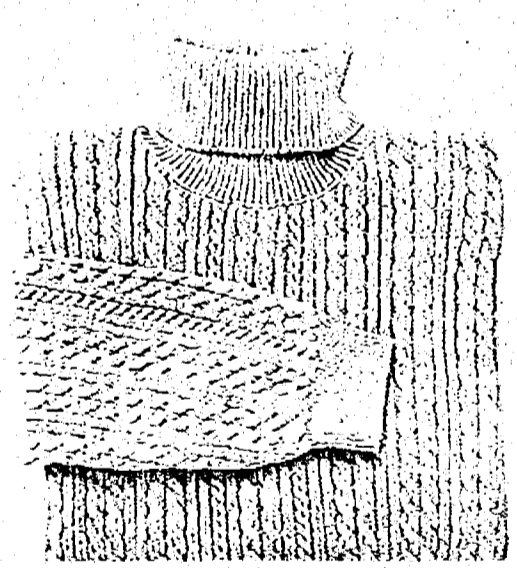
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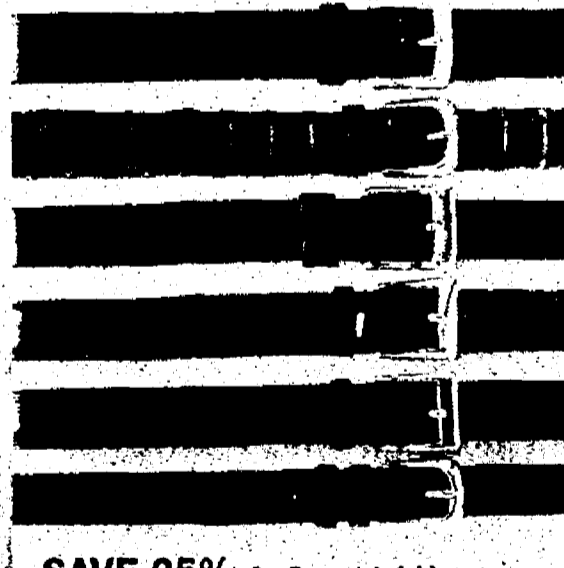
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Culinary fest raises funds, friends for S'craft students



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Serving: Diana Riley of Canton, a student at Schoolcraft College, works for Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth, which served a scallops entree at Sunday's culinary fund-raiser.

Culinary delicacies offered up by metro area restaurants, along with a live auction proved to be a recipe for success at Schoolcraft College.

Nearly 1,000 patrons sampled culinary delights from area eateries and bid on golf, vacation and dining packages all the while raising more than \$100,000 for student scholarships at the Livonia-based college.

"It was a very successful fund-raiser and friend-raiser," said Noreen Thomas, director of special projects at Schoolcraft College.

Last Sunday's seventh annual Culinary Extravaganza featured food seminars, a culinary demonstration kitchen and some 50 restaurants, beverage companies, caterers and pastry shops offering up samples in the Waterman Campus Center.

Co-chairing this year's event were Charlotte Mahoney, a Livonia resident and regional manager for Detroit Edison, and Alberta Muzzin, a former Livonia business owner now executive director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a magnificent event," said Muzzin, adding "I'm glad we went back to Waterman."

Mahoney thanked area restaurants, businesses and event-goers who attended, spent money and helped make Sunday's fund-raiser a success.

"The restaurants did a superb job," she said.

Highlight of the afternoon was the live auction, which brought \$16,350 into scholarship coffers.

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Musicians: Maurizio Emanuele (right) with the mandolin and his father Natale Emanuele on the accordion entertained guests at the Culinary Extravaganza. The musicians were playing for the Macaroni Grill in Livonia.

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Tiffany Clemons



Alane Love

resident of Westland, she replaces Joseph Oldenburg who retired last year. Previously, Love held a position at the National Institutes of Health as biological and medical librarian, and prior to that, as information manager at United Technologies Research Center. She was also assistant professor and science reference librarian at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Love has a master's degree in biology from Tallageda College and a master's degree in library science from Atlanta University. She served on the Florida Chamber of Commerce Research Committee for World Class Education, and is a member of the American Library Association.

to the scholarships, students are eligible for summer internships with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Alane Love is the new assistant director for the main library at the Detroit Public Library. A

Sundeep Bhatia of Westland recently earned a master's degree in engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

Bruce Wenokur, director of the Psychiatry Health Service Division of the Wayne County Jail, is being presented with the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award for 1998 by the members of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and Wayne-Westland Alliance for the Mentally Ill for contributing to greater public understanding of brain disorders, working to eliminate stigma and fighting discriminatory policies against people who suffer from mental illnesses.

Frances Francavilla, owner of Independent Carpet One in Westland, is one of just eight Carpet One members this year to achieve Five-Diamond status for delivering the highest performance in Carpet One's Installation Excellence program. Carpet One stores that qualify for the Five-Diamond status have consistently demonstrated the highest customer service standards and achieved a high rate of customer satisfaction regularly as recorded on surveys filled out by customers. Customers rate the performances of the installer, the salesperson and the store in the survey on a scale from one to five. To achieve Five-Diamond status, stores must receive a majority of fives in each category. Members get to display the rating in their stores.

Westland resident **Tiffany Clemons** is one of 10 students in Michigan to receive a \$1,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan scholarship. Clemons, a biology major, is a junior at Madonna University in Livonia. Administered through Michigan Colleges Foundation, the award encourages students to pursue a college degree in science and health-related fields. In addition

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or a segment of the community such as children, handicapped people or senior citizens.

The award will be announced in early November with the First Citizen to be publicly honored at a Westland Chamber of Commerce luncheon program 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Joy Manor. Anyone who qualifies can be nominated by the Friday, Oct. 23, deadline.

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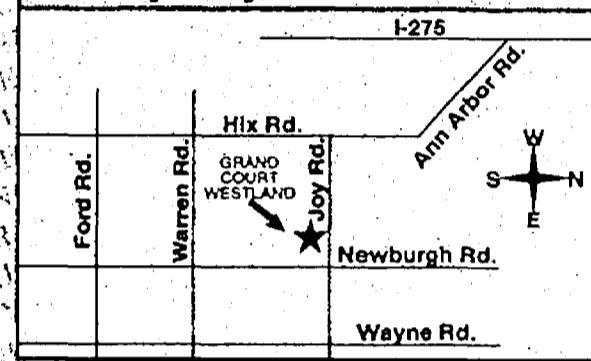
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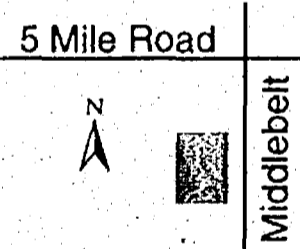
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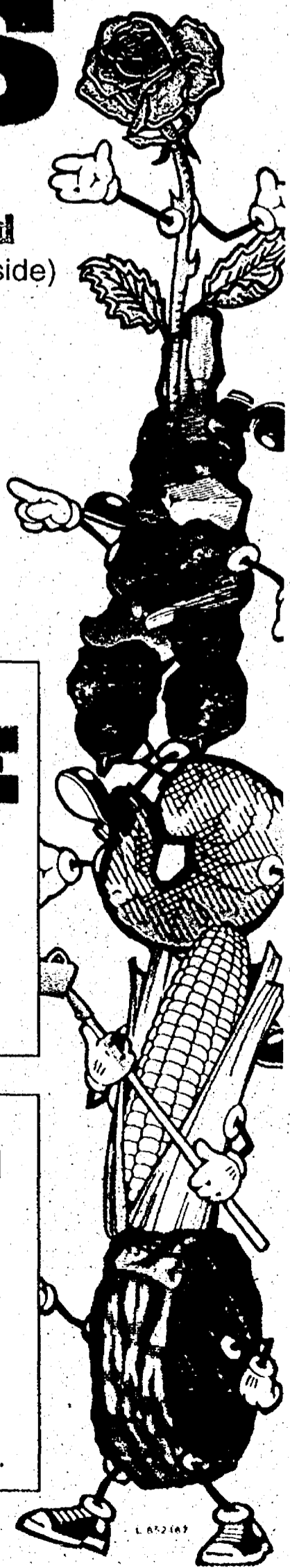
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Rouge wetlands

County removes sites at group's request

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
 STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials have agreed with a group of environmentalists and decided to remove three sites from a list of 11 proposed wetlands mitigation sites along the Rouge River.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, a committee overseeing the wetlands mitigation bank and the proposed list removed the sites across Hines Drive from Nankin Mills in Westland. Committee member Cameron Priebe, director of Wayne County public services, suggested the sites should not be considered, and three other committee members agreed.

"We want to show good faith to the environmental community," Priebe said. "We want to show them that we are taking these things seriously."

In August, Bill Craig of Livonia, Jack Smiley of Westland and Sierra Club representatives suggested the committee remove four sites because wetlands mitigation may harm the natural habitat and lessen educational opportunities for children in Wayne County parks.

Wayne County had proposed the sites for a wetlands mitigation bank to create artificial or



Wetlands: Jack Smiley of Westland, a member of the Sierra Club, is happy with the county's decision to drop the three most contentious sites along Hines Drive.

man-made wetlands to offset removal of other wetlands due to development. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality must issue a permit for any wetlands construction.

Under the Wayne County program, a wetlands "bank" will generate mitigation credits that the county can use or sell to a developer to offset, in advance, the loss of wetlands.

A happy outcome

Smiley was pleased that the county dropped the "most contentious site." (The three sites were actually one contiguous site along Hines Drive but were divided into three because of their different characteristics and habitats).

"They really turned it around to make it more positive," Smiley said. "They deserve credit."

Discussions with the committee were encouraging, and Craig said he was pleased with the committee's action. "We felt there was a need to maintain different kinds of habitat, and Cameron Priebe, to get the public aboard and build some trust, he was willing to remove these sites. They needed some public support and endorsement in this project."

Craig said he has had positive discussions with Wayne County parks officials about using the site and its field habitat for further educational programs on native grasses or wildflowers. "A trail system could be developed there, or we thought maybe a handicapped trail, where it is next to impossible to have that in the (nearby Holiday Nature) preserve."

Priebe said he expected these suggestions would be considered by parks officials and may be incorporated into the county's master recreation plan, which is expected to be completed next year.

Making wetlands

As for the creation of wetlands at the other sites, Priebe expected Wayne County can monitor such a project easily through the nearby Wayne County parks office.

Wetlands construction involves digging out dirt and planting plants that thrive in wetland areas. These plants also improve the water quality because they filter the water runoff from storms, Priebe said.

That process will assist Wayne County and Rouge River communities in their attempts to meet federal water quality requirements for storm water runoff. While it is too early to tell how effective these programs are and whether they are enough, Craig believes it helps that everyone works together on these projects concerning the Rouge.

"In this watershed plan, there needs to be more coordination between paralleled programs," Craig said.

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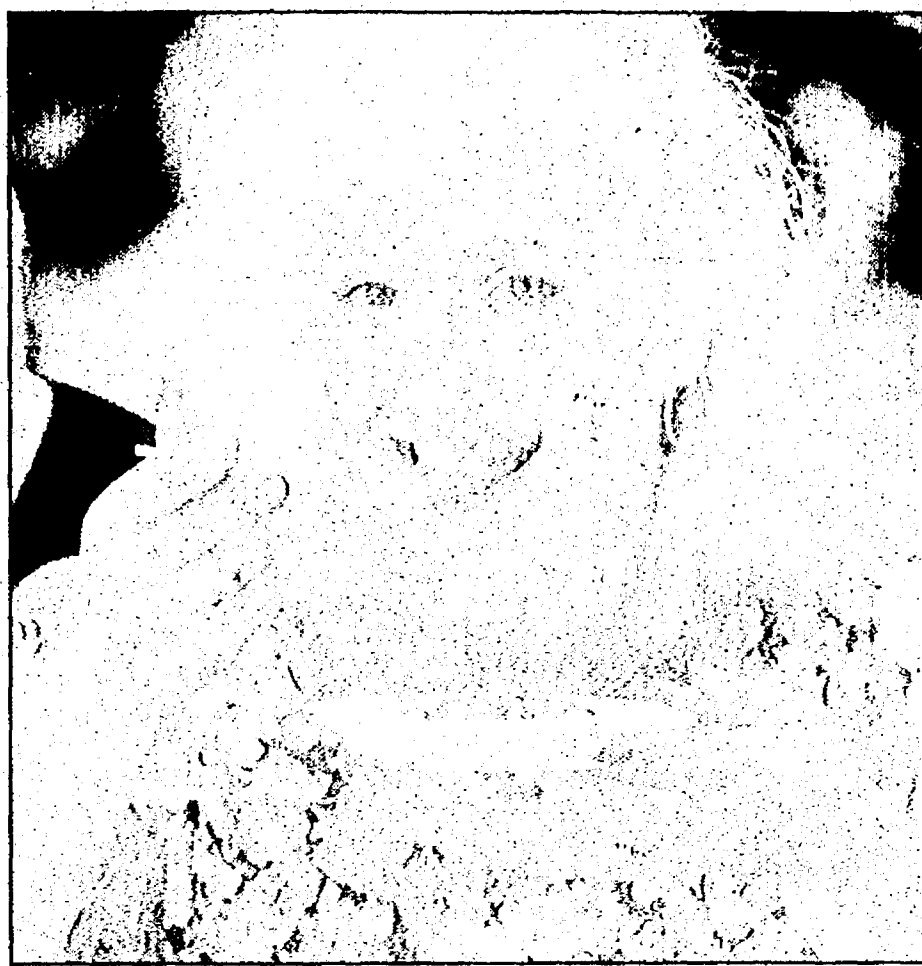
Wilson paid \$3,000 to host a seven-course dinner for eight in her Monroe home prepared by Schoolcraft Master Chef Kevin Gawronski. The dinner comes with wine donated by state Rep. Lyn Bankes and the Michigan Grape and Wine Council. To round out the package Schoolcraft wine instructor Lee Hershey, who also donated wine, will offer a commentary on wine the night of the dinner.

"I've purchased dinners from the chefs before and I know how wonderful they are," said Wilson.

Katrina VanderWoude, Schoolcraft's director of continuing education, was surprised with the "Lap of Luxury" package purchased by her husband Bob. He offered the winning bid of \$1,750 for use of a Jaguar, two-night stay at the Grand Traverse Resort, VIP tour of Chateau Chantal Winery and champagne.

Colleen Pobur, chair of the live auction, attributed its success to a "very talented, dedicated team of people working together to make sure the packages we designed were interesting, unique and attractive to bidders and Chef Kevin Gawronski who did a wonderful job as auctioneer."

"He really added a spark and local knowledge we couldn't have gotten from anyone else."



Mmmm good! Jeanie Claprod of Plymouth enjoys the culinary extravaganza.

"We felt we had a good balance between cultural, culinary and entertainment packages."

Local guests

Spotted in the crowd at Sunday's event were Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, Beth Stewart, director of Plymouth's Historical Museum, and her husband, attorney John Stewart and Plymouth Canton School Trustee Darwin

Watts and wife, Cindy.

Honorary co-chair Florine Mark was spotted making the rounds, greeting guests and offering kudos to event planners for a job well done. She encouraged the audience to bid on the wonderful packages before heading off to a family dinner for Rosh Hashana, the celebration of Jewish New Year which began at sundown Sunday.

Also in the crowd were Livonia Treasurer Laura Toy, a candidate for state House, Katherine

Ensmann, director of economic development for the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Livonia and Redford state Rep. Lyn Bankes, Schoolcraft College trustees Pat Watson and Brian Broderick, Sharon Snodgrass of Farmington Hills and Patricia Smith of Livonia, attorneys with Brashear, Tangora and Spence in Livonia.

Working hard but enjoying themselves were culinary committee members and community supporters Shirley and Chuck Ritter of Northville Township and Sandra Florek of Canton Township, dean of the marketing and development at Schoolcraft, who played a major role in coordinating Sunday's event.

Also on hand were Marcia and Joe Sayles of Plymouth Township and Suzanne Cleere, vice president for women's and children's services at Garden City Hospital.

Schoolcraft President Richard McDowell rolled up his sleeves and was busy selling raffle tickets and greeting guests.

The winners of Sunday's raffle are Tammie Callahan of Westland (two round trip tickets on Northwest Airlines), Penny Vert of Livonia (Las Vegas trip for two courtesy of Livonia Travel Service), Art Gulick of Plymouth (auto lease from Saturn of Farmington Hills), Joe Smulsky of Canton (diamond ring from Orin Jewelers of Garden City and Northville) and Laurie Marrs of Northville (dinner for four at Too Chee! in Novi).



Sampling: Mary Bullach of Farmington Hills samples the shrimp-and-rice entree prepared by chefs (from right) Deni Smiljanovski, Wesley Holton and Terance Tarver of The Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

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DDA district Tap into Wayne Road interest

Some recent plans for new businesses for Wayne Road show signs of promise for a central artery of the city.

We hope that new development continues and that the city takes advantage of the renewed interest to further the city's plans for that area as well as Ford Road.

Ford Road and Wayne Road from Ford south to the city limit is the city's Downtown Development Authority district.

The current projects for Wayne Road include:

- A restaurant for the northwest corner of Oakwood and Wayne;
- A new store for Dillon's Jewelers near the northeast corner of Avondale and Wayne;
- A party store on the southwest corner of Joy and Wayne that will be converted into a new 7-Eleven.

These projects along with a Rite Aid drug store and a new Thrifty Florist near Wayne and Ford and a new Auto Zone near Bock and Wayne are signs that the area can and does attract new development.

Earlier this year, the city received a report from HyettPalma, detailing a Westland Down-

town Economic Enhancement Strategy.

That plan, while ambitious, spelled out ways for the city to improve the mix along Wayne and Ford roads to create an area with a "downtown feel."

Some goals of the report include filling all empty buildings and encouraging a better mix of businesses. The report urges the city to market and control what types of businesses come in and not to "just take anything."

While some felt another auto care facility was not needed and not part of the vision when Auto Zone was approved recently, council was faced with approving it because there was no legal basis to deny it.

We hope some solution can be found in the future so that city officials are free to tailor the city's DDA district into a place of "destination" restaurants, shops and stores. Perhaps the answer is as the HyettPalma report suggests: recruiting qualified developers with projects consistent with the DDA plan.

Of course, this is no easy task. But with the amount of interest out there, maybe some of it could be used to Westland's advantage.

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Most states in the Union limit truck weights to 40 tons. Michigan and Louisiana allow 82-ton monsters. One need only cross the border of I-75 and US-23 into Ohio, or I-69 and I-94 into Indiana to realize Michigan roads are taking an unnecessary pounding.

The issue arose in mid-1994 when the Legislature - after a decade of neglect under two governors - got around to raising fuel taxes. Lawmakers voted down an amendment to lower truck weight limits.

The issue resurfaced, along with some new data, in Lansing recently when two Macomb County senators introduced a bill to cut truck weight limits over five years.

Democrats Art Miller and Ken DeBeausaert say they have support from such Republicans as Transportation Committee Chair Phil Hoffman, Bob Geake of Northville, whose district includes Livonia, Plymouth, Canton and Redford, and David Jaye of Macomb County.

Certainly they have support of most Michigan motorists.

Certainly they have support from people familiar with the freeze-thaw, freeze-thaw cycles of southeastern Michigan winters. Our roads are susceptible to potholes because of the erratic weather. The 82-ton trucks make things worse.

The trucking industry, along with lawmakers sensitive to its lobbyists, say it's axle weight, not gross weight, that counts. They say an 11-axle, 42-wheel cement hauler doesn't do any more damage than other vehicles.

They say. But even if your own eyes don't convince you big trucks cost the rest of us big money for big road repairs, consider the traffic crash evi-

Large trucks are especially dangerous in southeastern Michigan, where "tailgating" is a way of life. Loaded tractor-trailers take 20 to 40 percent farther than cars to stop. Unloaded rigs have a tendency to "jackknife." Fatalities such as the one on the east side of I-94 a couple of weeks ago - the one where a trucker slammed into an ambulance - will become more common as our roads become more crowded.

dence.

Of the people killed in 1996 in two-vehicle crashes involving a passenger vehicle and a large truck, 98 percent were occupants of the passenger vehicles - so says the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

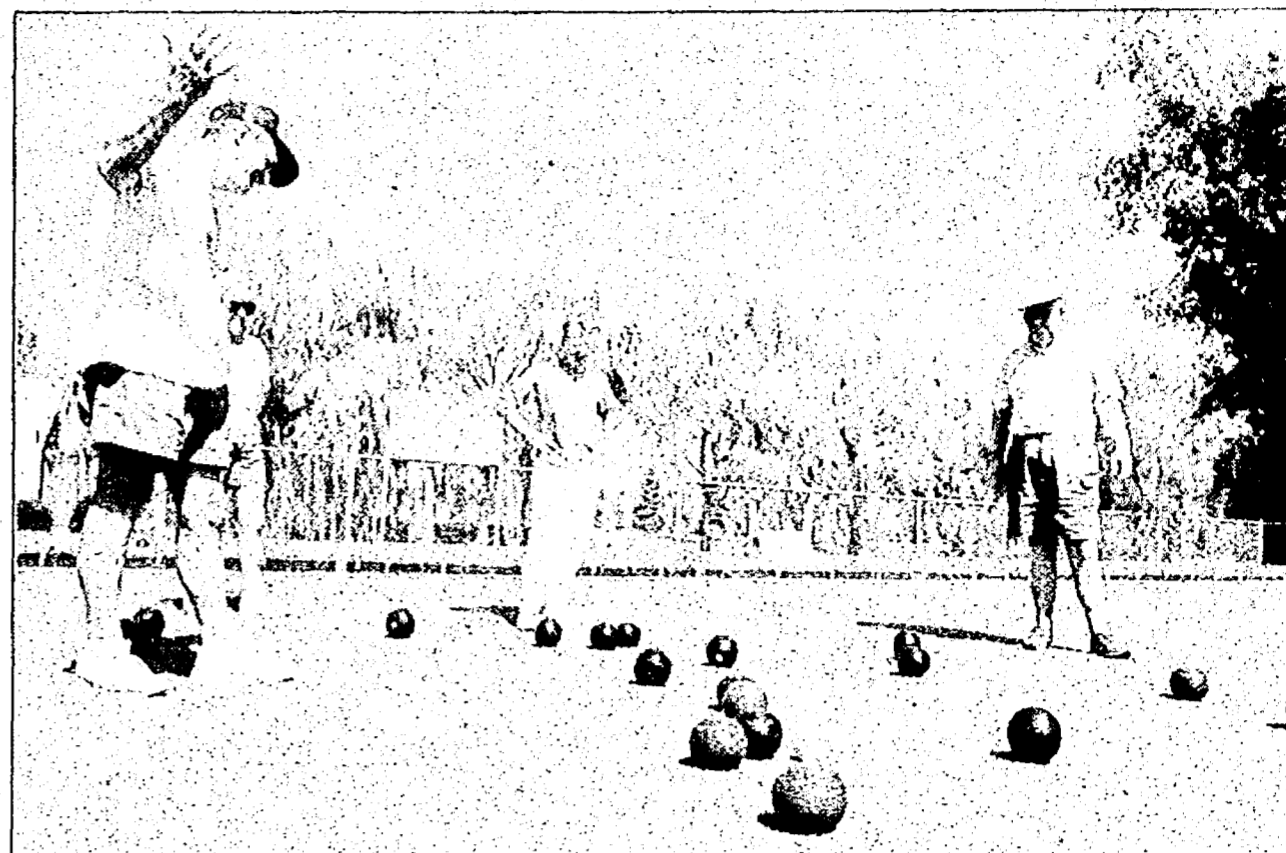
Large trucks in 1995 accounted for 3 percent of registered vehicles, 7 percent of miles driven and 12 percent of all passenger vehicle occupant deaths - again from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Evidence is mounting that senior citizens, with slower reflexes, are particularly likely to get hurt in crashes with trucks.

Large trucks are especially dangerous in southeastern Michigan, where "tailgating" is a way of life. Loaded tractor-trailers take 20 to 40 percent farther than cars to stop. Unloaded rigs have a tendency to "jackknife." Fatalities such as the one on the east side of I-94 a couple of weeks ago - the one where a trucker slammed into an ambulance - will become more common as our roads become more crowded.

We encourage area lawmakers not to let the truckers blow smoke into their minds with their "axle weight" fables. The 82-ton trucks are more dangerous than other vehicles. Michigan can't afford more fuel taxes and more deaths because of its too lenient truck-weight law.

On the greens



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LETTERS

The art of politics

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to the Sept. 10 news story "Turner denies endorsing Conley." Naturally, I cannot be pleased with the situation that has transpired nor the reporting of it and yes, even less than pleased about the related statements coming from the campaign of the Democratic incumbent. Do not misinterpret my displeasure, however. I have no ill feelings toward Mr. (Ed) Turner, the Westland Observer or Ms. (Eileen) DeHart. It's just that, collectively, they happen to be (in my mind) the example du jour of today's political arena.

My husband is a newcomer to this. Although I firmly believe he can be a strong and effective leader, I regret that he has not been fully trained on what it means to be politically savvy. I also regret that the statement by DeHart that her campaign will be run with "honesty and integrity" infers that the Steve Conley campaign is not. In fact, what I shall tactfully refer to as a misunderstanding between Conley and Turner, is a representation of Conley's attempt to be completely honest.

Perhaps it's naive of him to carry around that notebook of his which he uses to jot down notes and record the conversations he's had. It's his attempt to be accurate and fair. Be careful what you say to him, then. He firmly believes that one should be accountable for any of their words which can be easily construed as promises.

Unfortunately, the rules of politics are different. In that vein, I have wished him luck on his campaign. For, as I see it, it doesn't matter how qualified you may be or how much you want to do something for the betterment of your community. It all comes down to the art of politics. It's who you know, how much power you exert and the amount of money involved which seems to get people elected.

I am truly saddened by this and applaud Steve and others like him for attempting to make a change. However, I wonder if it's possible. I wonder what voters think when they read the newspaper. I wonder if "truth, justice and the American way" and "government for the people, by the people and of the people" really exist or are just sentiments in Superman comic strips and elementary school history books.

Nancy A. Conley
Westland

Dedicated workers

In last Thursday's Observer (Sept. 17) there was an article about the water main break at Franklin Middle School in the city of Wayne. It went into great detail about the way the floor had been cracked by the force of the water.

Darrell Clem did a very good job with the article, and I thank him for taking an interest in the Wayne school. However, I would like to add something that I observed while visiting the work site on Tuesday. I talked to several gentlemen who were taking care of the repair, and I was most impressed with their attitude. The only thing that was on their mind was to get the school open the next day for the students.

Some of these men had worked all night long, and my hat is off these dedicated workers of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. All of us in the district can be very proud of these men and their dedication.

Jerry Weidemann, the executive director of maintenance, (what a way to welcome you back from vacation) and Tony Speiak, the supervisor of operations, were right there, too. My thanks to you and your staff for thinking so much of our students. You're all tops.

Ed Turner
Wayne-Westland schools trustee

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POINTS OF VIEW

Can Geoffrey Fieger spell the word bigot?

If you weren't within earshot of a Detroit radio station in August, you probably missed the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Geoffrey Fieger, trying to convince drive-time audiences: "I'm not a real bigot, but I played one on TV."

OK, the telegenic defense attorney didn't really spout his own variation of that pain reliever commercial with the soap opera doctor. On the other hand, one doesn't need to look far for an outrageous quote from Fieger.

Over the years, Fieger has enjoyed instant access to talk-radio. At the drop of a phone call, he could mobilize TV crews for news conferences promoting Jack Kevorkian's morbid campaign.

Yet, despite all his remarks, candidate Fieger appears to have a serious problem about what he has said, on the record, about religion and some of Detroit's religious leaders. Try as Fieger might to exonerate himself in

the court of public opinion, albeit on a technicality, the tapes don't lie.

The heat was turned up by the Aug. 8 Beliefs column in the New York Times. Peter Steinfeld reported that "Mr. Fieger has called Adam Cardinal Maida, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Detroit, a 'nut,' compared the Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Greater Detroit to Nazis, described the Pope with mocking vulgarities and said he would rather take advice from 'Joe the wino,' and regarded Jesus as 'just some goofball that got nailed to the cross.'"

Within a few days, headlines on Detroit's opinion pages glared: "Fieger: Still a Bigot" and "Voters: Renounce Fieger's Intolerance."

The Anti-Defamation League has called on Fieger to apologize, describing his comments about some Jewish leaders and his ridicule of Christian beliefs as "shockingly offensive."

For his part, Fieger tries to skate



NED McGRATH

away from his insensitive, if not intolerant, remarks. According to Fieger, he was speaking philosophically, not provocatively. Or maybe, as he says, he was just kidding.

In any case, those who report or repeat such quotes, are, in Geoffrey Fieger's words, "irresponsible." Fieger raves that his detractors are unfairly piling-on, not doing their "homework."

All of this hasn't exactly been a

clarion call to the major players in Michigan politics. Dutifully, many Democrats have paid lip service while strategically keeping an arm's length from their nominee. Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer has been remarkably quiet on a Fieger endorsement. Sen. Carl Levin says he'll wait and see how Fieger behaves.

And politicians aren't the only ones watching and waiting. The Catholic hierarchy has hinted it may be morally necessary to make specific references to one candidate, a.k.a. Fieger, because of his obnoxious and bigoted remarks. Although unusual in Michigan, Catholic leaders elsewhere have challenged the candidacies of select individuals, like David Duke, Geraldine Ferraro and Nelson Rockefeller.

However, all this attention could actually increase the visibility — if not viability — of candidate Fieger. Some observers will tell you there's no such thing as bad publicity as long as

"...they spell your name right."

If that twisted logic is true, then stand by, for a reprise of the more profane, blasphemous Fieger pomposity. After he described the pope to a Washington Post reporter as "... some [expletive] who's wearing a hat 3 feet tall," Fieger paused for a breath and barked, "... Am I making myself clear to you?"

Not only is it clear, it sounds a lot like the same Fieger who calls Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Baptist, Muslim, Jewish and Catholic opponents of assisted suicide "religious fanatics." The tapes don't lie.

In the meantime, don't touch that radio dial. If his litany of demeaning, anti-religious remarks are again the topic du jour, Fieger will likely be heard from and insist everything is spelled correctly, including b-i-g-o-t.

Ned McGrath is director of communications for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

Engler's school proposal a boon for religious right

Suppose a candidate proposed that state prisons be run by the inmates. Suppose the candidate suggested that the Michigan Public Service Commission be controlled by Ameritech.

Nuts, eh? Gov. John Engler spoke Sept. 8 to the Booker T. Washington Business Association in Detroit and offered this idea, according to his press agent:

"Engler's plan gives parents the power to create new 'Freedom Schools' by signing a petition to take charge of their children's schools. Teachers and principals could also vote to free their schools from the burden of a central school bureaucracy in order to meet basic needs," and so on.

Isn't Detroit the town where 60 to 70 percent of kids are born to unmarried mothers?

Isn't Detroit the place that's notorious for one kid's parents in 30 showing up for a parent-teacher conference?

Isn't that where, according to Engler's own press agent, "almost half of Detroiters have trouble reading"?

Detroit, I should think, is the last place where one would want to let parents take over school buildings.

And while we're at it, what about Engler's early 1997 plan to have the state take over one or more of the 10 weakest school districts?

Has he forgotten the Michigan Association of School Boards' fall 1997 compilation of the track record of parents? To refresh your memory:

- "Parent time deficit." Kids lost 10-12 hours of parenting time per week in the past few decades. Family dinner time decreased 10 percent in the last decade.

- Parents working longer — six hours more per week between 1973 and 1989.

- Moms in the workforce. "Nearly 70 percent of mothers work today, but this large childcare vacuum has not been filled...."



TIM RICHARD

- "Divorce takes its toll." Moms do double duty — working and caring for the household — alone.

- "Teen parents," a euphemism for out-of-wedlock births. From 4 percent in 1950, births to unwed mothers leaped to 25 percent by 1988. Michigan's rate is one of the highest in the industrialized world.

- Father abandonment — "Male desertion generally catches up with girls between ages 12-15 and boys

ages 16-18..." Kids have lower SAT scores. "Growing up without a father in the family reduces math and verbal skills in both males and females.... Fatherless families also struggle more with drug abuse."

That study covered the entire state, not just Detroit. But Detroit's numbers tend to be worse.

What's the man's motive for such a cockamamie idea?

You have to understand the Lansing mentality. Monkey see, monkey want. If a bill is passed allowing Detroit parents to take over school buildings, the religious right — people who want your school tax dollars to support their religion — will want to use it, too.

The idea was patented in the South. So-called parents' groups, always led by fundamentalist clergy, have filed federal lawsuits insisting they have a right to overrule teachers, principals, superintendents and school boards. The fundamentalists

always lost.

Joan DeFattore, in her 1992 book "What Johnny Shouldn't Read," summed it up: "The catch is that what they wanted was a little private school within the public school, where taxpayer dollars would have been used to prevent the protesters' children from learning that other people think differently from their parents."

"The protesters' definition of parental authority was so broad that school officials could not honor it without turning the children's instructions into a series of religion lessons...."

In the history books, Engler will get a page for his Trumanesque 1994 effort to reform school financing through Proposal A. Too bad he had to smudge it in 1998 by selling out to the enemies of public education.

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Exam dodging at Oxford showed Clinton's character

'Tis education forms the common mind: Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined. These famous lines from Alexander Pope have come with increasing frequency to my mind as the sorry unraveling of Bill Clinton's presidency proceeds apace.

Character counts. And character shows up very early in a life, often in obscure ways that only become clear with the passage of events.

This is a story about Bill Clinton when he was a young Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. I happen to know something about this period in Clinton's life because I, too, was at Oxford, as a Marshall Scholar. Although Clinton was at Oxford from 1968-1970 and I was there from 1962-1964, we both were members of University College, one of the smaller, nicer colleges at Oxford. Not much happens at a small Oxford college without all members knowing about it.

Now when you win a prestigious scholarship to study at Oxford University, you undertake a certain obligation to play the academic game according to the rules. Unlike American universities, where hour exams lead to final exams in a semester-by-semester progression, at Oxford there are no exams until the end of your course of study.

Then you take something called "Examination Schools," a two-week period of written examinations covering the entire syllabus you are studying, often followed by an oral examination based on your written answers.

Needless to say, this is a pretty terrifying experience, especially for the British, whose careers often are substantially determined by their results in "Schools." I've seen friends literally throwing up as they entered the examination hall. And I'm not ashamed to confess I was plenty nervous when undergoing the process.

Now many people know of Bill Clinton's assertion that he didn't inhale when asked if he smoked marijuana at Oxford. And some know that while at Oxford, Clinton threw himself passionately into the protest movement against the war in Vietnam.

But what few people know is that Bill Clinton never took his Examination Schools at Oxford. As a result, he never received an undergraduate degree from Oxford. The entry in *Who's Who in America* merely says, "postgrad., Oxford U, 1968-70."

I learned about this about the time Clinton received an honorary degree from Oxford University in 1994. Some of my friends from University College called to twit me about the fact



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that Bill Clinton must be the only person who ever received an honorary degree from Oxford without first having earned a degree from undergraduate study there.

They also said that the reason Clinton gave for not taking his Examination Schools was that he had spent so much time and energy protesting against the Vietnam War and simply wasn't prepared. He didn't want to go through the emotionally wrenching experience of taking all those examinations only to receive poor marks.

I was troubled when I first heard the story, but I didn't make a big deal of it. Obviously it meant more to somebody who has been through the whole searing experience of Oxford exams than to most folks.

But as time went on and the questions about President Clinton's character became more and more serious, I found myself coming back to the story again and again. Here is a guy who wins perhaps the most prestigious scholarship in the world, who goes off to Oxford to study for a degree. Instead, he gets diverted from his course of study by a sexy protest movement. And then, instead of taking his examinations the way the rules require, he simply passes and goes back to America, eventually to become president.

Character counts. Responsible character means being prepared to face the consequences of choices made, instead of evading them with one excuse or another.

Character does count. And character often shoes up very early in life.

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High rents

After taking office in 1995, Miller made a speech in which she complained that her predecessor, Democrat Richard Austin, had set up five Secretary of State branch offices in Democratic-leaning Flint, with a shrinking population, but zero in growing Republican areas like Wixom and Novi. What has she changed?

"We've done a study demographically to see where people want to do business," Miller said. "We did a canvass of the Wixom-Novi area, one of the explosive growth areas in the state. The real estate is a little expensive right now."

"In lieu of that, we'd like to offer customers options where they don't have to go to branch offices all the time. Now you can renew (vehicle plate licenses) by mail, by phone, by fax, by Internet. We have a mobile branch office taking service to you."

"Already the touch-tone option has taken several hundred thousand transactions annually. We're the first state agency to be interactive on the Internet."

"We do 17 million transactions annually. We'd like to move about 40 percent to one of these other modes instead of face-to-face contact. It's better for you

and less expensive for the state."

Miller would like to see two-year vehicle late registrations. She believes drivers of leased vehicles — 40 percent of the market — would like that.

"We're looking to install kiosks, similar to banking ATMs, in shopping malls."

Parks took the opposite view, saying "we should bring the office back to the people." She criticized the state's ending of giving driver's tests at the Secretary of State office.

Parks supports the 1993 Democratic federal "motor-voter" law which requires states to accept voter registrations not only in Secretary of State offices (which Michigan has had since the mid-1980s) but also welfare, unemployment and public health offices.

Engler's administration fought implementation of that law but lost in court.

Parks fined

Republicans and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce have made an issue of Parks' being fined repeatedly for failing to file campaign finance statements on time. Miller said her office has fined Parks "several thousands of dollars," including \$170 for the state Senate primary that Parks lost Aug. 3.

"I honestly have never met Mary Lou Parks," Miller said. "The only interaction I've had with her is campaign finance enforcement. She is a blatant violator."

Miller added, "Disclosure is the operative phrase. It's important for people to understand who's trying to influence these elections" through disclosure of contributions.

Parks replied: "Isn't that very nice to say? I serve as a legislator, and yet she doesn't know me, and yet she can charge me. That speaks to what I've been talking about. She should have been able to work out the mechanics and make sure that the campaign finance law is ready to be workable."

"I'd like to change the complexity of the campaign finance law," Parks said. "It is very complicated. It's not being administered very well by our present Secretary of State, so that makes it more complicated."

Cut list access

In her acceptance speech at the Democratic State Convention, Parks said she wants to end the sale of "confidential lists to criminals." What criminals has the state sold lists to?

"Well, as a legislator," Parks said, "I get complaints that

information has been given out by the Secretary of State office. Consumers should be protected. Many times people harass you, and for fraudulent things. I call them criminals. I don't think anyone should have any information about you that's provided to an agency such as the Secretary of State."

Parks was asked about newspaper exposures, using state drunken driving records, of school bus drivers, airline pilots and a gubernatorial candidate. Should that be stopped?

"I feel we have law enforcement ... they should do the things they should do," Parks replied. "The Secretary of State should not be allowing other people to get personal and private information."

Interviews with Miller and Parks will be broadcast at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, on WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

Parks host Pioneer Day

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"Downtown - everything's waiting for you."

-Tony Hatch
recorded by Petula Clark

In Canton Township, some of the elected officials have been trying for years to figure out exactly where "downtown" is located. The best guess is the area of Ford Road and Sheldon, home to - among other things - a small shopping mall east of Sheldon anchored by Kroger, another mall to the west now anchored by Kohl's, a gas station, a party store, a bank and a Mexican restaurant.

A few years ago the township installed streetlights along Ford Road from Sheldon east to Morton Taylor, where you'll find a Target store, Frank's Nursery, a Boston Market and a small office/professional building. Presumably the street lights were placed to identify "downtown Canton."

Then there's the Ford Road/Canton Center area (where Julien's store once used to exist) now dominated by the Meijer megastore and a new super Kroger across the street. Farther south on Canton Center is the "official" complex: the administration building (including the police department), the new fire station, the old historical museum, the library, Heritage Park and Canton's own Parthenon, the Summit on the Park.

Canton does have a "Downtown Development Authority" which covers a designated section along Ford Road and is seeking to expand its authority farther east as more and bigger development occurs.

So where, exactly, is "downtown Canton"? And does anyone really care?

Could it be envy?

I don't know what it is with suburban officials, but many of them seem to suffer from "downtown envy." They don't want to accept the fact that most of the suburbs around here are amorphous collections of subdivisions and strip malls. That's just the way they grew up. And that's life in the big city. Or, in this case, the suburbs.

A few communities that are now considered "suburbs" started out as small towns in their own right. Suburban expansion engulfed them, but they managed to retain much of their original identity and structure. Thus Plymouth has a genuine downtown; Canton doesn't. Northville has a downtown; Novi doesn't. Farmington still has pretty much of a downtown; Farmington Hills doesn't. Rochester does; Troy doesn't.

If Westland has a downtown, it's Westland Center - a shopping mall. Garden City has vestiges of a downtown at Ford Road and Middlebelt - the old Orin Jewelers building - but that's about it.

Even a city the size of Livonia just doesn't have it. A downtown, that is. There's the Civic Center area around Five Mile and Farmington roads, but that's all government buildings and facilities. There's no town square with a steepled courthouse, surrounded by local shops and restaurants.

Around San Francisco back in the '60s, such suburbs were called "Bedroom Communities." And that was a pretty good description. If you wanted to go "downtown," you went to the city. And what a downtown it was.

A few years ago, when Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack was on one of his perennial campaigns to stake out a "downtown," I wrote facetiously that if he really wanted a downtown Canton he should just buy Plymouth and rename it.

There's an answer

But now I think I've found the answer to the downtown problem in, of all places, Redford Township. Redford, a suburb that actually abuts Detroit, was one of the early victims

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Top choice:

Since July, baseball card collectors have been flocking to shops like Mike Odetalla's Play Ball in Westland to snatch up Mark McGwire rookie cards. The Topps card, which shows the St. Louis slugger in his U.S. Olympic baseball team uniform, is selling for well over \$100 these days.

Got the fever

Home run derby raises price of baseball cards



Baseball fans are hot on the trail of baseball cards for this season's heroes - Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa - who are slugging it out to see who will be the new Sultan of Swat.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Mark McGwire leaped to hero status when he sent a ball sailing over the outfield wall of Busch Stadium on Sept. 8. The ball, his uniform, bat, shoes and glove were snatched up for their place in baseball history and the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Interest in McGwire has been building all summer as the tally crept closer to Roger Maris' record-setting 61 homers. So has interest in the St. Louis Cardinals slugger's baseball cards as well as those of the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa, who's also in the hunt.

By July fans young and old were headed to sports card shops, searching for McGwire and Sosa baseball cards.

"People are mostly interested in the rookie cards, but the kids are buying other cards because they can't afford the rookies," said Doug Brown of

Doug's Dugout in Garden City. "The adults are into the rookie cards."

Hot buys are Topps 1985 McGwire rookie card and the 1990 Leaf Sammy Sosa rookie card.

McGwire's rookie card features him in his 1984 U.S. Olympic uniform. The card, No. 401, was part of a subset, issued by Topps, to recognize the Olympic team.

Sosa's rookie card is part of at least a half dozen cards sets, but it is the Leaf card that collectors are clamoring for. Rare because fewer cards were printed, it's fetching prices of more than \$100 now, according to Tom England.

The owner of Pitch, Hit & Run in Livonia and at Summit Place in Waterford and Troy Stamp and Coin, he says there's a "sleeper" card in that 1990 set, that of Ken Griffey Jr.

Griffey of the Seattle Mariners needs two more RBI to join Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig as the only

players to drive in more than 140 runs in three consecutive seasons.

"He's been overshadowed by McGwire," England said. "But he's young, so time will tell how valuable his card will be."

Interest in selling

England averages 50-100 calls a day at his stores with people interested in buying and selling Sosa and McGwire baseball cards, but there's really no interest in the man who first broke the Babe's record.

England has a Roger Maris rookie card priced at \$400, but at the Dugout, Doug Brown has dropped the price to \$250.

"It's indicative of the hobby," he said. "The only reason Maris is mentioned is because he held the record. I have his rookie card and marked it down to sell it, but he's now just one of a bunch of guys who hit a lot of home runs. I think it's a shame."

At Comic Archives in Redford, Tony Brown, who works in the card department, has found interest in the baseball cards has tapered off since McGwire got his 62nd home run, but people are still calling and are still interested.

He also is getting a lot of calls from

people interested in selling their McGwire cards, but not so much from Sosa cardholders.

"There's fewer Sosa rookie cards out there than McGwire cards," he said. "Since McGwire got around 56 home runs, there's only been one day when I didn't have McGwire rookie card in the store. I've only had three Sosas and I have none right now."

"Nobody was picking up Sosa cards, and when he started making a run, people sat on their cards. I have longtime collectors say they have the card in a box somewhere because nobody cared."

Tony Brown is of the old school of baseball card collecting. Sure, he had a collection as a kid, and, yes, his mother threw them all out.

"They were beat up and I didn't care about them anymore," he said. "Back then you stuck them on your bicycle spokes. Kids today buy them and put them into plastic protectors ... and they don't even get any gum."

Most expensive card

Doug Brown predicts that by year's end Sosa's rookie card will be the most expensive card in the Beckett Baseball Monthly - the "book" - a

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Congregation is family-like 'House of Friends'



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CARNEGIE

Getting ready: Rachel Rose, cantorial soloist (from left), Rabbi Peter Gluck, Jay Miller, president of the congregation, and Robin Liberatore, cantorial soloist, rehearse a song prior to last Sunday's Rosh Hashanah service at Congregation Bet Chaverim.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Jay and Sue Miller were a bit disenchanted with large, impersonal Jewish congregations in Oakland County. Sometimes it took them 45 minutes to exit the parking lots. Other times, when they arrived late to a service, they were forced to sit so far back that they could only see the rabbi on closed-circuit television.

In response to that, the couple moved from Commerce Township to Novi and started its own congregation, Bet Chaverim.

"After reading about it in the paper, we attended a potluck dinner and we decided to band together to form a congregation," Jay Miller explained.

Soon thereafter, Miller was named president of the congregation and his wife, Sue, the social activities director.

"We picked Wayne County because there's not one out here for Jewish people to go to. I get a very rewarding feeling being able to spearhead this drive," Miller explained.

"It's a more family-like atmosphere; everyone knows each other," Sue added. "Bet Chaverim is Hebrew for 'House of Friends.'"

Services were held at members' homes initially. But, now in its fifth year, the congregation includes 25 families who meet at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road at Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Services are held at 7:30 p.m. Fridays followed by a social on the third Friday of every month. The staff includes a full-time rabbi and cantorial soloist.

"The room was designed for community use, and they were kind enough to allow us time once a month. We convert the sanctuary from a church sanctuary to a Judaic sanctuary," Miller explained. "We're purposely growing slowly because we want quality not quantity. If you walk into the building, I'll walk right up to you and introduce myself to you. I want to learn about you."

"We want you to know about

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us, and see what we're like. We want you to feel like you're at home."

Expanded services

Services have been expanded next week in celebration of Yom Kippur, the day of atonement. They will be held at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church. A service and break-fast (breaking the fast) follows at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Gainsborough, a clubhouse in the Sunflower subdivision in Canton.

Activities in October include Sukkot at noon Sunday, Oct. 4, at Northville Montessori School, 15709 Haggerty Road, Northville Township; playgroup at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at a loca-

tion to be announced; and Simchat Torah at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church.

"Until the congregation gets larger and we can afford our own building, we're using the kindness of the local community," Miller said. "That's what we like about Wayne County. It's afforded us the opportunity to do that."

According to Miller, Congregation Bet Chaverim is Wayne County's fastest-growing reformed Jewish congregation and offers religious services for a diversified group of people, including single parents, interfaith couples, interfaith families, couples and families. The only other Jewish congregation in this area is the conservative

Congregation Beit Kodesh in Livonia.

"The reformed is open to all Jewish people seeking a Jewish identity, either interfaith or both Jewish," Miller said. "With the conservative, both the husband and the wife have to be Jewish to be considered Jewish in a conservative temple."

Since its creation five years ago, Congregation Bet Chaverim has added a religious school that meets at 10:30 a.m. Sundays at the Northville Montessori School.

"We started with the school by holding classes in somebody's kitchen, then we moved into a clubhouse and now the Montessori," Sue Miller said.

The goal of the CBC Religious

School, which has grown to include 24 children, is to provide a positive environment in which families wishing to raise their children as Jews may do so in a way which is affirming and positive.

Respecting traditions

While respecting traditions, the CBC curriculum encourages a creative response from both teachers and students so that the ritual, ethics, history and theology of Judaism may be interpreted to fit the modern times.

Students at the school are taught the basic Jewish religious vocabulary (Hebrew), the classic stories (Midrash) and the ethical ritual actions (Mitzvot) which

have distinguished Judaism as a religion for 25 centuries.

A goal of the school is to bring each student to Bar/Bat Mitzvah age and learn how to apply the values taught to real world situations. At confirmation age, the students will be given junior membership in the congregation as a sign of their fulfillment of the educational process.

The small classes at the school, the Millers said, is one of the amenities that larger congregations could not offer.

Like the Millers, many Jewish people are choosing to live in western Wayne County because the housing prices are more affordable, which created a need for Congregation Bet Chaverim. "When you're a religion that's

so prominent in the world, and you're living in an area where you don't have a home to go to, there's a lot more pressure on the people to find places to seek out this service," said Miller. "My vision is to make that happen, and I'm doing that with the forethought of what I went through before."

"We wanted to establish a home in this area where people can come out and experience their Jewishness. We want them to feel comfortable and welcome in an area that has not seen this before."

For more information about the Congregation Bet Chaverim, write to P.O. Box 871262, Canton 48187-6262, or call (734) 480-8880.

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price guide for baseball cards.

"Those (rookie cards) command the top prices; all the other rookie cards are far cheaper. The book (value) of the 1985 Topps McGwire rookie card now is \$150, if it's a mint copy; for others, the price can fluctuate

from \$70 to several hundred dollars or more, if the card has been professionally graded."

He got more calls for Sosa's card and more people want to buy than sell. Topps was the only card producer in 1985, so there were plenty of McGwire

cards available, but by 1990, Donruss, Leaf, Score, Upper Deck and Fleer had entered the market and Leaf didn't produced that many sets, he said.

"Leaf has always been higher priced," added Tony Brown. "It's always been more expensive."

Mike Odetalla, owner of Play Ball in Westland, also has seen his business increase as the result of the home run race. "Most of the thunder was when McGwire broke the record," but it could increase again, depend-

ing how he finishes the season.

Odetalla is selling Sosa's rookie card for \$75 and is asking \$175 for McGwire's rookie card. He, too, has found quite a bit of interest in people selling their cards.

"That's usually who we buy from is collectors," he said. "With old cards, you just can't call in and order more of them."

As for another hot collector item - autographed memorabilia - that's a different story. That supply may be limited because

McGwire doesn't like to do signings and Sosa hasn't done any, Odetalla said.

And the effect of the McGwire-Sosa home run race? The four men are in agreement that while it's been good for business, it's

also been good for the game.

"It's boosted interest in the game all together," said England. "People have come back to the game and have been pulling out their collections to see what they have."

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of urban sprawl. Subdivisions grew along with strip malls, Italian bakeries and car washes. But no downtown.

Now, however, that appears to have changed. Driving down Beech Daly the other day, between I-96 and Six Mile, I noticed banners hanging from the lamp posts for about two or three blocks in the general area of the fire station.

"Welcome to Downtown Redford," they read. "Welcome to Downtown Redford."

What a great idea. Problem solved. If you are the mayor or supervisor of a suburban community suffering from "downtown envy," don't worry about new construction, more develop-

ment, higher taxes. Just pick out a two or three block area and put up some signs declaring that this is "Downtown Canton ... or Livonia ... or whatever."

You could even put some speakers on those fancy lamp posts and pipe in Petula Clark.

"...forget all your troubles, forget all your cares

"So go downtown, things'll be great when you're

"Downtown - no finer place for sure

"Downtown ..."

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*SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road August 17, 1998

"The following is a summary, in synopsis form, of the Board of Education's regular meeting of August 17, 1998; the full text of the minutes is on file in the office of the superintendent, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, and in the principal's office of each school, and is available on request."

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

Recognition of Dr. Lynn Babcock: President Nay recognized Dr. Lynn Babcock with a resolution acknowledging her significant achievements along with her election to the National Association of Elementary School Principals as president elect for the 1998-99 school year.

Recognition of Frank Kokenakes: President Nay presented to Frank Kokenakes a president's gavel for his term as President of the Board of Education for the 1997-98 school year.

Recess: President Nay recessed the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Audience Communications: Seymour E. LeVine, 31826 Bretton, addressed the Board regarding reinstatement of the instrumental program for the elementary level. Elizabeth Bumford, 17710 Loveland, member of the Let Our Children Play Committee, addressed the Board regarding the lack of readiness of the elementary students into the middle school music program. Board Members Watters, Kokenakes, Timmons, and Lessard agreed that they would like to see the program reinstated into the elementary level in some form. Nagi Musleh, 36004 Martin, addressed the Board regarding the hiring practices of the district. He told the Board that he wants them to look very seriously at hiring him for a job with the district.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Kokenakes and Lessard that the following consent agenda items be approved as recommended by the superintendent: IV. Minutes and Synopsis of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 1998. V. A. Move that general fund check nos. 302369 through 302864 in the amount of \$3,026,022.51 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$964,918.87 be approved. V.B. Move that general fund check nos. 302865 through 303298 in the amount of \$3,003,496.33 be approved for payment. Also move that general fund wire transfers in the amount of \$943,672.09 be approved. Also move that Building Improvement and Technology Fund check nos. 1901 through 1905 in the amount of \$91,803.12 be approved for payment. V.C. Move that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District establish the tuition rate for the 1998-99 school year at \$6,625 for non-resident elementary and secondary students as per Board policy. V.D. Move that the Board of Education authorize the low bids as listed below for Food Service suppliers for the 1998-99 school year: Fresh Bagels: Brothers Bagels; Chicken Nuggets: Miesel Sysco Food Co.; Snack Items (Frito Lay Chips): Gordon Food Service; Snack Items (General Mills Products): Miesel Sysco Food Co.; Foam Trays (9"x12"): Leone Foods Service; Pizza 15": Specialty Foods, Inc.; Milk: Embest Dairy, Division of Country Fresh Inc. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Gift-Cass PTA: Motion by Nalley and Morgan that the Board of Education accept the gracious gift of \$3,000 from the Cass PTA for the purchase of playground equipment. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Purchase of High School Manufacturing Tech Lab Systems: Motion by Timmons and Lessard that the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District approve the purchase of software and related system components for the Manufacturing Tech Labs from Advanced Technologies Consultants for \$456,888. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Retirements: The Board unanimously approved resolutions of appreciation for the following retiring employees: Ruby Cooper, Norma Lynch, and Daniel Shepard.

Resignations: The Board accepted resignations for Richard Benson, effective 8/1/98; Susan Ott, effective 8/26/98; Constance Pletcher, 8/12/98; and Pamela Rizzo, effective 8/5/98.

Teachers for Approval: Motion by Timmons and Kokenakes that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the superintendent and offer employment for the 1998-99 school year to the following teachers: Loretta Ashton, Sandra Baer, Colette Becker, Mary Breneman, Anthony Caram, Carrie Korican, Gerard Lukas, Ronald J. Mark, James Masters, Deanne McMullen, Nancy Morgan, Julie Pappas, Karin Pearson, Karen Pence, Coleen Roberts, Rachel Rodriguez, Lorna Rootare, Andrea Rose, Cathleen Santi, Christine Shurin, David Spellich, Kevin Stafford, Dawn Vitay, and Andrew Wood. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

Reports from the Superintendent: Dr. Watson responded to the elementary instrumental program requests and told the committee that he would study the requests as they came in. He also reminded the audience that the district spends \$4 million a year on music and the arts.

Dr. Watson sent his condolences on behalf of the district to the families of Michael Caperton and Jim Newman, former employees of the district who passed away this past weekend.

1998 MASH Board Elections: Motion by Lessard and Watters that the Board of Education cast its votes for the 1998 MASH Board of Directors: Donald R. Liebau, Jr. and Kathleen M. Chorbagan. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

First Reading-Board Policy: The Board received language for Board Policy GAP-Workplace Violence for first reading prior to adoption at a future meeting.

Hearing from Board Members: Ms. Morgan asked parents to start getting their students into bed earlier before the start of school. Also reminded everyone that Monday, August 24 is the new teacher orientation day and was looking forward to attending. Mr. Kokenakes thanked the Board for the tribute they provided him with the gavel for the past year as President of the Board and said he was looking forward to a new school year.

Adjournment: Motion by Timmons and Morgan that the regular meeting of August 17, 1998 be adjourned. Ayes: Kokenakes, Lessard, Morgan, Nalley, Nay, Timmons, Watters. Nays: None.

President Nay adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

CITY OF WESTLAND COUNTY OF WAYNE

GENERAL ELECTION - REGISTRATION NOTICE

THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS ALREADY REGISTERED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998 is Monday, October 5, 1998. Registrations will be taken at the office of the Westland City Clerk, Wayne County, Michigan, 36601 Ford Road, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

PATRICIA A. GIBBONS, Westland City Clerk
Published: September 24, 1998 and October 1, 1998

CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF RUNWAY 4/22 AT WAYNE COUNTY'S DETROIT METROPOLITAN AIRPORT

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved the development of Runway 4/22 at a location 333 feet west of the originally identified location in relationship to Runway 3L/21R. The minor change in runway location is to enable future potential operational benefits.

In accepting the revised Airport Layout Plan, the FAA has determined the following: this action is consistent with the 1990 Master Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and 1992 EIS for Air Traffic Control Procedures; no significant new environmental or noise impacts would occur; and the proposed change in runway location will result in no impact to planned taxiways, apron areas, or noise berms.

Copies of the environmental documentation pertaining to the relocation of Runway 4/22 are available through the Detroit Airports District Office. For further information, please contact Mr. Ernest Gubry, FAA, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111 or phone (734) 487-7280.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that proposals will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 (Telephone: 734-525-8814) on or before October 14, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s):

PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM SELECTION

Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by the City Clerk. In a sealed envelope endorsed with the name(s) of item(s).

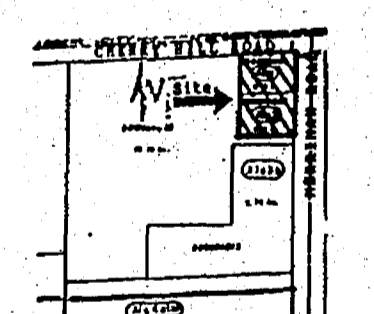
The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. In whole or in part and to waive any informalities when deemed in the best interest of the City.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
City Clerk-Treasurer
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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:

#1382B, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Arbor Drug Store with Drive-Thru Pharmacy, Parcels #065-99-0001-008 and -007, SW Corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman Roads, NE-22, Chris Brochet (Joseph R. Daly).



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, October 6, 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.
Published: September 24, 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.

Published: September 10, 13, 17, 20 & 24, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, September 29, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 A.M. 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.
80	CHRYSLER	4 DR LEBARON	RED	FP4GAG205519
86	FORD	2 DR MUSTANG	RED	1FABP28A0GF141127

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 A.M. 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:

88	CHEVROLET	CAPRICE STWAG	BLUE	1G1BN35Y0G9131485
89	OLDS	4 DR CUTLASS	GRAY	1G3NF54D0KM256701
98	FORD	ESCORT 2 DR	BLACK	3FAKP1137WR183947
96	FORD	ESCORT SW	GREEN	1FASP16J9TW173731
93	CHRYSL	2 DR LEBARON	BLACK	1C3XU4530PF640312
89	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER 2 DR	RED	1G1JF11W1K107138
85	FORD	ECONOLINE VAN	TAN/BROWN	1FDDP14F5FHA08298
93	PONT	4 DR LEMANS	BLU/GRAY	KL2TN6464PB304625

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.

30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION

Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after October 24, 1998, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

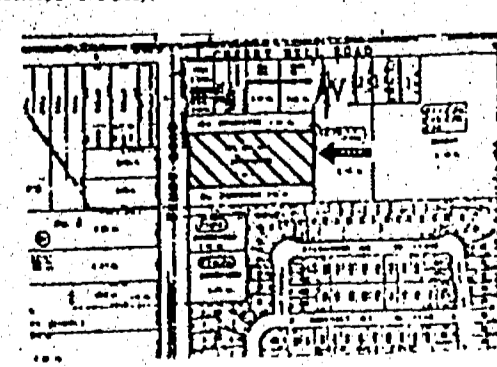
98	MANCO	MINIBIKE	RED	1657203
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Published: September 24, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

#757A, Special Land Use Approval for Proposed 140' High Monopole at Detroit Edison Substation, 211 Venoy Road, Parcel #066-99-0010-001, East Side of Venoy, South of Cherry Hill, NW-22, David L. Donnellon (Elaine Goon).



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ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman
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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Morawa-White

John and Patricia Rowe of Westland and James Morawa of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Rae Morawa, to David Michael White, the son of Dave and Jeanie White of Garden City.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School. She is employed as a secretary/project assistant at Versacom Inc. in Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a 1991 graduate of Garden City High School. He is employed as a road sales representative at Southland Landscaping Equipment. He is also the owner of Nature by Design, a landscaping company.

An October wedding is planned at Sts. Peter and Paul



Catholic Church in Detroit.

Corby-Allen

Thomas and Dolores Corby of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon, to Stephen Christopher Allen, the son of Stephen and Mary Allen, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She is studying occupational therapy at Wayne State University. She is employed at Buddy's Pizza.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed by Michael Priest and Associates and is planning a career in civil engineering.

A June wedding is planned at



St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn.

Manini-Homan

Kristin Margaret Manini and Brian Mitchell Homan were married July 25 at Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth. The Rev. Robert White officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Carolyn Manini of Canton. The groom is the son of Martin and Sharon Homan of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as an elementary school teacher in the Van Dyke School District.

The groom also is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed as an enzymologist by Parkdale Pharmaceuticals in Rochester.

The bride asked Angela Manini to serve as maid of honor, with Michelle Homan, Anne Johnson and Amy Kilbourn as bridesmaids. Kathleen Kilbourn was flower girl and Chelsea Lee was junior bridesmaid.

The groom asked Michael Swathwood to serve as best man, with Kevin Schlosser, Ryan Cobb



and Brett Williamson as groomsmen and Sean Zecman, Jody Mockridge, Justin Griffin and Brian Steib as ushers.

The couple received guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland before leaving on a honeymoon cruise of the southern Caribbean islands.

They are making their home in Clinton Township.

Schafer-Rowe

Dennis and Cheryl Schafer of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Ryan Rowe, the son of Les and Jackie Rowe of Saline.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is interning at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor this fall.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Saline High School and a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University. He is an agriscience teacher at Manchester High School.

A summer wedding is planned



at St. Andrew's Church in Saline.

Wyniarsky-Hayes

George and Patricia Wyniarsky of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Christina Maria, to Benjamin D. Hayes, the son of Kathleen Hayes of Westland and Lennis Hayes of Fenton.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and 1996 graduate of Henry Ford Community College. She is majoring in hearing impaired teaching at Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Childtime Children's Center and as a substitute teacher in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School. He is employed by Santeiu Vaults Inc.



An October wedding is planned at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Johnson-Hill-Boland

Kelly Lynn Boland and Nicholas Ian Johnson-Hill were married July 11 at All Saints' Church in Steep, Hampshire, England. The Rev. David Pine officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia Boland of Westland and the late Philip Boland. The groom is the son of Simon and Jenny Johnson-Hill of Petersfield, Hampshire, England.

The bride is a graduate of Wayne State University with a master's degree in sociology.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Ezeter with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He is employed by EDS as a systems engineer.

The bride asked Julie Ann Diel to serve as her maid of honor.

The groom asked Christian Keys to serve as his best man, with Patrick Boland and Jonathan Ball as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at



the home of the groom's parents before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Exmoor National Park in England.

They are making their home in Tadley, Hampshire, England.

Julin-Fischer

Robert and Doris Julin of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda J. of Livonia, to John J. Fischer Jr., the son of John Sr. and JoAnn Fischer of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is employed as a staffing coordinator at Insurance Overload Systems.

Her fiancé is employed as a fabricator at L. Rogers and Associates.

An October wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Flood-Hardy

Richard Evans Flood and Elizabeth Michelle Hardy were married May 16 at Northville Christian Assembly of God by the Revs. Otis Buchan and Nate Elarton.

The bride is the daughter of Mike and Pam Hardy of Westland. The groom is the son of Jim and Mariam Cost of Abbeville, Ala.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of John Glenn High School. The groom is the youth pastor at Bedford Christian Community Assembly of God in Temperance.

The bride asked Erin Hardy to be her maid of honor with bridesmaids Joy Buchan, Danielle Orlewicz, Alana Tucker and Becky Smith. Abigail Elarton and Rebekah McCormack served as flower girls.

The groom asked Steve Flood to be his best man with groomsmen Jason Buchan, James



Buchan, Dave Horning and Matthew Chase. Cameron Lollo was the ringbearer.

After receiving guests at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Toronto and northern Michigan. They are making their home in Temperance, Mich.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GARAGE SALE

A community garage sale benefiting Westland Youth Assistance Program and the Westland Therapeutic Department will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Westland City Hall parking lot, 36601 Ford Road. For space rentals, call (734) 722-7620.

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 five-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

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 obsoletes 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, east of Middlebelt. For information, call Ken Belanger at (734) 721-1810 or John Toye at (734) 729-8693.

SWEETEST DAY DANCE

The Stilettoe's 4th annual Sweetest Day Dance will be 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 17, at V.F.W. Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, in Westland. The dance will feature the Latin Counts and Shin Dig. Cost is \$20 a person in advance; \$22 a person at the door and includes beer, set-ups, and snacks. For ticket information, call (248) 542-5997, (734) 722-7907, (313) 849-0233, (734) 397-5659, or (734) 525-5680.

AUTHOR TO VISIT

Stephanie Mittman, author of "A Kiss to Dream On" will be at Paperbacks n' Things, 8044 N. Wayne Road, Westland, from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25. For information, call (734) 522-8018.

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THE STORY LADY

The Story Lady stops by to share some of her favorites. Children's Services area.

11 a.m. Saturdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7 and 21.

FALL STORYTIME SESSION II

Registration for fall session II begins Oct. 1 by phone or at the Children's Service Desk. Dates for session II are: Tuesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec. 1 and 8; Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2 and 9. The programs are as follows:

■ **Toddler Tales**
Choose one: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Session includes developmentally appropriate storytimes for children 18 to 36 months old. Movement, singing and stories will keep children interested. All toddlers must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required by phone or at the Children's Service Desk. Just for Me Preschool Time
Choose one: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays
A session of thematic storytimes for 3- to 5-year-olds intended to be independent experiences for children. Registration required by phone or at the Children's Service Desk.

AMERICAN GIRL PARTY

Program includes crafts and games that represent the different girls in the book series 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Dress up as your favorite. Advance registration is required by phone or at the Children's Service Desk. Community Meeting Room.

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

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PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

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

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

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

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 to those who attend the schools and parents, and members interested to have a voice in the school. Price \$5 for members, \$5 for non-members. Applications should be sent to Franklin High School, 31000 Franklin, Livonia 48150.

PROGRAM

A program for the Wayne County Community College District, 4000 Venoy in Westland, is offered at the community center, 4000 Venoy in Westland, for students 18 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus.

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

MOM'S MORNING OUT
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LIVONIA COOPERATIVE
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Fashion show

Chamber event: The Nicole's Revival Chamber of Commerce Fashion Show will be returning Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Joy Manor as part of the Westland Chamber's monthly business lunch for October. Nicole Christ, owner of the designer resale shop Nicole's Revival, is coordinator of the show. At left, John Toye, then president of the Chamber, models clothing at last year's show. Sponsorships of \$100 are needed for the event for runways and equipment. For more information, call the Westland Chamber of Commerce at (734) 326-7222.

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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.

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.

CLUBS IN ACTION
CONNECTION CHORUS
The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a group of women singing music arranged in barbershop style, is seeking singers who would like to learn and perform their favorite holiday songs. Rehearsals begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the UAW Local 898 Hall, 8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti.

PEANUT DAY SALE
The Kiwanis Club of Westland will hold its annual Kiwanis Peanut Day sale 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during September. The event will be held 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 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.

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.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

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ANNIVERSARIES



Zang

Wilbert and Dorothy Zang, 43-year Livonia residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a three-day weekend at Frankenmuth's Bavarian Lodge, spent with their children and grandchildren. The couple exchanged vows on April 24, 1948, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Detroit. She is the former Dorothy Kerstein. They have three children -

Katharine Flack and husband Walt of Dearborn Heights, Ronald and wife Pat of Manchester and Douglas and wife Stacey of Wyandotte - and four grandchildren.

The Zangs' first date was a blind date spent dancing to the music of the Harry James Band. They still enjoy dancing as well as bowling in a mixed league and walking.



Broderick

James and Norma Broderick of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a family luncheon at the Warren Valley Golf and Banquet Center in Dearborn Heights after renewing their vows at St. Genevieve Catholic Church in Livonia.

The couple exchanged vows on June 26, 1948, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Chicago, Ill. She is the former Norma Searce.

Forty-year residents of Livonia, they have seven children - Linda Bernhard and husband Tom of Redford, Tom of Livonia,

Edd and wife Wendi of Livonia, Jim of White Lake, Pat Jasko and husband Nick of Wixom, Tim and wife Phyllis of Redford and Mary Boyer and husband Mike of Redford. They also have 17 grandchildren.

Retired for 19 years, he was an underwriter and special agent in the insurance industry after serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. She is a homemaker.

They enjoy dining out and visiting their children and grandchildren. He also enjoys golf and going to the senior center while she enjoys reading, crocheting and being in the church choir.

Ehlke

Leslie and Joan Ehlke of Redford Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during a trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., with their children and grandchildren, and at a garden party with friends and family.

The couple married June 19, 1948, at St. Elizabeth Church in Detroit. She is the former Joan Jarzebowski.

They have eight children - Sue, Sharon Theroux, Gary, Paul, Mary Fegan, John, Jim, and June Yandan - and 15

grandchildren.

He retired in 1985 from Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. She retired in 1994 from the Ford Motor Co.

They are active with the Pvt. John Lyskawa VFW Post 7546, Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Knights of Columbus Council 5492, Daughters of Isabella bowling league and Redford Seniors Club.

They also enjoy low-impact aerobics, traveling, spending lots of time with their grandchildren and their families.



Frenchi

James and Irene Frenchi of Troy, formerly of Redford, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 15 at a family gathering at the Clarkston home of their son Mark.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 9, 1948, at St. Casimir's Church in Detroit. She is the former Irene Stroll.

The Frenchis have three mar-

ried children - Paul and wife Susan of Norfolk, Va., Mark and wife Kathy of Clarkston and Angela Sushko and husband Jack of Troy. They also have three grandchildren.

Retired 14 years, he is a former resident engineer at the Ford Motor Co.'s Wixom Assembly Plant and a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.



Gruska

Gary Lee and Sally Anne Gruska of Livonia celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary during a Florida vacation with their family.

The couple met on the beach at Camp Dearborn in 1969 and were married on July 28, 1973,

at St. Andrew's Church in Livonia. She is the former Sally Anne Koepfle.

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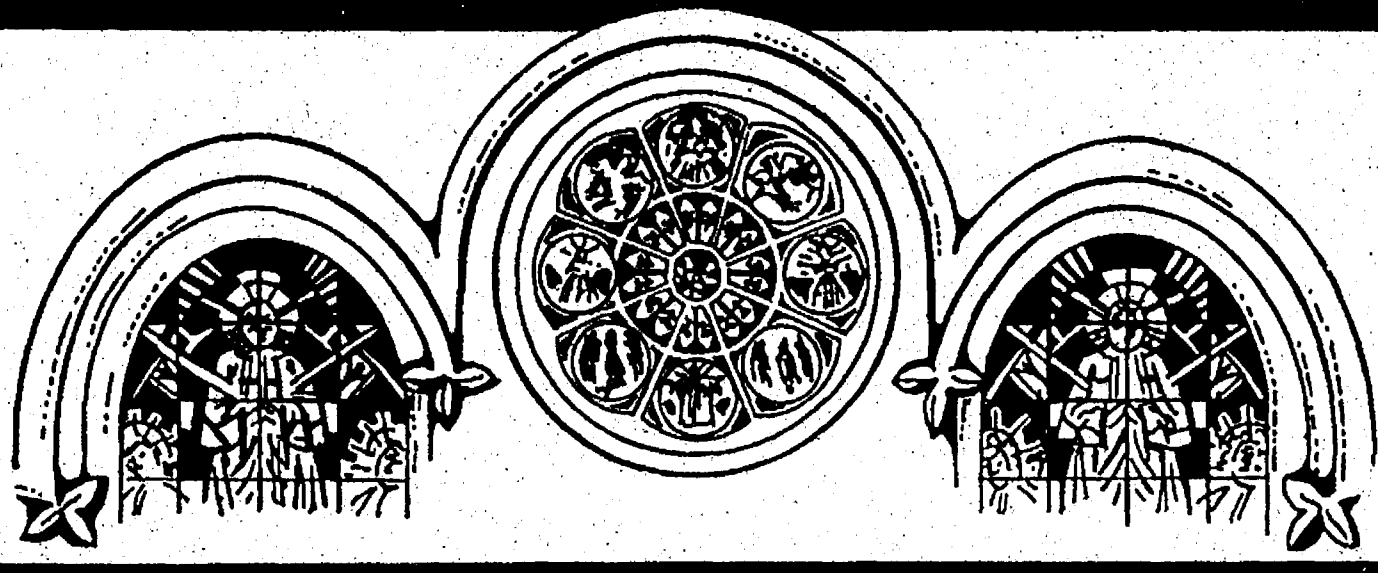
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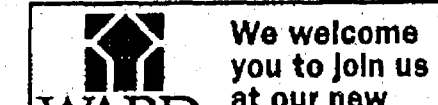
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CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ST. MEL'S
Crafters are needed for St. Mel's fifth annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 26 at the church, Inkster Road north of Warren Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be food and beverages, a special crafters' raffle and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Debbie Mathias at (734) 261-6881 or the church at (734) 274-0684.

WESTLAND CENTER
Raab Enterprises will have an arts and crafts show during regular mall hours Oct. 1-4 at Westland Mall, Warren and Wayne roads, Westland. There will be paintings, jewelry, needle crafts, toys floral designs, stained glass, wood crafts, decorative painting, country crafts, ceramics and more.

OLD VILLAGE
Plymouth's Old Village will host its third annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in the city's Liberty Street area. There will be demonstrations, musical entertainment, food, hand quilting, photography, hand-blown glass, garden statuary, painted furniture hand-spun knitwear and scrimshaw.

HANDCRAFTERS
Handcrafters will sponsor its 17th annual fall arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 10 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 11 at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. There will be more than 70 juried artisans displaying children's clothing, whimsical jewel-

ry, quilts, original acrylic paintings, doll clothes and cross-stitched items. Admission will be \$2. No strollers will be permitted. For more information, call (734) 459-0050.

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. There will be a bake sale and lunch counter; admission will be \$1. 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 Road, east of Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission will be free and there will be a bake sale and light lunch. For more information, or table rental, call (248) 426-6227.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will have its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 17, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. More than 70 crafters will display their work, and there will be hourly door prizes, raffle, refreshments and baked goods.

AT. AIDAN'S
St. Aidan's Women's Guild is looking for crafters for its craft show 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Space with no electricity costs \$30. For more information, call (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's 25th annual "Festival of Fashion '98" 10 a.m. Oct. 21 at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. For an application or more infor-

mation, call Peggy at (248) 477-8902 or Margaret at (734) 261-3737.

ST. ELIZABETH
St. Elizabeth Spiritual Church will have its holiday bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the church, 26431 West Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford. Arts and crafts, bake sale, luncheon and raffles will be featured. Table rental is \$20. For more information, call Kathy at (313) 937-2880.

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

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

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

MT. HOPE CONGREGATIONAL
Vendors are wanted for craft country bazaar 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 24 at Mount Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Tables are \$20 plus \$5 for electricity. There will be crafts, country collectibles, a bake sale and more. For more information, call (734) 425-3782.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are needed for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10-by-10-foot or 6-by-16-foot spaces cost \$50. Chairs are available on request and limited electricity at no additional charge. Admission will be \$1, children under age 12 free with an adult. For more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (734) 478-2395.

Sale helps emergency fund

The Farmington Area Community Women will hold the second-hand fall sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3, at the William Costick Activities Center, 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Farmington Hills.

Admission will be \$1. Refreshments will be available and strollers permitted.

Tables are available for \$30 each and can be ordered by call-

ing (248) 476-9074 or (248) 489-0803.

Farmington Area Community Women is a non-profit community group which raises money for local charities. Proceeds from the fall sale will go to the Farmington Emergency Fund which helps pay electric, gas, doctor bills and the like of local families in time of need.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Hartsells at Joe Louis

The Westland pairs team of Danielle and Steve Hartsell will compete once again in the Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '98, Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

The Hartsells placed fourth in 1998 State Farm U.S. Championships and were 1997 World Junior champions.

The Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '98 is one of six events that make up the ISU Championships Series that culminates in the Grand Prix Final, March 4-7, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Also scheduled to compete are 1998 Olympic Silver medalists and reigning world champion pairs Elena Bereznina and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia; three-time World Champion Elvis Stojko of Canada; and U.S. Olympic Team member Nicole Bobek of Chicago, Ill.

For ticket information, call (313) 965-3099.

Looney Baker 50-0

Looney Baker of Livonia recently capped a 26-0 season in the over-70 Suburban Senior Slow Pitch Softball League.

Managed by Gene Schrock (Livonia), Bill Brown (Milford) and pitcher Jack Mueller (Livonia), Looney Baker, has gone 50-0 during the past two seasons.

Other members of the Looney Baker team include: Huston Harris, Bob Glassier, Tim Brennan, Chuck Iskenderian, Bob Dieter, Bill McCann, Lary Ratchford, Ralph Hight, all of Livonia; Bob Armstrong, Bob Hayrup and Ed Taylor, Westland; Tom Cotter, Ray Morgan and Ray Anderson, Redford; Max Garbor, Southfield.

Youth soccer champions

The Livonia Meteors, an under-11 girls soccer team sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA, recently captured the Capitol Area Classic in Lansing with a 3-0-1 record.

Members of the Meteors, coached by Doug Calvin, include: Christen Biskelonis, Ashley Calvin, Christina Curl, Kati Germain, Wendy Hoots, Kate Kelly, Mary Peszek, Jamie Radley, Michele Roffey, Anna Ross, Paige Taylor, Jessica Theisen, Stephanie Thom, Laura Trosell, Casey Van Swearingen and Emma Wojtowicz.

Bob Theisen is the assistant coach, while Mike Trosell is the team manager. The trainer is Jeff Bobo.

Collegiate note

Loyola (Ill.) University freshman Sarah Poglits (Livonia Ladywood) was named to the All-Tournament team at the Chicago Challenge.

Twisters corral Stallions

Pat Bowie (Plymouth Salem) scored on touchdown runs of 16 and 21 yards Saturday, leading the Wayne County Twisters to a 13-0 Lake Shore Football League win over the host Fremont (Ohio) Stallions.

The Twisters rushed for a total of 210 yards on 35 attempts and played solid defense to run their season record to 6-2.

Jermaine Bates came up with three interceptions, two to stop Stallion scoring threats during the first half.

The Twisters also registered five sacks led by middle linebacker Robert Pensari (Canton) with two. Pensari also blocked two passes and had six tackles.

James Chapman (Plymouth) led the Twisters with seven tackles and one sack. Tim Kilmartin and Nick Bellovary (Garden City) had the other sacks.

The Twisters travel Sunday to play the Toledo Torandos at Northwood (Ohio) High School. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Twisters will take on the league-leading Motor City Cougars, 7-1 and rated No. 15 in the nation, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at Academy of Detroit (old Cherry Hill High School).

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48160; or send via fax to (734) 691-7279.

Guess who's 3-0? Clarenceville

Ragland's 91-yard TD topples LW

PREP FOOTBALL

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER

Clinging to a 13-7 lead late in the third quarter, Livonia Clarenceville's defense had just stopped Lutheran Westland inside the 10-yard line.

That's when senior linebacker Walter Ragland made a quick change and put on his Superman cape.

The 6-foot, 195-pound tailback cut around the right end, turned up field and made an electrifying 91-yard touchdown run.

The play spurred Clarenceville to its third straight football win, 28-6, and kept Lutheran Westland winless.

Ironically, Lutheran Westland had held Ragland pretty much in check up until that point — 67 yards on 15 carries.

"It was an unbalanced play off tackle," Clarenceville coach Chuck Donaldson said. "Walt broke it to the outside and it was off to the races."

"He's a power runner with speed. The thing he does best is that he reads so well and makes such good cuts. He anticipates, and he's smart. And that's what separates him from most backs."

After Ragland's TD, Clarenceville quarterback John Wallace hit sophomore tight end Scott Wion with the two-point pass to make it 21-6 with 1:26 remaining in the third period.

Ragland also ran for a 5-yard TD in the first quarter. The score was a result of a Lutheran Westland turnover at midfield when the punt was mishandled (Tony Rachoza recovered the fumble).



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Busting through: Clarenceville senior tailback Walter Ragland (No. 33 with ball), with the help of his offensive line, tries to break the grasp of Lutheran Westland tackler Charlie Hoeft (No. 32).

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Clarenceville led 13-0 after one quarter when Wallace scored on a 1-yard keeper. That was also off a Warrior turnover when freshman Brennan Tomanovich recovered an onside kick at the Lutheran Westland 32 with 4:14 to go in the first quarter.

"We worked on that a little bit this week because our kickoff team is not the greatest," Donaldson said. "We might as well kick it short instead of giving them a chance of running it back."

But the momentum shifted toward

the host Warriors in the second quarter.

Quarterback Gordie Engel directed a 55-yard, 14-play scoring drive which consumed seven minutes and 20 seconds off the clock.

Engel scored off a 4-yard keeper, but the Warriors' two-point try was stopped.

The two teams then exchanged turnovers to start the third quarter.

Ragland fumbled and Josh Fritch intercepted an Engel pass.

But the Warriors mounted a third-quarter drive from their own 40 down

to the Clarenceville 9, only to be repelled inside the 10.

That's when Ragland broke the game open.

"I just think he's a swell kid and I hope he gets something college-wise," Lutheran Westland coach Gary Kamin said of the Clarenceville back. "He can easily play Division III football somewhere and Division II is very possible."

Fritch, the 6-0, 180-pound senior outside linebacker, recovered a fumble at the Lutheran Westland 43 to start the fourth quarter and the Trojans didn't

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Spartans win showdown

Mathis' header spurs Stevenson victory vs. Rocks

BOYS SOCCER

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

It took 22 games last season for the Plymouth Salem soccer team to taste defeat.

The Rocks' drive to a perfect season stalled in the state finals when they lost to Troy Athens.

And entering Monday's game at Livonia Stevenson, it appeared Salem was on the road to another chance to go undefeated this season.

But the Spartans had other ideas as they held on for a 2-1 victory, despite being outplayed for much of the game.

With the win, Stevenson takes command of the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Spartans are 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the division.

Salem, most likely losing its No. 1 ranking in Class A, slipped to 8-1-2 overall, 5-1 in the WLAA and 1-1 in the Lakes.

"We were optimistic about our chances of winning the league, but our most important goal is winning the state championship," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "This experience will certainly help us as now the team knows what it's like to lose. I think you'll see a more inspired Salem team from here on."

For Stevenson's first-year coach Lars Richter, the victory was the biggest in his coaching career.

"To say the least this is my biggest win," Richters said. "I came in to the game with the utmost respect for Salem and knew the type of tactical and physical game we were up against. But I felt good about our group of players as well."

"We still have things to work on before I would consider us the team to beat, but the effort was terrific



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Sure hands: Stevenson goalkeeper Joe Suchara (bottom, right) makes the stop in front of Salem's Mike Thomas (middle) and teammate Nick Soper in Monday's Lakes Division showdown.

tonight."

The difference in the game was a header by senior Jon Mathis at the four-minute mark of the second half. Mathis converted a perfect corner kick from senior Sergio Mainella.

The Rocks carried the play most of the game and held a 14-6 shooting advantage. But Salem failed to score in the second half despite having numerous opportunities.

"You have to give credit to Stevenson who was extremely opportunistic," McCarthy said. "We had some good opportunities and I'm very

pleased with the way we played. Stevenson is certainly one of the best teams in the state and we played a great game."

The Rocks rather missed the net with their opportunities or were stopped by Stevenson goalkeeper Joe Suchara. The senior made his final stop with three minutes remaining on a 15-yard blast by Brett Stinar.

Suchara made his best save of the game a minute into the contest when he robbed Aaron Rypkowski with a diving stop.

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Shamrocks eat up Rice in grid test

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's not the Boys Bowl anymore, but try convincing members of the Redford Catholic Central football team of that.

The inspired Shamrocks beat Birmingham Brother Rice, 35-14, as the two teams resumed their rivalry two weeks earlier than usual, on a Saturday instead of Sunday, and at Birmingham Groves instead of Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

CC scored three second-quarter touchdowns for a commanding 21-0 halftime lead. Fumble recoveries in Rice territory set up the first two touchdowns and a long punt return set up the third.

No. 1 ranked CC, off two weeks due to a second-week cancellation, improved to 2-0 overall. Rice lost for the first time in three games.

The Shamrocks spoiled the starting debut of Rice sophomore Matt Baker, recording three sacks and two interceptions. Baker, playing in place of injured senior Pat Craddock, completed two of seven passes for nine yards. Craddock is out two to five weeks with a knee injury.

"Turnovers, right from the beginning, hurt us and we never got the momentum back," Rice coach Al Fracassa said. "That's a very powerful team. It's like they clone those guys, they look the same every year. The young sophomore did the best he could and he'll get better."

CC senior Dave Lusky was busy as he completed five of 11 passes for 119 yards, scored on a 1-yard dive, made all four of his extra point attempts, punted three times and intercepted a pass in the secondary.

"It was our day today," Lusky said. "To us, this is our 'Boys Bowl.' This is what every senior lives for at CC: To play Rice and win. It's a dream come true."

Junior tailback John Kava gained 137 yards on 20 carries, showing power and speed with touchdown runs of 24, 1 and 64 yards. Senior running back

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Kyle Entsminger had 57 yards on 10 carries, scoring on a nine yard run.

Senior Broce Naysmith opened holes at offensive guard and had an impact at inside linebacker and special teams, leading the Shamrocks in tackles. Naysmith, filling in for injured all-state candidate Casey Rogowski, and the defensive front of Jeremiah Hicks, John Abshire and Lou Willoughby, helped limit Rice to one first down and six yards total offense in the first half.

"At the start of this year I didn't want to play it because I wanted Casey to play it," Naysmith said. "But Casey said 'You've got to step up and take my spot.' I was in a zone today. I'm just waiting for Casey to come back."

A fumble recovery by CC's Marc Frohm at the Rice 32 set up the Shamrocks' first score, a nine-yard run on third down by Entsminger with 6:51 left in the half. A 26-yard pass to tight end Nick Brzezinski on third down and 19 put the ball on Rice's 15, one play after Lusky was sacked by Ted Jones and Brooks Hartnett.

Rice's next possession ended with a fumble recovery by junior nose guard Jeremiah Hicks, giving CC the ball again at the Warriors' 32. A 13-yard recep-



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL HANSON

Carrying the pigskin: CC's Kyle Entsminger (right) tries to break the hold of a Brother Rice tackler.

tion by Brzezinski led to a 24-yard run by Kava with 5:41 left, raising the lead to 14-0.

Before the half ended, the Shamrocks added a one-yard touchdown run by Kava following Jason Woehlke's 39-yard punt return to the Rice 15.

Lusky's one-yard dive with 4:24 left in the third quarter capped a 10-play 69-yard drive that really was 91 after three CC penalty's pushed the Shamrocks back. A 26-yard catch by Jeff Potts on third and 25 from the CC 15 had to kill Rice's spirit.

"That play was real big, set the tone for the second half," said Lusky, crediting the time he received from Naysmith, Frohm, Brian Parent, Michael Morris and Steve Dominguez on the offensive line.

Rice's Adam Rink recovered a CC fumble at the Shamrocks' 9 late in the third quarter, setting up Mike Scott's 9-yard run to cut the deficit to 28-7.

After Kava made the lead 35-7 with his 64-yard run in the first minute of the fourth quarter, Rice scored with 6:02 left.

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waste any time.

They scored in six plays, capped by Wallace's 1-yard run.

The Trojans outgained Lutheran Westland in total yardage, 298-146, and in first downs, 15-9.

Engel had 61 yards in nine carries, while Scott Archer added 50 yards in 15 carries. (Archer also had 15 tackles.)

"This was our best effort as far as moving the ball," Kamin said. "We came back from being two

scores down. We need a couple more experienced players. We're getting better. We just need game experience."

Donaldson, meanwhile, knew the outcome was hanging in the balance late in the third quarter.

"We got a little lazy," he said. "The kids have to understand the game is four quarters, not two."

"It's 13-6 and if they (Lutheran Westland) score, our backs are really up against the wall."

"But I'm glad to see the kids win. Times were getting tough and they (Lutheran Westland) were driving down the field to go ahead, but we toughed it up and got the ball back. It was nice to see."

And it also helps to have a tailback like Ragland.

Redford games take stage

By BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER

Life is good, especially if you're talking football in Redford.

Four of the five Redford teams remain undefeated, while the other, Bishop Borgess made it a 5-0 weekend sweep with a surprising 20-0 win over Royal Oak Shrine.

Redford teams are 12-2 so far this season.

But something has got to give this weekend as Redford Thurston travels to Redford Union in a battle for first place Friday in the Mega-Blue Division.

Get there early.

Meanwhile, Redford Catholic Central (2-0) passed its first test of the season with flying colors, ripping former Boys Bowl rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 35-14.

The Shamrocks will take on their new Boys Bowl opponent, Detroit St. Martin DePorres, 1 p.m. Sunday at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

Redford St. Agatha, under first-year coach Butch Conz, also remained unbeaten by whipping Taylor Light & Life, 38-0.

Another key battle will be Friday night when Metro Conference rivals Livonia Clarenceville and Harper Woods collide in a meeting of unbeaten.

And that leaves only two other unbeaten left in Observerland — Western Lakes powers Farmington Hills Harrison and Westland John Glenn.

As far as the prognostication race goes, yours truly suffered his most humiliating week going 7-7. That leaves me with a 30-14 mark.

My colleague, Dan O'Meara, forged ahead with a 9-5 week. He now leads by two games at 32-12 overall.

Here is a look at this week's action:

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

Red. Thurston (3-0, 2-0) at Redford Union (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.: Ironically, these Mega-Blue teams were voted fourth and fifth best in a preseason coaches poll. But now the game has huge implications. Thurston, coming off a 19-7 win over Woodhaven, has won three of the past four meetings. RU, which scored an eye-popping 41-6 win last week over Ypsilanti, could put itself in playoff position with a victory. **PICKS:** Emons is sick of picking against the Panthers, so Mr. Rigley, the pressure is on you and your teammates to come through and make me look like a genius.

Liv. Churchill (1-2, 1-0) at Northville (1-2, 0-1): The Chargers gave their fans something to cheer about last week by earning their first home victory since 1989, a 14-0 win over Plymouth Canton. Northville is coming off a 35-0 loss to top-ranked Harrison. **PICKS:** Northville gets back on track this WLA Western Division encounter.

N. Farmington (1-2, 0-1) at Liv. Stevenson (1-2, 0-1): Both teams lost last week by identical 14-7 counts — Stevenson (in overtime) to Plymouth Salem and North to rival Farmington. Spartan fans have made it known that questionable calls down the stretch led to the Salem victory. North, outscored 105-21 in its first three games (they won by forfeit when Orchard Lake St. Mary's used an ineligible player), is hoping to give coach Rich Burrell his first real win of the year. **PICKS:** Stevenson gets back to .500 with the WLA-Lakes Division victory.

Fly. Canton (0-3, 0-1) at Walled Lake Western (3-0, 1-0): The Chiefs missed their chance last week to give first-year coach Tim Baechler his first victory, losing to Churchill, 14-0. Western, averaging over 40 points per game, appears have to

GRID PREDICTIONS

another powerhouse. The Warriors blitzed Franklin last week, 49-7. **PICKS:** Western gears up for its WLA Western Division showdown with another lopsided win.

Walled Lake Central (0-3, 0-1) at Ply. Salem (2-1, 1-0): Salem coach Tom Moshimer admitted feeling a little lucky after the Rocks pulled out some late heroics en route to a 14-7 OT victory over Stevenson. Central, the defending WLA-Lakes Division champion, got running back Nathan Bruce back in the lineup for limited duty, but the Vikings, who gave up eight sacks in a 20-0 loss to John Glenn, must protect quarterback Cory Heitsch to have a shot at the Rocks. **PICKS:** Salem stays in the hunt.

Southgate (0-3, 0-2) at Wayne (2-1, 1-1): Wayne Memorial coach Floyd Carter proved you can come home again after last week's stunning 27-7 win over state-ranked Belleville. The Zebras are also glad Cameron Mingo was back for limited duty. Southgate, definitely destined for last place in the Mega-Red, is coming off a 49-0 loss to state-ranked Monroe. **PICKS:** Wayne wins again.

Lincoln Park (3-0, 2-0) at Garden City (1-2, 0-2): Life apparently is good for the Railsplitters in the Mega-White after a 31-0 win last Friday over Taylor Kennedy. GC, meanwhile, made a respectable showing against Mega-Red contender Dearborn Fordson, falling 20-0. **PICKS:** Lincoln Park rides GC out on a rail.

Clarenceville (3-0, 2-0) at Harper Woods (3-0, 2-0): This game, moved from Saturday to Friday under temporary lights, could determine the Metro Conference champion. Clarenceville coach Chuck Donaldson, whose team beat Lutheran Westland 28-6 on Saturday, said "We'll definitely be tested next week. Harper Woods is a good team; but I think we can play with them." The state-ranked Pioneers (Class C), a 37-14 victor last week over Detroit Holy Redeemer, are led by Aaron Cooper (160 yards and two TDs) and Lee Dochak (67 yards on eight carries). Clarenceville counters with senior tailback Walter Ragland and speedy quarterback John Wallace. **PICKS:** Harper Woods prevails.

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

Westland Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at Farmington (1-2, 1-0): The Falcons gave coach John Bechtel his first win with a 14-7 win over rival North. Glenn's defense, meanwhile, held Walled Lake Central to 55 total yards in a 20-0 victory. **PICKS:** It's the Rockets' afternoon.

Red. St. Agatha (3-0, 2-0) at Cardinal Mooney (1-2, 1-1): It's a long drive to Marine City, but the Aggies, a 38-0 winner last week over Taylor Light & Life, should make the trip worthwhile. Mooney, a 35-8 victor last week over Wyandotte Mount Carmel, rely on Anthony Smerek, who had 101 yards in seven carries and a 70-yard kickoff return. **PICKS:** Agatha stays on top of the Catholic League's D-Section.

Luth. Westland (0-3) at Dbn. St. Alphonsus (3-0): This is a non-league. Dearborn St. Alphonsus, a member of the Catholic League's D-Section, has played three lightweights — Adrian Madison, Taylor Light & Life and winless Hamtramck St. Florian (22-8). Lutheran Westland, which gave unbeaten Livonia Clarenceville a mild scare, must stay away from turnovers to earn a win. **PICKS:** Emons says the Warriors will put one in the victory books. O'Meara thinks the Arrows will stay unbeaten.

SUNDAY'S GAMES (both at 1 p.m.)

Redford CC (2-0, 0-0) vs. Detroit DePorres (2-1, 0-0) at Wiener Stadium: The Shamrocks could be called the "Clones" as far as Birmingham Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa is concerned after his team was dumped by the No. 1 Shamrocks, 35-14. This is the key game in Central-West this season. With the winner mostly likely going to the Prep Bowl. DePorres, coming off a 14-13 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary, is led by All-State candidate Max West, a 6-foot-4, 300-pound two-way tackle. **PICKS:** CC riding high again.

Bishop Borgess (1-2, 0-0) vs. Det. E. Catholic (0-3, 0-0) at Detroit Denby: The Spartans made waves last week by surprising Royal Oak Shrine, 20-0, while East Catholic was downed by non-league opponent Ecorse, 34-12. **PICKS:** Borgess keeps the momentum going.

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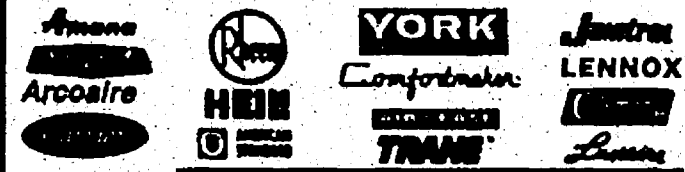
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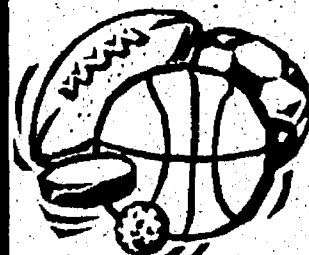
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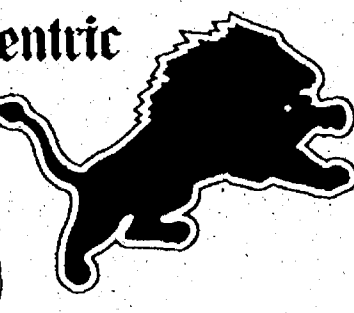
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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Chargers top Mustangs, 5-3

Kithas nets 4 goals, 20 for year

George Kithas scored four times, running his season total to 20, as Livonia Churchill's boys soccer team stayed alive in the Western Division race in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 5-3 win Monday over visiting Northville.

Mark Sicilia contributed a goal and three assists, while Kithas and Ken Kozlow each had assists as the victorious Chargers ran their season record to 7-1-1 overall and 2-0-1 in the division.

Churchill led 2-1 at halftime and then scored three unanswered goals in the second half.

"I thought we passed the ball fairly well, especially in the first half," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "In the second half when we scored three in a row we were distributing the ball and finding the open man real well."

The loss drops Northville to 4-5-1 overall.

WAYNE 5, SOUTHGATE 2: Austin Rowland's move from defense to offensive paid off Monday as host Wayne Memorial (4-3, 3-1) gained a Mega-Blue Division victory over Southgate Anderson (2-2 division).

Rowland had a hat trick for the victorious Zebras.

"He's a good player and we just wanted to try him up front and see what he'd do," Wayne coach Larry Brenner said. "I'll have him at forward a couple of more games. He's a very aggressive player."

Senior midfielder Ken Raupp had a goal and one assist, while forward Nick Warmolts tallied the other Glenn goal.

Assists were added by junior defender Justin Tucker, senior midfielder Tim Stark and senior defender Justin Beseler.

Mike Genevich and Jimmy Mullins each scored goal for the Titans.

Wayne goalkeeper Matt Arnett made eight saves.

FARMINGTON 1, JOHN GLENN 0: In a WLAALakes Division game Monday, the host Falcons (7-3-1, 2-1) won it in the 60th minute on Tim Rais' goal from Chris Holton to turn back Westland John Glenn (4-4-1, 0-2-1).

Farmington goalkeeper Matt Gasparotto made five saves in each half to post the shutout.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Freshman Jeff Broge, notched his second hat trick of the season Tuesday, propelling Lutheran High Westland (6-2-1, 3-1) to the Metro Conference win over Livonia Clarenceville (0-6, 0-3).

Senior co-captains Ryan Ollinger and Clint Gowen, along with sophomore Ernie Fackler, also tallied goals for the Warriors.

Sophomore Brad Nollar had two assists, while senior co-captain Mike Randall, and freshmen John Devries and Justin Combs contributed one apiece.

Goalkeepers Andy Glesman, Nollar and Devries combined on the shutout.

Clarenceville's Sept. 17 game against Hamtramck was postponed due to lack of game officials. It will be reset for an undetermined future date.

The Trojans also lost earlier in the week, 7-0 to Madison Heights Lamphere, and 8-0 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

U-D JESUIT 2, REDFORD CC 0: In a Catholic League Central Division game played Tuesday at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, University of Detroit-Jesuit dropped Redford Catholic Central to 4-5-1 overall with the shutout.

BROTHER RICE 3, REDFORD CC 2: On Sunday, Birmingham Brother Rice rallied from a 2-1 halftime deficit to beat host Redford Catholic Central in a Central Division matchup.

Matt Holcomb, Matt Cleary and Joe Morelli tallied goals for the victorious Warriors (8-3-0, 2-0). Ken Toporek and Gavin Walsh scored for the Shamrocks.



Floating on air: Chris Podolak (left) of Redford Catholic Central and a U-D player converge on the ball.

Lake battle from page C1

Salem found the net at the 14 minute mark, however, when sophomore Jeff Haar tipped in a shot by Scott Duhl. Haar was in the game giving Giuseppe Ianni a rest.

The game appeared one-sided when the Spartans received a break with 1:34 remaining in the first half. Junior forward Tom Eller was taken down in front of the Salem goal and awarded a penalty kick. Eller made no mistake, firing a shot past the left side of Salem goalkeeper Brian Wozniak.

The goal knotted the game at 1-1 at halftime.

"I felt good with it 1-1 because I think we may have come in to the game a bit fearful of Salem and maybe giving them too much respect," Richters said. "The goal we scored late in the half was huge for us mentally."

"I thought we were calm and relaxed at halftime and felt we could come out, continue to carry the play and score a couple goals," McCarthy said.

The Spartans played without speedy senior forward Tony Maldonado due to disciplinary problems. His loss could have made the Spartans vulnerable to Salem's speed advantage.

"Tony could have helped with our plan which was to play defense better than we have been lately and to pick our spots to counter attack," Richters said. "But it wasn't the game plan that won tonight. It was the effort of 11 individuals who deserve the credit."

MEN'S COLLEGIATE SOCCER

Emert lifts Madonna by Siena Heights, 3-1

A pair of goals-plus an assist by Scott Emert kept Madonna University's conference record clean as the fall sky.

Emert's two goals Monday rallied host Madonna to a 3-1 men's soccer victory over Siena Heights University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The Crusaders are now 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the WHAC. The Saints fell to 6-2 but are 1-2 in the league.

Dave Hart was only called on to make two saves for Madonna, which put eight shots on Nick DeKam.

Emert, assisted by Victor Rodopoulos, broke a scoreless tie at the 29-minute mark of the second half and 12 minutes later scored again off an assist by Keith Barber.

Siena's Steve Mazimpaka scored at the 41-minute mark but Keith Gniewek, assisted by Emert, put the game out of reach two minutes later.

Madonna freshman Sam Piraine earned WHAC Player of the Week honors for getting three goals and an assist the week before.

Ocelots keep winning

Coach Van Dimitriou's Schoolcraft College team kept up its pace with three victories last week, improving to 8-1 overall and 2-0 in league play.

Against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Saturday, Schoolcraft took a 2-0 victory.

Scott Hurlbert and Musoki Mulenga took turns scoring headers off each other's passes late in the second half to give the Ocelots a win.

Hurlbert scored at the 78th minute and five minutes later reciprocated on Mulenga's tally.

Schoolcraft played at Macomb

CC on Wednesday and has a Friday afternoon meeting set with the No. 1 team in the national junior college ranks, College of DuPage.

It's the same school Schoolcraft edged, 1-0, in the first round of last year's national playoffs.

Earlier last week, Schoolcraft went to Delta and brought home a 6-1 victory.

The Ocelots spotted the home team a goal at the 30-minute mark, then tied it 10 minutes later. Matt Nyholm scored off an assist by Ayman Atwa.

It was all Schoolcraft in the second half, however, as Rob Gumber triggered the rout off a setup by Mulenga. Ryan Konley got Coach Dimitriou his third goal, off an assist by Bart Mays.

Mulenga made it 4-1, assisted by Atwa, and two reversed their roles on the next goal. Hurlbert assisted on a goal by Matt Shaw to wrap up the scoring.

On Monday, Schoolcraft went to Battle Creek and beat Kellogg Community College, 5-2.

Mike Minnicilli notched the first goal off an assist by Dave Lotarski. Mulenga, assisted by Gumber, made it 2-0 at the half.

Minnicilli set up Lotarski for the third goal while Mulenga converted a Gumber feed once again to make it 4-0.

KCC made it 4-1 before Shannon Lamb completed the scoring for Schoolcraft, assisted by Minnicilli.

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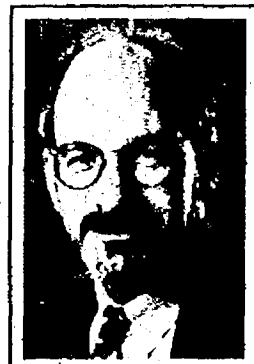
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Entry fee is \$15 before Sept. 25 and \$18 after. All pre-paid entries will receive a long-sleeve shirt; all late entries receive shirts while the supply lasts.

Medals will be presented to the top five male and female finishers in the one-mile run/walk, and to the top three male and female finishers in each age division in the 5-K and 10-K runs. Awards will also be presented to the first male and first female finisher.

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HOME RUN CONTEST

A father-son home run hitting contest for youngsters 16-and-under and adults will be Saturday, Sept. 26 at Put One In the Upper Deck, 235 E. Main Street, Northville.

First prize is a one-hour hitting lesson from Barbaro Garbey, a member of the 1984 World Champion Detroit Tigers.

Prizes and trophies will be awarded for each age bracket.

The entry fee is \$20. Those who register before Sept. 24 will receive six free batting cage tokens.

For more information, call (248) 349-0008.

Put One in the Upper Deck will also stage its indoor baseball and softball instructional leagues for the following age groups (times are 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.):

Girls 18-and-under, Mondays, starting Oct. 5 (fastpitch); boys 12-and-under, starting Tuesday, Oct. 6; boys 14-and-under and 18-

and-under, starting Wednesday, Oct. 7.

The cost for five-player teams is \$350 (10-game season and playoff game). The registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 1.

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Tryouts for the Michigan Indians 14-year-old team will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4 at Flodin Park, located off Saltz Road in Canton Township.

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Tryouts for 12- and 10-and-under Little Caesars Federation baseball teams will be 3-7 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. Interested players must contact Bill Hardin to register at 313-562-4667.

ADULT SOCCER LEAGUES

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Among the leagues being offered include co-ed, men's Division I and II, men's 30-plus, women's 18-plus and women's open.

Team fees are \$775 (you will receive a \$50 discount if registered before Thursday, Oct.). Individual sign-up is \$65. Fees include officials and T-shirt.

For more information, call (248) 374-0500.

PARENT-CHILD GOLF OUTING

The Milford Police Athletic League will host a Parent/Child golf outing Sunday, Oct. 11 at Mystic Creek Golf Course.

Teams will be assigned to flights by the child's age and trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in each of the five divisions.

The cost is \$35 per person (includes 18 holes of golf, cart and buffet lunch.)

For more information, call Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Sept. 25
 Redford CC vs. DePories at Pontiac Wisner, 1 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Card. Mooney, 1 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at St. Alphonsus, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
 John Glenn at Farmington, 1 p.m.
 St. Agatha at Card. Mooney, 1 p.m.
 Luth. W'sid at St. Alphonsus, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27
 Redford CC vs. DePories at Pontiac Wisner, 1 p.m.
 Blahop Borgese vs. E. Catholic at Detroit Denby, 1 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Thursday, Sept. 24
 Luth. W'sid at Luth. N'west, 6:30 p.m.
 Ecorse at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.
 Belleville at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.
 Thurston at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
 RU at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.
 N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 St. Agatha at E. Catholic, 7 p.m.
 Divine Child at Mercy, 7 p.m.
 Flat Rock at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25
 Bishop Borgese at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Oak. Christ., 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer
Thursday, Sept. 24
 Macomb Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
 Hamtramck at Luth. W'sid, 4:30 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.
 Thurston at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25
 Garden City at Taylor Truman, 4 p.m.
 Franklin at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at Country Day, 7 p.m.
 Harrison at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
 Churchill at Troy Athens, 11 a.m.
 Brighton at Salem, 11:30 a.m.
 Redford CC at DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.
 Troy at Canton, 3 p.m.

Men's College Soccer
Friday, Sept. 25
 DuPage (Ill.) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
 Tri-State (Ind.) at Madonna, 2 p.m.

Women's College Soccer
Saturday, Sept. 26
 St. Mary's at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Concordia at Whitman Field, 4 p.m.

Women's College Volleyball
Thursday, Sept. 24
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Aquinas College, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26
 Madonna at Hillsdale, 1:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Marian rips Blazers

Birmingham Marian is a measuring stick for many metro area girls basketball teams. Which means it is also a punishment stick. Livonia Ladywood learned how far it has to go and what it has to do to get there Tuesday night when Marian hosted the Blazers and gave them a 57-42 lesson in their mutual Catholic League Central Division opener.

State-ranked Marian got out its 1-3-1 half-court trap and slapped it on Ladywood, which chose the wrong method to deal with it.

The Blazers tried going over the top instead of dribbling through but Marian kept picking the passes off and turning them into baskets.

Marian opened with a 24-9 lead in the first quarter but Ladywood settled down and was only outscored by a point, 8-7, in the second half.

It was 18-8 in the third quarter, which the Blazers negated with a 17-7 final period.

Nellie Byers had 15 points and Nicole Anacionu 14 to lead Marian. Anacionu also had 10 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Erin Hayden led Ladywood with 13 points, all in the second half.

Melissa Harakas had nine points plus four steals while Michelle Harakas had eight points and six rebounds.

Ladywood (3-4, 0-1) made only 31 percent of its field goals while Marian (5-2, 1-0) made 55 percent of its shots.

Huron Valley 45, Fairlane 18: Stacie Graves scored 11 points Tuesday night and two of her teammates nearly combined to outscore Fairlane Christian as the Hawks earned their first victory.

Huron Valley Lutheran jumped out to a 14-2 lead and never looked at all like a team that had lost its first five games of the season. Fairlane Christian is now 0-5.

It was 25-7 after one half and 35-9 after three periods.

Jessie Cherundolo contributed nine points and Rachel Zahn eight plus nine rebounds. Mandy Cherundolo had six assists.

Fairlane Christian got six points from Amy Ponce.

Churchill 55, Edsel Ford 29: The Chargers outscored the Thunderbirds in every quarter Tuesday night to raise their record to 4-2.

Guard Kersten Conklin led host Livonia Churchill with 17 points. Lauren Ruprecht added nine points.

Edsel Ford got eight points from Erin Schatranic.

The Chargers started out with a 14-10 first quarter, added a 14-8 second period and went 17-7 in the third.

Lutheran North 54, Clarenceville 15: The host Trojans got out of the gate slowly Tuesday night and never threatened.

Clarenceville (0-6) is now winless in four Metro Conference contests.

Christina Skrela led Livonia Clarenceville with eight points. Danielle Sledz had a team-best seven rebounds.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF RESULTS

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 206
LIVONIA STEVENSON 214
 Sept. 21 at Edgewood

Central scorers: Cory Johnson, 38; Lee Aho, 40; Dominic Vitale and Mark Hamilton, 41 each; Jason Mulligan, 46.

Stevenson scorers: Steve Polanski, 37 (medalist); Kevin Yuhasz, 41; Tim Vanecek, 43; Mike Byberg, 45; Matt DiPonio, 48.

Dual meet records: Central, 60 overall and 6-0 Western Lakes; Stevenson, 5-2 overall and 4-2 Western Lakes.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 207
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 207
 Sept. 21 at Fox-Creek

Salem scorers: Adam Wilson, 2-over 35

(medalist); Erik Krueger, 40; Mike Thackberry, 41; Ryan Nimmerguth, 42; James McCaffrey, 43.

Churchill scorers: Mike Lightbody and Randall Boboige, 39 each; Will Bashara, Evan Chail and Tom Fitzstephens, 43 each.

Dual meet records: Salem, 5-1 overall and 5-1 Western Lakes; Churchill, 4-3 overall.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 195
NORTHVILLE 211
 Sept. 21 at Pebble Creek

Glenn scorers: Chris Tompkins, 36 (medalist); Duane Stott, 37; Rich Sudak, 40; Justin Fendelet and Brian Reed, 41 each.

Northville's top scorer: Tom Borda, 40.

Glenn's dual meet record: 4-3 overall.

CROSS COUNTRY

HOLLY INVITATIONAL
 Sept. 19 at Holly

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Rockford, 43; 2. Plymouth Salem, 89; 3. Redford Catholic Central, 102; 4. East Kentwood, 121; 5. Rochester, 176 (won tiebreaker); 6. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 176; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 179; 8. Rochester Adams, 214; 9. Troy Athens, 231; 10. Grand Blanc, 249; 11. Brighton, 310; 12. Troy, 314; 13. Westland John Glenn, 344; 14. Milford, 387; 15. Taylor Truman, 393; 16. West Bloomfield, 422; 17. Port Huron Northern, 476; 19. Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, 554; 20. Jackson and Saginaw, no team scores.

Redford CC finishers: 4. Dan Jess, 16:34; 5. John DiGiovanni, 16:37; 21. Matt Daly, 17:27; 31. Mark Repasky, 17:55; 41. Robert Tymowski, 18:16; 48. Jeff Haller, 18:23; 58. Brian Kuszynski, 18:40.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 15 WARREN DeLaSALLE 48
 Sept. 21 at Stoney Creek Metropark

Top individual finishers: 1. Dan Jess (CC), 17:00; 2. John DiGiovanni (CC), 17:01; 3. Matt Daly (CC), 17:18; 4. Brian Kuszynski (CC), 17:27; 5. Jeff Haller (CC), 17:27; 6. Chris Brosky (WOLS), 17:36; 7. Mark Repasky (CC), 17:45; 8. Bryan Buchanan (CC), 17:49; 9. Robert Tymowski, 17:58; 10. Tim Henderson (CC), 18:00.

MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL
 Sept. 19 at Sterling State Park

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS (B-C-D Division): 1. Chelsea, 87; 2. Tecumseh, 95; 3. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 107; 4. Brooklyn Columbia Central, 121; 5. Lutheran Westland, 169; 6. Allen Park Cabrini, 171; 7. Onsted, 194; 8. Monroe Jefferson, 208; 9. New Boston Huron, 257; 10. Grosse Ile, 267; 11. Riverview, 282; 12. Monroe Catholic Central, 306; 13. Flat Rock, 314; 14. Milan, 345; 15. Carleton-Airport, 357; 16. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 399; 17. Southgate Aquinas, 431; 18. Melvindale, 486; 19. Peterburg-Summerfield and Ottawa Lake-Whiteford, no team scores.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 12. Steve McFall, 18:03; 23. J. McFall, 18:28; 26. B. Block, 19:33; 47. S. Borden, 19:54; 76. M. Rae, 20:37; 91. J. Fabris, 21:18.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD 22 RIVERVIEW GABRIEL RICHARD 38
 Sept. 22 at Patriot's Park

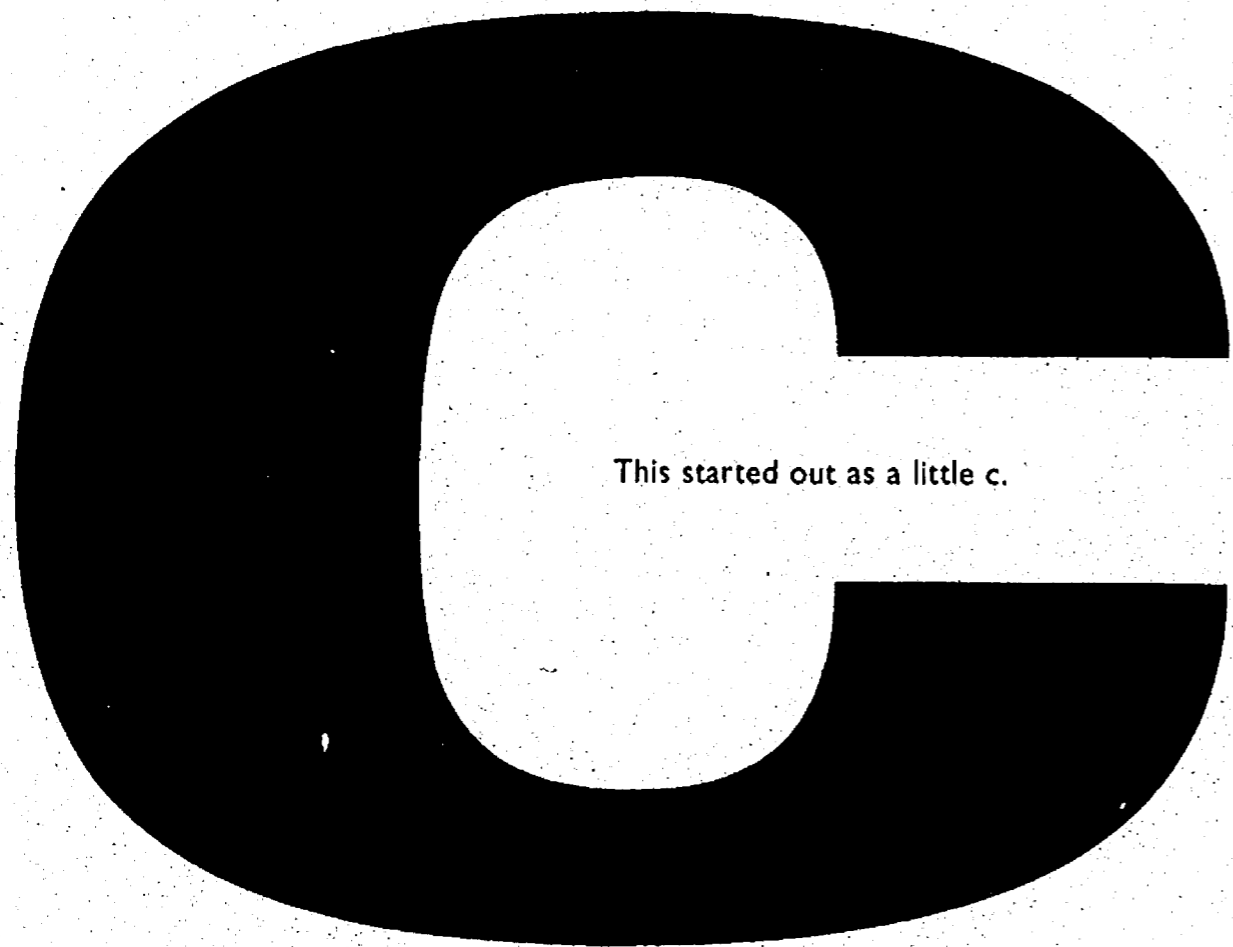
Livonia Ladywood finishers: 1. Sunni Piotrowski, 22:32; 3. Page Ahrens, 23:09; 5. Rebecca Pawlik, 23:12; 6. Stacey Schroeder, 23:40; 7. Sydney Korth, 23:43.

Ladywood's dual meet record: 2-0.

MONROE-JEFFERSON INVITATIONAL
 Sept. 19 at Sterling State Park

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS (B-C-D Division): 1. Monroe Jefferson, 61; 2. Carleton-Airport, 105; 3. Milan, 108; 4. Chelsea, 113; 5. Lutheran Westland, 147; 6. Grosse Ile, 169; 7. Tecumseh, 171; 8. New Boston Huron, 230; 9. Onsted, 233; 10. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 237; 11. Monroe St. Mary's, 250; 12. Allen Park Cabrini, 277; 13. Riverview, 324; 14. Melvindale, 364.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 17. Tess Kuehne, 22:48; 21. Holly Foreman, 23:05; 38. Jessica Montgomery, 24:25; 46. Jodi Rolf, 25:23; 48. Jenny Latimer, 25:35; 54. Aimee Anthony, 26:04; 58. Karie Arzopardi, 26:24.



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Pretty, slender, tall, intelligent, refined SF, 52, smoker, seeks a gentleman, 52-65, intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, for romance, dinner, dates, social, with good conversation. #9168

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

WF, 18, seeks a SM, 18-25, for friendship and conversation. Give me a call #9187

COFFEE, TEA AND THEE!

Unconcerned, tall, attractive, Christian lady with great personality seeks gentlemen, 55+, 6+, N.S. social drinker, great sense of humor, who enjoys walking, conversation, theater, dining, Friendship first, possible LTR. #9126

SEEKING GOOD MAN

DBF, 35, enjoys being herself, watching movies, dining, shopping, cooking. Seeking a mature SM. #9173

YOU ARE US

SWF, 35, 5'2", 250lbs, enjoys bowling, dancing, dining out, quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, 35-39, for friendship first. #9640

ATTRACTIVE DOCTOR

SWF, 36, never married, intelligent, hard, has time now for sincere relationship with similarly educated, honest and secure WM, 35-42. #9638

FUN & FLIRTY

SWF, 26, 5'8", who loves outdoor sports, four-wheel drive, snow-mobiling, seeks SWM, 25-30, who likes quiet evenings and fun times. Give me a call. #9558

GOOD COMPANIONSHIP

Pretty understanding, friendly, secure, young single, professional lady, beautiful inside/outside, physically fit, healthy, enjoys nature, ping pong, tennis and good music. Seeking energetic, educated gentleman, 30-40, for a possible relationship. #9545

ARE YOU READY?

Fun-loving SWF, 28, brown/blue, college-educated, loves golf, rollerblading, walks, movies. Seeking SM, 28-32, who is ready for a relationship. #9505

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE

SWF, 26, 5'7", 120lbs, funny, outgoing, likes to be romantic, dancing, movies, walks, cooking, traveling, SM, same qualities, interests for a LTR. #9506

ONLY REAL MEN NEED APPLY

SF, 26, 5'9", seeks professional male, 30-35, 6+, financially secure, who thinks with his head on his shoulders for friendship first. Race unimportant. #9270

DARLING BLACK CHERRY

27, seeks passionate, energetic white male, 20+, for exciting new experiences. #9259

MOTORCYCLE?

Loves Harley men - must be something in the jeans! Romantic, passionate, brunette, mid-40s, works out regularly, looking for strong, silent type. North Oakland. #9106

SWEET AND SINCERE

SWF, 29, 5'3", brown/hazel, enjoys dining, dancing, quiet evenings, fun weekends and playing cards. Looking for a SM, 27-35, who has a sense of commitment, for LTR. #9382

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES

SWF, 28, seeks mature, responsible SM, 28-32, for LTR only, must enjoy music, romance and animals. Serious replies please. #9515

DESIRE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP

Intelligent, passionate, gregarious, honest DWF, 5'7", 120lbs, beautiful inside and out, willing to learn. Seeking fit, secure gentleman, 30-40, who includes sports, dining, theater, spontaneous fun, for friendship. #9225

LUCK BE A LADY

Imaginative, witty, educated SF, mid-50s, 5'8", blonde/blue, slim, sweet disposition, self-supported, enjoys baking and cooking. Bakes good toasty-fun cookies. Dutch Treat Real and fun conversation. Commitment first. #9373

MAKE MUSICAL MUSIC

DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated SWM, 30-35, passion for life, for a possible LTR. #9106

GEMINI - ROCHESTER AREA

I'm a DWF, 51, blonde/blue, who desires a romantic, humorous, affectionate, handsome, camper, animal lover, 50+. #9641

GENTLEMAN

DWF, 44, blonde/blue, size 14, enjoys music, movies, romance, dinner, dancing and camping. Seeking WYM, professional male, 35-55, N.S. likes smart dogs, with similar interests, for friendship. LTR. #9465

LET ME BE YOUR SUNSHINE

Widowed WF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, N.S. social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest caring man, 58-65, good sense of humor. #9107

BEAUTIFUL SMILE

Attractive, athletic SWF, 49, 5'7", slender, college graduate, enjoys sports, movies, concerts, dining and laughter. Seeking fit, healthy, honest, sincere, spontaneous SWM, 50-55, N.S. social drinker, college graduate, for LTR. #9121

GEMINI GIRL

DWF, 44, slender, attractive, blonde, seeks tall, attractive, outdoors type, 40-50, outgoing, happy, has good qualities. #8981

STRIKINGLY PRETTY

Classy, brown-eyed blonde, slender, intelligent, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip, 48, 5'2", 110 lbs. No games, I'm pretty, classy, 5'7", secure, open, hip gal! No kids. You won't be disappointed. #9350

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL

WF, 39, 5'5", slim, long, curly brown hair, warm smile, enjoys music, art, antiques, car shows, travel, quiet evenings at home. Seeking honest WM, 37-45, N.S. tall, creative, similar interests. Childrens only. #9274

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

This petite, slender, romantic professional DWF, 30+, brown hair, enjoys movies, theater, dining out and travel. Seeking tall, professional SWM, 35-42, with similar interests. #9109

ARE YOU READY...

Kind to me in the books department. Inside fun-loving, compassionate, sensual woman. So, if you're holding out for the best, you may have found her. #9352

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PH.D.

Cultured, mean apple pie, God, tennis, and strong enthusiast. Theater addition, dance lover. Seeking male counterpart. 34-47. #9170

FUN-LOVING

Outgoing DWF, 45, enjoys movies, dining, videos, dancing and more. Seeking a SWM, 45+, for friendship and possible LTR. #9601

TALL, ATTRACTIVE

Blonde, 5'10", 52, of Scandinavian descent, likes dancing, biking, golf, walks, boating. Seeking an honest gentleman, 6+, who wants a monogamous relationship and has varied interests. #9688

GARDEN CITY WOMAN

DWF, 47, 5'1", full-figured, likes walks in the park, movies, dining. Seeking a monogamous relationship with a N.S. N.S. no drugs, for a LTR. No games please. #9592

LIGHTHOUSE LOVER

Very independent SF, young 48, likes spotlighting lighthouses. Great Lakes, carrying fishing and walking. Seeking friend, 45-60 to share weekends doing above. No drugs, no games. Honesty is #1. #9322

PRETTY, SMART, SEXY

Honest, sincere, financially secure DBF, 39, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, one child, enjoys sports, music, movies and romance. Seeking caring, sincere, physically fit SWM, 38-48, N.S. social drinker. #9633

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Pretty, educated, active, artistic female, mid-50s, seeks a male, similar attributes for monogamous, caring relationship. #9596

WOMAN WITH BAGGAGE

(2 kids and a neurotic dog) Seeking a SM to wine, dine, entertain and make me laugh. SF, 5'7", fit, fun, gregarious, sexy, dark-haired, open, partially deal sense of humor. #9599

LOOK NO MORE

DWF, 44, good sense of humor, seeks SWM, 40-52, who enjoys music, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, fun-loving SWM, 40-52, who can enjoy life with me. #9552

A SHOT IN THE DARK

Attractive, full-figured and sincere SWF, 38, 5'8", hard-working, honest and financially secure. Enjoys outdoor sports, travel, and concerts. Seeking tall SWM, 37-45, honest, outgoing, responsible and goal-oriented. N.S. #9541

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWF, 43, 5'8", medium build, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies, quiet dinners, dancing, antiques. Seeking honest, financially secure, sensitive man, 45-55, tall stature. #9507

PARTNER IN ADVENTURE

Attractive, articulate, green-eyed, sales professional, gregarious, 5'2", 5'4", 120lbs, likes dancing, theater, sailing, fishing, nature, people. If you think the future looks bright, let's discuss the possibilities. #9514

HARD-WORKER

SF, 5'7", 175lbs, brown/blue, likes fishing, bowling, movies, camping. Seeking a fit, honest, romantic gentleman for a LTR. #9515

THICK AND HEALTHY

Cute SF, 24, 5'6", 225lbs, brown skin, no kids, employed, college student, fun-loving, outgoing, 23, with no kids, N.S. for friendship and dating. #9182

LOVES BEETHOVEN

SWF, 37, attractive, petite single mother, loves classical music, theater, gardening, camping. Seeking single male, 30-45, with similar interests especially in classical music. #9484

NO GAMES PLEASE!

Attractive, churning, career-minded SF, 47, working in BA degree, seeks tall, attractive, churning, career-minded SM, 35-40, N.S. who enjoys sports, jazz, concerts, and dining. #9215

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN

Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown, likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is a romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. #9455

ONE IN A MILLION

Attractive, college-educated, petite, fit SF, 37, long blonde hair, great smile, fun-loving, outgoing, seeks sweet, smart, sexy SWM for friendship, possible LTR. #9450

CLASSY LADY

Blonde-haired, blue-eyed, petite SWF, 43, honest, sincere, enjoys dancing, travel, movies and dining. Romantic evenings at home, seeks gentleman, 30-50. #9409

ATTRACTIVE BLACK FEMALE

SF, 43, 5'5", medium build, dark hair, outgoing, outdoorsy, seeks a fit, honest, sincere, financially secure SWM, 5'8", with similar interests, for friendship first. #9368

BLACK, BRITISH, CLASSY

BF, British, classy lady of 40s, 5'4", 120lbs, new to Michigan, seeks friendship with a gentleman, 40-50, of good moral standards and principles. #9362

LIGHT MY FIRE

Passionate, pretty DW, 40, with medium build. Seeking SWM, 35-50, N.S. N.D. for dating and relationship. Will you spark my interest? #9356

DELTA BUREAU'S SISTER

Southern born, professional nanny, 50 year-old lady, full-figured, enjoys walking, church activities, family-oriented, cooking, gardening, short trips. N.S. Seeking companion for life. #9360

ARE YOU READY...

Full-figured, hard-working, blue-collar DWF, 46, 5'3", traditional values, N.S. N.D. seeks same type of man to love, laugh, and build a future with. #9319

R.S.V.P.

An invitation to meet this attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive SWM, 38+, N.S. smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the party begin! #9319

SPECIAL REQUEST

Petite SF, 48, redhead, young in attitude and appearance. If you're honest, stable, no game playing gentleman, 40-55, good sense of humor, with a love of life. Looking for friendship and companionship. Northern Oakland County. #9347

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY

European-born, retired, young, loving, educated, young 60s, 5'9", good figured, N.S. many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure. N.S. for lasting relationship. #9349

YOUR SEARCH IS OVER

Attractive DWCF, who's intelligent, honest, with just about the right amount of wit and charm, seeks SWM, 40-51, who's honest, caring, and has strong moral values. Serious replies only. Rochester area. #9172

GARDEN CITY

SWF, 22, 5'5", short brown/ginger, searching for SWM, 18-27, who's not into playing games. #9315

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

WF, young 62, Farmington Hills area, intelligent, outgoing, fun-loving, with man of same age group. Loves animals, long walks, drives, dining out, movies and shows. Would like to meet for coffee, conversation. #9275

PETTIE ATTRACTIVE 53

DWF, very active, enjoys water, outdoors, casual, social fun. Social drinker, enjoys quiet times, sense of humor, seeks emotionally, financially secure, southern, companion for LTR. #9254

SEEKING CHERISH

Very attractive, fun SF, 20, brown/blue, blonde/blue, great catch, single parent, traditional good values, seeking emotionally/financially secure, handsome SWM, executive type, for LTR. #9170

NO NONSENSE AD

DWCF, 46, intelligent, attractive, with diversified interests, for a D.D. free, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, fun-loving, handsome SWM, N.S. N.D. degreed, fit, outgoing guy. #9203

52 YEAR-OLD ENTREPRENEUR

SWF, 52, successful going, looking for her soulmate. Any sincere, successful Caucasian, 45-70, please apply. #9201

WISH UPON A STAR

SWF, 44, 5'7", brown/hazel, N.S. enjoys sports, jazz, CAW, quiet times at home. Seeking romantic, honest, family-oriented SWM, 38-54, 5'7", N.S. All call will be returned. #9205

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Attractive DWF, young 49, 5'4", brown/blue, N.S. financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. #9199

ECCENTRIC & ENTHUSIASTIC

SWF, 54 years old, lady does life, travels, oceans, earth, good people. SF believes in kindness. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman for sharing the wonders of life. #9123

LADY IN WAITING

Good-looking, 46, DBPC female, 5'5", 140lbs, N.S. enjoy traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SPUNKY, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. #9215

STARTING OVER

DWF, 42, 5'10", N.D. no drugs, easy-going, fun-loving, South by Sea Area, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N.S. N.D. #9126

PUBESCENCE FIGURE

Named SF, 44, loved the outdoors, dancing and rustic camping. Seeking LTR with SWM, 30-48. Let's get together and see if we click. No games, no emotion. #9202

ORIENTAL BEAUTY

Emotionally, educated SF, seeks gentleman, 40-60, easygoing, capable for caring friendship, possible relationship. #9183

LOOKING FOR HONEST COMPANION

DWF, 43, medium build, seeks SWM, 43-50, must be employed, N.S. I.e. children, outdoor activities and sports, for possible LTR. #8834

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE

SWF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, financially secure, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, romantic, humorous, for a possible relationship. #9685

BEST FRIEND WANTED

Very classy, attractive, young PF, 45, loves travel, day trips, antiques, dining, movies, seeks outgoing gentleman, 40-50, to make my Irish eyes smile. #8989

EXCITING CLASSY DW

Impregnable DW, 5'7", 135lbs, black hair, sexy eyes, many interests, seeks sincere SWM, 45+, for monogamous, fun, date relationship. #8929

HONEST AND LOVING

Full-figured, hard-working, blue-collar DWF, 46, 5'3", traditional values, N.S. N.D. seeks same type of man to love, laugh, and build a future with. #9319

SMART SEXY & STILL SINGLE

SWF, 39, 5'5", 119lbs, who's professional, very classy and attractive, seeks similar, between 39-59. I'm adventurous, optimistic, and romantic. You must be kind, loving, active, and value family and friends. #9291

I'M READY, ARE YOU?

Can you relate to my dilemma? Attractive SWF, seeks a fit, honest, physically fit, intelligent SWM, 45-55, N.S. loves life and challenges. If this fits, let's start with friendship, explore the possibilities. #8918

AD OF THE WEEK

LOOKING FOR THE ONE: Good-looking, honest, intelligent, never married SWM, 44, 5'10", 165lbs, blonde/blue, N.S. with good sense of humor. Appreciates classy, well-read, fra dees, music and small towns. For LTR. No games. #9216

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SINGLE IN LIVONIA

Attractive DWF, 46, 5'11", 185lbs, mustache, N.S., 1991, drinker, financially secure. Enjoys dancing, getaways, movies, music of '60s-'70s. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 38-50, honest, sincere, emotionally ready for a friendship. Possible LTR. #9124

LOOKING FOR A NICE LADY

Sincere, outgoing, nice DW, 40, N.D. N.S. enjoys rollerblading, bike riding, movies, relaxing, nice sunsets. Seeking fun-loving SWF, 35+, for friendship, and relationship. Plymouth area. #9551

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

DW, 40, enjoys dating, looks, enjoys camping, fishing, sports. Seeking honest, attractive, faithful SWF, 35-45, who enjoys family activities, for friendship first, possible LTR. #9553

YOUTHFUL CHARM

Unique, outgoing, honest, sincere, romantic SWM, 46, 6', 185lbs, athletic build, casual/dad. Seeking attractive, open-minded WF, 33-46, who wants fun, friendship, sincerely, romance. #9548

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SWM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, very outgoing, professionally employed. Seeking attractive SWF, 25-35, who is proportionate, tall, fit, outgoing, and enjoys sports. #9350

I HOPE IT'S YOU

Attractive WPM, 41, 5'8", 170lbs, athletic build, seeks a fit, honest, sweet, honest, employed SWF, 30-45, for lasting relationship. I hope it's you. #9164

AFFECTIONATE & CARING

Active, employed, honest DW, 58, 5'8", N.S. D.D. free, enjoys family outings, country music, craft shows. Seeking special person, 35-50, who like an honest, trustworthy LTR that may lead to marriage. #9544

A LOT TO OFFER

Humorous, yet intellectual, outgoing, active SWM, 40, 5'10", 190lbs, enjoys outdoor activities, reading, writing, theater, and movies. Seeking SWF, 35-45, petite to medium build, for possible relationship. #9538

MARRIAGE-MINDED

SWM, 50, enjoys dating, long walks, having fun, playing cards, traveling. Searching for a good woman, 35-50, to share my life. N.S. #9539

COME FOR A DATE

Stay for a relationship. Good-looking SWM, 45, open to anything from a date to a LTR, seeks an optimistic, playful SWF, 30-

COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Lady Crusaders stay in WHAC groove

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

Okay, these were definitely two teams in different dimensions.

Madonna University's volleyball team, while seemingly a bit overmatched two days earlier in a non-conference match against Saginaw Valley State, proved far more than Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Concordia College could handle Tuesday. Both matches were at Madonna.

The Lady Crusaders topped Concordia 15-5, 15-4, 15-4, avenging the 15-4, 15-11, 6-15, 15-6 loss suffered to Saginaw Valley.

Madonna, ranked 14th in the NAIA, improved to 16-3 overall, 3-0 in the WHAC with the win over Concordia. The Cardinals

are 3-9 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC.

"We're getting some people back, and we're getting consistent again," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. The Crusaders lost three starters — Stephanie Uballe, Rayna Vert and Nicole Burns — to injuries at the Madonna University Ice Mountain Invitational Sept. 11-12. Uballe and Burns, who didn't play against Saginaw Valley, were in the lineup against Concordia. When Vert will return is uncertain.

Tuesday's match was never in doubt. Leading the Crusaders were Erin Cunningham and Brandy Malewski (from Redford Thurston), both with seven kills. Malewski also had three solo blocks and four block assists.

Marylu Hemme (Livonia Ladywood) and Kelly Artymovich

added five kills and two solo blocks apiece, with Hemme getting a team-best six digs and a block assist. Deanne Helsom contributed 24 assists to kills and two block assists.

"In our first 15 matches, we were like a machine," said Abraham. "When we have better ball control, we're a much better team. When we pass well, we're better."

"We're at a real good pace right now. But we've got to get better — there's a lot of room for improvement."

In the loss to Saginaw Valley, Erin Cunningham finished with 13 kills and 11 digs, and Malewski had 10 kills, four solo blocks and four block assists. Helsom totaled 31 assists to kills, two service aces and seven digs; Hemme got 11 digs, two solo blocks and two block assists;

and Artymovich had six kills, seven digs and two block assists.

Hawks topple Schoolcraft

Henry Ford CC had more than Schoolcraft College could handle Tuesday at SC, beating the Lady Ocelots 15-11, 15-5, 15-8.

The loss dropped SC to 1-3 in the Eastern Conference and to 7-9 overall. It was the Ocelots second loss to the Hawks this season; earlier, they lost two straight games to Henry Ford at the Muskegon Invitational.

Kelly Johnston (Plymouth Salem) topped SC with 10 kills; she also had nine digs. Megan McGinty (Livonia Churchill) contributed nine kills, three service aces, 12 digs, two solo blocks and two block assists. Danielle Wensing (Livonia Franklin) added 18 assists to kills and 17 digs.

PREP GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 1

Sept. 21 at Franklin

No. 1 singles: Crystal Tomczyk (LC) defeated Cherie Berner, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Julia Arclero (LC) def. Karen Koleczko, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Aditi Saxena (LC) def. Karen Savage, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Daniela Gapp (LF) def. Karen Stanick, 6-4, 7-6.
No. 1 doubles: Steffi Graber-Jean Wu (LC) def. Elizabeth Zarb-Abby Wojtowicz, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Lindsay Joslin-Lauren Snabb (LC) def. Danielle Coleman-Lauren Kuzmanovich, 6-4, 6-4; No. 3: Anne Piontek-Barb Grzembzki (LC) def. Michelle Blair-Christina Clutter, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Jenny Stanick-Lindsey Watch (LC) def. Lisa Wiklanski-Trina Szurek, 6-2, 7-5.

FARMINGTON HIGH 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0

Sept. 18 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Fawn O'Leary (F) def. Cherie Berner, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Carrie May (F) def. Karen Koleczko, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Lindsay Howard (F) def. Karen Savage, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Stephanie Arnold (F) def. Laura Tomasaitis, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Annie Gourley-Lauren Picard (F) def. Elizabeth Zarb-Abby Wojtowicz, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Adriane Grace-Kris Steger (F) def. Daniela Gapp-Lisa Wiklanski, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Lauren Ruicci-Angela Zerbonia (F) def. Lauren Kuzmanovich-Danielle Coleman, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Jenny Wieland-Sarah Leibel (F) def. Michelle Blair-Christina Clutter, 6-6, 3-6, 6-4.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4 FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 4

Sept. 18 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Brittany Maxey (FHH) def. Crystal Tomczyk, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Kelli Vessel (FHH) def. Julia Arclero, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; No. 3: Aditi Saxena (LC) def. Jill Maxey, 7-5, 6-1; No. 4: Alissa Brasch (FHH) def. Stephanie Hunt, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Jean Wu-Steffi Graber (LC) def. Joanna Konopka-Angela Zadorozny, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Lindsay Joslin-Lauren Snabb (LC) def. Amber Bahr-Sarah Duffy, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Barb Grzembzki-Anne Piontek (LC) def. Jana Kleyman-Karen Knutsch, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Ashley Franco-Kristen Schrock (FHH) def. Jenny Stanick-Lindsey Watch (LC), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.

NORTH FARMINGTON 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1

Sept. 18 at N. Farmington

No. 1 singles: Bethany Nestor (NF) defeated Julia Arclero, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Liz Schnaar (NF) def. Aditi Saxena, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Sarah Kay (NF) def. Steffi Graber, 6-2, 6-2; No. 4: Natalie Myre (NF) def. Sarah Tomasaitis, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Shreya Shah-Marissa Sloan (NF) def. Lindsay Joslin-Lauren Snabb, 6-3, 6-3; No. 2: Anne Piontek-Barb Grzembzki (LC) def. Laura Been-Julie Maltzman, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Julie Shindler-Joyce Chung (NF) def. Jenny Stanick-Lindsey Watch, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Allison Key-Elina Pilnits (NF) def. Stephanie Hunt-Karen Stanick, 6-0, 6-1.

Lady Ocelots boot Illinois foes

After a disconcerting tie Sept. 16 against St. Clair, the Schoolcraft College women's soccer team overcame adverse conditions in Chicago to deliver a message to the top teams in the NJCAA by beating College of Lake County and College of DuPage, both by 2-1 scores.

On Saturday, SC defeated host Lake County on goals by Meghan Jannuzzi and Julie Majewski (Plymouth Canton). Annie Hagenah assisted on both goals, while Paola Cereghino and Jannine James also drew assists.

Against sixth-ranked DuPage — under 90-degree temperatures Sunday — Hagenah, ranked in the top 10 in points in the NJCAA scored one goal in each half before DuPage ruined goalkeeper Lindsay Collins' shutout bid late in the second half.

Assists went to Majewski and Alyson Bottke on the first goal and Jannuzzi and Bottke on the second.

"What a difficult weekend," SC coach Bill Tolstedt said. "It was really, really hot."

SC, now 5-1-1 overall, is currently rated 10th in the NJCAA.

MADONNA 2, CORNERSTONE 2: The Lady Crusaders earned their first point in school history Tuesday against the visiting Eagles at Livonia's Whitman Field.

Madonna, 0-3-1 overall, is paying a heavy price with injuries.

Madonna has just nine players both healthy and eligible.

Kim Stommel hurt a leg muscle in last Saturday's 6-0 loss at Aquinas College (she played part of Tuesday's match), and Lindsay Crawford injured a knee warming up against Cornerstone.

Also, keeper Jenny Barker (Livonia Stevenson) went to the hospital after the Aquinas match, although she did play against Cornerstone.

Combined with a red card to Jennifer Dumm, who must sit out the next match, Madonna coach Rick Larson has to cancel today's date with Kalamazoo College.

The Crusaders led 2-0 early in the second half on goals by Dumm and Melissa Jacobs (Livonia Stevenson).

Cornerstone battled back on goals by Grace Schiden and Monica Enzian.

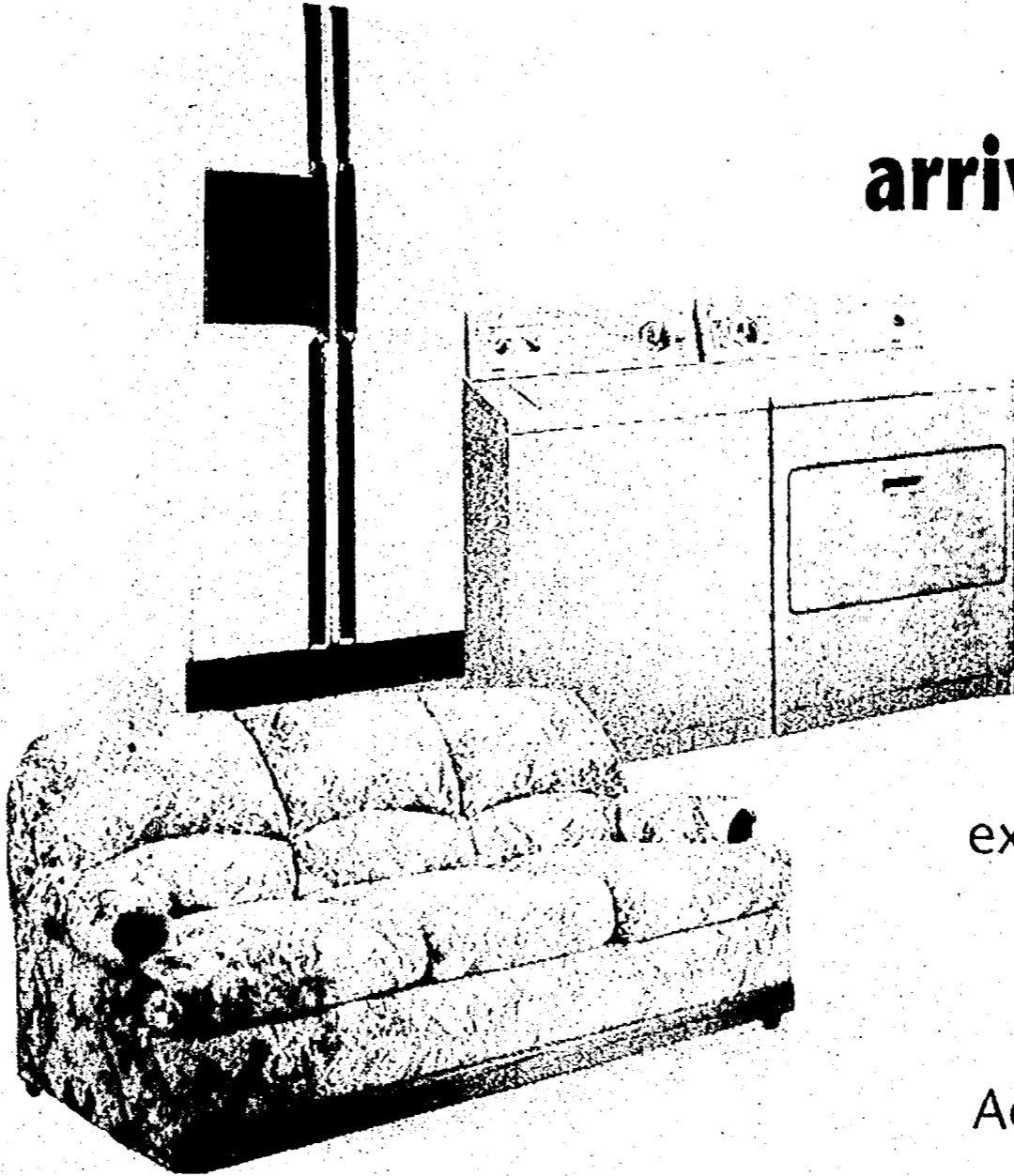
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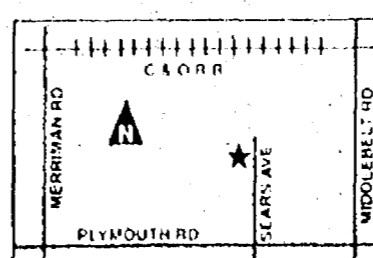
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Alan Thicke and Stephanie Pope star in "Chicago - The Musical," 8 p.m. at the Fisher Theatre, in the Fisher Building, Detroit. Tickets \$35-\$62, call (313) 871-1132 or (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



"Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$22.50-\$39.50, call (248) 645-6666 or (313) 872-1000.

SUNDAY



The Renaissance Festival ends today with the third annual Tournament of Temptations, and other "Sweet Endings," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The festival is located off I-75 on Dixie Highway (between Pontiac and Flint). Call (800) 601-4848 for information.

TICKET



Hot Tix: All aboard for Railroad Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27 at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Experience what life was like working and traveling on the railroad. Visitors will see special train demonstrations and vintage steam, diesel and electric trains in action. Call (313) 271-1620 for details.

Resetting the jewel

Spirited new show reopens the Gem Theatre



Preservationist: Gem Theatre owner Chuck Forbes of Troy outside the newly moved theater on Madison Avenue in downtown Detroit.

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago, the lone bagpiper stationed at the entrance to the newly moved Gem Theatre bellowed the arrival of guests at the grand reopening celebration of the historic venue saved from the wrecking ball.

Over the last year, the 5.5-million-pound Gem Theatre was moved, literally, five blocks southwesterly from its former location across from the Fox Theatre to Madison Avenue, a short jaunt to Music Hall and Detroit Opera House, and the future neighborhood of two multi-million sports stadiums.

In short order, the endemic pipe sounds of Scotland accompanied the entrances of about 450 of Gem owner Chuck Forbes' closest friends. Forbes of Troy initially renovated and opened the Gem Theatre on New Year's Eve 1991.

Apparently, the crowd of Who's Who in the arts, corporate world and philanthropic community

knew that the real star wasn't the 71-year-old theater but the man who stood on the stage before a preview performance of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," and thanked everyone for supporting the \$1.5-million move, which is listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the heaviest structure moved on rubber tires.

Other than perhaps the Ilitch family, few others have shown the commitment and vision for the renewal of Detroit than Forbes.

If his decision in the early 1980s to buy, refurbish and rent

Please see GEM, E2

WHAT: "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"
WHEN: 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays
WHERE: Gem Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit
TICKETS: \$19.50, \$32.50, (313) 963-9800



Michael Tilson Thomas
Music director, San Francisco Symphony

Gershwin's birthday tour comes to town

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Strike up the band! 'Swonderful, 'smarvelous, 'sGeorge Gershwin's 100th birthday Saturday and the band is coming to Ann Arbor.

On Sunday, the San Francisco Symphony under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas, will bring a touring celebration of the composer to the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium.

Born Jacob Gershowitz on Sept. 26, 1898, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Gershwin created music that has become a part of the American fabric. His songs, often with brilliant and witty lyrics by his older brother, Ira; his larger, jazz-inspired orchestral works; and the folk opera "Porgy and Bess" have been accorded the highest stature, with many hailing Gershwin as the quintessential American composer.

For Michael Tilson Thomas, it's personal.

"His family knew the Gershwins in New York," said John Engelkes, bass trombonist with the symphony. "Michael's dad knew him very well and he talks about that at rehearsals. He mentions how his grandfather knew the Gershwins, and he passes that on."

Tilson Thomas' grandparents, Boris and Bessie Thomashofsky, were founders of the Yiddish Theatre in America and knew Gershwin's parents, who were Russian emigres. George Gershwin gave Tilson Thomas' father his first piano lesson.

But Gershwin belongs to everyone and the San Francisco Symphony is part of a national celebration of the great composer and his music. Hill Auditorium is the last stop in a series of Symphony events that began in San Francisco Sept. 23 and includes stops at New York's Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., on the birth date.

The celebration also includes the release Sept. 15 of a superb 2-CD album on BMG Classics and a television broadcast of the Carnegie Gala on PBS at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Why all the fuss? "I guess as a player I've always liked Gershwin's music a lot," said Engelkes, reached at his home in San Francisco. "It's something that represents a crossover of jazz, popular and classical music. It's fun to play and part of our culture. It has a sound to it... And we're opening the Carnegie Hall season with Gershwin's cen-

Please see TOUR, E2

WHAT: San Francisco Symphony conducted by Michael Tilson Thomas performs as part of the University Musical Society series Gershwin Second Rhapsody Gershwin American in Paris Mahler Symphony No. 1 in D Major, "Titan"
WHERE: Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan
WHEN: 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27
Tickets: \$16-\$50. Call (734) 764-2538 or (800) 221-1229 or by internet <http://www.uts.org>

POPULAR MUSIC

Label head sees Kid Rock as a 'major star'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Kid Rock is sitting in the industry nightclub's Saroki Room looking through the pouring rain coming down on the "Warped Tour" concert across the street.

The long-haired braided rapper is preparing to debut songs off his upcoming album "Devil Without a Cause" (Lava/Atlantic), but the rain posed a threat to his performance.

Just as Kid Rock takes the stage, the sun appears and thousands of baggy pants-wearing skaters and midriff-baring teen girls begin jumping in the flooded Pontiac parking lot.

His amalgamation of rap and rock goes over well with the soaking wet crowd but unfortunately it blends in with other acts doing the same sort of music.

But long before the Deftones, Rage Against the Machine, and the "Judgment Night" soundtrack which paired up the likes of Cypress Hill and Pearl Jam, Biohazard and Onyx, and Helmet and House of Pain, Kid Rock was messing with the formula.

"I took it to rock radio, and they said there was too much rap in it," Kid Rock said about his previous albums. "Now

WHO: Kid Rock and Twisted Brown Trucker, with special guests Buddha Fulla Rymez and BTK
WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25
WHERE: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
HOW: Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-5451 or (248) 645-6666. Kid Rock's website is <http://www.kidrock.com>

people are getting it. I think they saw everybody starting to fuse it and it opened the market."

The first single, "I Am the Bullgod," is proving that point: It's gotten across-the-board play on each end of the dial from CIMX-FM (88.7) to WXDG-FM (105.1).

"Kid Rock is going to be a major star," said Jason Flom, president of Lava Records.

"I love Kid Rock. I love his music. I love him personally. I love everything about him. The band is tight, and to me his record is going to be an extremely important rock record. I consider it a hard rock record even though he raps on it."

"It's important in that, in terms of a one to 10, I give it a 10. I don't think there's that many records that come out that you can listen to start to finish and every song blows you away. I think he's fused rap and rock in a way that only he can."

Kid Rock, a Royal Oak resident, began his career as a high school student DJing parties in Mount Clemens. In 1988 his demo tapes earned him a spot opening for Boogie Down Productions.

Please see KID ROCK, E2



Coming home: Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, plays the State Theatre Friday, Sept. 25, in support of his latest album, "Devil Without a Cause" (Lava/Atlantic).

Gem from page E1

more than 40 properties in the downtown theater district area seemed risky at best, Forbes' determination to save the Gem Theatre is arguably one of the most gutsy preservation moves in Detroit's history.

"Losing the Gem would have been like losing a front tooth," said Forbes in his typically understated manner.

"The true test is whether we'd do it all over again," said Forbes, with an ear-to-ear grin. "The answer is 'Yes.'"

With his characteristic Scots-like charm and gregariousness, Forbes christened the new address for the Gem by introducing a spirited rendition of the Scottish traditional, "Bless This House."

At the completion of the song, Forbes gave a thumbs up to the performer, then stepped from the stage and onto the cabaret-style floor seating. Moments later, the curtain rose.

It was a perfect moment of propriety, accomplishment and modesty. Perhaps it wasn't a

'Losing the Gem would have been like losing a front tooth.'

Chuck Forbes
owner

coincidence that it had the indelible sound of Scottish bagpipes.

Peppy and biting

After two weeks of warm ups, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" opens the Gem Theatre's new season.

Like past popular productions at the Gem, "I Love You, You're Perfect" aims straight for an irresistible hook and tap-along melody. It's the type of musical theater filled with jazzy songs, biting lyrics and rapid pace that appeals to mainstream audiences.

If "All Night Strut" and "Forever Plaid" had audiences lined up at the Gem, then "I Love You,

You're Perfect" surely won't disappoint.

Poking fun and probing the irrational impulses of men-women relationships, the bouncing skits and songs peel away at the inherent - perhaps unbridgeable - differences of those looking for the ideal relationship.

Catchy and delightfully ditz, "I Love You, You're Perfect" is, in some ways, an updated account of Sondheim's award-winning "Company."

Cleverly, the show - which has been running for two years in New York - combines the irresistible elements of cute and tidy lyrics with the realizations that relationships are blissfully

painful. For the most part, "I Love, You're Perfect" doesn't probe beyond superficial appearances. Nor does it intend to. Several of the skits could have found a place on the former TV show, "Men Behaving Badly." Especially, "Single Man Drought," "A Stud and a Babe" and "Wedding Vows."

Meanwhile, the more biting songs seem to toss crumbs of truth about gender differences, and the proverbial anxiety about the "c-word" - commitment.

The two-acts of musical skits will surely appeal to younger audiences wondering if there's anything relevant in today's theater. Ah, love, misunderstanding and what one will do in the name of pride.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" combines expectations about love with the need for security.

That proves to be a combustible mixture with an irresistible tap-along melody.

Tour from page E1

and when you hear Gershwin, you think New York." Engelkes crossed over himself. He was first attracted to the trombone by a jazz performer when he was growing up in a small town in Iowa.

"We had Tommy Dorsey records that my dad listened to a lot. I was also wearing braces at the time and might have taken up the trumpet otherwise. But I now know I made the right decision," Engelkes said.

A performance by the New York Philharmonic in Ames, Iowa, switched the brass player to classical music, though he enjoys doing "pops" programs when a Tony Bennett or Mel Torme come to sing with the Symphony.

"It's fun when we get to do it and with Gershwin we get to do a little of that," Engelkes said.

Tilson Thomas, who became music director of the San Francisco Symphony in 1995, has continued to program a lot of music by Gershwin and other American composers.

"For instance, he's an expert on Charles Ives. We do the main pieces, but he pulls out pieces we've never heard, like "The Steeple to Mountains" piece," said Engelkes. "He also speaks to the audience about the pieces. He will often talk about them for the first time and even symphony members will learn something."

On Sunday afternoon, the Symphony will perform Gershwin's "American in Paris" and his Second Rhapsody for Orchestra and Piano with Tilson Thomas doing double

duty as conductor and pianist, as he does on the new CD. To balance the Gershwin, the Symphony will offer Mahler's First Symphony in D Major ("Titan").

"Mahler's First Symphony, we were talking in rehearsal that he must have been in his late 20s, there is thematic material from his Songs of the Wayfarer. These are truly beautiful tunes, emotional pieces. We're marveling at how wonderful a piece it was and we know what was to come," Engelkes said.

The "beautiful tunes" and songlike qualities are often regarded as Gershwin's greatest strengths as a classical composer as well and Engelkes said the similarities as well as the differences in the composers went into the programming decision.

"I think Ann Arbor is getting the best program, the best of both," Engelkes said.

Gershwin never lived to fulfill his promise as a classical composer. He died in 1937 at only 39. But he left behind a rich legacy of hundreds of songs considered the cream of American standards and orchestral music that is widely loved and influential in the use of modern rhythms.

The UMS continues its celebration of Gershwin with the program "Gershwin: Sung and Unsung" Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 9-10, featuring soprano Dana Hanchard and tenor Ted Keegan performing songs from "Porgy and Bess" and "Lady Be Good" and rare, unpublished songs from the Library of Congress.

Kid Rock from page E1

In 1990, in support of his debut album "Grit Sandwiches for Breakfast" (Jive), he toured the United States with Ice Cube and Too Short. From there he jumped to the ill-fated Continuum label ("The Polyfaze Method") before releasing 1996's "Early Mornin' Stoned Pimp" on his own label, Top Dog.

His independent releases sold more than 12,000 copies, piquing

the interest of Andy Karp, an artist and repertoire representative for Lava Records. After hearing "The Polyfaze Method," he and Flom traveled to Detroit to see Kid Rock perform.

"We flew out to see a show at the State Theatre and there was 1,500 kids hopping up and down at the show. The show is truly like a great rock show in the tradition of Kiss meets the Beastie

Boys. It blew me away. It's total entertainment," Flom explained.

"Devil Without a Cause" was recorded at the White Room and Temple of the Dog studios in Detroit. A number of Detroiters aided in the process including Big Block's Kenny Tudrick, Chris Peters of Getaway Cruiser, and Robert Bradley, and Andrew and Mike Nehra, all of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise.

"This is one of the better ones," Kid Rock said of "Devil Without a Cause." "We did it right."

To mix the song "Badwidaba," Kid Rock headed overseas to the famous Abbey Road Studios in London.

"That was an experience. We were doing it first class. It was cool because there was all these kids in the front (of the building) and stuff about John Lennon was written on the walls," said Kid Rock, who died the Beastie Boys' Grand Royal Christmas party last December.

With "Devil Without a Cause," Kid Rock and his band Twisted Brown Trucker add a new

dimension to his music - country. Kid Rock, known to his mother as Bob Ritchie, and Flom said that his inspiration comes from the variety of music Kid Rock listened to growing up in Macomb County.

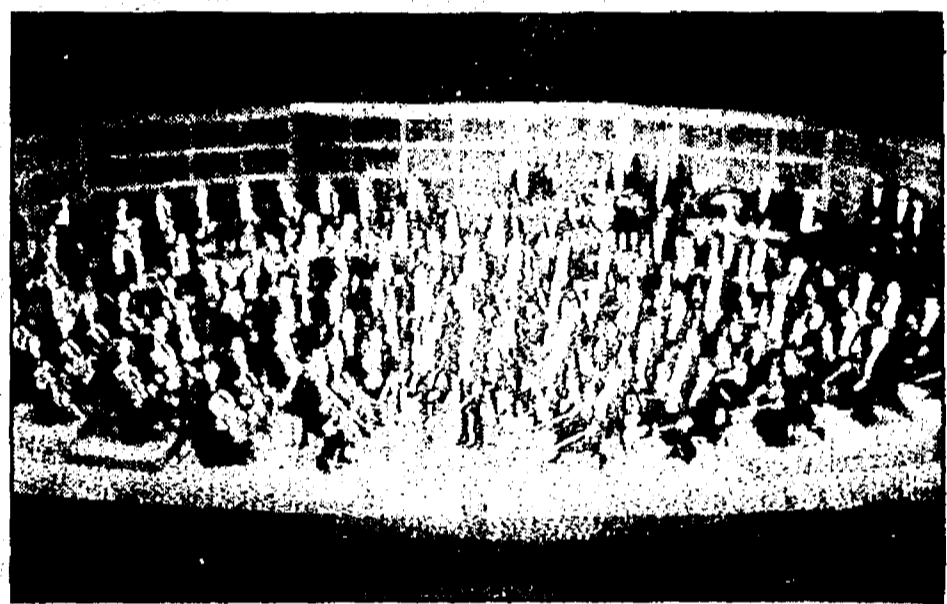
"He was raised on music as diverse as everything from Hank Williams to Lynyrd Skynyrd to Ice Cube to Guns 'N Roses or whatever. Kid Rock is a force of nature."

Although Kid Rock has been doing the rap/rock thing for years, he wanted to make this a top-notch effort. There was one factor that proved a little troublesome for Kid Rock, however. Perfecting his vocals.

"The rock thing took a little work. I had to learn how to sing," he explained with a laugh. When asked how he practiced, he added, "Like everybody else - driving in the car."

To Flom, however, Kid Rock could do no wrong.

"His music is rebellious and hard but it's also uplifting, which is a funny word to use with Kid Rock. It's got an element of humor to it. He's about having a good time. He's not trying to tear everything down or save the rainforest. When I listen to it, he makes me feel like I'm 17 again. He's so good to me it's ridiculous."



Symphonic: Michael Tilson Thomas leads the San Francisco Symphony in a program of Gershwin and Mahler Sunday.

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THEATER

Livonia-Redford Guild relives 'Laughter on 23rd Floor'



Acting: Sean Kelley (Kenny, left to right), Jason Smith (seated, Ira), Jerry Salas (Val), Brian Townsend (Milt), Ron Williams (seated, Lucas), and Steve Tadevic (Max) in a scene from "Laughter on the 23rd Floor."

Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford continues its run of "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. For tickets, call (313) 531-0554.

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

There's a "must see" show playing at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford. It's Neil Simon's riotous comedy, "Laughter on the 23rd Floor"—his loving tribute to the greatest sketch writing team in the history of television (Sid Caesar's "Your Show of Shows" and later, "Caesar's Hour").

First time director Deborah Pletzer has assembled a talented cast and has chosen as her assistant Karen Groves, with more than 20 years of theater experience. Together, they give us a fast-paced show that seldom stumbles, while regaling us with two hours of comic delights.

Back in the fifties, Simon, Mel Brooks, Larry Gelbart, Mel Tolkin, Woody Allen, Carl Reiner, and others cranked out 90 minutes of material week after week for Sid Caesar's variety show.

Those of us lucky enough to have witnessed it live, remember it fondly.

Little did we realize what went on in the zany "writing room" or what a price Caesar paid for his success. Caesar went from the hottest personality on TV to an unemployable, down and out drunk in a flop house in Toronto before getting his life together again.

In "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," Simon gives us an insider's impressionistic view of the fun times on that famous 23rd floor where an eclectic team of wordsmiths assaulted each other with one-liners, put-downs and gags. This is a no holds barred free-for-all, including some adult language (mostly a running gag on how to pronounce the F-word).

The story line of the play is a continuing battle between the Sid Caesar character (Max Prince) and NBC executives over comedic integrity. The suits want to dumb down the show for a bigger audience (a fight that Caesar eventually lost).

Steve Tadevic captures the overpowering personality of the pill-popping, boozing Max Prince. Once moment warm and fuzzy, the next a raving paranoid,

Tadevic gives us the feeling of what it was like to be in the presence of flawed comic genius.

Jason Smith is outrageous as an over-the-top hypochondriac, Ira. Loosely based on Woody Allen and Mel Brooks, Smith turns in one of the best physical comedy performances seen in some time.

Jerry Salas is excellent as Val, the head writer (in real life Mel Tolkin). His Russian Jewish accent and delivery are so good, his lines hardly appear memorized. And when it comes to delivering a comic line, or a piece of funny business Brian Townsend, as Milt, is tops.

Ron Williams is likeable as Lucas, a fresh-faced stand-in for Simon, himself. Rebecca Martin scores as Carol, the only woman writer on the show and pregnant with child. She just wants to be one of the guys, so one retorts, "hope you have a great baby, fella."

In voice and dress, Drew Parker is very good as an Irish writer dreaming of a big score in Hollywood. Sean Kelly tries to keep things in perspective as the level-headed Kenny. And Andrea Fellicci effectively makes her stage debut as Helen, girl Friday to this gang of frenetic funsters.

Players Guild recaptures American family life

The Players Guild of Dearborn presents "The Dining Room" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the playhouse, 21730 Madison (southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive) Dearborn. Tickets are \$11, call (313) 561-TKTS. BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Players Guild of Dearborn captures the magic of a disappearing lifestyle in A.R. Gurney's dramatic comedy, "The Dining Room." The play is a series of scenes, artfully overlapped, that show how the dining room has been the backdrop for many funny and poignant moments in

American life and how that tradition has slipped away in our fast paced world.

The Guild's talented ensemble: Jeffery Flannery, Annette Hissong, Valerie Mangrum, Mark Ripper, Matthew Ripper and Tania Valinsky, collectively portrayed over 50 characters during the course of the evening. Their versatility was challenged as they were called upon to play every age from fidgety children to stoop-shouldered seniors.

From the '30s to the present day, the story and strong cast drew the audience into the lives of different families, as brief but significant moments in their lives unfolded in a room so cen-

tral to American life the first half of this century. Whether breakfasts, holiday feasts, children's birthday parties or toasts, the dining room has seen it all.

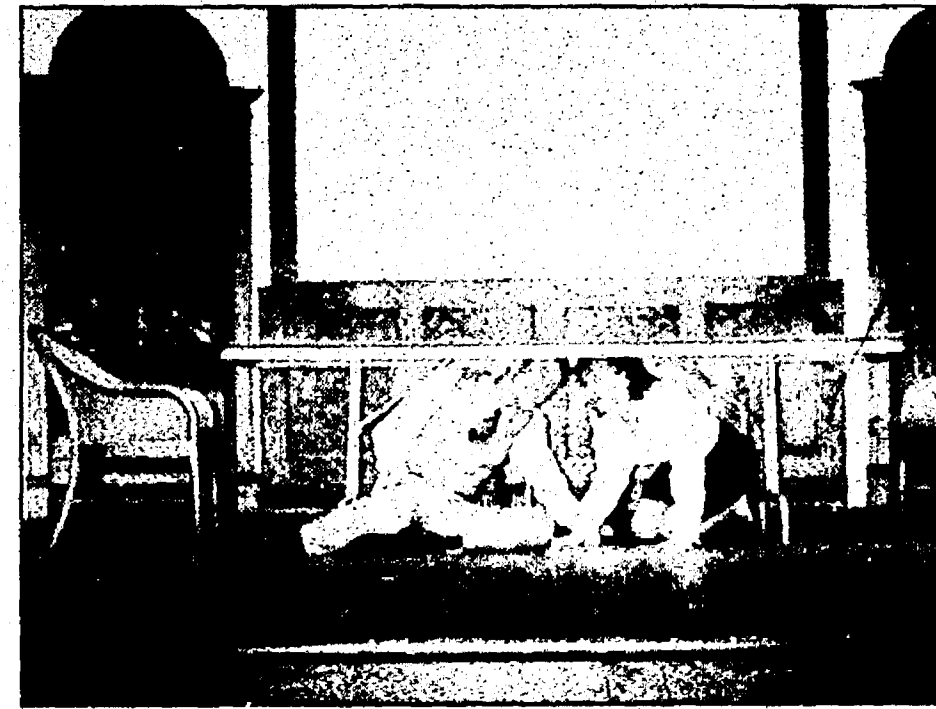
The entire cast provided an evening of strong performances. Delightful characterizations include Jeff Flannery's fidgeting, ill-at-ease boy, Annette Hissong's tipsy teenager, Tania Velinsky's aging matriarch, and Valerie Mangrum's under-the-table divorcee. Real life brothers Mark and Matthew Ripper played father and son in a funeral planning scene that was both funny and touching.

Steve Gautreau's set was elegant, with exquisite attention to

detail, from the intricate wood moldings to the classic wallpaper. The set created a feeling of warmth and intimacy, and captured the special ambience unique to dining rooms.

Each actor wore a basic costume with quick and clever accessory changes between scenes. The props were faithful to the era, with everything from crystal fingerbowls to silver butterknives.

"The Dining Room" is more than a series of scenes. It shows, through glimpses into American life over the last half century, how family life has changed, and more importantly, the hopes and dreams which families everywhere still value.



Dramatic comedy: Mark Ripper as Paul and Valerie Mangrum as Margery in a scene from "The Dining Room."

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GEM THEATRE

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays (\$27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays (\$32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays (\$27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19.50). (313) 963-9800

MACOMB CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

"West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$30, \$27 seniors and students. (810) 286-2222

MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

"Bring in 'Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk," through Sunday, Sept. 27, at the theater, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$24.50, \$29.50, \$39.50), 8 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday (\$22.50, \$27.50, \$37.50). (248) 645-6666/(313) 872-1000

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

"The Merry Wives of Windsor," Shakespeare's comic romp set in Elizabethan England moves to Windsor, N.M., in 1899, through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$24-\$35. (248) 377-3300

COMMUNITY THEATER

ALTERNATING CURRENTS THEATRE TROUPE

"Office Politics," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Trumbull Theatre, 4210 Trumbull, Detroit. \$6 in advance at A Woman's Prerogative in Ferndale, Chosen Books in Royal Oak; Common Language in Ann Arbor and Just 4 Us in Ferndale. (248) 541-8316/(810) 308-5777

AVON PLAYERS

"Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26 and Oct. 2-3, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, and Thursday, Oct. 1, at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. \$15, student/senior/group rates available Thursdays and Sundays. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS

"Broadway Banned: A Musical Revue," a lively look back at the Farmington Players past, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. \$20, proceeds to benefit the building fund. (248) 553-2955

HARTLAND PLAYERS

"The Fantasticks," one of the longest running Broadway musicals of all time, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 2-3, 9-10, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4 and 11, at the Hartland Music Hall, 3619 Avon, Hartland. \$8, \$7 students/seniors. (810) 220-3521

LIVONIA-REDFORD THEATER GUILD

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RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

"Fascinatin' Gershwin," features music from shows such as "Porgy and Bess" and "Girl Crazy," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, to raise funds for the Players, at the theater, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$20. (248) 988-7049

STAGECRAFTERS

"Once Upon A Mattress," through Oct. 11, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, with an additional show 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. \$12-\$14. (248) 541-6430

DINNER THEATER

DAVE AND BUSTER'S

"An Act of Murder," a mystery dinner theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 10 at Dave and Buster's, M-59 and M-53, Utica. \$32.95 per person plus tax and gratuity, includes dinner of Caesar



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

All Aboard: Learn what life was like working and traveling on the railroad during Railroad Days, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Greenfield Village, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn. Visitors will see train demonstrations and vintage steam, diesel and electric trains in action. Learn about railroad safety through Conrail's "Operation Life-saver." This video and motion simulator put the viewer in the driver's seat from the engineer's point of view. Kids can make their own conductor's hat, and color pictures of trains found in the village. Admission \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors 62 and over, \$7.50 ages 5-12, call (313) 271-1620.

salad, choice of lemon-herb chicken with tarragon-lemon cream sauce or prime rib. Not recommended for children ages 18 and younger. (810) 930-1515

GENITTI'S

"Pasta to Paczkis," the story of the marriage of an Italian bride and a Polish groom, through October at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. \$39.95 includes seven-course Italian dinner, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Raggedy Ann and Andy," 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. Children ages 3 and younger not permitted. (248) 349-8110 for ticket information and special school performance times and rates.

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m., at the Historic Players Club, 3321 East Jefferson, between Mt. Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. \$7.50, \$6.50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

SPECIAL EVENTS

"FESTA DEL VINO"

Wine tasting and traditional family style dinner presented by Italian American Club Cultural Committee, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile, between Haggerty and Newburgh, Livonia. \$25 members, \$30 non-members, \$10-\$12.50 ages 10-15. (734) 420-3168

GREEK TOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL

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"MARLBORO COUNTRY NIGHTS DANCE SHOWDOWN"

The Ark in Ann Arbor's second annual fall fundraising event featuring James Dapogny's Chicagoans and Banu Gibson, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the club, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Vintage riverboat attire encouraged. \$100 (\$75 tax deductible); \$200 (\$165 tax deductible) for Riverboat Captain tickets, includes table seating, cocktail reception and valet parking. (734) 761-1800

"SUNDAY, SONGS AND SYMPHONY"

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra's annual benefit featuring a program of light and popular music by the orchestra, a taste of 25 area restaurants, bakeries and food establishments, a silent auction, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. \$30, \$25 in advance. (734) 421-1111/(734) 464-2741

BENEFITS

STEWART FRANCKE LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION

Fundraising concert featuring unplugged sets by Mitch Ryder, Jill Jack and Francke, who was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in June and will have a stem cell transplant in October, from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in the lobby of the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$75. (248) 828-2865

"JAZZ FOR LITERACY" CONCERT

Marcus Belgrave, Teddy Harris, Jr., Shahida Nurullah, Straight Ahead, The Motif, Beyond Blue, Bob St. Thomas with So Much Fun, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. \$25. Meet the artists at a gala reception 4-5 p.m. (313) 872-7720

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HONEY AND APPLES FESTIVAL

Assist in extracting honey, bring your own apples and use an old-fashioned apple press to make cider, 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3200

MAYBURY STATE PARK HORSEDRIVEN HAYRIDES, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in September and October, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free, state park motor vehicle permit required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390

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Runs weekends through September, at the grounds, one mile north of Mount Holly on Dixie Highway in Holly. \$13.95, \$5.95 children ages 5-12, free for children ages 4 and younger. (248) 634-5552 or <http://www.members.aol.com/Refnestml> or Refnestml@aol.com

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Sheep shearing, spinning, working border collies, fiber workshops, visiting flocks of alpacas, llamas, angora rabbits, and angora goats, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 26-27, at Mount Bruce Station, 6440 Bordman Road, six miles north of Romeo on Van Dyke (M-53). \$5, children under age 5 free. (810) 798-2568/(810) 798-2660

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Featuring pianist Emanuel Ax, program includes Strauss's "Burlleske for Piano and Orchestra," Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 9" and Hindesmith, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$17 to \$48, \$55 to \$63 box seats. (313) 576-5111

ARTHUR GREENE

The University of Michigan School of Music faculty member performs in recital, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$25, \$15, \$10. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

With conductor and piano Michael Tilson Thomas, 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$16-\$50. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

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Featuring the music of Beethoven and Shostakovich, 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 764-8350

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8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$36, \$32 students and seniors, \$45 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

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Open auditions for new members, especially tenors, basses and baritones, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 29, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. (734) 455-4080; The group is also 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

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JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO

8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sept. 24, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

MOSE ALLISON

8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$13 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themag-icbag.com>

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO

8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Edison's, 22 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

RAMONA COLLINS

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

EXPLOSION CEREBRAL

9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, as part of Mood Indigo night, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

BILL HEID TRIO

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6-10 p.m. Mondays at TooChez, 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. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, D.L. Harrington's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 852-0550

JAZZHEAD

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922

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8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 26, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free, 25-cent surcharge on drinks during entertainment. All ages. (248) 546-1400

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MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With trumpet player John Trudell, and alto sax player Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner. \$5 drink minimum. (248) 474-4800

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8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 open the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Ameritech Jazz Series, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$15-\$46, \$60 box seats. (313) 576-5111

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

MEM SHANNON
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

CHUCK SHERMETARO TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

KEN VANDERMARK FIVE
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, as part of the New Music Society Concerts, Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Cover charge. All ages. (248) 399-3946

URSULA 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

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With Psy-Funk, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (acid jazz)

DAVID S. WARE QUARTET
8:30-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Henry Ford Community College, Mackenzie Fine Arts Center, Evergreen and Ford Roads, Dearborn. \$15. (313) 845-9676/(248) 548-9888

WORLD MUSIC

THE ARTICLES
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (Jamaican jazz) (313) 965-9500

JIMMY CLIFF
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

BELA FLECK, EDGAR MEYER AND MIKE MARSHALL
8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$25. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

GREAT BIG SEA
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

IMMIGRANT SUNS
With Spy Radio, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (Eastern European/rock)

IMMUNITY
10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Free. 21 and older. (810) 360-7450; 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Spectadium, 2511 N. Livernors Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (248) 362-4030 (reggae)

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Luciano's 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Benedetto's, 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Township. (810) 790-1010. (Italian and Spanish)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

CHARLIE MOSBROOK
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (bluegrass)

DAVID ROTH

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11, \$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

POETRY/SPOKEN WORD

POETRY IN MOTION
Featuring poet Ann Holdreith, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
Detroit Story League's annual event featuring Donald Davis, Elizabeth Ellis and Anne Shimojima, workshops, and family performances, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Henry Ford Community College's Mackenzie Fine Arts Building and Adray Auditorium, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$5-\$30. (734) 761-5118/(313) 525-1521

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. \$8. (734) 665-8863

CONTRA DANCING
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 with Becky Hill and Perfect Match, at the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main, Royal Oak. \$7. (248) 542-2093

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
City Arts Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26, at Wayne State University in the Maggie Altessee Studio Theater, Old Main Building, corner of Cass and Warren, third floor. \$15, \$10 seniors/students. (313) 965-3544

EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE
Joins with Demetrius Klein Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Oakland University, Varner Recital Hall, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$6 Oakland University students. (248) 370-3013

KANKOURAN WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY
Performances and beginning and master classes, Oct. 1-4 in conjunction with Wayne State University Dance Department. (313) 794-9400/(313) 873-3889/(313) 577-4273

OAKLAND COUNTY CONTRA DANCING
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 with Becky Hill and Perfect Match, at the First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main, Royal Oak. \$7. (248) 542-2093

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 Road, east of John R. \$3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kipp Addotta and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 24-26 (\$14); Chas Elstner, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3 (\$12), 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). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Steve Bills, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package); Sean Morey, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3 (\$10, \$24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Chris Titus, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24 (\$7), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 25-26 (\$10); Mike Hessman, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Sept. 30 Oct. 1, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3 (\$10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Second City Touring Company return to the campus bringing its unique version of improvisational comedy, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in Varner Recital Hall, Rochester. \$12, \$10 seniors, \$5 Oakland University stu-

dents. (248) 370-3013

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Jenny McNulty and Paul Frisbee, Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 9-13, 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.comedy-castle.com>

SOUPY SALES
With Johnny Ginger and Marv Welch, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington. \$25. (248) 473-7777

STOGIES & STANDUP
Genitt's, 108 E. Main St., Northville, presents "Stogies & Standup," Thursday, Oct. 1. Buffet dinner 6-8 p.m., three comedians perform 8 p.m. Cost \$40 per person includes dinner, 3 premium cigars, single malt Scotch and rum tasting, and show. Call (248) 349-0522 for reservations.

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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRANBROOK
Guided garden tours 1:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 24 (\$6, \$5 seniors/students), (248) 645-3147; outdoor sculpture tour noon Saturdays through October (\$7, \$5 students/seniors includes Art Museum admission), (248) 645-3323, on the grounds of Cranbrook Educational Community, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Four Women of Egypt," film documentary, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26; "A Community Between Two Worlds: Arab Americans in Greater Detroit," through Oct. 4; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R. (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional \$4. (313) 577-8400

"SUNDAY STROLLS"
Featuring Creekside Community on the east side of Detroit, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. \$15 Detroit Historical Society members, \$18 non-members; Featuring Historic Indian Village, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. \$15 Detroit Historical Society members, \$18 non-members. Meeting place will be on ticket. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Exhibits include "Detroit's Black Bottom and Paradise Valley: Help Us Collect Your Past" through Sunday, Oct. 25, and "Juke Joint" through Sunday, Oct. 18, at the museum, 315 E. Warren (at Brush), Detroit. Museum admission, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 17 and younger. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

BERNARD ALLISON
9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 542-3923 (blues)

AMERICAN MARS
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (pop)

THE ARTIST
With Chaka Khan and Larry Graham, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr.,

Detroit. \$19.99, \$50 and \$85. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (R&B/pop)

BUGS BEDDOO BAND
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and 8-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400

BENNY AND THE JETS
9 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays through October, New Crow's Nest, 6166 N. Canton Center Road, Canton. Free. 21 and older. (313) 730-1627 or <http://members.tripod.com/BennyJETS>

BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (jump blues)

RORY BLOCK
8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (blues)

BLUE ROSE
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Vimmer's, 1711 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 299-3663 (blues)

BLUE SUIT
Featuring Alberta Adams, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

BONNE TEMPS ROULLE
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

BRIDGE
With Solid Frog and Gods Made Love, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (rock)

BUSTER BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

THE CHURCH
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$17 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (ethereal pop)

DADA
With The Murrurs, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$8 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (pop)

DISCIPLINE
With Ape 7, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (prog rock)

GLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (Deadhead)

"FAMILY VALUES" TOUR
With Korn, Rammstein, Ice Cube, Limp Bizkit and Orgy, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$29.50 reserved and general admission floor. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>; After-show party with Orgy, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 334-1999 or <http://www.961melt.com> (r.&b.)

GETAWAY CRUISER
With Slum Village and Flashpap'r, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$6 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (pop)

ROBERT GORDON
With Thornetta Davis, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rockabilly/R&B)

THE GRUESOMES
With Soot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

JULIANA HATFIELD
With Hayden, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or <http://www.961melt.com> (pop)

AL HILL
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

KID ROCK

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rap/rock)

P.W. LONG WITH REELFOOT
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL (rock)

MASCHINA
With Boogie Shoes, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

MODERN VAGRANTS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or <http://www.lilis21.com> (rock)

THE MOEN-AWESOME BAND
7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 852-6433; 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 26, as part of "September Fest" on Mill Street in downtown Ortonville. (248) 627-4640 (acoustic rock)

MORCHEEBA
With Pernice Brothers, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (pop)

MUDPUPPY
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (blues)

MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030; 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300; 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800 (R&B)

THE PROMISE RING
7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Magic Stick in the Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 or <http://www.99music.com> (pop)

SNOWPONY
6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com>

STEVE SOMERS BAND
Featuring Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)

SOULFY
With Snot, Dee Snider, Day in the Life and (hed) pe, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16 in advance, \$19 week of show. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)

ANGELA STREHLI BAND
8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Postponed until later this fall. (248) 514-3030 or <http://www.themagicicbag.com>

SUNNY DAY REAL ESTATE
6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or <http://www.961melt.com> (alternative rock)

LIL BRIAN TERRY AND THE ZYDECO TRAVELERS
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$4. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

TINY TOWN
Featuring former members of the Subdudes, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL or <http://www.99music.com>

SWING DAY REAL ESTATE
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rockabilly)

RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400; 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues)

WORKHORSE
With 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 485-5053 (rock)

CLUB NIGHTS

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. and dancing with DJ Del Villarreal, 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 before 9 p.m., \$3 afterward; "Solar" night with Mixmaster Morris, Amon Tobin and Jonah, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the club. \$10. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555

CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's), old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pont

MOVIES

Atmospheric 'Ronin' is good looking, uninvolving

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In a smokey, late night Paris street a man walks cautiously down ancient stairs watching other men gather at a hole-in-the-wall wine bar. He hides a gun in a crevice of the old stone street and walks into the bar where everyone eyes him suspiciously. He asks for a drink.

This is the richly atmospheric opening to John Frankenheimer's "Ronin," a thriller that unpeels layer upon layer of mystery and never becomes fully clear until the last ironic moment.

Frankenheimer mastered the political-espionage thriller

decades ago when he made "The Manchurian Candidate." "Ronin" is similar to that film in its basically bitter view of political moves and in its slowly unwinding revelations. But "Ronin," from a script and story by J.D. Zeik (with David Mamet), is a considerably cooler movie without an emotional center for an audience to care about.

The man who walks into the bar is Sam, played by Robert DeNiro. He's a world-weary, highly competent, no-nonsense mercenary. The others in the bar are also mercenaries from several countries, strangers to each other and brought together to do a "job" for a client whose identity is also a mystery to them.

The job is to steal a metal brief case. The brief case is a classic Hitchcock McGuffin, the object of pursuit that really isn't that important.

Frankenheimer handles action sequences with a refined precision that has become something of a trademark in films like "The Train" and "Grand Prix," but here things are allowed to go over the top a few too many times. As two competing forces, rogue IRA and rogue Russians, compete for the box, there are countless shootouts and chases, including one "French Connection" type chase through narrow Nice streets.

What are we to make of all this?

The world is still a dangerous place despite the end of the cold war. No one can be trusted. Innocent people die in the middle of these coldly calculated encounters, in this case by the score.

But everything is so emotionless. DeNiro gives his usually well-modulated performance, suggesting both the competence and the exhaustion of his character. He is also consistent, which is what makes the ending work. But we never learn a lot about Sam, except briefly in a scene where the title is explained and Sam seems to suggest that he doesn't fit the definition. The "Ronin" were masterless Samurai who fought to avenge the murder of their master by another master.

Stellan Skarsgard, a very busy actor lately, is a former KGB agent and the group's technical expert with a volatile personality.

Natascha McElhone is the rogue IRA operative who directs the mercenaries and provides a brief hint of October-May romance with DeNiro that never develops.

Jean Reno, Jonathan Pryce



PATRICK CAMBOULIVÉ

Thriller: Robert DeNiro stars as Sam, an American who joins a team hired to recover a mysterious briefcase.

and, in a cameo, Katharina Witt play key roles.

"Ronin" is a stunning travelogue of France. From Paris in the north to Nice, Cannes and Arles in the south, the settings are beautiful. Robert Fraise's photography with its muted tones and active movement perfectly captures the feel of the

story. The action sequences are expertly handled if overdone and the story's slow unraveling is intriguing. But without characters to involve our interest, "Ronin" ends up being unsatisfying as well as disquieting for such a great director-actor combination.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

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Drama: Kris Kristofferson (Bill) and Barbara Hershey (Marcella) in a scene from "A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries."



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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- "URBAN LEGENDS"**
Urban Legends - Modern folk tales that seem to arise spontaneously and spread by word of mouth and range from the silly to the sinister. When a series of deaths occur on a college campus it appears that they are based on urban legends and lives hang in the balance. Stars Alicia Witt, directed by Jamie Blanks.
 - "TOUCH OF EVIL"**
Exclusively at the DIA, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 25-27. This classic 1958 film by Orson Wells, restored according to Wells newly discovered notes, tells of a corrupt cop who runs up against a Mexican official investigating drug trafficking. Stars Orson Wells, Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh.
 - "PECKER"**
Exclusively at the Main Art Theater. A John Waters' "rags to riches" comedy about a young man whose idiosyncratic photograph of working-class life takes the art world by storm. Stars Edward Furlong, Christina Ricci.
 - "A SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER NEVER CRIES"**
Exclusively at the Maple Art Theater. This drama is based on the daughter of American novelist James Jones' fictionalized account of family life, both abroad and in America in the 1960s. Stars Kris Kristofferson, Barbara Hershey, Leelee Sobieski.
 - "RONIN"**
An action adventure of an international team of former intelligence agents hired to carry out a dangerous mission that goes awry. Stars Robert DeNiro, Jean Reno.
- Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 2**
- "THE IMPOSTORS"**
Comedy about two down-on-their-luck actors who stow away on a cruise ship only to find themselves fleeing the frying pan to enter the fire. Stars Stanley Tucci who also wrote and directs.
 - "CLAY PIGEONS"**
Exclusively at the Star Southfield. Comedic thriller about a young man who's best friend commits suicide when he finds out his wife is sleeping with him. Stars Vince Vaughn, Joaquin Phoenix.
 - "ANTZ"**
Full-length computer animated film about an ant who struggles with the day-to-day drudgery of a world populated by drones. Stars the voice talents of Woody Allen, Danny Glover, Sharon Stone, Sylvester Stallone.
 - "A NIGHT AT THE ROXBURY"**
Comedy about the Saturday Night Live Butabi brothers, whose one goal in life is to become movers and shakers in L.A.'s ultra-trendy night club scene. Stars Chris Kattan, Will Ferrell, Richard Grieco, and Dan Hedaya.
 - "WHAT DREAMS MAY COME"**
Romantic fantasy about two true soul mates who search for one another in the afterlife. Stars Robin Williams, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Annabella Sciorra, Max Von Sydow.
 - "DEE SNIDER'S STRANGLAND"**
Film about a homicide detective and his partner as they pursue a psychopath who tortures the people he kidnaps by "modifying" their bodies. Stars Dee Snider, Kevin Gage, Brett Harrelson, Elizabeth Pena.
 - "PRACTICAL MAGIC"**
Based on the best-selling novel by Alice Hoffman, a dark and comic fable about two sisters who struggle to use their hereditary gift for guiding fate through practical magic to overcome the obstacles in discovering true love. Stars Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Stockard Channing.
 - "APT PUPIL"**
A dramatic thriller about a high school kid who discovers that his neighbor is an ex-Nazi SS officer and blackmails him. Stars Ian McKellen, Brad Renfro.
 - "HOME FRIES"**
An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one wants to marry her, the other to kill her. The trio's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara.
 - "SOLDIER"**
An itinerant warrior of the future, trained exclusively for combat, but now made obsolete by a new generation of specially bred fighters, defends a band of settlers on a remote planet and discovers his own humanity in the process. Stars Kurt Russell.

Film festival to honor Elmore Leonard

Plans for the inaugural Detroit & Windsor International Festival of Film were announced recently.

The festival is an expanded successor to the Metropolitan Film Festival, held in Detroit for the past six years.

"There is a wealth of talented filmmakers in the world today, and our purpose is to showcase the best of their work for Detroit and Windsor audiences," said Tom McPhee, the festival's co-chairman.

The festival will run Nov. 5-8, opening with a tribute to Bloomfield writer Elmore ("Dutch") Leonard at the Detroit Opera House. It will feature an American Film Institute-style retrospective chronicling films adapted from Leonard's novels.

Leonard also will be presented with the first Spirit of Detroit Lifetime Achievement Award that night.

The majority of movies shown during the festival will be "independent" films, the work of emerging directors. The films will be screened at the four theaters at the Renaissance Center on Nov. 6, 7 and 8. In addition, plans are being completed for a closing-night film screening in Windsor, in cooperation with Windsor Film Theatre and ArtCite Windsor.

Plans for the new film festival were announced at a news conference at the Westin Hotel by Mr. McPhee, who heads Michigan-based First Light Contemporary Releasing, an alternative film distribution company, and the festival's co-chairman, Wayne Indyk.

Mr. Indyk, an officer of the Detroit Filmmakers Coalition, estimates that some 60 films will be shown. Half will be entered in the competitive phase of the festival.

STREET SCENE

Lisa Hunter ready to work her charms at Borders

Lisa Hunter knows how to work a room. Her shy smile and girl-next-door demeanor softens even the most critical music listener. Her lyrics are heart-wrenching and hypnotic.

Anybody shopping at Borders Books stores this weekend will get a glimpse of that as she plays all eight metro-Detroit stores as part of her "Borders Blitz."

"I'm going to be exhausted by Sunday," she said giggling. "It's going to be a lot of work."

The "Borders Blitz" is in support of her new album "Flying," her sophomore independent release. "Flying" takes the best of Hunter's abilities and encapsulates them in a tight 12-song package. The song "Paralyze," for example, shows her knack for writing vivid lyrics.

"This kind of connection is more than a fair weather fling/like I've known you forever, you're part of the song that I sing/but then the danger of losing myself and drowning in it/I'm afraid I'll be unable to spell out my boundaries and limits/just wanna lose this disguise, but I paralyze," she sings.

Recorded at Big Sky Recording in Ann Arbor and Studio A in Dearborn, she called upon a handful of Detroit musicians to help her out. Drummer Danny Cox, Hammond organ player Tim Diaz of Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, guitarist Michael King, and keyboardist Luis Resto lent their support.

Her previous album, "Solid Ground," was more acoustic in nature.

"There's more electric guitar on this album. It's a little more rocky. At the same time, there's still songs with just my guitar and my voice," she explained.

"I also brought in keyboards and more percussion. It just felt right for the songs. I came up

Ann Arbor singer/songwriter Lisa Hunter will be promoting her new album, "Flying," at all eight metro Detroit Borders Books stores Sept. 24-27. For more information, call the respective stores or e-mail Swingsistersound records at swngsissnd@aol.com or visit <http://www.lb.com/onemanclapping>.

- She will perform:
- 7-7:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Utica store, 45290 Utica Park Boulevard, (810) 726-8555.
 - 7-7:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the Flint store, 4135 Miller Road, (810) 230-8830.
 - Noon to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Novi store, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, (248) 347-0780.
 - 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Rochester store, 1122 S. Rochester Road, (248) 652-0558.
 - 7-7:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Birmingham store, 34300 Woodward Ave. (248) 203-0005.
 - Noon to 12:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Dearborn store, 5601 Mercury Dr. (313) 271-4441.
 - 3-3:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Ann Arbor store, 612 E. Liberty St. (734) 668-7100.
 - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Farmington Hills store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road.

Lisa Hunter also performs at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, as part of the new "Acoustic Brew" series at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. For ticket information, call (248) 335-8100.

with a vision of what I felt was right. Songs are like little kids. You have to try to figure them out and how to dress them."

Recording, she explained, stirs a variety of emotions in her.

"It's this horrible mix of excitement and fear and stress yet you get to just be creative. That's what it's all about - creating this art."

Hunter has been involved in the arts since long before she was a student at Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills, from which she graduated in 1988.

At the school, she studied weaving and vocal music and gathered a sense for her creativity, she explained.

"The creativity was appreciated and honored there. I came away from that feeling special," said Hunter who studied engi-

neering at the University of Michigan.

Hunter, who grew up in Ferndale and Auburn Hills, comes from a long line of musicians. Her sister teaches music and plays the flute. One nephew studies at Interlochen while another plays the drums. Her brother is a jazz musician who plays in blues bands. Four of her male cousins play music.

Hitting the stage for the first time, she said, was nerve-wracking.

"It was scary at first. I was worried I was going to fall flat on my face," she said with a laugh. "But I felt more comfortable on the stage than other places in my life."

Many of those stages were outside of Michigan.

"I found myself on these little stages in places I had never been to, like Flagstaff (Ariz.) or Seattle."

She briefly lived in Colorado which spawned the song "This Road," off her debut "Solid Ground."

"I had to drive this mountain road that was really scary. It was a 45-minute drive but I had to do it every day. It started feeling like a metaphor for my life. I was shifting gears and going around curves and sometimes going the wrong way," she said.

"I had this little tune in my head and the lyrics just came. I was thinking a whole lot about what I was writing. It was a hard time and a cathartic time. There were a lot of lessons learned."

Sometimes the songs come as quickly as that one.

"Those are the neat songs. They're little gifts. Other songs are a little more epic. 'This Road' wasn't hard. It evolved over time."

Hunter admitted that other times the songs are hard to write.

"I'm the kind of songwriter that is brutally honest with myself. If it's not right I can't sit with it. I generally learn a lot along the way. That's what's really taught me a lot."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESNA
Making the rounds: Singer/songwriter Lisa Hunter will perform songs from her new album "Flying" at all eight Borders Books stores this weekend.

THEATER

Meadow Brook reaches for the mythic in Shakespeare's comedy

"The Merry Wives of Windsor," a comedy written by William Shakespeare. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, through Oct. 11 at Meadow Brook Theatre, located inside Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets: \$19.50-\$35; (248) 377-3300 or group sales (248) 370-3316. BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER

In pushing to make Shakespeare immediately accessible to attention-deficit audiences, Meadow Brook Theatre takes liberties with one of the playwright's most playfully slapstick works, "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

The play opens Meadow Brook's 1998-99 seven-play season.

Shakespeare's rapid-fire comedy written about a scheming seducer, John Falstaff, and the two women who eventually reveal his deceit, is a tale of greed and jealousy, human foibles which Shakespeare deflates with a wicked wit and eternal wisdom.

For the sake of novelty, the Meadow Brook production has been transported from Elizabethan England of the late 16th century to the desolate, late 19th-century western frontier of Windsor, New Mexico.

While the artistic decision to demonstrate the universal appli-

cability of Shakespeare's genius is admirable, the production doesn't go far enough in reconjuring the western conceit.

Quite often, the formal Elizabethan syntax is at odds with the informal open-plains lifestyle of cowboys and rustlers. At times, the juxtaposition of the tight-laced language customs of 16th-century England and the lawless 19th-century American frontier is downright jarring.

But when director Geoffrey Sherman pushes "The Merry Wives of Windsor" to a mythic level, the production appears reinvigorated and magical. And, should it be dared to say, the type of late 20th production that the thespian and playwright from Stratford might find intriguing.

Particularly, the interludes of guitar and song (performed by Robert Grossman), and the dance of the fairies late in the second act raises the production from an unusual homage to the Shakespearean tradition into an engaging interpretation.

Of course, any play that pairs David Regal (Falstaff) and Robin Chadwick (Frank Ford) offers an opportunity to marvel at the finest acting in the region.

Regal and Chadwick demonstrate that the key to playing Shakespeare lies in following the direction of the words, and understanding the inherent irony of the dialogue. Maintain-

ing the illusion of Shakespearean theater requires creating characters who sustain the notion that nothing appears as it is. (Is life any different?)

Again and again, both Regal and Chadwick make subtle choices that reveal the humanity of their characters. At times, just following along as Regal recites Shakespeare's lines is like being chauffeured into the realm of literary genius.

The problem, however, is that

Meadow Brook's production promises to be more than a traditional recitation of Shakespeare.

From the choice of a setting, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" aspires to be something entirely contemporary. But it's not just about transporting Shakespeare to another century where the power and universality of his work can be experienced. Rather, it's knowing that Shakespeare's genius goes beyond both time

and space, and is perhaps most suited to the mythic realm.

While Meadow Brook's production never quite transcends the stage, there are enough special moments when the energy level, interpretation and the words of Shakespeare breathe new life into the latest incarnation of "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

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BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

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Smoking: Smoke-free environment.

Vegetarian: Some vegetarian items available, including a Vegetarian burger.

and Swiss cheese, grilled onions, and "special sauce," or the "Streamliner" (Vegetarian burger).

If you're not in the mood for a burger, choose from BLT, Chili Dog, Tuna or Egg Salad Sandwich, Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Grilled Breast of Chicken, Club Sandwich, or just plain Grilled Cheese. You can get American Fries, Onion Rings, Chili Rings and a bowl of chili too.

Johnny Rockets offers a variety of soft drinks, and fountain specialties such as made to order malts, shakes, and floats. When was the last time you had a cherry, chocolate, vanilla or lemon flavored Coke? You can get one



At your service: Server Nikki Lewis and general manager Kim Facione with two of Johnny Rockets finest menu items, cheeseburgers.

at Johnny Rockets. For dessert, choose from hot fudge sundae, or apple pie.

Johnny Rockets isn't just for the movie going crowd, the restaurant is hoping to build a lunch business too with people who work in offices near the Star Southfield Theatre.

More restaurants are on the way. "We've signed an agreement with Ark Restaurants," said Krys Bylund, vice president of advertising and promotions for the Grand Rapids-based Star Theatres. "It's a New York-based company. They have a lot of upscale, theme restaurants

throughout the country. We know we want a microbrewery, an Italian restaurant and a Spanish style restaurant that serves tapas. They're developing, and designing these restaurants, and we're anticipating to start construction on the first restaurant by the end of the year."

Although not an Ark Restaurant, Bylund said Johnny Rockets fits the description Star Theatre was looking for in a restaurant. "They're fun," said Bylund. "The waiters and waitresses will break into song and dance every now and then. It's goes with the movie palace destination theme."

Special events offer lots of laughs

Known as the "Fabio Man of Comedy" Kirk Noland will present "Stogies & Standup" Thursday, Oct. 1 at Genitti's, 108 E. Main St., in downtown Northville with local comedians Norm Stulz and J.R. Remick.

The evening begins with a buffet dinner 6-8 p.m., followed by the three comedians on stage at 8 p.m. Three premium cigars, Single Malt Scotch and Caribbean Rum Tasting, are also included with the \$40 per person ticket price. Call (248) 349-0522 for reservations.

Armed with a quick wit and an arsenal of sound effects, Kirk brings to the stage a snappy and stylish look at family life, childhood, adulthood, and everything in between. A captivating storyteller, he ricochets across the stage, recounting the intricacies of his peculiarly eventful life, be it as simplistic as a moment in his life as a father or as bizarre as a trip to the emergency room as a kid.

Also of note:

The comedy team of D.C. Malone and Hampton Nootcheez will perform in a cabaret atmosphere at Schoolcraft College 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 in the Waterman Campus Center on Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile Road) in Livonia, for the 13th Annual Comedy Night.

Tickets are \$8 for students or staff, and \$12 for the general public. Call (734) 462-4422, seating will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Beer and wine, and made-to-order pizzas will be available

at additional cost. You must be 18, or older to attend this event.

Touted as the masters of verbal choreography, Malone and Nootcheez offer a tightly-paced, rapid-fire comedy act alternating straightman/funnyman roles with nonstop ad-libs with the audience, and a routine that plays off each other's strengths.

Along with one-liners, these two comedians incorporate music into their act. Malone plays guitar, and Nootcheez plays a six-foot tall bass saxophone.

WHAT'S COOKING

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Vassel's of Plymouth—Judy Burns bakes homemade goodies everyday at Vassel's of Plymouth, 9468 S. Main St., Plymouth (734) 459-2066. Simple, eye-catching desserts are Judy's specialty. Turn to Dining in next Thursday's Observer to find out what else is cooking at Vassel's, our featured restaurant on Oct. 1.

The Ritz-Carlton—Celebrate the foods and wines of Australia and New Zealand

through Sept. 29. Special selections from Australia and New Zealand will be featured in The Grill, the hotel restaurant, at lunch and dinner. The Ritz is at 300 Town Center Dr. in Dearborn. Call (313) 441-2100 for information.

Zoup!—a new restaurant featuring a food concept parodied in the now-famous Seinfeld "Soup" episode, opens Monday, Sept. 28. The restaurant located at 29177 Northwestern Highway

at 12 Mile Road in the Franklin Plaza Shopping Center, will be open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily, call (248) 799-2800 for information.

Eric Ersher, Zoup!'s spokesman said Zoup!' is in direct response to what "people told us again and again - really good soup is hard to find." Zoup!'s creators spent more than a year developing its 200 recipes. Zoup! offers a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere.

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