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Access road drives concerns



BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

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"People race through there going 40 and 50 mph," Millpointe resident Michael Redmer said.

"There's a lot of children around there," Palmer Road resident Jennifer Malay said. "They're going to get run down by cars."

The issue arose Monday during a Westland City Council study session

that left the problem unresolved -- for now.

But the controversy could mushroom after the city receives and begins pondering a still-pending site plan amendment for Millpointe, a decade-old condominium development east of John Hix Road between Palmer and Glenwood.

City officials don't yet know what condominium association officials may propose, although a currently binding original site plan calls for a fire lane blocked off to everyday traffic.

Some residents want the city to enforce the site plan. But City Attorney Angelo Plakas warned that forcing

Millpointe to erect a barrier could cause a backlash if it hampers emergency access.

"That's a Geoffrey Fieger lawsuit all the way," Plakas said, referring to the prominent attorney and Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

Police Chief Emery Price suggested that it should be a Millpointe Condominium Association decision what to do with the lane.

Even mailboxes have been placed along the lane, which is used by mail carriers as well as Millpointe residents.

"This little 12- or 14-foot road is

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Shooting hoops



Far right, Chris Szpara of the Westland Fire Department looks to take a shot in a wheelchair basketball game last Saturday. The fire and police departments took on the Michigan Wheelchair basketball players in a game at Med Max in Westland as part of the All Sports Day at Med Max. Above, Westland police officer Tom Lachinski battles for a rebound. At right, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas saw some action in the second half of the wheelchair basketball game.



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

3 men arrested in string of purse snatchings

Three men suspected in a string of robberies in four communities, including Westland, were arrested in Canton Township.

The three Detroit males were arrested by Canton and Plymouth Township officers on Sunday after an 8:15 p.m. robbery outside of Arbor Drugs on Joy in Canton, where a woman's purse was taken.

Westland police Sgt. Tom Harris said the same men are suspected in four similar incidents in Westland and others in Livonia and Dearborn Heights.

Three of the Westland incidents were reported outside of the Rite Aid drug-

store on Warren Road just east of Merriam, while a fourth was reported near Arbor Drugs at Hunter and Wayne roads.

The latest Westland incident occurred at 7:45 p.m. Sunday while a woman was walking west on Hunter from Arbor Drugs. She told police she was robbed of her purse by a man who then jumped into a car and drove off.

Three similar incidents were reported near the Rite Aid at Warren and Merriman on Sept. 13, 19 and 26.

Harris said Tuesday that the men hadn't yet been arraigned on Westland

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Purse-snatching suspect ordered to stand trial

An 89-year-old purse-snatching victim's testimony last Thursday helped convince a Westland judge to order a suspect to stand trial for unarmed robbery, a police sergeant said.

The woman testified during a

Westland 18th District Court hearing that ended with Judge Gail McKnight ordering Gregory Oliver, 37, to stand trial.

Other witnesses also testified

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Former Westland man faces polygamy charge

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A former Westland man accused of having two wives could end up alone -- in jail -- if convicted on a polygamy charge.

Joseph James Wisnieski III, now living in Garden City, is only 21 years old, but he is accused of marrying one woman in Toledo, Ohio, and later tying the knot with a second woman in Windsor, Canada.

He was arraigned Tuesday in Westland 18th District Court on a charge of polygamy, and he could face a maximum four-year prison term if convicted.

Judge Gail McKnight released Wisnieski on a \$25,000 personal bond. But she ordered him to return to court Oct. 15 for a preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial for polygamy.

Wisnieski stood mute during his arraignment, and McKnight entered a not-guilty plea for him.

Longtime Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry, who investigates sex crimes and domestic offenses, said this marks his first polygamy case.

Wisnieski's attorney, James Feinberg, couldn't be reached on Tuesday or Wednesday for comment.

Westland police launched a polygamy investigation after the second wife, saying she knew about the first wife, raised the allegations while making a separate domestic violence complaint, according to police reports.

Although there had been a parting with the first wife, police reports indicated that there has been no legal divorce.

A polygamy charge emerged after a police investigation indicated the same man married one wife in October 1997, and then married a second woman in

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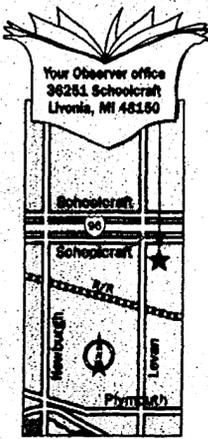
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Man pleads guilty to molesting boys

BY DARRYL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man charged with molesting three boys is serving 10 to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to criminal sexual conduct.

Michael Albert Henisse, 52, received his sentence on first- and third-degree felony sex charges after leading guilty in front of Judge Vera Massey Jones.

"He can now go to the place where people like him belong," Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry said Tuesday.

"I have a great deal of concern for the victims and their families and also for Henisse's family members, who suffered greatly during all of this," Terry added.

Police Chief Emery Price said police officials are relieved that Henisse has been imprisoned.

"We feel relieved, and I'm sure parents and people who know Mr. Henisse are relieved," Price said. "I'd like to think he (Henisse) is relieved knowing he's no longer putting children in harm's way."

Police arrested Henisse at his Westland condominium on July 10 after the victims told their parents that they had been molested. The parents, in turn, contacted the police department.

Two of the boys were 10 and the other was 14 when molested.

Henisse's decision to plead guilty as charged averted a trial

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*Emery Price
-Westland police chief*

that had been ordered July 23 by Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight.

He also received a potentially lesser sentence by admitting to the crimes. He could have faced as much as life in prison if he had been convicted after a trial.

The molestings occurred between Feb. 1 and July 5 of this year.

In total, Henisse was charged with five counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and three counts of third-degree CSC.

Westland police have described Henisse as divorced with no known prior criminal record. Police also said he worked for a vending machine company and traveled in Michigan and other states.

After Henisse's arrest, some of his neighbors had described him as quiet and seemingly nice. However, some neighbors did say they noticed children hanging around his condominium.

- Staff writer Renee Skoglund contributed to this story.

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robbery charges. Rather, the first round of charges came Tuesday during an arraignment in Plymouth 36th District Court.

That stemmed from the Canton incident on Sunday, during which a description of the getaway car was given to Canton and Plymouth officers. Minutes

later, police stopped the car and arrests were made.

The Canton woman's purse was recovered. She suffered a minor wrist injury in the incident.

Only minor injuries were reported during the earlier incidents, too.

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during the hearing which resulted in Oliver's case being sent to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial, police Sgt. Jon Handzlik said.

The case stems from a purse-snatching that occurred shortly before 8 p.m. Sept. 10 outside of Farmer Jack on Ford Road near Wildwood.

After the victim screamed, several citizens began chasing a suspect and were joined by Handzlik, who happened to be near the scene while on a bicycle outing with his wife and three children.

Together, the citizens and Handzlik captured a suspect a short distance away.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Oliver in district court. He remains jailed in lieu of a \$50,000 cash bond.

Oliver now faces an arraignment in circuit court. Unarmed robbery carries a maximum 15-year penalty upon conviction, but Handzlik has said the sentence could be as much as doubled upon conviction because the suspect is charged as a habitual offender.

Public Library of Westland

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Public Library of Westland

Children's Services

Children's Storytime
3-4 p.m. Saturdays, Oct. 3-10
Step in to Children's Services for a make-and-take craft. No fee or registration required.

Children's Book Club
2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3
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 Desk.

Children's Book Club
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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being used as a thoroughfare," Westland Planning Director Tod Kilroy said, adding that some 900 residents live at Millpointe.

Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Harder voiced some concerns about closing the lane, saying it could slow down response time to a fire or medical emergency.

He pointed to a larger problem citywide in which supposed fire lanes are blocked by locked gates, cement blocks and, during winter months, huge piles of shoveled snow.

"These roads are useless to us," Harder said.

Some fire lanes have "break-away barriers" that are intended to snap easily if hit by fire trucks, but Harder and Councilman Richard LeBlanc voiced concerns about damaging expensive trucks.

"I'd be livid if one of my drivers tried to drive over it," Harder said.

State law prohibits fire lanes from being blocked, but Price conceded that police officers are reluctant to try to regulate what

happens on privately owned property.

At Millpointe, Price suggested, residents and their board representatives need to decide what's best for their own community.

"It's really up to the association to do that," Price said.

Plakas agreed: "Those board members have got to step up to the plate and address this."

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin noted, "It's not the city's responsibility."

Some city officials suggested only in passing that association members could consider measures such as speed bumps, making the fire lane a one-way road, or closing it altogether.

The fire lane used to have a barrier, but it was removed several years ago during a medical emergency and never reinstalled.

Palmer Road resident Timothy O'Neil said he bought his house next to Millpointe when the fire lane was closed, and he built a bedroom facing the lane because he didn't believe it would be opened to traffic.

Now he said he hears traffic at "all hours of the night" from his bedroom window.

Kilroy said nothing is likely to be resolved until the city receives a new site plan amendment that he said should be coming soon from Millpointe.

Whether that site plan will satisfy all concerns or fuel an even larger controversy remains to be seen.

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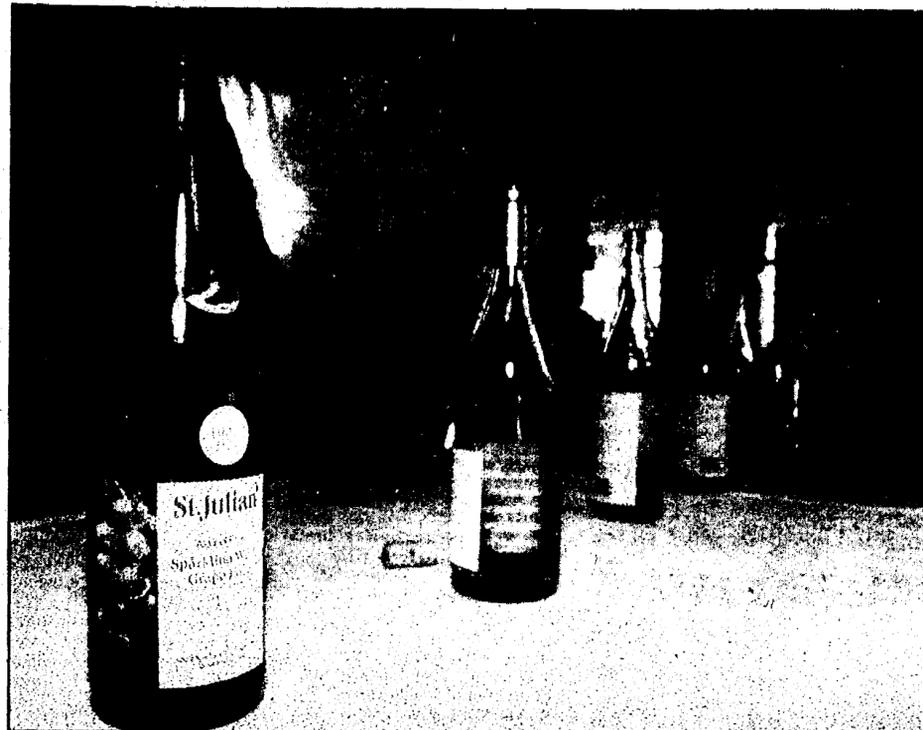
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At the mills

Update: Carol Clements, the naturalist at the Interpretive Center at Nankin Mills in Westland, speaks at the wine and cheese gathering.



Wine and cheese: At far left, a variety of Michigan wines were featured at the 10th annual Friends of Nankin Mills wine and cheese reception. At left, Westland Mayor Robert Thomas addresses the group. Attendees learned about plans for the interpretive center. Nankin Mills, parts of which are believed to date back to the end of the Civil War, is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Tours are available. Call (734) 261-1990 or (734) 729-4941.

Family affair

Turn Off Violence night set for Oct. 8

Hoping to deter violence and bring families closer together, the city of Westland will again sponsor a "Turn Off The Violence" program.

The event is scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall.

The free event will offer a wide range of activities for parents and their children, said Margaret Martin, program supervisor at the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

Fire and police officers will demonstrate their emergency vehicles.

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officers and the Dad's Club will sponsor athletic games such as hockey and basketball.

Michigan Humane Society representatives are expected to bring some dogs to add fun for

youngsters.

Numerous arts and crafts activities will occur.

Library employees will sponsor a program allowing children to make their own puppets and use them in puppet plays.

Line-dancing will be offered for participants of all ages.

Free food ranging from hot dogs to pizza will be available.

"The idea of the program is for families to come," Martin said. "We want the parents to bring their children and come have fun for a night together, in hopes it will result in more family cooperation and commitment and provide a better community."

Martin said the event is being sponsored by the Mayor's Task Force on Family Enrichment, Westland Parks and Recreation and the Rotary Club, with special assistance from the Westland Police Department and Westland Fire Department.

OBITUARIES

LAVINIA LILLIS

Funeral services for Lavinia Lillis, 73, of Westland were Sept. 28 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Harvey K. Prochnau from Grace Moravian Church.

Mrs. Lillis, who died Sept. 24 in Westland, was born in Whitesburg, Ky. She was a material handler.

Surviving are: son, Timothy (Geri) Lillis; daughters, Cynthia (John) Sager of Dearborn Heights; Patricia (David) Chimenti; brother, Henry Frazier; sister, Thelma Tomlinson; friend, Betty Fischer; and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Lillis is preceded in death by her husband, Stephen.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Kidney Foundation.

sons, Danny, Randy (Terry), and Lanny (Connie); daughters, Sherry (Darrell) Moore and Lorie (Richard) Grzych; three brothers; five sisters; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

BARBARA L. LOKUTA

Barbara Lokuta, 66, of Wayne died Sept. 27 in Livonia. She was born in Nankin Township. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are: husband, Paul; daughter, Liana (Kevin) Shoenfeld of Westland; sisters, Marcene McQuain of Wayne, Coral Sellier of Kentucky and Nancy Patruski.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

ROBERT E. CHARLEBOIS

Robert Charlebois, 76, of Westland died Sept. 25 in Ypsilanti. A private memorial service was held.

He was a former Livonia resident and was born in Bay City. He was employed with Ford Motor Company 23 years.

Surviving are: wife, Kathleen; five children; six step-children; and 25 grandchildren.

FRED ROBINSON

Funeral services for Fred Robinson, 66, of Westland were Sept. 28 in Community Baptist Church, Garden City with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jonathan D. Allen.

Mr. Robinson, who died Sept. 22, in Detroit, was born in Luka, Miss. He retired from Cadillac Motors.

Surviving are: wife, Dorothy;

Polygamy from page A1

June of this year.

The domestic violence case is also still pending and is expected to surface in court Oct. 15, along with the polygamy charge.

An earlier \$25,000/10 percent bond had been set on the domestic violence case, forcing the suspect to post \$2,500 to stay out of jail, court administrator David Wiacek said.

Meanwhile, Wiacek said McKnight has told Wisniewski not to leave Michigan and has warned him to comply with a series of orders such as refraining from more domestic assaults and avoiding contact with others involved in his case.

Staff writer Renee Skoglund contributed to this story.

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Lake needs heavy rain to fill up

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Into each person's life, a little rain must fall.

And for Newburgh Lake, it needs a lot before it can be refilled.

Wayne County officials are hoping for a good heavy rain — at least one inch — within the next two weeks. Officials want to refill the lake, restock the lake with fish and finish lake plantings in time for a lake dedication scheduled for Friday, Oct. 18.

Wayne County officials are hoping for a good heavy rain — at least one inch — within the next two weeks to refill Newburgh Lake.

"It's coming up very slowly," said Roger Van Omen, chief engineer for the division of Wayne County Department of Public Works.

The lake, an impoundment of the Rouge River, was drained to complete an \$11 million restoration project. Contractors have excavated 560,000 tons of con-

taminated and noncontaminated soil from the lake, paved two parking areas, repaired a fishing dock and resurfaced Hines Drive between Newburgh and Haggerty roads. That section and the bike path will be opened on Oct. 18.

A dam under Newburgh Road houses a sluice gate to retain the water for the impoundment, but it also is open currently to release enough flow to maintain

the river downstream. The lack of rain since mid-September has hindered efforts to fill the lake. The east end of the lake near Newburgh Road also has a higher elevation, so that too will take a heavy storm to fill it, Van Omen said.

"Once the lake fills, the gate is closed and locked shut," Van Omen said. "The water will flow over the top of the dam." That will maintain the river's flow, Van Omen said.

When asked last week if the lack of rain jeopardized the dedication, Van Omen said, "We'd have to have three weeks without rain. That's highly unlikely."

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS

Walk Michigan

Enjoy the vivid colors of the season, improve your health and earn an opportunity to win an expense-trip to Mackinac Island by participating in Walk Michigan.

The fall schedule for Walk Michigan begins today (Oct. 1) and continues through Thursday, Dec. 10.

Walk Michigan is an annual fitness program, sponsored by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, and local parks and recreation departments throughout Michigan.

Open to individuals of all ages and organized to promote good health, the program highlights Michigan's many parks. Participants choose the distance they will walk on an individual basis.

By registering for a Walk Michigan event, walkers can become eligible for the drawing for a trip to Mackinac Island to participate in the Governor's Bridge Walk on Labor Day 1999.

Walk Michigan has a great number of participants in Wayne County, said Edward McNamara, Wayne County executive. "We are proud to continue to be a host and promote good health."

Walk Michigan has been scheduled at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area for the following dates and times:

- 3 p.m. today;
- 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.
- 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.
- 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.
- 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.
- 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5.
- 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10.

Participants will meet inside the Nankin Mills building, located

on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail.

A walk also has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Holiday Nature Preserve's Cowan section in Westland. Participants must wear sturdy boots and enter from the Service Merchandise parking lot in Westland. Use the parking lot on the north side. Walks will be canceled if conditions are icy and dangerous.

For information on Walk Michigan, call Wayne County parks at (734) 261-1990.

Bird watching

Grab a cup of coffee and doughnuts and join the staff of Wayne County parks for some early-morning bird watching at 7 a.m. Sunday at Crosswinds Marsh, Haggerty at Will Carleton/Oakville Waltz Road in Sumpter Township.

The Crack of Dawn Birding Club meets the first Sunday of the month and offers an opportunity to meet other bird watchers. More than 141 species of birds have been spotted at Crosswinds Marsh, including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon and great egret.

This club is suitable for people 8 through adult, and participation is free. Pre-registration is required. Birders are encouraged to bring binoculars, bird identification books, wear comfortable shoes and dress for the outdoors.

Birders will meet at the screened pavilion at Crosswinds. For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Dinosaurs for kids

For any child fascinated by the lost world of dinosaurs, Wayne County has organized "Extinct but not Forgotten," a children's class on dinosaurs.

Children ages four to seven can attend this class from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Students can expect to learn about different dinosaurs and the environment in which they lived. They will also participate in games and hands-on activities including creating a dinosaur to take home.

The fee for participation is \$1 per child, and advance registration is required. This program has been made possible through funding through the parks mileage.

For information, call (734) 261-1990.

Event set

Madonna University will host an open house for prospective students 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students and learn about the more than 50 programs offered during the day, evenings and weekends. Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available. Transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Refreshments will be provided.

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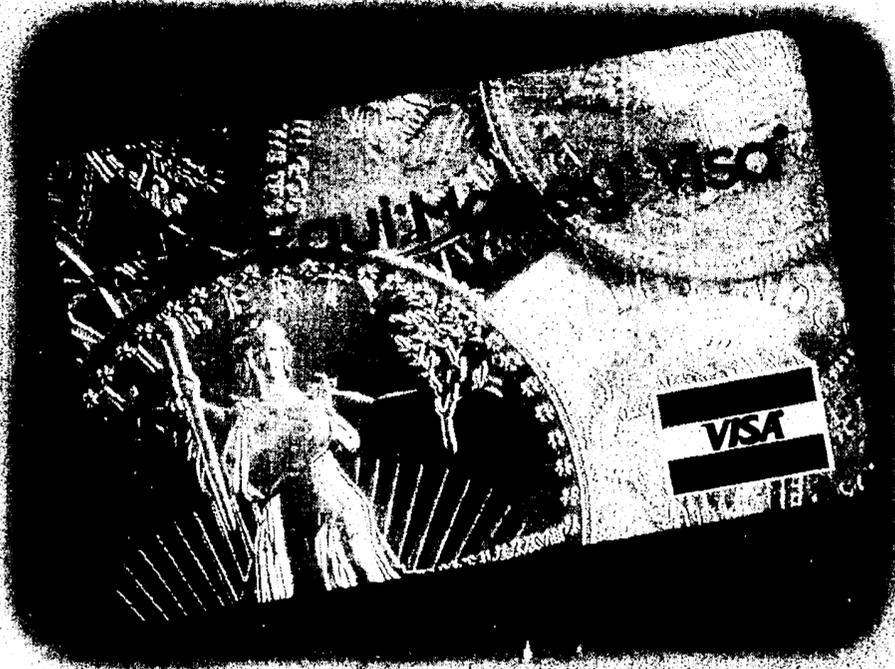
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Charter schools

Candidates split on need to create more

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

No more padded gloves. The race for the University of Michigan Board of Regents is about charter schools.

Republicans favor chartering them. Democrats say there has been a lack of oversight — particularly at Central Michigan University. The split became apparent during a Sept. 24 forum conducted by the American Association of University Women in Livonia.

Candidates are quoted in the order in which they replied.

"Personally," said Democrat Kathy White, "I'm not in favor of public funds for private purposes" — a reference to the fact that many charter schools now getting state aid were formerly private schools.

White added that U-M should do a "detailed analysis" and exercise "fiscal responsibility" are needed if schools are chartered.

Charter schools

"I'm for charter schools," said incumbent Democrat Phil Power, "but the problem is oversight. There needs to be some kind of accountability. That's been a problem."

Power cited a "very discouraging" 1997 report by the state Auditor General about CMU's

problems. CMU has chartered 46 schools, about half the state's total. CMU board chair is Brandon, who has made charters a campaign issue.

Power cited the charter schools' hiring uncertified teachers, failure to provide special education, and refusal to turn over documents to the auditor. "We're going to have charter schools, sure, but they shouldn't be hurt by sloppy oversight."

"I believe in charter schools," said Brandon. "I not only talk about them, I do them." He called CMU the "most prolific" issuer of charters in the state.

"I think it's wrong that U-M hasn't been on the leading edge of chartering schools," he said, suggesting public schools aren't being held to the same high standards as charter schools.

"Charter schools offer competition and choice for parents," Brandon concluded.

Republican nominee Jessie Dalman and the Libertarian candidates didn't attend the forum.

Of the three major state universities with elected boards, Wayne State has issued one charter; U-M and Michigan State, none. Asked directly whether U-M should issue charters, the candidates continued to disagree.

Power: "There's no particular reason U-M should. There's

money in it. They (chartering authorities) get 3 percent of the foundation (state per-pupil) grant, but that's no reason.

"The university should be far more engaged in research in learning and teaching," Power said, advocating continued "transfers of knowledge" from U-M to Detroit, in particular.

Brandon: "Charter schools are here to stay." He quoted President Bill Clinton's 1997 Lansing speech saying there should be 3,000 nationwide.

"It's good for kids," said Brandon, whose degree is from U-M's School of Education. "It should absolutely, fundamentally be done."

White: "U-M could better utilize its resources by training teachers in its own School of Education rather than venturing into chartering schools. U-M doesn't necessarily need to add to that."

Affirmative action

Candidates were asked about affirmative action, a sore topic at U-M which is facing two federal court suits from whites about admissions policies favoring blacks. No one referred to the lawsuits.

White: "U-M should have a diverse population ... enough perspectives." She noted the original voice mail technology was designed so badly that it

couldn't be triggered by the voices of women and children.

Power: "The objective is to achieve a diverse student body with all kinds of Americans — rich or poor, male or female, urban or rural, great athletes or handicapped. I think most people buy this objective. The argument is about means to achieve this end."

Examples of successful affirmative actions, Power said, were U-M's decision in the 1870s to admit women and the federal GI Bill giving vouchers to World War II veterans.

Brandon: "I can't tell you how important diversity is ... I don't believe in preferences based on irrelevant criteria."

They agreed the state's Open Meetings Act was properly amended when the Legislature closed down the early part of presidential searches but kept open the board interviews of finalists.

Brandon: "The main objective is to attract candidates."

University of Michigan Regents

Governing board of eight members, two elected in even-numbered years for eight-year terms. U-M is headquartered in Ann Arbor with campuses at Dearborn and Flint. Budget is more than \$2 billion, about half for its hospitals. It has more than 60,000 students and is considered a world-class research university.

DEMOCRATS

► **PHILIP M. POWER**, 60, Ann Arbor, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc.; appointed to U-M board in 1986, elected in 1990; active in party.

► **KATHY WHITE**, Ann Arbor, professor of law at Wayne State University, engineer and patent attorney; former captain in Army Judge Advocate General's Office; active in party.

REPUBLICANS

► **DAVID BRANSON**, 46, Plymouth, CEO of Valassis Communications, Livonia; currently chair of Central Michigan University board; board chair at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia; active in Republican Party.

► **JESSIE DALMAN**, 66, Holland, state representative since 1990, previously chair of Ottawa County board; alumni association; League of Women Voters.

LIBERTARIANS

► Nominees **BILL HALL** of Rockford and **JAMES MONTGOMERY** of Ann Arbor were no-shows.

White: "There needs to be a balance between access of the public" and protection of early candidates.

Power: "No sitting president allowed his name to go forward" under the previous law when

name were subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

The Sept. 24 AAUW program was taped by Time-Warner Cable of Livonia. Contact your local cable station to request a local showing.

Blood drive set at Madonna

The American Red Cross will accept blood donations 2-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, and Wednesday, Oct. 7, in Madonna University's Science Wing.

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Election forum

Candidates outline views, GOP is no-show

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Democrats running for the State Board of Education say Michigan public schools need curriculum standards, benchmarks and state achievement tests. They oppose parochial, vouchers and tax credits. And they say charter schools need stronger oversight.

The Libertarian contender says Michigan doesn't even need public schools or school taxes. And a Reform Party candidate is pushing class sizes limited to 22.

Republicans Gary Wolfram and Eileen Weiser were no-shows when the American Association of University Women hosted a Sept. 24 forum in Livonia for all state education candidates. It was the only race, of four, where Republicans failed to produce a single candidate.

Candidates are quoted in the order in which they replied to AAUW's questions.

'Parents' choice'

Candidates were asked if they supported abolishing the Michigan Constitution's prohibition against vouchers or aid to private and parochial schools — a proposal that supporters call "parents' choice" or "school choice."

"I'm opposed to state vouchers," said Barbara Roberts Mason, incumbent Democrat seeking a third term. "I do not believe public money should go to private schools. Anything that takes money from public schools is a detriment to our children."

Parents have a right to send their children to private schools but should pay for them, Mason said, and the money should go into better technology for public schools.

"I support the right of parents to choose," said Sharon Gire, the Democratic legislator, "but vouchers and tax credits are not appropriate because 1) they interfere with the autonomy of private schools, 2) they may be unconstitutional, and 3) they would drain public dollars from public schools."

"Vouchers are a sham and would expand the existing monopoly," said Libertarian Diane Barnes. "The Legislature should lower the tax burden so that parents can purchase the schooling they wish for their children."

Earlier, Barnes said we should "get government out of the public school system. Let them (private school operators) pitch their schools to the market." Later Barnes advocated returning to the private schools of the 18th century.

Reform Party members, said Eric Borregard, support voucher by 57 percent. "I prefer tax credits," he said.

State curriculum

Should public schools have a mandated core curriculum and state proficiency tests?

Barnes (Lib.): "No. They take away local control and control of parents. Neighborhood schools should decide, for themselves, what kind of curriculum they want."

Borregard (Ref.): A state curriculum amounts to "micro-managing" the schools. "The result of the MEAP tests is to push all students toward the center. Slower students and under-achievers are socially promoted."

Mason (Dem.): Michigan has curriculum standards, not a mandatory curriculum. "All children should be taught to those standards. If we do not have standards, schools will not be teaching what students need in the 21st century to be successful. MEAP tests show if the schools are successful."

Gire (Dem.): "If children are to compete, we've got to have standards. If we don't set high expectations for our students in terms of reading, writing, basic computation, science and some of the arts, students aren't going to be competitive in colleges and universities. We owe it to our kids."

Charter schools

Candidates were asked about public school academies, the so-called "chartered schools" that operate outside the authority of local districts with self-appointed boards and state money. Should the State Board of Education have a supervisory role? Should the State Board be empowered to issue charters?

Mason (Dem.): "Charter schools are here to stay. But there are serious problems. Their boards are not accountable; they're not elected by the public." The law needs to be improved with regard to criminal records checks of their employees.

"We have some very good charter schools. We have some very poor charter schools where children aren't doing well,"

Mason said.

Gire (Dem.): "In addition to the need for much stronger oversight, we need to push for the charter schools to emphasize experimentation. We saw a need for more accountability (in the Auditor General's report on Central Michigan University's lax supervision of the schools it chartered). We need more parental involvement."

"We've seen an entity issue a proliferation of charters without oversight," Gire said.

Barnes (Lib.): "It's a false choice. What you get is government-controlled and government-funded schools. It's an inherent flaw. I feel that government oversight removes accountability. If schools reported to the parents and parents were paying, there would be more concern about how students are doing."

Borregard (Ref.): There's a need for experiment in public education. Oversight is needed. "We should close down the bad ones. When we get into micro-

management, we get into trouble."

Keep the cameras

Gire and Mason said the State Board of Education should continue to be an elective body, although Govs. John Engler (R) and James Blanchard (D) have floated proposals for appointment.

Barnes and Borregard said there should be no State Board of Education, and that local boards are sufficient.

On one point they agreed: Meetings of the State Board of Education should continue to be videotaped for MGTV, but there is "hit and miss" showing of the meetings on local cable stations.

AAUW's program was videotaped by Time Warner of Livonia. Copies are available to other area cable companies. Call your local cable company to request a showing.

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DEMOCRATS

- > **BARBARA ROBERTS MASON**, 57, Dimondale, incumbent, officer in the Michigan Education Association.
- > **SHARON GIRE**, 54, Macomb County, finishing 6th term as state representative, chair House Education Committee.

REPUBLICANS

- > **GARY L. WOLFRAM**, 47, Hillsdale, incumbent, professor at Hillsdale College; deputy state treasurer, 1991-2.
- > **EILEEN LAPPIN WEISER**, Chelsea, executive director of McKinley Foundation in Ann Arbor; former real estate salesperson and broker; appointed to Michigan Council for the Arts in Cultural Affairs, 1991.

LIBERTARIANS

- > **DIANE BARNES**, Eastpointe, owner of Maternal Expressions business; state chair of Separation of School and State Alliance.
- > **JON COON**, Southgate, former U.S. Senate nominee.

REFORM PARTY

- > **ERIC BORREGARD**, Farmington Hills, vice president of Artech Inc., member of Farmington Schools Mission 2007 committee; organizing Class Size 22 committee for ballot proposal in 2000.

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Health career fair

SC Radcliff campus to host 33 employers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Schoolcraft College will present its first annual Allied Health Career Fair 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the college's Radcliff Center campus in Garden City.

Representatives from 33 employers in the health care fields will be present at exhibitor booths to discuss career opportunities and answer questions about qualifications and positions.

The program allows visitors to learn about career opportunities in health information technology, medical transcription, occupational therapy assistant and medical assisting, all programs offered at Radcliff.

"It is an excellent opportunity for the community to learn about our programs. For anyone who wants to learn about them, there will be people here from our programs," said Elaine Gerarge, job placement technician

for Schoolcraft's Career Planning and Placement Center. "They can find out about programs, talk to employers about openings and pay. It's a great time to get information about programs and employers."

Participants include Alliance Home Care Services, Detroit Medical Center, the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan, the University of Michigan Health System and Wayne Community Living Service, and the following hospitals: Beaumont, Garden City, Henry Ford, Mercy, Oakwood and Providence.

"The U.S. Department of Labor projects nearly four million new jobs in the health care field by the end of the decade," said Patricia Rubio, professor of health information technology. "We know the number of health care professionals has not been able to keep pace with this demand. That is why Schoolcraft College offers registered and practical nursing, medical assisting, medical transcription,

health information technology and occupational therapy assisting programs."

Cheryl Hawkins, coordinator for Radcliff's occupational therapy assistant program, said health care is changing. "No one wants to pay for the long hospital stay anymore," Hawkins said. Instead, occupational therapists to visit the disabled at home or at the office.

"Someone on disability will need someone to take care of them at home, or learn to move or dress themselves in the morning," Hawkins said. Radcliff changes its programs to focus on the needs of the homebound, Hawkins said.

Schoolcraft officials say medical careers are becoming popular. "The medical transcription program appeals to mothers," said Mary Morand, coordinator of college centers academic services at Radcliff. "They do a lot of it at home. We got a lot of young mothers in the program."

The medical transcription and

medical assisting programs are one-year certification programs, while the occupational therapy assistant and health information technology are two-year programs.

Officials plan to pass out shoeboxes to follow the fair's theme: "Ties to the Future."

Gerarge encourages the public to attend. "This campus is so convenient. They can get a two-year degree, yet it's so close to home. It's a great opportunity to learn about health care."

The Allied Health Care Fair is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring resumes, although it is primarily an informational event.

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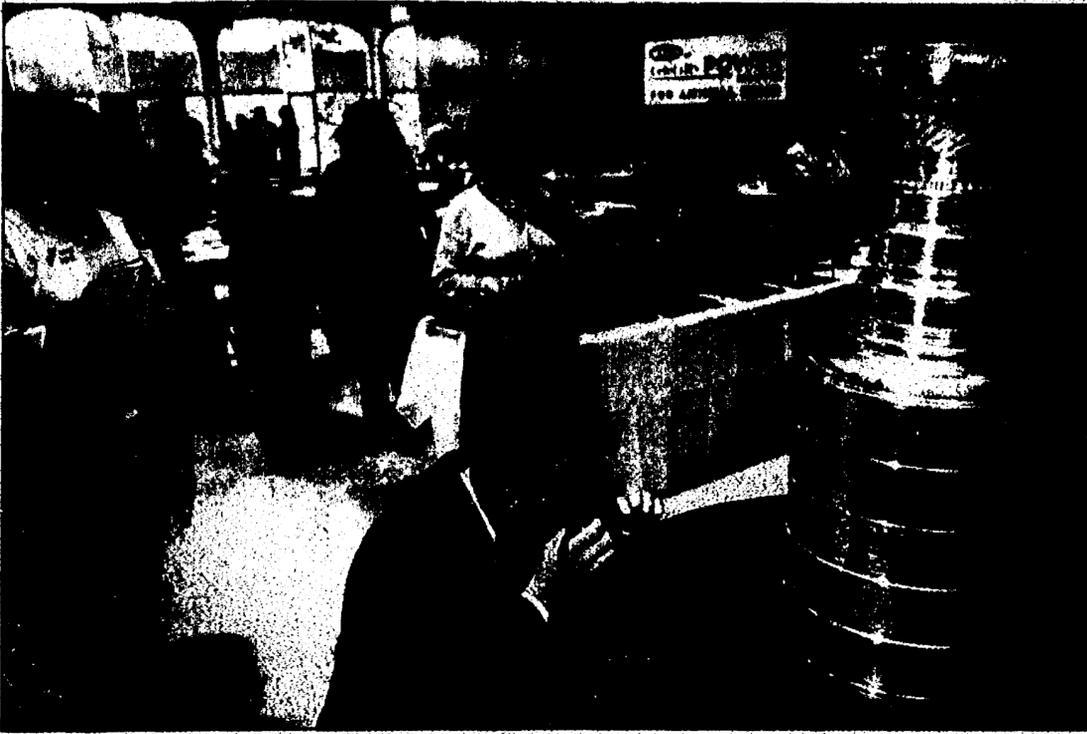
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Cup wows 'em at sports breakfast

More than 100 friends of Madonna University gathered last month to rub shoulders with local sports celebrities while raising money for the Catholic liberal-arts university.

Former Tigers Jason Thompson, Bill Freehan, and Jim Northrup and former Red Wing great Ted Lindsay and others were on hand but it was the Stanley Cup that attracted the most attention.

The second annual sports celebrity breakfast kicked off the university's annual fund drive.

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After earning his medical degree at Wayne State University, Dr. Dodds completed his internship and residency at Providence Hospital. Among his other awards and activities, Dr. Dodds was honored as Resident Teacher of the Year each year from 1995 through 1998. He is also a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Medical Association.

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Local is best to solve social problems - Smietanka

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

The Republican candidate's idea was so good that Democratic U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno kept the program in place.

The Republican is John Smietanka, who is running for Michigan attorney general a second time. "I have two children - a daughter who is 13 and the Weed and Seed program, which

is 7," he told the Farmington Exchange Club.

"Not much government money is involved," said the veteran Berrien County prosecutor and U.S. attorney, who began Weed and Seed during his years in George Bush's Justice Department.

A native of a Chicago neighborhood, Smietanka, 57, believes neighborhood groups are the best solvers of social problems -

not government programs and money. It's an idea he attributes to Alexis deTocqueville, the French statesman who wrote "Democracy in America" 150 years ago.

"Without healthy neighborhoods, you can gold plate the telephone poles and pave the streets with platinum, and you will not have healthy cities. What's tear apart neighborhoods is the weeds - street gangs, bullies, drugs, violence," Smietanka said.

"We need to break the power of the weeds. It's not just a matter of prosecution. You take your natural leaders and ask them to write down three tangible things you can do to make the neighborhood better. Not love, truth and beauty. You may need a street light on a dangerous corner. These five kids need job training. Over there is a crack

house. "This is where you guys come in," he told the civic club. "Representatives of business, labor, churches, charitable foundations and government. Use their goals. You don't improve neighborhoods by yuppifying them (by spending money on home decor)."

When Janet Reno (whom Smietanka calls a friend) became attorney general in 1993, she sought to change the name of Weed and Seed, "but people in the neighborhoods wouldn't let her do it. She finally gave up."

Smietanka soft-pedaled his political campaign for the non-partisan civic group, but he fielded questions.

On gun laws, Smietanka said he favored the "shall issue" concept in bills by Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt. Under it, the state shall issue a concealed

weapons permit to any qualified person, as guaranteed by the U.S. and state constitutions.

"For the first time, state law would identify four classes of people who should not be licensed to carry guns: criminals, the mentally ill, children and the untrained," Smietanka said.

"It is the abuser of the substance we have to pay attention to. The substance is neutral. We have 260 million guns in this country and 280 million people. No system of attempting to take all guns out of society will work. It won't happen."

Asked how he would change the state attorney general's office if elected Nov. 3, Smietanka said it has "40 divisions with 290 lawyers, which is organizationally unbelievable. They have some divisions with nobody in them except the division head. Others have 20 and 30 lawyers

in them."

After being sworn in Jan. 1 as attorney general, Smietanka intends to make these immediate changes:

■ Double the number of lawyers in the criminal division, currently eight.

■ Identify targets for joint task force such as multi-county street gangs, consumer fraud, improvements in scientific criminal investigation, organized crime and public corruption.

■ Identify, within 45 days, specific neighborhoods for a state Weed and Seed program; identify local (recognized but unelected) leaders who will set neighborhood goals.

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elect officials will honor Geake for his service to Michigan.

Geake, a Northville Township resident, is credited for his strong anti-crime measures, such as Michigan's anti-stalking legislation and tougher penalties for drunken driving. He also sponsored streamlining the unemployment insurance system and supported elimination of Michigan's inheritance tax. Besides the state Senate, Geake has served as a state representative.

Cost of the luncheon is \$9 per person. Reservations are due by Friday, Oct. 9. Call, 248-471-5659 for more information.

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GOP contender has uphill battle against McNamara

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Edward Romanowski of Detroit defeated Herb Scott of Canton in the Aug. 4 primary election to win the Republican nomination in the Wayne County executive's race.

Winning that nomination should be heady stuff for any candidate. But once the vote totals are reviewed, Romanowski sees how heavy the county is with Democrats.

Contrast Romanowski's winning total of 24,878 with County Executive Ed McNamara's totals of 166,820 and Sharon McPhail's 84,085.

How will he offset that? "Speak the truth," Romanowski said. "There's about 90,000 voters for McPhail out there who wanted change. It will be tough."

Romanowski believes other high-profile Democrats actually will benefit the Republican candidates in all races. "The Republicans will be helped this year by what's happening in Washington," Romanowski said, referring to President Bill Clinton's sex scandal. "I don't think (Democratic gubernatorial candidate Geoffrey) Fieger will do

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all that much, either. I think things are going the Republicans' way in this campaign."

Despite the long odds, Romanowski, 68, is running seriously and the retired supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service has his agenda spelled out.

"Some of my goals would be economic development, trying to attract businesses and keep roads in good repair," Romanowski said. "We need to keep our parks clean and safe."

"I don't know all the county roads. I would try to talk to department heads and mayors to keep the roads in good repair."

"I think it's very important because as a whole, they've been neglected. I've noticed that McNamara now has crews working on roads in the year before an election."

"It should have been done all along, not just before an election."

Romanowski wants to see through the \$2 billion expansion and completion of Metro Airport.

"I haven't been there in eight months, but there should be

quite a bit of improvements. It is quite a walk for (passengers) to walk to the terminals."

Romanowski doesn't have any grand scheme to cut taxes, but said he would keep the county on an even financial keel.

"I would strive not to raise (taxes) and would strive not to cut services. I think it's important to have services."

As far as administrating a \$2 billion budget, Romanowski said he wouldn't comment on it until he looked at it.

"If money is wasted, I would cut that part out of it."

Romanowski served in the U.S. Army and attended the University of Michigan. He has never been elected to public office, but has advanced beyond primary elections before when he ran for Detroit City Council. "I've made the primary twice, but never made the general."

Romanowski retired 10 years ago as a supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service.

Attorney general brochure offers tips to stop unwanted telemarketing calls

Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has introduced a new brochure to help citizens protect themselves from unwanted telemarketing calls.

Kelley said the new brochure is designed to give residents information to protect themselves from telemarketing scams and to spell out specific steps people can take to eliminate any bothersome calls.

"Citizens too often feel intimi-

dated by the high pressure and slick tactics of telemarketers," Kelley said. "I want people to know that they can take control by saying 'no' to telephone sales people and by insisting that telemarketers follow federal and state rules."

The brochure provides information about federal rules that all telemarketers must follow. It also provides tips citizens can use to get their names taken off

telephone calling lists. Kelley wants to distribute the brochures to all citizens but especially to senior citizens who are often targeted by telemarketing companies.

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Land sales City program has benefits

The city of Westland may soon add many parcels of land to its tax rolls. Surplus land was acquired by the city through non-payment of taxes. Now the city wants to sell that land. The city opened bids on Monday to sell 151 parcels of vacant land and nine houses.

The city is selling the land to the highest bidders.

Some of this land has been off the tax rolls for a while, but a committee recently studied the idea and decided to put the land up for bids.

While it's a positive move to get the land back on the tax rolls and to bring in the money from the sales, it's also a positive move in another way.

It allows people interested in the land to

buy it and develop it if they would like.

One group, Peoples Community Hope for Homes, planned to submit bids in hopes of building new homes and furthering the revitalization efforts in the Carver subdivision.

Other potential buyers may also have positive plans for the property.

The land, which is located across the city, isn't all buildable, but the smaller parcels could be an asset to some homeowners, who may want to build a garage or acquire the land for some other reason.

The city hasn't sold tax-reverted properties in several years but now hopes to make this an annual program.

And the program appears to be headed in the right direction. It's could prove beneficial both to the city and to potential land owners.

Rules clear on open meetings

City councils and school boards usually lose the public's trust when they go into hiding to discuss public business. Take the secret meetings of the Plymouth City Commission on a recent Saturday.

A minor penalty is that public bodies violating the Open Meetings Act can be fined \$1,000 per head. The more serious harm is the loss of public trust.

Do your city council, school board and township board know the legal procedures? Here's a simple quiz. Answer Right or Wrong to the question: Is this permissible under the Open Meetings Act?

1. "We didn't have a quorum. We met in two sub-quorum groups with the person. We didn't have to follow the Open Meetings Act."

2. "We just talked. We didn't make any decisions. We didn't violate the law."

3. "We were discussing a sensitive personnel matter. We voted to go into closed session. That's not a violation."

4. "We don't allow students to address a meeting of the board of education. It's against our policy."

5. "You can't use a tape recorder, camera or video camera here unless we give you permission."

6. "We're considering selling some land. We don't have to hold an open meeting on that."

7. "Aw, that Open Meetings Act - ya gotta be a Philadelphia lawyer to understand it."

Answers

1. Wrong. A public body is any "state or local legislative or governing body, including a board, commission, committee, subcommittee ..." (OMA sec. 2). An organized, deliberating sub-quorum group is a committee and must comply with the Open Meetings Act.

2. Wrong. "All deliberations of a public body constituting a quorum of its members shall take place at a meeting open to the public" except for certain specified kinds of meetings.

3. Wrong, especially in the Plymouth City Commission's case. The problem was a charge against the mayor of an improper attempt to contact a city employee.

OMA says a public employee may demand a closed hearing of a public body that is considering disciplining or firing the employee (OMA sec. 7). The council itself need not and cannot take a vote.

In the Plymouth case, the employee was making the complaint, not the target of the complaint. The meeting should have been open.

4. Wrong. "A person shall be permitted to

■ 'The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape-record, to videotape, to broadcast live on radio, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting. The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body.'

address a meeting of a public body ..." (OMA sec. 3(5)). There is no qualifying phrase limiting the right to adults, to residents or even to American citizens.

A public body may establish rules limiting public comments. A common rule is three minutes, though the law doesn't specify a length.

5. Wrong. "The right of a person to attend a meeting of a public body includes the right to tape-record, to videotape, to broadcast live on radio, and to telecast live on television the proceedings of a public body at a public meeting. The exercise of this right shall not be dependent upon the prior approval of the public body."

As a matter of courtesy, however, we suggest you let the meeting chair know you are recording or photographing, even though it isn't required.

The law adds: "However, a public body may establish reasonable rules and regulations in order to minimize the possibility of disrupting the meeting." (OMA sec. 3(1)).

6. Wrong. A public body may meet in closed session "to consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained" (OMA sec. 8(D)), but must open the doors when it's selling.

7. Wrong. OMA and its companion law, the Freedom of Information Act, were deliberately written in layman's language, not legalese, so the public could understand it - the sponsors said so.

A tip to the public: Beware when a public official says he or she wants to consult an attorney before opening a meeting or giving you a document. It's a sign the official is looking for an excuse to keep a secret.

Copies of Michigan's "sunshine laws" - OMA and FOIA - are available free from many members of the Legislature and from this newspaper's office during business hours.

Digging for history



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Screening: An archaeological dig on the grounds of the Westland Historical Museum is open to volunteers on Sunday afternoons. Here, Joe Jeffries and Daryl Bailey screen for artifacts on a recent Sunday.

LETTERS

Shedding some light

As we approach the fall season and the change from daylight saving time, I wonder how many strip malls and shopping centers in our fair city will be negligent in providing a relatively safe environment for consumers who shop and spend their hard-earned money.

This November will mark the three-year anniversary when my family experienced an event that makes you aware of what's happening around us. My wife was assaulted and injured by an attacker while shopping at Farmer Jack in Westland. We never blamed anyone for this incident or the actions or another individual. However, we did find it very unusual that the lights in the parking lot were not on that night to help protect her.

When this first happened and after I discovered that there are no city ordinances on the books to ensure or enforce proper lighting at night at these places of business, I tried contacting our city officials, including members of our city council. I personally met with two members of council, Justine Barns and Charles Pickering. Both seemed very concerned about what had happened and seemed like they wanted to do something to correct this problem. After they told me that they would do what they could to help, this issue died on the vine.

After the apparent lack of concern shown by our city representatives, I contacted our state Rep. Eileen DeHart. She contacted me by phone and we have met to discuss this problem. This took place in the fall of 1996. She explained to me that she would put together a bill to ensure and enforce proper lighting in parking lots at shopping centers and strip malls throughout the state. Well, she did keep her word and has drafted a bill, but for the past two years she has met a lot of resistance from her colleagues and the business lobbies in Lansing. The context of this bill is relatively simple, if a business or landlord is negligent in helping to provide a safe environment by not having these lights in good working condition and making sure they are on at night, the party responsible for this negligence would be fined \$500 a day until the problem is corrected.

Considering the fact that the chairperson of the state House committee (Rep. Liz Brater) will not put this bill on the committee's agen-

da until DeHart makes some changes to make this bill more business friendly, this bill will die at the end of this year and very possibly not be reborn.

Considering that the city of Westland does have an ordinance regulating the types of lights you as a private property owner can have and wanting to still try to correct this situation, more than a month ago DeHart sent us a copy of an ordinance that the city of Ann Arbor has on its books. She also forwarded a copy to some members of Westland City Council hoping that they will put forth an effort to initiate a similar ordinance in our city. After speaking with DeHart's office I have discovered that she too has had no feedback from any of these people.

Considering that Westland has become the land of condos, apartment complexes and the shopping capital of the civilized world, perhaps the people need to remind our city officials who this city really belongs to. And if Ann Arbor is bold enough to have such an ordinance in force, Westland needs to create a similar ordinance to help protect shoppers.

If, after reading this letter, you are concerned about your safety while shopping, I would like to suggest perhaps a phone call to the city council member of your choice might be appropriate at this time. Let your voice be heard, let them know it's their responsibility to do what is in their power to protect all the people who shop and spend money in Westland.

Vince Berna
Westland

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QUESTION:

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Rachel Ebert
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"Applebee's."
Mike Capetall
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business owner



"Beaver Creek."
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"Outback. I also like Montana's."
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POINTS OF VIEW

Busing flap anniversary passes unnoticed

An anniversary of a major event that dominated newspaper headlines and TV newscasts for three years in the early 1970s came and went last week without a public mention.

The controversy dealt with many of the gut issues hitting the hot buttons of most suburban residents: public schools, school busing routes, children's education and property values.

The real issue that parents consistently avoided using in public discussions that was the basis of the controversy was a four-letter word - race.

Let me summarize the emotions and heat started by a federal judge in late September 1971. The issue reached fever pitch during the next three years until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on a 5-4 margin.

The issue was busing students across district boundaries to integrate

the Detroit-area public schools.

Suburban parents were terrified that, based on U.S. District Judge Stephen J. Roth's court order, Detroit students (read black) would be bused to suburban schools while suburban youngsters (read white) would be bused to Detroit schools.

Early in the controversy, Judge Roth, who became one of the most hated public figures in local history, made it clear that he wanted to desegregate the Detroit schools by the use of cross-district busing.

Initially, the proposed boundaries included most of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

In Wayne, the planned boundaries stopped with the Wayne-Westland school district. That alone prompted skyrocketing property values in nearby Plymouth and Canton as parents in the cities and townships closer to

Detroit were fleeing the feared busing order.

Later, Roth expanded his order to include ALL of the three counties.

That pushed up property values in Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

A common theme voiced by parents was that they were only concerned about the lengthy bus rides that their children would have to endure daily. Yeah, sure.

An Observer Newspapers' headline summed up the hypocrisy saying that busing opponents are displaying their "true colors."

The basis of Roth's ruling was that the Detroit's school attendance boundaries and racial makeup in that city's neighborhoods were not an accident. The evidence during a lengthy trial showed that the segregated housing patterns were partially a result of a combination of Federal

Housing Administration guidelines on residential mortgages and a long-term pattern of deed restrictions, also known as restrictive covenants.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1948 that the court system would no longer be allowed to enforce those restrictions or covenants. While those practices were no longer legal, the damage had been done.

Gerald Dunn, a lobbyist for 10 western Wayne County school districts and a former state senator, clearly remembers some of the damage left over from the busing conflict.

Outstate legislators, he said, urged Detroit area colleagues to continue fighting the busing case because they feared that the busing boundaries might be extended even further.

Dunn added for about a year outstate legislators opposed any non-educational proposals that even hinted at



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regional solutions on the basis that it may be later tied to cross-district busing.

That type of action led to some bad legislation.

Although there is usually some mention by Detroit newspapers of the anniversary of the 1967 riots every July, there is no mention of the anniversary of the start of the busing furor, which arguably may have had an ever bigger effect on the region.

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Like the rest of us, Fieger can't walk on water

Geoffrey Fieger is in deserved hot water for a remark in which he juxtaposed "Jesus" and "goofball" in the same sentence. But the Democratic gubernatorial nominee is not the only candidate misspeaking these days.

Jennifer Granholm, Fieger's running mate as attorney general, held a Lansing press conference Sept. 15 to promote a crime bill and said:

"Criminals and big corporations have lots of lawyers."

How's that for a Jesus-goofball remark? Lumping our job providers, as the chamber of commerce likes to call them, with the dope dealers and scam artists.

Her point was that she wants to represent the little people, the consumers and fraud victims. That hardly justifies lumping criminals and big corporations.

Juxtaposing "criminals and big corporations" still goes over in what a

columnist friend calls "the People's Republic of Ann Arbor." Elsewhere in Michigan, folks feel the need be polite to business entrepreneurs, at least. Remember the issue of Michigan's business climate?

How would you feel if you are, say, a middle manager at Ford Motor Co. and a member of the attorney general's staff is checking out a discrimination complaint on behalf of the Civil Rights Commission? Would you be confident that you and your company, whether wrong or right, would get fair treatment?

Or suppose you're a business corporation with a gripe against the utilities. Wouldn't you feel uncomfortable with an attorney general who lumps "criminals and big corporations," with the criminals first?

Besides, few criminal defendants can afford to hire fancy lawyers. Most are indigent and ask for court-appointed attorneys. You would think

Granholm, as an allegedly experienced prosecutor, would have known that.

Next we have state Rep. Mary Lou Parks, Fieger's running mate for secretary of state. The incumbent secretary of state, Candice Miller, says her office has fined Parks "thousands of dollars" for late filing of her campaign expense reports.

Parks responded to my question on the Sept. 27 "Spotlight" program on Channel 7. See if you can follow Parks' blame-shifting logic:

"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. It is very complicated. It's not being adminis-

tered very well by our present secretary of state so that makes it more complicated."

In other words, Parks says the reason she was fined was that Miller doesn't know her and isn't enforcing the law properly.

Candidates often make minor mistakes in filing. When that happens, they simply make a correction, with a short note of apology, and don't need to be fined. But being late, often, is more serious.

Back in May, some journalistic brethren asked Fieger about the sales and income taxes

"Way too high," Fieger said. How would he cut them? "You just cut 'em. I don't think we need that 6 percent sales tax." And of the 4.4 percent personal income tax, he said, "I'm not sure it's necessary for this state."

A reporter asked how his tax-cut attitude would go over with the Michigan Education Association, a big play-



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er in the Democratic Party.

"I'm gonna make sure the lottery dollars really go to education," said Fieger. "They do," said a reporter. Fieger scoffed.

I remarked at the time that Fieger would need to imitate Jesus' miracle of feeding 5,000 with five loaves and two fishes in order to pay an \$11 billion public school bill with \$600 million in lottery revenue.

I should have added: "Geoffrey Fieger is no Jesus."

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AAUW provides forum for statewide education candidates

The American Association of University Women has always occupied a warm place in my heart. My late mother was an early member, and through her I formed the impression that if there was something important to be done, the AAUW was likely involved in doing it.

So it was with a lift to my step that I went over to the Livonia city hall last Thursday to participate in a taped question and answer session for all statewide education candidates, sponsored by (who else?) the Livonia Branch of the AAUW.

Unusually informed readers may remember that I am a candidate this year for re-election to the University of Michigan Board of Regents. So, in addition to being alert for any hint of bias that might slip into this column, readers should realize that I am writing from direct personal experience.

Running for something like the Board of Regents (or for the Board of Governors of MSU, Trustees of Wayne State University or members of the State Board of Education) has been problematic ever since the present Michigan Constitution was adopted back in 1963.

Before that, Michigan held education elections in April in odd-numbered years. Statewide education boards, local school boards and various local millage and bonding proposals were all on the ballot at a time when educational issues were not competing for attention with elections for president, U.S. Congress, governor, the state Legislature and so forth. This meant that the news media had enough time to get focused on the issues and, accordingly, the voters were reasonably well-informed.

But today's state Constitution lumps everybody into November elections in even-numbered years. With so many races to cover, the news media lack the resources to report on and to scrutinize the records and views of education candidates. The result? Voters lack confidence in voting knowledgeably in such races, as demonstrated by the very large falloff in vote from governor to state education candidates.

So we education candidates mill around in relative anonymity, faintly hopeful that somebody might notice who we are, what we are running for, even what positions we stand for.

This is too bad. Education boards like the U-M Regents have an enormous (and mostly hidden) impact on the state. They pick presidents, set tuition rates and allocate money for financial aid. They help define policies for their universities, from setting admissions standards to designing ways to move discoveries from labs



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into high-tech, spin-off companies.

And there are significant differences between the candidates on these and other issues, as well as sharp disparities in experience and qualifications.

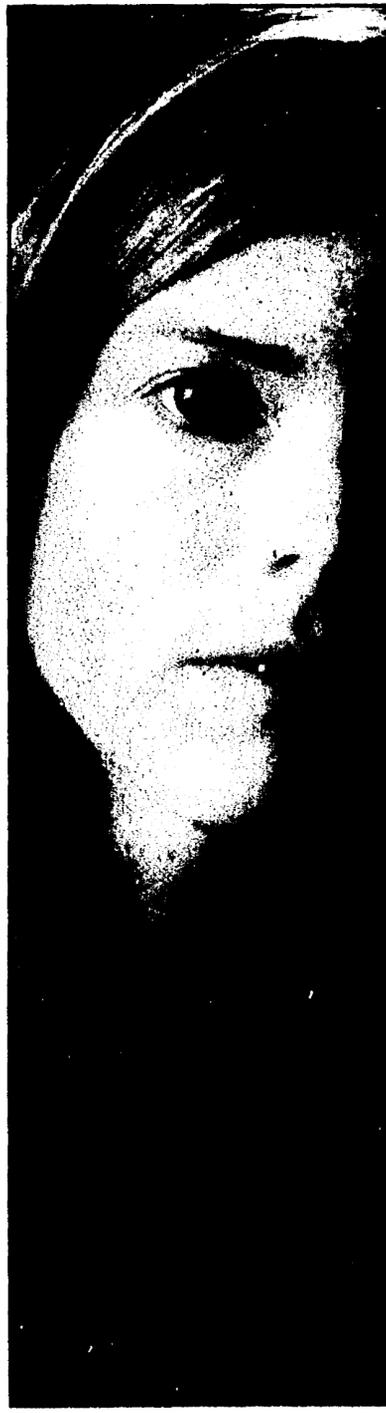
Some years ago, I suggested that the Michigan Press Association sponsor what amounts to an education meat market, inviting all the statewide candidates to one place to allow easy poking and convenient prodding by reporters and editorial writers. For whatever reason, MPA turned down the idea.

Enter the good people at the Livonia Branch of the AAUW. Beginning in 1996, they offered to tape education candidates responding to questions and to bicycle the tapes around the state to be aired on the public access channels of local cable television systems. They did so again last week.

Three out of four major party candidates for U-M Regent showed up. Sitting under the hot TV lights, we tried to answer the questions put to us by Yvonne Constat, the moderator. The questions were tough but fair. And anyone who looks at the half-hour program will find it easy to make an informed choice on the ballot - we appear under "State Boards," just below candidates for state Legislature - on Nov. 3.

To find out when the program is being aired, just call your local cable television provider.

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housing and everyday experiences and opportunities. Some 82 people with developmental disabilities are associated with the corporation and more than 200 are on a waiting list to receive a cadre of services and move into a home or apartment that will be comfortably suited to each individual. Fund-raising activities make housing and opportunities for guidance and support more obtainable for waiting individuals. For more information about COC, call (734) 422-1020.

Forel Gage Webster, 4, of Dearborn Heights, was among the golfers at the COC fund-raiser at Oasis.

Madonna welcomes alumni at homecoming festivities

Madonna University will host a homecoming for alumni on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The event begins with a liturgy at 11 a.m. in the University Chapel followed by a brunch at noon in the University Center. Features include a "President's Update," video highlights of

Madonna University, a World Wide Web demonstration, entertainment and prizes.

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COMMON SENSORS



JACQUE MARTIN DOWNS

Where was David Cash's conscience?

Recently, I learned of a story that was a telling statement about kids without a conscience.

David, the adolescent whom this article was about, claimed to be an "innocent bystander" who didn't feel like getting involved, as he peered over the top of a public toilet stall and watched his best friend "struggling with a 7-year-old girl."

As the story goes, "He tapped his friend's head, knocking off his hat, but couldn't get him to stop. So David decided to take a walk ... Less than half an hour later, the friend emerges and tells David he has molested and murdered the child."

It wasn't much later before police captured the 18-year-old murderer, but the spotlight then focused on David Cash, who was quickly labeled "the bad Samaritan" who did nothing.

Many kids today think, as David did ... "narcising" on friends is far worse than keeping a deadly secret to themselves. Teens will often tell me, "That's his business what he does and who am I to tell him it's wrong?"

Their desire to protect friends becomes stronger than their conscience.

It has been observed by experts in child development that children as young as 2 "react empathetically to a hurt child." As children grow older, they begin to react by helping the distressed person. Guilt, which is an outgrowth of conscience, is activated when we become sensitive to others.

Shutting off our conscience

But when we shut off our conscience long enough to do whatever is expedient or pleasurable, we begin to go down the road of thinking only about ourselves first, a danger zone when we lack guilt. By keeping the guilt at bay, we can justify doing wrong by saying, "It's what I want to do."

You may know adults like this ... they're always defending their behavior and blaming others.

So where was David Cash's conscience? Did it not matter what his friend was doing? Did he believe protecting his friend was more important than his friend hurting the little girl?

He later told the Los Angeles Times he was not going "to lose sleep over somebody else's problems." He also said that the publicity about his responsibility had helped "invigorate his social life."

To further throw David Cash into the limelight, a grassroots coalition sprung up in his home state of California to protest his admission to college. They believe he is equally at fault for not stopping his friend before it was too late and should not be exposing other students to his flawed values.

Even David Cash's lawyer sighed and said, "What can I say? I can't explain or justify what he said (to the press)."

Opportunity to be heroic

Marc Klaas, the father of Polly Klaas who was kidnapped and murdered several years ago, commented that, "Fate gave David Cash the opportunity to be heroic and he turned his back on that opportunity. He was in the singular position of being able to save a 7-year-old child and he chose to do nothing."

Parents can help children develop a moral conscience by holding them accountable for their actions with consequences. They can also help their child see what it's like "walking in someone else's shoes" and gain an appreciation for how it must feel.

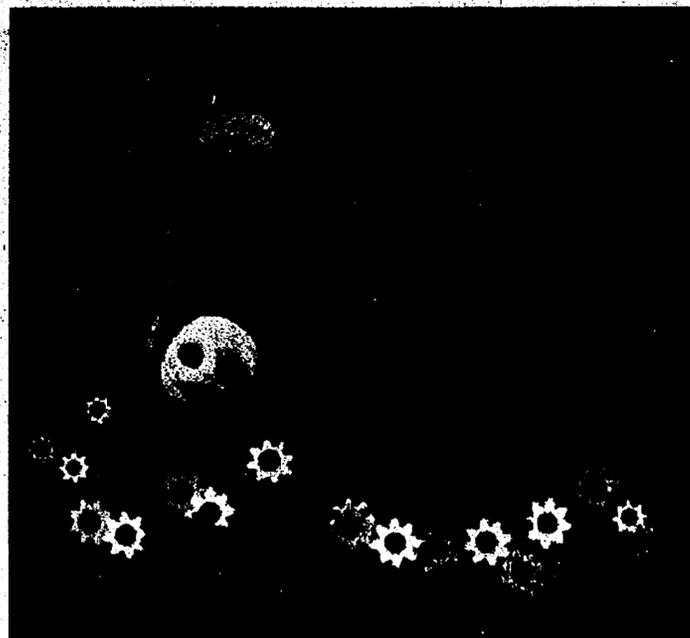
David Cash seemed to have no concern for the well-being of the little girl being attacked in the toilet stall.

As child psychoanalyst Selma Faiberg stated, "The capacity to put oneself in the place of another living creature ... is the indispensable quality in the morality of man."

As parents we need to be mindful

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An inspiration for love and hate



TEST BRITISH ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION

Fab foursome: In the 1960s, the British Invasion included the likes of The Beatles, Rolling Stones and Dave Clark Five. In the 1990s, it stands for the "Teletubbies" - Po, Tinky Winky, Dipsy and Laa-Laa.

Meet the 'Teletubbies'

Like "Barney," you either really love or really hate the "Teletubbies." There's no middle ground when it comes to these alien creatures, who've been created "to enrich the diaper crowd's learning experience."

According to PBS, the show "introduces young children, ages 1 and above, to the wonders and magic of high tech in a safe and friendly way."

So who are these Mr. Spock meets New York Carpet World creatures that have captivated the country? Here's a "Teletubbies" primer.

■ Tinky Winky - Someone has to be tallest antenna in Teletubbyland and that's Tinky Winky, the purple Teletubby with the coat hanger jutting out of his head. (Yes, there are sexes in Teletubbyland - two boys and two girls.)

■ Po is the gentlest of the Teletubbies. His favorite thing is a red handbag which he likes to take on walks. And it's his penchant for that feminine accessory that has made him an icon in the United Kingdom's gay community.

The Tink also sings a song, "Tinky, Winky," and loves to dance and fall over on his back. He loves all of the Teletubbies and his best friend is Po, the smallest of the quartet.

■ Po - Someone has to represent short people in this political correct show and Po fills the bill. Red with a doughnut attached to her head, Po does a lot of jumping up and down. It's her way of expressing feelings of joy, enthusiasm and surprise.

In the stream of things, the "natural place" for Po is on her scooter zipping around the hills of Teletubbyland and making the noise "quickly, quickly, quickly" or "slowly, slowly, slowly." A bit of a loner, next to riding her scooter, she likes to keep an eye on the panel switches and controls of the central column of the Tubbytronic Superdome.

If Tinky Winky has a problem with his handbag, it's Po's language that's raised a bit of a fuss among people who claim the talking toy version says "faggot, faggot." Not so, says a spokesman for itsy bitsy Entertainment Corporation which brought the show to the U.S. It's really "fidit, fidit," which is Cantonese for "quick, quick." Po's alter ego is an Asian actress.

■ Dipsy - Dipsy is the second tallest Teletubby. Bright green in color with a hot dog poking out of his head, he's known for his distinctive steps and ways of saying hello.

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■ Anne Wood has found plenty of support for her groundbreaking children's TV show, but "Teletubbies," with its alien-looking techno babies with antennas on their heads and televisions in their stomachs, also has its fair share of detractors.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Bright colors, a shower head that talks, a baby's head superimposed on a cartoon sun, aliens creatures with antennas on their heads and televisions in their stomachs.

Whoa, is this a '70s psychedelic trip or something?

Nope, just the "Teletubbies," the latest - and hottest - thing in children's TV since "Barney."

Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa and Po have captured the hearts of children age 1 and older in a big way since their debut on PBS in April, now ranking in the top five of PBS's children's program offerings.

Imported from Great Britain, "Teletubbies" has been hailed as a landmark in preschool television, a series created to "nourish young children's thinking skills."

Critics, however, see the show differently. They say it's "dumbing down of children's television to draw in the very littlest viewers." They focus on the characters' baby-like speech and emphasis on play as a "failure to teach young viewers."

But it's "the greatest thing since sliced bread," according to Dave Devereaux, vice president of communications for Detroit Public Television, which airs the show at 8:30 a.m. and noon weekdays on WTVS-TV Channel 56.

"Personally, I think it's fun to watch," said Devereaux. "My background is in video production, so when I see the bunnies hopping around, the colors and imagery, use of the screen ... It's just wonderful to watch."

For the uninitiated, the "Teletubbies" are alien-looking techno babies who have antennas on their heads and TVs in their tummies. They live in their Tubbytronic superdome - Home Hill - filled with play technology that supplies their every need, including tubby toast and tubby custard, and a conscientious vacuum cleaner pet, called Noo-Noo.

A windmill provides transmissions through their antennas and onto their TV screens from their best friends - real children doing such real things as washing dishes, playing basketball or riding bicycles.

WTVS has received mostly favorable response since it began airing the pro-

gram on April 6 as part of PBS's Ready to Learn Service which provides 11 hours of programming weekdays for children of all ages.

"In Ready to Learn, there's everything from 'Teletubbies,' of course, to 'Bill Nye the Science Guy,'" said Devereaux, adding that calls have been running 3-1 in favor of the show's addition to the TVS lineup.

As the ratings go, "Teletubbies" had a .9 percent rating and 3 share when it aired at 7 a.m., but jumped to a 1.7 percent and 6 share at noon for the week of Aug. 31. With 1 percent representing 17,000 households, it has a "very respectable" showing, especially in the lunchtime time slot, Devereaux said.

Nancy Chapman of Plymouth Township tends to agree with the show's critics although she admits her 4-year-old son, a regular PBS watcher, "seems to enjoy 'Teletubbies.'"

"I would rather he watched something that is at a level higher than he is at so that he can learn something," she said. "I feel the show is geared primarily for the 12-24-month-old child, which my 15-month-old son fits in to, but he seldom looks at the television for more than 30 seconds."

Ellen Evans also agrees with critics. After hearing about the show from a friend, she turned it on and was

"remarkably appalled at how silly it was." "Teletubbies," she said, talks down to her daughter.

"My 2 1/2-year-old speaks better English than they can," she said. "My husband says it's stupid and insults her intelligence. I prefer more positive, uplifting role models. I refer 'Barney.' I don't like 'Barney,' but it's much more intelligent than 'Teletubbies.'"

Mary Fisher is disappointed that WTVS replaced "a very good show like 'Storytime' with something like 'Teletubbies,'" and told the station as much.

Admitting that the TV is on more than it should be in her Livonia home, her 4 1/2-year-old son David prefers watching other popular PBS shows like "Bill Nye" and the "Magic Schoolbus." Her 21-month-old daughter Kathleen has no interest in TV although for awhile she did react when she saw Big Bird.

"I think it's horrible to target a TV show to children as young as 1-year-old," she said. "I've watched it a few times and I think it's a waste of time. A child is much better off playing with blocks or coloring or doing anything other than watching a show like 'Teletubbies.'"

"Sesame Street" is miles ahead of this.

"Teletubbies" creator Anne Wood sees the show as a kind of "Sesame Street" primer that helps kids with

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'Pushy preacher' challenges congregation to take a walk

If the Rev. Chuck Sonquist has his druthers, he'll be a "pushy" preacher" on Sunday.

But don't look for his pushiness in church, look for it along Five or Six Mile roads in Livonia. That's where he'll be pushing his wife Janie in a wheelchair, if he gets more than 100 members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church to join him for the 15th annual Livonia CROP Walk.

"My phys ed wife has agreed, but she's not sure she wants to ride around the entire route," said Sonquist, the pastor of St. Matthew's and coordinator of the annual walk.

The CROP Walk will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh south of Five Mile, to fight world hunger.

More than 400 walkers turned out for last year's event, raising almost \$20,000 for Church World Service, which sponsors the fund-raising event.

This year's goal is more than 450 walkers raising \$25,000. Walkers will have a choice of two routes, the traditional six-mile walk - Newburgh north to Six Mile, east to Farmington Road, south to Five Mile and west back to the church - and CROP Walk Light - Newburgh north to Six Mile and back to St. Edith's Church.

There will be three checkpoints along the six-mile walk - Grand River Baptist Church at 34500 Six

Mile, the Livonia Chamber of Commerce at 15401 Farmington Road at Faith Bible Church at 34541 Five Mile. Members of St. Aidan's Catholic Church will man the chamber checkpoint, while Kiwanians will be at Faith Bible Church, Sonquist said.

The registration site will be at St. Edith's, and members of St. Matthew's High Hands Ministry will be there to provide a warm-up while walkers complete registration. There also will be a brief send-off worship time and dedication of a banner honoring the walk's 15th year at 1:45 p.m.

"There's a lot to do, registering people and keeping track of \$20,000," said Sonquist. "That's not chump change."

Walkers will get CROP Walk T-shirts. Pelician Sister Mary Francis of Madonna University got the job of designing the logo for the front of this year's CROP shirt.

The back of the shirt carries the name of its sponsors - St. Mary's Parish and Banquet Center, St. Aidan's Parish and Banquet Center, St. Edith Banquet Facilities, Manns-Ferguson, Harris, Fred Wood and Will funeral homes, Daly Family Dining, Advance Novelty Co., Kershaw Animal Hospital, Robot Printing and Communications Laurel Manor

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Have a seat: Even though he wore the T-shirt she designed for this year's CROP Walk, the Rev. Chuck Sonquist couldn't convince Sister Mary Francis to sit in the wheelchair he plans to use to push his wife Janie around the route.

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simple things like concentrating on spoken information before they go on to master their ABCs and numbers.

A former English teacher, Wood said the show is "educational although not in a traditional way." The first series deliberately developed to present age-appropriate material for viewers as young as 1 year old, it makes liberal use of repetition, large movement, bright colors

and deliberate pace to nurture and reinforce the development of children's listening and thinking skills, according to Wood.

Tina Braid of Livonia sides with Woods when it comes to the "Teletubbies." Television doesn't play a large role in the daily lives of her two children, ages 1 and 4. They don't watch countless hours of TV, but one favorite program per child.

"My 1-year-old daughter loves

to watch this program; we came upon the show one day by accident, and it was my daughter's facial expressions that caused me to watch Teletubbies for the first time," Braid said. "Anyone who has ever watched the Teletubbies program with a small child, around 1-year-old seems ideal, can attest to the element of excitement on their child's face. The program is built around simple concepts - 'bye-

bye,' 'night-night' - which I believe stimulate and reinforce learning.

"Children of all ages must be educationally and intellectually challenged, and I believe that television can enhance the process."

Braid added that critics of the program are not looking at the big picture. Parents who sit children in front of a television simply to entertain for an endless amount of time is a much more significant issue.

"I think it's a great show for pattern recognition, great for large motor skills," added Linda Hoff of Livonia. "It's the first show that truly caters to the 2-3-year-old set."

The program also gets a thumbs-up from Mark Wira of Canton whose 4-year-old autistic son Stephen "seems to really enjoy watching Teletubbies."

"It's a relatively new program, but somehow it's one he enjoys," Wira said. "It's only program that actually does get him to smile and hum along. In a very

odd, simplistic way, it reaches out to him."

It was by chance that Jeanine Wira discovered the show. The television in her Plymouth Township home was left on after one Channel 56 program had ended. That's when she noticed Stephen reacting to the "Teletubbies."

Wira believes the show is designed for children under age 2 and is basically entertainment. And it's not a replacement for direct parent or sibling interaction.

The show, Wira added, holds no attraction for 9-year-old Nathan, who is more interested in reading about Mark McGwire and the Plymouth Whalers.

"It's something about the way it's designed," Wira said. "Anytime we can get a positive reaction from Stephen gets us closer to knowing what he needs. He's a wonderful, loving child and anytime we get a reaction is great."

Rob Pascoe, whose nephew Liam loves the show, wondered if critics of the show are the same "people who thought 'Seinfeld' was funny."

"I've always been bothered by the fact that people let Barney and other children's characters get to them, when they need to step aside and think about who this is for," he said. "It's for children, not for the parents. I'm not saying Tinky Winky and I are best friends, but if it makes the kids happy, isn't that what it's all about?"

And a 17-year-old youth named Adam made sure to get up by 7 a.m. during the summer to watch "Teletubbies" with his 3-year-old brother.

"I don't think the show dumbs down children's programming at all; I think stimulates their imagination," he said. "I even enjoy watching it with him. I wish there were other shows out there that retain such an original structure."

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Everybody has to love something and for Dipsy, it's his black-and-white top hat that makes "The Cat in the Hat" look stylish. Like Tinky Winky, he likes to sing but goes for a reggae beat as opposed to TW's childish chant.

When he's feeling especially cool, Dipsy goes for walks by himself, wearing his hat and singing his song.

■ **Laa-Laa** - The second smallest Teletubby, Laa-Laa is bright

yellow and has a corkscrew head ornament. The happiest and smilest of the group, she also loves to dance and sing. Like Tinky Winky, her singing style is chanty and her favorite song goes something like "La-la-la-la-la."

Laa-Laa doesn't have a language problem like Po, picking "nice" as her favorite word. Nor does her favorite object pose a problem. It's a ball that bounces, wobbles and grows bigger and

smaller.

As for the smiling Sun Baby, it's an infant's face superimposed on a cartoon sun. Its (sex unknown on this one) job is to provide the laugh track and reassurance for fellow babies that everything they're seeing in the "real world" is fun.

To see what all the commotion is about, tune into "Teletubbies" on WTVS-Channel 56 at 8:30 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Bettis, and City Attorney Cummings, Fire Chief, Department of Public Service Director Barnes, and Streets, Sewer and Water Supervisor Morton.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

◆ Harold Poyntner, Bock Street, discussed his sidewalk/approach problems incurred during the Mid-Town West Project.

◆ **Item 09-98-400** moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the Meeting of August 31, 1998, as presented. AYES: Unanimous.

◆ **Item 09-98-401** moved by Kaledas; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous.

◆ **Item 09-98-402** moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To appoint Theresa Strehl to the Recreation Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Bill Willis, term to expire March 31, 2000. AYES: Unanimous.

◆ **Item 09-98-403** moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: to award the bid for city-wide street sweeping (1 sweep) to B & J Parking Lot Maintenance in the amount of \$9,400.00 for city sweeping to be charged to Account #101-483-901.000. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Wiacek, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. NAYS: Councilmember Dodge. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 09-98-404** moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To award JDS Trucking Inc., the responsible low bidder, with the contract for concrete surface and drive approach installations in the amount of \$55,000.00 to be charged to Accounts #815-815-337.304, 475-475-337.000 and 844-844-377.000. AYES: Unanimous.

◆ **Item 09-98-405** moved by Briscoe; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve payment of \$141,679.80 to Wayne-Oakland Contracting for the DDA Streetscape/Watermain Project as per application and certificate for payment #1 to be charged to Account #729-729-987.400. AYES: Unanimous.

◆ **Item 09-98-406** moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve paging service provided by Air Touch Paging for a five (5) year period, charged to each departments telephone account (...850.100), the initial purchase order amount is \$5,115.00.

◆ **Item 09-98-407** moved by Dodge: RESOLVED: Move to table motion 09-98-406. Motion dies for lack of support.

◆ **Item 09-98-408** moved by Waynick; supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve paging service provided by Air Touch Paging for a five (5) year period, changes to each departments telephone account (...850.100), the initial purchase order amount is \$5,115.00. AYES: Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, and Waynick. NAYS: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Wiacek, and

Briscoe. Motion failed.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. Garden Oaks Condominium - streets & related issues.
2. DDA Streetscape/Watermain - Field Decision Authority.
3. Fire Department Air Conditioner Repairs.
4. Site Plans - Escrow Accounts and Charges thereto (proposed resolution).

5. Repairs to Lift Stations & Police Generator, (REMOVED FROM AGENDA).

6. Hallet Movers Payment #2 - Final.

7. Purchase of Office Paper.

8. Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority - Membership.

9. American Gem Society Week Proclamation.

Councilmember Wiacek was excused at 9:27 p.m. with the Mayor and Council's approval.

◆ **Item 09-98-409** moved by Lynch; supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To award the bid for air conditioning repairs to D & G Heating and Cooling, in the amount of \$2,093.00, Account #337-775.200. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 09-98-409** moved by Dodge; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To approve Hallet Movers Payment Application #2 (FINAL) for the Garden City Library Renovation Account #401-401-332.375. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 09-98-410** moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To proclaim the week of September 14-20, 1998, as "American Gem Society Week" in Garden City. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 09-98-411** moved by Briscoe; supported by Waynick: RESOLVED: To go into Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations with the International Association of Firefighters and POAM Dispatch Unit. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Dodge, Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: Councilmember Wiacek. Motion passed.

The Council Meeting was adjourned into Closed Session and reconvened with a Quorum being present at 10:40 p.m.

◆ **Item 09-98-412** moved by Lynch; supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To approve the offer as presented for the International Association of Firefighters. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: Councilmember Dodge and Wiacek. Motion passed.

◆ **Item 09-98-413** moved by Lynch; supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the offer as presented for the POAM Dispatch Unit. AYES: Mayor Barker, Councilmembers Lynch, Kaledas, Briscoe, and Waynick. ABSENT: Councilmember Dodge and Wiacek. Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

ALLYSON M. BETTIS,
City Clerk-Treasurer

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and Livonia Area Merchants Concerned about Hunger.

"We're hoping for upwards of 450 walkers," said Sonquist. "We have 400 T-shirts, and we hope we run out."

Since 1946, Church World Service has provided more than 5.3 billion pounds of material assistance in support of relief and development efforts worldwide - about \$879 million in food, medical supplies, tents, clothing, blankets, seeds, tools and sewing and school supplies.

A portion of the CROP Walk money raised stays in the local area. Last year's money helped stock the shelves of the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry in Wayne and feed the hungry in the Cass Corridor through the Christian Communications Council.

As for the challenge, Sonquist

got the idea from clergy colleague the Rev. Rick Peters of

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, who challenged his congregation, saying he would pull his family around the route in a little red wagon if 100 members signed up. He had 125 members sign up.

Sonquist had hoped for some friendly competition between the two churches, but Peters "backed off," so Sonquist decided to go ahead with the challenge in his church.

The idea of using a wheelchair goes back to his honeymoon. Sonquist fell off a ladder and broke his leg, so for their honeymoon, his wife pushed him around Toronto in a wheelchair.

For more information about the walk, call Sonquist at St. Matthew's at (734) 422-6038.

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that many of our children today "aren't getting it" and need our direction more than ever. A kid without a conscience is an adult to stay clear of.

Jacque Martin-Downs is the coordinator of the Family

Resource Center in Westland and has a private counseling practice. If you have a question or comment, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Hospice offers B'Tweeners

Arbor Hospice offers B'Tweeners, a grief support and social for widows and widowers age 45 to 60 plus who are still in the work force and facing an "empty nest" and retirement.

The group meets at 7 p.m. the

third Wednesday of the month at St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

For more information, call Arbor Hospice at (734) 662-5999.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Jullin-Fischer

Robert and Doris Jullin 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.



Aren-Moore

Mr. and Mrs. George Aren of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Nell, to Gerald E. Moore Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Moore Sr. of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of social work degree. She is employed as a foster care case manager at Starfish Family Services, formerly Youth Living Centers.

Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in language arts and communications. He is employed as an editor for Gale Research Inc.

A December 1999 wedding is planned.



Dzlobak-Mowry

Chester and Rose Dzlobak of Commerce Township, formerly of Redford, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Deanna Christine, to Robert Anthony Mowry, the son of Robert and Angeline Mowry of Clinton Township.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a degree in accounting. She is a certified public accountant, employed by Plante and Moran in Southfield.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield with a degree in architecture. He is employed by the Charter Township of Redford in the Community Development Department.



An October wedding is planned at St. Robert Bel-larmine Church in Redford.

Korpi-Wilcox

John and Dolores Korpi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Kristine, to Philip Alan Wilcox, the son of Robert and Mardell Wilcox of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed as a sales and service representative for AAA Michigan, Dearborn.

Her fiancé is a 1994 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He also works as a sales and service representative for AAA Michigan, Dearborn.

A November wedding is planned at First Baptist Church



Pendell-Fate

Natalie Nicole Fate and Jeffrey Peter Pendell were married June 13 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tiffin, Ohio. Monsign-



or Edward Dunn officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kathleen and Dale McKee of Tiffin, Ohio. The groom is the son of John and Judith Pendell of Brighton, formerly of Livonia.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Calvert High School, a 1996 graduate of Ohio University and a 1998 graduate of Bowling Green University with a master's degree.

She is employed as an assistant recreation director for the city of Greenville, Ala.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, a 1994 graduate of Madonna University and a 1995 graduate of Bowling Green University with a master's degree.

He is employed as a golf professional for Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama.

The bride asked Marla Shelt to be her maid of honor, with Sarah Boor, Michele Kennedy and Jennifer Cooper serving as brides-

maids. Paige Ziegler was the

flower girl.

The groom asked John Pendell Jr. to be his best man with Matthew Good, Michael Kneiding and Louie McKaig as groomsmen. Jack Pfeifer was the ring bearer.

The couple received guests at Mohawk Country Club in Tiffin, Ohio, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to The Cloister on Sea Island, Ga.

They are making their home in Greenville, Ala.



Wheeler-Evenson

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wheeler announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Joy, to Robert Evenson, the son of Fred Evenson of Farmington Hills and Jean Bigos of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Tennessee State University. She is currently employed as a medical coordinator at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. He is employed as a contractor for Farmington Mechanical.

An October wedding is planned at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills.

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LEAVE the heat set no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit/12 degrees Celsius to discourage pipe freezing when you're away.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

SENIORS AT SHOWCASE
Senior citizens are invited to a screening of "Sitting Pretty" made in 1948 and starring Maureen O'Hara and Clifton Webb at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Showcase Cinemas Westland, 6800 Wayne Road, as part of the monthly Showcase Silver Screen Classics Program featuring a classic film, popcorn and a soft drink for \$1.

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 younger than 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 Stiletto'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, setups, and snacks. For ticket information, call (248) 542-5997, (734) 722-7907, (313) 849-0233, (734) 397-5659, or (734) 525-5680.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Wayne County Parks and Recreation will present its Halloween festival 1998 from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Nankin Mills Picnic area in Hines Park. Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The fest offers spook-free fun for children 12 and younger including a costume parade, games, candy hunt, hayride for 50 cents a person and children's entertainment. Food concessions will be available. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 261-1990 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration deadline is Oct. 19.

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.

CRAFTERS SOUGHT

The Wayne-Westland YMCA is seeking crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. For an application, call (734) 721-7044.

MOTORCYCLE BENEFIT

A benefit for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is planned for noon Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Bova V.F.W. Post #9885, 6440 Hix, in Westland. Donation is \$5. For information, call (734) 525-1845.

AT THE LIBRARY

PARENTING WORKSHOPS
Kids driving you crazy? A two-week series shows how

personality can affect your parenting 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 7 and 14. Advance registration is required by phone or at the Children's Service Desk, Community Meeting Room. No fee. Minimum of 25 participants needed for this program to run.

THE STORY LADY

The Story Lady stops by to share some of her favorites. Children's Services area. 11 a.m. Saturdays, Oct. 10, 24, Nov. 7 and 21.

FALL STORY TIME 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 story times 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
Choose one: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays
A session of thematic story times 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

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.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS CLUB

Westland Walkers Club will hold its monthly meeting 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the lower level auditorium of Westland Shopping Center. The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center opens its doors to walkers beginning at 7 a.m. through Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends at 10 a.m.

SENIOR DANCE

Westland Shopping Center will host a senior citizen dance Monday, Oct. 5 in the 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 the first Monday of each month, except when it falls on a holiday.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

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

FIGURE SKATING

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

SCHOOLS

MCKINLEY COOPERATIVE

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

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

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

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

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

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tot's 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

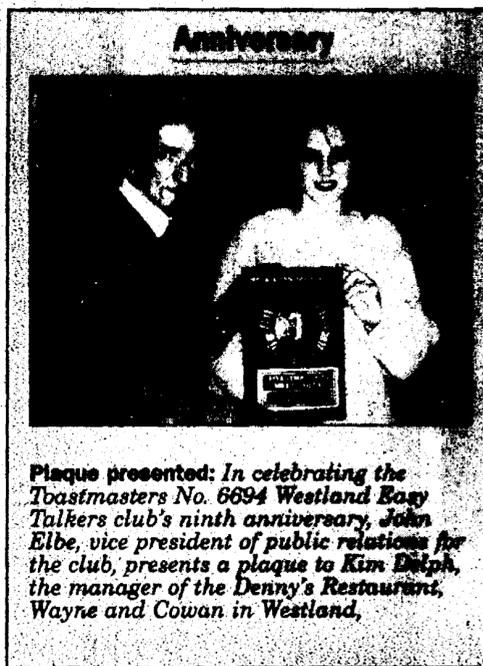
St. Mel Preschool, 7506 Inkster Road, north of Warren Avenue in Dearborn Heights, has morning and afternoon classes for both 3 and 4-year-olds. Registration for the 1998-99 school year has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

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 sev-



Plaque presented: In celebrating the Toastmasters No. 6694 Westland Easy Talkers club's ninth anniversary, John Elbe, vice president of public relations for the club, presents a plaque to Kim Delp, the manager of the Denny's Restaurant, Wayne and Cowan in Westland.

enth 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 6-year-olds. Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. For information, call (248) 471-2077.

FRANKLIN PTSA

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

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4:50-6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

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

0149.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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

HISTORY ON VIEW

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG

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

WESTLAND MUSEUM

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

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. For information, call President Jim Franklin, (734) 721-0138. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

SENIOR CHOR

A new Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, has been started at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Those who enjoy singing are invited to join.

The choir meets at 9 a.m. Thursday mornings.

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout geared for the older adult which improves strength, flexibility, balance, posture, coordination and cardiovascular endurance. It incorporates resistance exercises using rubber tubing and light weights with walking and jogging patterns. Wear loose fitting clothing and comfortable shoes. Light weights and an exercise mat are suggested. Robert Cassidy is the certified Jazzercise instructor. Sign up at the front desk at the Westland Friendship Center or call (734) 722-7632.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. For more information, call (734) 722-7632.

DINNER THEATER

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

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

CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. People play euchre, pinocle, 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, yard work, 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

MOMS TO MEET

The MOMS Club of Westland, a nonprofit, non-religious support group for stay-at-home moms, will be holding its next meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, east entrance, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh. The club will be holding an organized discussion group on winter activities. Children are welcome. For information, call Stephanie at (734) 266-2919.

ADD SUPPORT

An Attention Deficit Disorder parent support group of the Family Resource Center begins 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the ABC Room of the Special Angels at Graham Elementary School, 1255 John Hix, Westland. Cost is \$3 with free child care. Registration required (734) 595-2279.

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, Ypsilanti.

CRAFT SHOW

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

CHADD

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

T.O.P.S.

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

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M163 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.

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 734-591-7278. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2104 if you have any questions.

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What to do without uncles?



It will be the second family wedding without Uncle Johnny, and it just won't be the same. I don't know why he didn't attend my son's wedding last September. I never asked. He had become a bit

reclusive. And tomorrow, on what promises to be a glorious fall evening, his only granddaughter will walk down the aisle of St. Clement's Catholic Church in Warren on the arm of a tall, handsome husband.

She will miss her grandfather, and I will miss my favorite uncle. A widow for many years, Uncle Johnny died last spring after a brief hospitalization from complications of a stroke. One thing I know, Uncle Johnny would be beaming at his lovely, tiny granddaughter.

He'd also be flirting with his nieces. Ah, uncles, what's a girl to do without them?

From fathers, a girl learns how a man should treat a woman.

From brothers, she learns never to bring home a jerk and call him her date. But from uncles, she learns how to flirt.

Uncles tell you're pretty, your dress is stunning and your apple pie is better than their wives. The bolder ones shoulder up to you at parties and whisper that your figure is "rather attractive." Uncles wink at you whenever they get a chance.

Uncle Johnny was the best of flirts, a real maestro of the cocked eyebrow and the airborne kiss. He winked and complimented me from girlhood to the last family high school graduation party two summers ago at cousin Mary Jo's house.

Uncle Johnny was the only man who ever called me "doll."

He also was my favorite dancing partner. At family weddings (usually the Polish variety), Uncle Johnny would dance the polkas with his sisters (there were seven) and save the cha-cha's and the Elvis numbers for me. He'd slick back his thin, black hair, unbutton his suit jacket, and sashay his skinny hips in my direction. He had a sweet, goofy come-hither look, punctuated only by an

occasional facial twitch or two.

Uncle Johnny also had a way with words - once he removed the toothpick he kept rakishly clenched between his teeth. He'd always answer me with "Whatever you say, doll." "Whatever floats your boat, doll." Or best of all, "Whatever melts your butter, doll."

And instead of "good-bye," he always said "say-la-vee." He said it with a flourish.

I last saw Uncle Johnny in the hospital. It was obvious he was looking forward to being reunited with his wife, whom he called "The Schnupter." He slept a lot and wasn't always aware of his surroundings. However, when I walked into his hospital room, he managed to say, "You're still pretty."

He thanked me when I helped him sip from a glass of Vernor's, but he measured out an imaginary shot of whiskey with his fingers and tipped his head back for an imaginary beer. Then I think he winked at me.

Ah, uncles, what's a girl do without them?

Renee Skoglund is a staff writer at The Observer Newspapers. She lives in Canton Township.

Red Cross forms Response Corps

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is recruiting young adults for its AmeriCorps National Rapid Response Corps.

The corps provides family disaster education and emergency assistance to victims of local and national disasters. It is sponsored by the American Red Cross and funded by a grant from the Corporation for National Service.

Members receive a living allowance, extensive Red Cross training, health care coverage and a \$4,725 educational award upon successful completion of the program.

During nearly 10 months of service, members may teach disaster preparedness to children as well as senior citizens, provide direct disaster assistance to victims and be dispatched to national disaster assignments for up to 21 days.

The Rapid Response Corps is composed of a diverse group of service-minded individuals of various backgrounds, education levels and life experiences. It is not a job and requires a commitment to service, teamwork and flexibility. The program is designed to capture the energy and enthusiasm of young adults.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and be available full time, including some weekend and evening hours, interested in teaching and training, possess a current valid driver's license, and have at least a GED or high school diploma.

To receive an application, mail a resume and cover letter to Kathy Osterman, American Red Cross, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, National Rapid Response Corps, 100 Mack Ave., Detroit 48232. Resumes may also be sent by fax to (313) 833-2105 or by e-mail to osterman@crossnet.org.

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Brian and Tracey Spehar of Garden City announce the birth of **Brady Allen** June 18 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. He joins two brothers, Brian, 3, and Brendan, 2. Grandparents are Barbara Ragan of Garden City, Robert Ragan of Royal Oak and Robert and Lucy Spehar of Garden City. Great-grandmother is Hazel Ragan of Troy.

Ramona Dale Dunigan of Garden City announces the birth of **Alexis Rainbow-Dale** July 8 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins two sisters, Chance Autumn-Dale Dunigan, 5, and Heather Dale Caron, 10. Grandparents are Leonard H. Caron of Belleville and Patricia D. Caron of Westland.

David and Dawn Jones of Livonia announce the birth of **Lyndsay Alexis** July 2 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She joins a sister, Mallori. Grandparents are Beth Larsen and Paul Zemenski of Redford and Charles and Ellen Jones of Marine City.

Kevin and Paula Frawley of Wayne announce the birth of **Kaitlyn Jean** July 6 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins siblings Lauren, Michael, Amanda, Julie and Patrick. Grandparents are Ralph and Carol Hedman of Lakeland, Fla., and Jim and Barb Frawley of Canton.

Patrick and Tracy Walsh of Redford announce the birth of **Kallie Ann** July 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. She joins a sister, Kayla. Grandparents are Carol Tower of Wixom and Dolores Walsh of Detroit.

Scott and Ronda Rutherford of Redford announce the birth of **Duncan Scott** May 1 at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Jim and Linda Rutherford of Redford.

Alan and Angela Spencer of Westland announce the birth of **Steven Michael** July 11 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. He joins a sister, Lindsay. Grandparents are Cass and Sheila Maiorana of Westland and Cecil and Maureen Spencer, formerly of Wayne.

Kevin and Deborah Rukat of Redford announce the birth of **Caitlin Elizabeth** May 31 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Grandparents are Michael and Dorothy Petro Sr. of Livonia and Barbara and Phillip Rukat of South Lyon. Great-grandparents are Andrew and Mary Petro Sr. of Livonia, Mitchell Rukat of Brevort Lake, and Adell Seyfarth of Redford.

Jason Kolene and Tracy

Widon of Westland announce the birth of **Breanna Paige Kolenc** July 12 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are John and Debbie Kolenc of Inkster and John and Maggie Widon of Westland.

Ralph and Marleen Kates of Garden City announce the birth of **Owen Hunter** July 15 at

Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins two brothers, Tyler James, 4, and Brett Matthew, 2. Grandparents are Bob and Pat Squires of Garden City, Dena Ely of Canton and Ralph Kates of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are Ruth and Meril Anleitner of Florida, Leonard Springborn of Novi and Edward Byczynski of Detroit.

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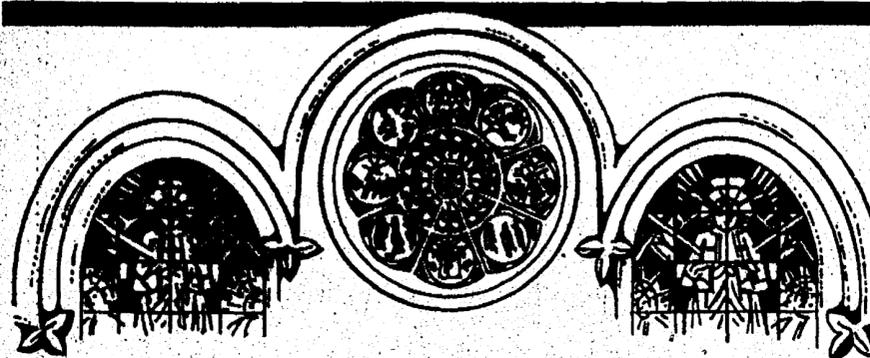
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NEW BEGINNING

The Rev. Chuck Sonquist will discuss "Personalizing the Process" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkin-

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RUMMAGE SALE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have its fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be clothes, housewares, toys, furniture, curtains, craft items, jewelry and much more.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

St. Edith Church will sponsor a Las Vegas Night 7:30 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2-3, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission will be \$1 and the maximum payout will be \$500. All proceeds will go to the church's general fund. For more information, call the church at (734) 464-1222.

St. Richard's Catholic Church will have a Vegas Night 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, Cherry Hill Road, west of Wayne Road, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There will be games of roulette, black jack, craps, beat the dealer and big wheel.

GARAGE SALE

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Evolution vs. creation is addressed at seminar

"In the beginning was matter, which begat the amoeba, which begat the worm, which begat the fish, which begat the amphibian, which begat the monkey, which begat man, who imagined God."

This is the genealogy of Man," according to Charles Smith, former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, in his booklet, "Godless Evolution."

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth," stated Moses in the first chapter, the first verse, the first

book of the Bible, Genesis 1:1. Who is right? Is there a God or isn't there? Is Genesis 1:1 correct when it asserts "For in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is and rested on the seventh day."

People who would like to examine the evidences for God's existence can attend a three-day seminar, "Science & Nature: Two Votes for God," Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2-4, at the Garden City Church of Christ, 1657 Middlebelt, Garden City.

The seminar will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Dr. Bert Thompson

will address such issues as scientific evidences for God's existence, a scientific examination of the theory of evolution, the Bible's inspiration and many others.

Thompson is the former professor of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Tusculum University and is a professor of Bible and science at Southern Christian University in Montgomery, Ala.

There is no charge for the seminar, and no collections will be taken. Handout materials also will be available free of charge to participants.



Dr. Bert Thompson

soring a community garage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. Proceeds from table and space rental will benefit teen activities. The church's Women's Ministry also will have a space, with proceeds helping single mothers and those with special needs who attend the ministry.

THE VOX

Temple Baptist Church will host The VOX, an evening of live music, humor and espresso coffee for 18-30-year-olds, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the church, 46555 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township.

Music from such popular artists as Third Eye Blind and Jars of Clay will be performed. There also will be humor-filled drama skits performed throughout the night as well as a speaker/host talking about relevant issues. After the event, The VOX Java Cafe will offer specialty coffee drinks and baked goods.

The VOX is Temple's answer to meeting the needs of Generation Xers. Temple will host a second Vox night on Nov. 14 and will host VOX Night on a monthly basis beginning in January.

There is no admission charge for The VOX. For more information, call Wayne Kurtycz at (734) 414-7777.

CANCER SEMINAR

Ward Cancer 2000 Seminars with Dr. Manuel Valdivieso of the Oakwood Cancer Center will offer 4-5:30 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 4-Nov. 8, in Room 317 of Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township. Six topics will be covered during the informal seminars. Registration is free. For more information, or to register, call the Congregational Care Department at (248) 374-5904.

PRaise TEAM VISIT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting an afternoon gospel music concert by the

Avenue United Methodist Church Praise Team of Detroit at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. In lieu of admission, a love offering will be collected. Choir Director Crystal Matthews will lead the choir in performing an exciting, uplifting selection of secular music.

The concert is part of the programming of the Arts Council's ongoing cultural diversity series. Also featured in the auditorium and lobby will be works by Michigan African-American artists. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Join Barbara Clevenger and Church of Today West-Unity at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 and 11, at Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook, south of 13 Mile. The church offers youth education and fellowship follows the service. There also will be Labyrinth Meditation on Oct. 4, and Scott Kalechstein will be in the Oct. 11 service, which will be followed by a workshop.

The Unity Basic class will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Meadowbrook School, while Women in Unity, a new group organized to help with today's transitional women's role, meets 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the last Saturday of the month at the Novi Library, 45245 10 Mile Road, Novi. For more information, call (248) 449-8900 or visit the Web site at

www.cotwest.com.

5-DAY MISSION

St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church will have a 5-day mission Monday-Friday, Oct. 5-9, at the church, 23310 Joy Road, Redford. Redemptorist priests from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Monastery in England will preach. Each evening will begin with Mass at 8:30 p.m., followed by a sermon and devotions. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-2121.

CARD PARTY

St. Simon and Jude Church will have a Harvest Gathering card party 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. There will be door and table prizes, 50-50 raffle and cards and games of choice. A light meal and snacks will be served. Tickets cost \$6. For more information, call (734) 728-2090 or (734) 729-2716. Proceeds will go to the church's building fund.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and separated Christians, will hold its first of six divorce recovery sessions at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at St. Kenneth Parish, Haggerty, south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. There is an \$35 charge. For more information, call Rose at (734) 464-3325.



In concert: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have the contemporary Christian musical group Echelon in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Echelon - Lowell Garrelts, Lowell Michelson, John Simshauser and Todd Miller - gives high-energy performances with the goal of making Christ known as a friend and savior through music and personal sharing. There will be time to talk with the group after the concert. Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call the church office at (734) 522-6830.



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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.

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, Northville. There will be more than 70 juried artists displaying children's clothing, whimsical jewelry, quilts,

original acrylic paintings, doll clothes and cross-stitched items. Admission will be \$2. No strollers will be permitted. For more information, call (734) 459-0056.

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, east of Middlebelt, 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.

ST. 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, Livonia. For an application or more information, 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.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA Delta Kappa Gamma is sponsoring its annual arts and crafts fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth. There will be more than 90 juried crafters, and lunch will be available. Admission will be \$2. For more information, call (734) 416-7550.

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, 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, 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. There will be a bake sale, and concession foods will be available throughout the day. For an application or more information, call (734) 464-1041 or (734) 478-2395.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY Madonna University will have its 14th annual arts and crafts showcase from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 7-8 in the Activities Center on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, at Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 with children younger than 12 free. Special features include handmade arts and crafts, bake sale, photos with Santa Claus and a \$1,000 raffle. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

GRACE LUTHERAN Timothy Circle of Grace Lutheran Church will have its 10th annual arts and crafts show 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 25630 Grand River at Beech Daly, Redford. Admission is free, and no strollers allowed. For more information, call (734) 464-2727.

WESTLAND FREE METHODIST The Westland Free Methodist Church will have a holiday craft fair and bake sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 1421 Venoy, Westland. Eight-foot tables are available to crafters at \$25 per space. For more information, call Tammy Balzer at (734) 595-4163.

ABUNDANT LIFE Applications are being accepted for table rental at Abundant Life Church of God's annual Angelic Boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 14 at the church, 2100 Hannan, Canton. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (734) 595-0011 or Theresa Weaver at (734) 467-9046.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE Ss. Simon and Jude Church is seeking crafters for its 16th arts and craft boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14, at the church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. There will be free door prizes every hour, snack food, bake sale, crafts and 50/50 raffle. Tables space is available at \$25 per table. For information, call (734) 722-8098 or (734) 722-1343.

ST. MARY HOSPITAL The St. Mary Hospital Employee Activities Committee is looking for crafters for its Christmas craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 14, and noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 15,

at the hospital, Levan and Five Mile roads, Livonia. Tables can be reserved for \$25 each, and exhibitors may share a table. Crafters can register for just one day or both days. Space is available for 50 tables. Deadline is Oct. 15. For more information, call Jan Hansen at (734) 655-2232.

ST. VALENTINE Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher Club's seventh annual holiday craft shops Nov. 21 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. For an application or more information, call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

GOOD SHEPHERD Crafters are needed for the Good Shepherd Reformed Church craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables are available at \$20 each and eight-foot-long tables for \$25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 724-7225.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN The Livonia-Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 21, at the school, 31000 Joy, east of Merriman, Livonia. More than 175 crafters will be featured. Space rental is \$50 for a 10-by-6-foot space. For more information, call (734) 522-5287.

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA Crafters are needed for the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA's annual craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Y, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For an application or more information, call (734) 721-7044.

Fraternity chapter observes anniversary
In honor of the Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity's 100th anniversary on Oct. 15 and its 75th anniversary, the Detroit Alpha chapter will host a Founders' Day brunch for collegiate and alumnae members on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville. Zeta Tau Alpha was founded at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., and has more than 155,000 members worldwide. Breast cancer research and education is ZTA's national philanthropy. The fraternity co-sponsors the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Race for the Cure, which is held at the Detroit Zoological Park each year. The members of Detroit Alpha also volunteer monthly at The ARC of Northwest Wayne County office in Redford. For more information about the brunch or the club, call Dawn Rutz at (248) 866-8133.

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
Publish: September 24, 1998 and October 1, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID
Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, 48185-2298, on October 19, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following: Golf Course Golf Cart Storage Building Project. Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from Architect and Planners located at 9429 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 or by calling (734) 453-6060. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. JILL B. THOMAS, Purchasing Agent, City of Westland
Publish: October 1, 1998

CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed 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 15, at 2:00 p.m. for the following item(s): AMBULANCE BILLING SOFTWARE. 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
Publish: October 1, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
On Tuesday, October 6, 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.
90 FORD 2 DR ESCORT GOLD 1FAPP9194LW130768
84 PONT TRANS AM BLACK 1G2AW87G6L245973
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:
84 HONDA SPREE MOPED BLACK AF05E2162325
89 CHEV PU SILV/BLK 1G0DC14K1KE119725
78 CHEV 2 DR NOVA BLACK 1Y27Q6W120558
86 GMC SAFARI VAN BLUE 1G6CM15Z8GB508448
85 FORD STAWAG/SPORT GRAY 1FABP0945FW127185
89 FORD TAURUS4 DR GRAY 1FABP64U9KG107078
86 FORD RANGER/PICKUP RED 1FTBR10A0GUA44581
86 CHEV CHEVETTE 4 DR BLACK 1G1TB68C3GA164420
89 OLDS CUTLASS 2 DR SILVER 1G3NL14U1KM305356
87 NISSAN MAXIMA 4 DR WHITE JN1HU11FXHT342075
86 DODGE LANCER 4 DR BURGUNDY 1B3BX48K3ON207286
88 MERC SABLE BROWN 1MEBMS0U9JG620625
82 CHRY CONVERT WHITE 1C3BC55D6C6162420
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 November 1, 1998, unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:
?? YAMAHA MTRCYCLE BLUE 371121578
86 FORD STA WAGON BLUE 1FABP34H5GW144243
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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 18-9/21/98
Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barns, Griffin, LeBlanc, Pickering, Scott
227: Approved minutes of regular mtg held 9/8/98
-Approved request from Michigan Humane Society conduct annual Canister Drive on Halloween for purpose of raising fund for animals
-Approved request from Lutheran High School Westland conduct their Homecoming Parade on 10/9/98 at 6:00 pm
-Adopted prepared resolution splitting lots #13 & 14, Warren Junction Sub
-Introduced, waived procedure & adopted Budget Amendment 99-4, Lease of High Ranger, amt \$13,880
-Approved lease for Aerial High Ranger for DPS to TECO, amt \$2,280 per mo
-Approved bid for Studio "B" Equipment for Cable Dept to CSG, amt \$106,465
-Approved bid for Digital Mugging System for Police Dept to Public Sector, Inc, amt \$67,240
-Approved bid for Roof Replacement for 18th District Court to JKM Enterprise, amt \$82,988
-Approved to purchase 2100 Series Vector for DPS
-Approved bid for Fuel Dispensing System at DPS to RW Mercer Co, amt \$40,595
-Approved bid for Tanks/Linings for Sewer Jets for W&S Division to Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc, amt \$59,100
-Approved bid for two 6" pumps for DPS to Colwell Equipment Co, Inc, amt \$28,714.36
-Approved bid for Henry Ruff Resurfacing Project to Ajax Paving, amt \$279,178.89 with City's portion \$136,414
-Approved Traffic Control Sign #98-11, install 2 STOP signs on eastbound & westbound Hayward at St Johns
228: Reconsidered resolution #98-9-217 regarding site plan approval for proposed addition to St Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd
229: Denied request for site plan approval for proposed addition to St Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Rd
230: Approved proposed City Clerk's Pay/Benefit Package from 8/18/98 to 6/30/99
231: Approved contract extension for public safety software maintenance agreement with New World Systems through 6/30/01, amt \$29,700
232: Closed public hearing on status of Yr XXIII Community Development Block Grant & HOME Programs
233: Approved Revised WL HomeBuyer Program Guideline
234: Granted revised site plan approval for renovation & expansion of Nankin Mills Nature Center, lot #667, Supervisor's Nankin Plat #10
235: Approved site plan extension for a period of 1 yr for proposed truck sales & part storage, lots #157-160 & #162-173, Ford Park Boulevard Sub
236: Denied special land use approval for proposed Arbor Drug Store, NW corner of Wayne & Hunter
237: Denied request for site plan approval for proposed Arbor Drug Store, NW corner of Wayne Rd & Hunter
238: Approved Check List #1,090,339.62 & Prepaid \$1,624,654.93 Mtg adjourned at 8:53 pm
Minutes available in City Clerk's Office
SANDRA A. CICIRELLI, Council President
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS, City Clerk
Publish: October 1, 1998

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the last day of registration for the GENERAL ELECTION is MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998. Candidates seeking election to the following offices are to be voted upon: GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SECRETARY OF STATE, ATTORNEY GENERAL, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE, TWO MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TWO REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, TWO TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, TWO GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, REGULAR TERM, INCUMBENT POSITIONS, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PARTIAL TERM, JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS 1st DISTRICT (REGULAR TERMS INCUMBENT POSITIONS), JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS 1st DISTRICT, (PARTIAL TERM - INCUMBENT POSITION), JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (REGULAR TERMS INCUMBENT POSITIONS VOTE 20), JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, 3rd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PARTIAL TERM, INCUMBENT POSITION - VOTE 2, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, REGULAR TERM VOTE 2, JUDGE OR PROBATE COURT, REGULAR TERM, INCUMBENT POSITIONS, VOTE 3, AND THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:
PROPOSAL A TO CHANGE THE WORD "HANDICAPPED" TO "DISABLED" IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION
PROPOSAL B INITIATED LEGISLATION TO LEGALIZE THE PRESCRIPTION OF A LETHAL DOSE OF MEDICATION TO TERMINALLY ILL, COMPETENT, INFORMED ADULTS IN ORDER TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
PROPOSAL C TO AUTHORIZE BONDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION PROGRAMS
A PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE TAX ALLOCATION BOARD BY ESTABLISHING SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS
The Office of the City Clerk, located in the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan will be open for the registration of all qualified electors, not already registered, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ALLYSON BETTIS, City Clerk-Treasurer
Publish: October 1 and 4, 1998

CITY OF WESTLAND ORDINANCE NO. 5-A-4
AN ORDINANCE TO ADD CHAPTER 50, SECTION 50-166 TO ADD THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S EQUIPMENT CHARGES UNDER THE COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE
Section 1. That Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-166, of the Westland City Code is hereby added to provide as follows:
Sec. 50-166 Equipment and Manpower Charges:
That the following charges for equipment, materials and manpower shall be used to determine reimbursement to the city for cost recovery responses under this ordinance:
1. Class A Pumper, \$285 for the first hour; \$235 for subsequent hours.
2. Aerial Ladder, \$395 for the first hour; \$340 for subsequent hours.
3. Bucket Type Ladder, \$460 for the first hour; \$400 for subsequent hours.
4. Rescue/Basic, \$140 for the first hour; \$115 for subsequent hours.
5. Rescue/Paramedic, \$160 for the first hour; \$135 for subsequent hours.
6. Utility/Special Purpose, \$115 for the first hour; \$75 for subsequent hours.
7. Fire investigation Unit, \$125 for the first hour; \$95 for subsequent hours.
8. Command, \$100 for the first hour; \$70 for subsequent hours.
9. Cars, \$25 for the first hour; \$15 for subsequent hours.
10. Foam (per five gallon bucket), \$95.
11. Breathing air (per bottle), \$25.
12. Portable Lights with generator (per day), \$300.
13. Absorbent materials (per bag), \$10.
14. Level "B" protective clothing (per set), \$60.
Manpower charges shall be at the prevailing rates per grade, including fringe benefits and overtime pay.
Section 2. That all other provisions of this Chapter of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect.
Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.
Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.
PATRICIA A. GIBBONS, City Clerk
Adopted: September 21, 1998
Effective: October 1, 1998
Published: October 1, 1998

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SPORTS SCENE

State Cup champions

The 1983 Michigan Hawks, an under-16 girls soccer team, won its fourth Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup in five years by beating Livonia Youth Soccer Club United in the championship final, 5-0, Sunday in Midland.

The Hawks, coached by Lenny Beigler, also defeated the Birmingham Blazers (5-3), Kalamazoo TKO Quest (4-1) and Sterling Heights Blizzard (11-0).

Team members include: Katie Beaudoin, Cheryl Fox, Lindsay Gusaick and Leslie Hooker, all of Livonia; Jamie Coyle and Amanda Lentz, Plymouth; Emily Carboft, Northville; Bri Ranney, West Bloomfield; Natalie Shaheen, Birmingham; Abby Shepherd, Milford; Christina Males and Michelle Perrin, Rochester; Nicole Breger and Natalie Galas, Sterling Heights.

The team trainer is Jerry Beigler and the team manager is Margaret Gusick.

Outscoring their opponents 15-4 in three games, the under-13 Michigan Hawks took the MSYSA Cup last weekend with a 2-1 win over the Thundercats as Kyle LaPorte (Livonia) scored twice assisted by Jill Kehler (Flint) and Nikki Hermann (Novi).

Other members of the Hawks include: Melissa Dobbyn, Livonia; Jordan Falcusan, Plymouth; Marissa Sarkesian, Canton; Nicole Cauzillo and Whitney Guenther, Northville; Kathryn Cummings, Jamie Poole and Jenny Szymanski, Troy; Sabrina Must, Bloomfield Hills; Erin Doan, Dearborn; Deanne Kubas, Kelly McMann and Maureen Pawlak, Novi. The Hawks are coached by John Buchanan and managed by Linda Cauzillo.

State Cup runners-up

Livonia Youth Soccer Club United under-16 girls team finished second in the MSYSA Cup last weekend in Midland.

Members of United, coached by Dennis Smith and Chuck White, include: Christine Argenta, Beth Battison, Ashley Cooley, Jessica Harrison, Leslie Hogan, Nicole Katikos, Alexandra Katona, Antoinette Koram, Erin Locke, Carly Longmate, Christine Luther, Angela Maile, Sarah Pack, Michelle Smith, Lisa Taube, Kelly Wallace, Dana White and Jamie Zimmer. The team trainer is Ben Rossi and the manager is Mike Pack.

LYSC United, an under-15 girls team, finished second in the MSYSA State Cup with wins over the Rochester Falcons, TUSA Dynamics and Brighton Express '84 before losing to Vardar III '84.

A member of the Little Caesars Select Red Division (I), United took first last spring in Division II.

Members of United, coached by Mike Bartel and Jim Dunmead, include: captain Katie Rozum (Livonia Ladywood); Lauren Valdivia and Shayna Lewis (Livonia Stevenson); Sarah Phillips (Livonia Churchill); Cara Wisniewski (Livonia Franklin); Shanna Barkum (Farmington), captain Ashley Rosaen and Stephanie Johnson (Plymouth Canton); Kelly Solano and Nicole Anderson (Plymouth Salem); Laura Babinsky (Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day); Tara Schreiber (Brighton); Julie Bartel, Kelly Anderson and Maggie Osola (Northville).

The team is trained by Amy Spagnola.

Collegiate soccer note

The Oakland University men's soccer team improved to 4-3 on the season with a 1-0 victory over Valparaiso (Ind.) as goalkeeper Mike Skolnik (Livonia Churchill) recorded his fourth shutout of the year for the Golden Grizzlies.

Palombo lifts Mercy

Freshman Kristen Palombo of Livonia has an 8-1 record at No. 1 singles for the Farmington Hills Mercy girls tennis team.

The Marlins are off to a 6-1-2 start entering this weekend's Catholic League championships.

She has competed the past two years in the Midwest Tennis Association Championships and is ranked No. 5 in Girls 14s by the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association.

Palombo plays out of the Sports Club.

O&E golfers go into OT

Too close for comfort



Headlock: Carrie Brankiewicz (top) of Farmington Hills Mercy gets tangled up with Livonia Ladywood's Kristen Barnes during Tuesday's Central Division encounter. See cage roundup on page C5.

Trevison survives in playoff

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS WRITER

Call it a playoff spectacular.

Roger Trevison of Livonia recorded the best round of the annual Observer & Eccentric/Whispering Willow Golf Tournament, firing an even-par 70 on Saturday, but he had to withstand a late charge by Karl Nagy of Plymouth in order to win the championship flight Sunday.

Three of the four flights were decided by playoffs, one of them (first flight) going five extra holes before a champion was crowned. See complete results in Sunday's Observer.

Trevison, a Farmington native and Redford Catholic Central (1987) graduate, followed his opening-day 70 with a 38-41/79 on Sunday, which left the door open for Nagy.

He responded, following his 75 on Saturday with a 36-38/74 on Sunday to tie Trevison at 149.

"It was really just a lack of playing," Trevison said of his final round. "I played 27 good holes, then got kind of careless. But I've only played 15 rounds of golf this summer."

As it was, it took a birdie on the final hole of regulation for Trevison to tie Nagy and prompt a playoff.

"Maybe next time," said Nagy, who place second two years ago, third in 1997 and now second again.

This year's playoff wasn't quite as dramatic as last year's, but there was more at stake. Both Trevison and Nagy reached the fringes of the 439-yard, par-four 10th hole in two; Trevison, however, knocked down his second putt while Nagy three-putted.

Although Trevison hasn't played much this season, he has plenty of experience.

He won the state junior amateur championship in 1987, then went off to Pepperdine University (Malibu, Calif.) to play for two years before returning. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1991.

In first flight, the story was just the opposite, although the finish was similar. Unlike Trevison, who opened well on Saturday then hung on on Sunday, Ed Donahue of Livonia struggled on the first day, carding an 83. On Sunday, however, he turned in the best round of the day in any flight, shooting a 72 to tie Steve Geanides of Redford at 155, forcing a playoff.

It wasn't exactly pretty, but Donahue finally emerged with the title when he bogeyed the fifth playoff hole, the par-four, 365-yard 14th, while Geanides got a double-bogey.

The third playoff came in second flight, and it was the most dramatic. Craig Nehasil of Canton caught Gordon Stefanick of Livonia with a Sunday round of 84 (Stefanick shot 86), each finishing with a 169 total. On the first playoff hole, the par-5, 485-yard first, Stefanick got into immediate trouble with an off-the-fairway tee shot. His second shot left him well left of the green, while Nehasil was on the right side of the fairway, 15 yards short of the green.

Stefanick nearly knocked down the shot of the tournament when his third attempt, from 40 yards away, hit the flag. However it didn't drop, instead rolling to stop 40 feet past the cup.

It was all for naught, anyway; Nehasil followed Stefanick's effort with what would have to be the shot of the tournament, holing his chip for an eagle-three.

In third flight, alas — there was no playoff. Tom Sokoloski of Garden City won it going away, firing a 95-93/188 to outdistance runner-up Jay DeOrdio of Plymouth (112-91/203).

Hail to the Chiefs

Churchill falls in division test, 5-2

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

Chad Campau was concerned. He was worried about his Livonia Churchill soccer team and the letdown they seemed to be battling. "We've been struggling for the last couple of weeks," the Charger coach said.

Such lapses are a danger anytime in sports. But when your team is going up against a side like Plymouth Canton's, with the division championship at stake, a lapse for even a few minutes could ruin all hopes.

On Wednesday at Churchill, these two Western Lakes Activities Association powers met with just that at stake. The winner would be in command in the WLA's Western Division, with a berth in the league championship match opposite the Lakes division champ.

Unfortunately for Campau and his Churchill team, they suffered a bit of letdown right at the start, surrendering two early goals. But they overcame that and, with just under 11 minutes left in the first half, the score was tied. The momentum was shifting.

But then the Chargers did it again. They started the second half strongly, but so did Canton — and it was the Chiefs who kept firing while Churchill suffered another lapse, which led to two Canton goals and, ultimately, a 5-2 victory.

The Chiefs are now 10-3-1 overall and 3-0 in the division,



Field position: Canton's Johnny Demergis (left) battles Churchill's Mike Koivunen for the ball.

with matches remaining against Walled Lake Western (Oct. 7) and Farmington Harrison (Oct. 10). Churchill is 8-3-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the division, with its final division match Monday at Western.

"They took the tempo away from us," said Canton coach Don Smith of Churchill's first-half rally. "They had us back on our heels a bit. We had to come out flying (in the second half) to keep up with them, because they were flying."

Canton grabbed the early advantage when Johnny Demergis knocked in a goal just 2½ minutes into the match. Before the Chargers could recover, Demergis did it again, making it 2-0 after just 10:27 of the game. Jeff Parent assisted.

But Churchill did not relent. "I really didn't think Canton's defense was playing that well in the first half," said Churchill's Campau. "Even though they had that lead, we were still keeping control. I think when they got up 2-0 they got a little overconfident."

If indeed the Chiefs did, they didn't stay that way for long. The Chargers didn't let them. With the first half half over, Scott Smith got to a direct kick by Ken Kozlow and put it past Canton keeper Doug Kooztz, narrowing the gap to 2-1 with 18:19 left.

Less than eight minutes later, a set play led to another Churchill goal and a tie game. Mark Sicilia put this one in, a direct kick that got past Canton's defensive wall and rolled into the right corner with 10:43 remaining.

But any momentum shift to Churchill didn't last long. Not when the one player on either team capable of taking complete command of any game was Canton's Scott Wright. Which is just what he did.

Wright was dragged down in front of the Churchill net with 4:01 to go in the first half. He converted the penalty kick and the Chiefs again had the lead, 3-2.

"I thought we did a pretty good job marking him," Campau said of Canton's Wright. "He didn't take over the game, anyway."

"We were pretty up at halftime. I was confident we could come back and get a couple more (goals)."

That's not what happened, however. The fourth goal proved to be the decisive one, and the Chiefs got it when Jonathan Johnson charged in through the Churchill defense and pounded a shot that rebounded off a defender — right back to Johnson, who this time knocked it into the left corner for a 4-2 lead with 20:13 left.

Any remaining doubts were erased by Wright. With 14:37 to play, he outraced a Charger defender at midfield who frantically grabbed at him. But Wright was too fast; he beat the defense and keeper Steve Kleczynski to make it 5-2.

"That fourth goal was a big one, it solidified us," said Smith. It also helped having a player like Wright, who can only be described as a game-breaker.

Crawford is catalyst for Wayne

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It's hard keeping Wayne Memorial public address announcer Bill Brooks speechless, but he nearly was in the first half Tuesday night when it came to promoting any scoring by the Garden City girls basketball team.

The Cougars were held to six first-half points, three in each quarter, and lost to Wayne 56-19 in a Mega Conference crossover game.

Garden City didn't score its first field goal until junior center Nicole Yambor made a three-point play midway through the first quarter. The Cougars didn't score another basket until 3:09 left in the half on a jump shot by junior forward Jessica Pappas.

The Cougars, who were two for 18 from the field in the first half, may have set a new record for futility in one half, according to coach Marshall Henry.

"It has to be the record for a half," he said. "Even in the years we played (Livonia) Ladywood and (Plymouth) Salem in the districts we scored more than that."

While Garden City was struggling, Wayne was thriving.

The Zebras jumped to an 18-3 lead after one quarter and led 37-6 at halftime, enjoying a 17-0 run at one point and an 8-0 spurt to end the half.

Wayne senior forward Tonya Crawford had 11 of her game-high 21 points in the first quarter, scoring on put-backs and passes into the paint. She grabbed seven first-quarter rebounds and finished with a game-high 12, helping the Zebras enjoy a 45-27 rebounding advantage.

"I've got to work hard to get what I want being skinny," Crawford said. "We played hard for the whole game and I'm proud of that. We have a lot of potential and we have to use it in the right areas."

The Zebras committed only eight turnovers through three quarters and 16 for the game while forcing 31 by the Cougars, which is as impressive as what they did on the boards.

Wayne, a member of the Red Division, played a tough non-league schedule to start the season and coach Matt Godfrey thinks the Zebras' 3-4 overall record is deceiving.

"We purposely played a tough schedule and tonight it paid off," Godfrey said. "I played everybody tonight and I haven't had one game where we could do that. If we're going to win games, I don't know if we can hold it to eight but we have to stay within 15."

Crawford's last points came early in the third quarter but that was all the college coaches in attendance needed to see. Godfrey thinks she is one of the state's best kept secrets and since she doesn't turn 17 until November, is bound to keep improving.

"She's the best athlete in the area, defensively and quickness wise, and she fits in with the best offensively," Godfrey said. "She can grab the rim, run a 60 second quarter mile."

The loss dropped Garden City to 4-4 overall and Henry thinks the Cougars' easier schedule didn't bode well for a test like this.

"We've played Livonia Churchill and Southgate, who are decent teams, but Wayne's schedule is a lot better and competitive and it showed tonight. We haven't played that to adjust to it," Henry said. "Wayne Memorial made us look bad, we played no defense, didn't rebound. You can't volley-ball rebound and expect to get the ball. We had a glazed look out there."

After Crawford, no other Wayne player finished in double figures. Senior center Bethany Molitor had one of her better games with eight points, including six in the second quarter, and six rebounds. Senior guard Laneetra Austin added seven.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Glenn struggles to win

Unbeaten Shamrocks run over DePorres, 40-14

It was a less than scintillating performance Saturday by state-ranked Westland John Glenn, which had problems shaking an inspired Farmington High football team.

The Rockets needed a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Nick Hudson to beat the host Falcons, 14-7, and stay unbeaten in four starts.

Glenn is now 2-0 in the Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association heading into Friday's matchup with Livonia Stevenson.

"We're just not a very good team right now, we've got a lot of work to do," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said.

The Rockets outgained Farmington 287-176 in total yardage.

Reggie Spearman, a senior tailback, led the Rockets with 125 yards rushing, Hudson eight eight of 12 passes for 142 yards. He was intercepted once and tossed a 79-yard touchdown pass in the opening quarter to junior wide receiver Eric Jones.

Early in the third quarter, Farmington came back on a 60-yard pass from Scott Kneller to Grant Weber.

Glenn's game-winning score in the third quarter was set up when John Pettit tackled the Farmington punter to set up field position.

Gordon singled out Teon Price and Bobby Hagelthorn for their efforts defensively.

Farmington had 88 yards rushing and 88 passing (three of 10).

•REDFORD CC 40, DePORRES 14: Seven players caught passes for Redford Catholic Central in Sunday's Boys Bowl at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium but one stood out: Nick Brzezinski.

The 6-foot-5, 255-pound senior tight end caught five passes for 115 yards, including one for a touchdown in the Shamrocks' 40-14 victory over Detroit DePorres.

The Eagles were the Shamrocks' new opponents for the 54th annual game, replacing Birmingham Brother Rice, which played CC in the last 32 Boys Bowls.

The win improved the No. 1 ranked Shamrocks to 3-0 overall while DePorres, one of the top ranked teams in Class B, fell to 2-2.

For one half it looked like this edition might be a nail-biter right to the end like some of the epic battles CC and Rice experienced.

The Shamrocks led 21-14 at halftime, taking the lead to stay with a 16-play, 80-yard drive capped by a two-yard run from junior tailback John Kava with six seconds left in the half.

CC senior quarterback Dave Lusky completed four of seven passes for 51 yards during the drive that came after DePorres had tied the score at 14 with a 66-yard run by running back Prince Pack.

The Shamrocks finished with 393 total yards, including 205 on the ground, to DePorres' 259. CC had more balance as Lusky completed 11 of 17 passes for 188 yards and two touchdowns. DePorres was 11 for 15 through the air for 76 yards.

Kava led the Shamrocks with 62 yards in 16 carries and senior back Kyle Entsminger added 49 yards in 12 attempts.

Brzezinski, an all-state candidate, made a diving catch for a 41-yard gain that led to another two-yard run by Kava with 3:01 left in the third quarter to raise the lead to 28-14. The drive covered 60 yards in eight plays.

Fumble recoveries led to CC's last two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Defensive lineman Jeremiah Hicks fell on a DePorres fumble at the Eagles' 16 and on the first play, Lusky found junior tight end Matt Loidas in the end zone. The kick was blocked leaving the score at 34-14, CC's favor.

The Shamrocks got the ball back again after the DePorres quarterback fumbled while being sacked and lineman Jon Abshire fell on it at the Eagles' 14. CC used five running plays to score with junior running back Sean Bell running the last three yards, scoring his first varsity touchdown with 2:55 left.

The Eagles scored first as Pack ended a 66-yard, six-play drive with an 11-yard run with 4:29 left in the first quarter. The extra point gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

CC answered with a 71-yard, seven-play scoring drive capped by Entsminger's three-yard run with 1:45 left in the first quarter. Lusky's 38-yard scramble put the ball on the three, leading to Entsminger's TD.

The Shamrocks went ahead 14-7 with their longest drive of the day, 95 yards in nine plays, which was capped by a 27-yard pass to Brzezinski with 3:55 remaining in the half.

A 30-yard run by Entsminger and a 24-yard pass to Brzezinski helped move the chains.

Hicks led the CC defense with 2 1/2 sacks and defensive back Justin Cessante led with eight tackles, three solo. Abshire and Marc Frohm had seven tackles each and Lusky six tackles in the defensive backfield, along with an interception and fumble recovery.

Lusky also made four of five extra-point attempts.

•ST. ALPHONSUS 22, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 6: In a non-league Saturday, host Dearborn St. Alphonsus (4-0 overall) scored a pair of second-half touchdowns to put away Lutheran High Westland (0-4) overall in a game played at Fordson High School.

It was 8-6 in favor of the Arrows at intermission. Quarterback Thomas David, who was seven of 14 passing for 168 yards, scored on a 12-yard run and the Arrows added the two-point conversion to go ahead 8-0.

But Lutheran Westland quarterback Gordie Engel hit junior wide receiver Charlie Hoelt on a 58-yard TD toss to bring the Warriors to within two, 8-6. (The extra point was missed.)

Both scores occurred in the second period.

In the third quarter, David combined with Travis Spencer on an 80-yard scoring pass. The two-pointer made it 16-6.

Nick Rolack put it away with a 16-yard TD run in the final quarter (Ian MacKenzie blocked the extra point.)

The Warriors' leading tackler, linebacker Scott Archer, left the game in the second quarter with a severe groin pull. He had six tackles.

Josh Moldenhauer and Hoelt each led with eight tackles.

St. Alphonsus had 374 yards total offense, including 206 on the ground in 41 carries. The Arrows also had 17 first downs to Lutheran Westland's four.

The Warriors were limited to 118 total yards, 34 rushes for just 49 yards. Engel was two of eight passing for 69 yards.

SATURDAY GAMES

(All times 1 p.m. unless noted)

...the schedule gives Thurston (3-1) a chance to rebound against winless Wilkes. The Flyers are 11-3 overall and 5-2 in the West. PICKS: The Flyers are favored to win.

...This is the third of four straight home games for the Flyers (5-1), who can't afford to be looking ahead to next week's clash with unbeaten Dearborn. Edsel Ford is 10-1 overall and 5-0 in the West — and is capable of the upset. PICKS: The Flyers are favored to win.

...The Rockets (2-2, 1-1) are eager to finish on the winning side of the ledger after their loss to Westland last week. The Rockets are 1-3, 0-2 in the West. PICKS: The Rockets are favored to win.

...It'll be the clash of titans at Fisher Field. This is the game everybody has been waiting to see since the season started. Both teams are 4-0 overall, 2-0 in the MIAA Western Division. Both teams feature outstanding speed on offense and quick, aggressive defenses. The Warriors average 40 yards per game, the Hawks 42.75. Western's first defense has allowed seven points (34 total), Harrison's none (six total). PICKS: O'Meara likes the home team in this one and so does Emons.

...Lutheran North (4-0, 4-0) remained undefeated with a 24-8 pasting of Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, which defeated Lutheran Westland in the opening week. The Warriors (0-4, 0-3) are still looking for their first win following a non-league loss to unbeaten St. Alphonsus, 22-6. PICKS: The Warriors have to wait a little longer for that first win.

...The Cardinals (3-1, 2-1) were knocked from the ranks of unbeaten teams by Cardinal Mooney in a Catholic D-Section contest, 26-7. They'll try to rebound against Holy Redeemer, but it won't be easy. The Aggies have their work cut out for them as the Lions (2-2, 2-0) defeated Mooray, 32-15, as well as Wyandotte Mount Carmel last week, 32-0. PICKS: Hey, in this town, the Lions are not this week!

...The Spartans (2-2, 1-0) won their second straight Sunday, 33-12, over East Catholic in the Catholic Tri-Sectional opener. Borgess tries to make it three in a row against the Pioneers (3-1, 1-0), who are having success as well. Richard Whipped Cabrin last week, 48-0, and its only loss was to unbeaten Bishop Foley. PICKS: It's brother too-up. O'Meara and Emons take the Pioneers.

...The Fighting Irish (0-4, 0-1) are winless after absorbing a 20-0 defeat from Divine Child. Meanwhile, the top-ranked Shamrocks (3-0, 1-0) steamrolled a good DePorres team in the second half of the Boys Bowl game Sunday, 40-14. PICKS: It's a no-brainer. CC is an easy winner.

FRIDAY GAMES

(All times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

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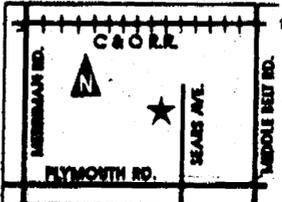
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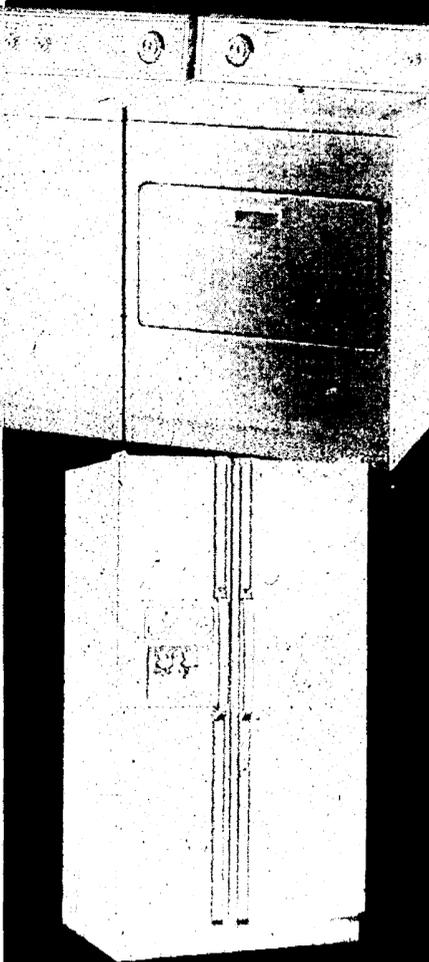
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 2 Garden City at Trenton, 7 p.m. Crestwood at Redford Union, 7 p.m. Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Franklin at Churchill, 7:30 p.m. Northville at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Farmington at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m. Luth. East at Clarencville, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Willow Run at Thurston, noon. Edsel Ford at Wayne, 1 p.m. Salem at N. Farmington, 1 p.m. W.L. Western at Harrison, 1 p.m. Luth. W'sid at Luth. North, 1 p.m. St. Agatha vs. Cardinal Mooney at RU's Kraft Field, 1 p.m. Bishop Borgess vs. Riv. Richard at Garden City Jr. High, 2 p.m. Redford CC vs. Notre Dame Prep at RU's Kraft Field, 7 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Oct. 1 Luth. W'sid at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m. Luth. N'west at C'ville, 6:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Det. Urban, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m. Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Harrison at Canton, 7 p.m. N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m. Wayne at Trenton, 7 p.m. Truman at Garden City, 7 p.m. Thurston at River Rouge, 7 p.m. Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 Kingswood at Luth. W'sid, 6:30 p.m. Borgess at Divine Child, 7 p.m. Ladywood at Regina, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at PCA, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Mercy at Majan, 2 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Oct. 1 Liggett at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m. Harrison at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Clarencville at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 John Glenn at Belleville, 4 p.m. Trenton at Garden City, 4 p.m. Dearborn at Thurston, 4 p.m. Bishop Foley at Redford CC, 4 p.m. PCA at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 Stevenson at Troy Athens, 11 a.m. W. Bloom. at Farmington, 12:30 p.m. Salem at Warren DeLaSalle, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Oct. 3 Schoolcraft vs. Lakeland CC at Cuyahoga (Ohio) Tourney, 11 a.m. Madonna at Spring Arbor, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 Schoolcraft at Cuyahoga, 11 a.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Oct. 3 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 2 p.m. Toledo at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Oct. 1 Schoolcraft at Delta, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 Alma College at Madonna, 7 p.m.

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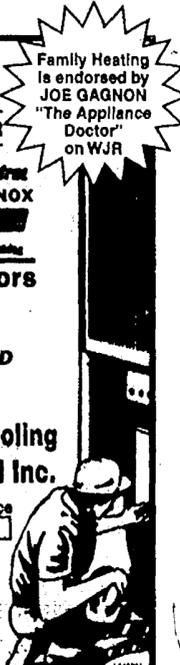
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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 18 WAYNE MEMORIAL 44 Sept. 29 at Wayne... Top Individual Finishers: 1. Josh Keyes (WJG), 17:33; 2. P.J. Wolocko (WJG), 18:22; 3. Justin Keyes (WJG), 18:27; 4. Dave Teets (WJG), 18:56; 5. Kevin Durigon (WJG), 19:14; 6. Steve Daniels (WM), 19:14; 7. Mark Parent (WJG), 19:44; 8. Eric Sleep (WJG), 20:08; 9. Josh Miller (WM), 20:46; 10. Steve Baxendale (WM), 21:12.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

WESTERN WAYNE GIRLS SWIM INVITATIONAL Sept. 25-26 at Wayne Memorial TEAM STANDING: 1. Trenton, 388 points; 2. Livonia Ladywood, 203; 3. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 188; 4. Wayne Memorial, 177; 5. Livonia Franklin, 144; 6. Taylor Truman, 90.5; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 81; 8. Westland John Glenn, 52; 9. Garden City, 49.5.

100 freestyle: 1. Beth Csotty (T), 58.57; 2. Lena Arens (WR), 58.76; 3. Amy Smith (LF), 59.48; 4. Jesi Roze (T), 1:01.18; 5. Jessica Walton (T), 1:03.92; 6. Kristen Fenton (T), 1:04.14. 500 freestyle: 1. Adrienne Brock (T), 5:50.62; 2. Jenice Lyson (T), 6:13.4; 3. Marie MacDonald (LL), 6:18.11; 4. Brittaney Burgo (LL), 6:22.46; 5. Jennifer Drennen (WM), 6:26.63; 6. Jackie Whitmore (WR), 6:36.56.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

SHAMROCK INVITATIONAL Sept. 13 at Case Benton Park DIVISION II GIRLS TEAM STANDING: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 44 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 56; 3. Utica Ford, 109; 4. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 111; 5. Northville, 112; 6. Farmington Hills Mercy, 141; 7. Grosse Pointe North, 168; 8. Port Huron, 1215; 9. Livonia Ladywood, 280; 10. Dearborn Fordson, 290; 11. Westland John Glenn, 292; 12. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 302; 13. Milford, 333; 14. Farmington Hills Harrison, 360.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

LADY OCELOT HARRIER 3RD Schoolcraft College sophomore Becky Wolfram (Plymouth Canton) was third among 69 runners in Saturday's 27th annual Danville (Ill.) Community College Cross Country Classic Meet of Champions.

Carol Callaghan (Novi) won low net with a 68. Dorothy Cody of Farmington Hills was second with a 70. In the Super Senior Division, Barbara Victory of Redford won low gross honors with a 92. Mary Allen (Wayne) and Jean Jones (Lansing) tied for second at 96 each.

fielding, pitching and catching. The instructors will be Madonna coach Al White, Country Day coach and Madonna assistant Curt White, and North Farmington coach Dave Brubaker. For more information call Curt White at (734) 728-3074.

one goal. The Wolves '88 also won the Silver Division at the Northwest Ohio Soccer Festival in Maumee, Ohio, outscoring their opponents 22-3 in four games. Members of the Wolverers include: Matthew Landry, Jay McConnell, Keith Sied, Steve Streicher, Carl Asquini, Danny Pichler and Louie Djokic, all of Livonia; Skyler Dum, Milford; Matthew Crawford, A.W. Stanek, Jason Sierra, Marc Chocobelli, Paul Shoemaker and Justin Davis, all of Novi; Anthony Demarco, Dearborn Heights; Ryan Bianchi, Woodhaven.

The team is coached by Pat Fredrick of Canton and Hiroo Hagiwara of Ann Arbor. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 199 Sept. 28 at Fellows Creek Glenn scores: Brian Reed, 38; Justin Fendlet and Chris Tompkins, 39 each; Ryan Shamrock, 40; Rick Sudak, 43.

Madonna Softball Clinics Madonna University softball coaches will conduct a series of clinics on five straight Sundays from Oct. 4 through Nov. 1 at the Ladywood High School field. The time will be 12:30-3 p.m. each Sunday. The cost is \$5 per session. Pre-registration is not required. The clinics will emphasize hitting, fielding, pitching and catching.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Falcons upset Chargers, 2-1

Farmington High is proving it can play with the elite boys soccer teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Falcons, coming off a 2-2 tie Sept. 23 with Plymouth Canton, pulled off a 2-1 win Monday at state-ranked Livonia Churchill.

Tim Rais tallied the game-winning goal with only a minute to play on an assist from Karl Lopata. Rais taking a long ball, beat two Churchill defenders and went one-on-one to push a shot past the Charger goalkeeper.

The Falcons, aiming to earn a top 10 statewide ranking in Division II, are 8-3-2 overall.

The loss dropped Churchill, a Division I team, to 8-2-2.

"It was our best game of the year, a total team effort," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "We played hard. It was a huge win for us. We're playing excellent soccer right now and we hope to keep it going."

George Kithas notched his 23rd goal of the year to open the scoring for Churchill. Tim Kaminski drew the assist.

But Farmington countered on Stephen Wayne's goal with just 50 seconds left in the half on an assist from Rais.

"Rais is so tough to mark because he's so fast," Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "We pressured them the last six or seven minutes and we had some good shots, but then they countered the long ball to Rais."

"We had our opportunities, but they outworked us."

Farmington goalkeeper Matt Gasparotto made 18 saves.

The Falcons, meanwhile, took 21 shots. On Saturday, Churchill and host Troy Athens (7-2-3 overall) battled to a 1-1 draw.

Kithas scored from Scott Smith with 12:45 remaining in the match after Ryan Hodges had given Athens a 1-0 lead only 15 seconds earlier.

•STEVENSON 5, NORTHVILLE 0: Goalkeeper Joe Suchara notched the shutout and Mike White scored a pair of goals as state-ranked Livonia Stevenson (10-1 overall) won its seventh straight with a win Monday over the visiting Mustangs.

Tom Eller, Tony Maldonado and Brian Braun also scored goals for the Spartans, who led 2-0 at halftime. Sergio Mainella, Jeff Budd and Nick Soper contributed assists.

"Northville is a very capable team and we went in a bit concerned because we were coming off a big win against Country Day (7-1) and we fearful of a letdown," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "Our performance was unspectacular, but overall it was a steady and solid effort."

•CANTON 6, FRANKLIN 1: Scott Wright scored four goals and Pete Andreoli contributed two goals and one assist Monday as Plymouth Canton bounced visiting Livonia Franklin.

Canton is now 9-3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Franklin falls to 3-9-2 and 1-2.

Mike Riemma and John Demergis each contributed two assists for the Chiefs, who led 4-0 at halftime.

Franklin's Bill Fischer scored on a direct free kick from 22

yards out in the second half.

"We started very slowly, but we played very well in the second half, the best 35 minutes we've played all year," said Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit, who singled out the efforts of Mike Vega, Ross Bohler, Brian Nakonezny and Fischer.

Franklin goalkeeper Jeremy Bruckner went down with a first-half injury and did not return.

On Saturday, Canton defeated visiting Troy, 1-0, as Evan Malone tallied the game-winner from Demergis midway through the second half.

•JOHN GLENN 2, W.L. WESTERN 2: John Sterling scored twice Monday as Westland John Glenn (4-5-2) and host Walled Lake Western played to a tie.

Jeff Shelby assisted on both Glenn goals.

Victor Anegil and Tony Huffered scored for Western, which was yellow carded six times.

•REDFORD CC 6, A.A. HURON 1: Senior midfielder Andy Kogut had a pair of goals and one assist Monday, leading Redford Catholic Central (5-8-1 overall) to the non-league triumph at Ann Arbor Huron (4-7-1).

Senior midfielder Kevin Greff and junior midfielder Chris Podolak each added a goal and one assist. Junior forward Josh Brooks also scored a goal, while teammate Keith Bonnell, a junior forward, chipped in with two assists.

On Saturday, state-ranked Warren DeLaSalle improved to 5-1 in the Catholic League's Central Division with a 4-2 win over the visiting Shamrocks.

Greff scored the game's first goal on a penalty kick and Kogut had the other goal for the Shamrocks, who fell to 1-4 in the Central Division.

Junior midfielder David Perlin scored a pair of goals, while Ed Kiefer and Justin Folleboth each added one goal for DeLaSalle, which led 2-1 at halftime.

•LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0, CRANBROOK 0: Junior goalkeeper Andy Gilesman made four saves Monday as Lutheran High Westland racked up its ninth shutout of the year in a scoreless draw with host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Lutheran Westland, state-ranked in Division IV, is 7-2-2 overall and 4-1-1 in the Metro Conference.

Cranbrook is 3-2-1 in the Metro.

"Both teams had their chances," Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block said. "It was a tough game between two good teams in the conference."

Block saluted his four defenders — seniors Mike Randall and Brian Rose, along with Juniors Ryan Noel and Jason Davis.

•CARLSON 3, WAYNE 0: In rescheduled Mega-Blue Division encounter Tuesday, Gibraltar Carlson maintained its grip on first place by blanking Wayne Memorial.

Carlson is 6-0 in the Mega-Blue, while Wayne falls to 4-4-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the division.

•LATHRUP 4, CLARENCEVILLE 1: Livonia Clarenceville fell to 0-8 on the year in a non-league defeat against visiting Southfield-Lathrup.

Eric Szczembara broke the Chargers' shutout bid with a second-half goal from Brian Pankow.

Coach Rappy McCoy singled out the efforts of midfielder Josh Stockton and defender Quincy Chol.

On Tuesday, Clarenceville's game with visiting Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest was stopped with 25 minutes to play because of lighting problems.

It is not known if the game will be rescheduled.

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Ladywood catches Marlins

Michelle Harakas put a bunch of points on the scoreboard and her sister, Melissa Harakas, kept a bunch off in leading Livonia Ladywood to a 46-44 upset victory Tuesday night over host Farmington Hills Mercy.

Michelle, a 6-foot sophomore center, scored 16 of her game-high 21 points in the second half as the Blazers rallied from a 26-17 halftime deficit.

Her two free throws with 11 seconds left broke a 44-44 tie and the Blazers survived the final seconds to improve to 4-5 overall, 1-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

Sophomore guard Melissa Harakas, meanwhile, held Mercy's star senior guard Jessie Brennan to one field goal in the second half and had a pair of important steals in the fourth quarter.

Brennan led the Marlins, 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the Central Division, with 14 points. Junior guard Susie Roble had 13.

"Melissa did a great job guarding her," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said. "Brennan's a real good driver and shooter and Melissa forced her to take tough shots. And we did a real good job getting the ball to Michelle (Harakas) in the second half."

Freshman forward Liz Obrecht scored eight points, including six in the second half, for the Blazers. Senior guard Erin Hayden added seven.

The Blazers outscored the Marlins 11-6 in the third quarter and 18-13 in the fourth to complete their comeback.

MILFORD 40, Churchill 38: Livonia Churchill limited Redskins star forward Christie Schumacher to 11 points on Tuesday night and it nearly led to an upset win for the visiting Chargers.

Milford held off a late Churchill rally and won the non-league game, 40-38, despite a sub-par night for Schumacher, who is drawing interest from major colleges.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Churchill senior guard Kersten Conklin hit her second three pointer of the night in the final seconds to cut the deficit to 40-38 and the Chargers stole the ensuing in-bounds pass.

But Conklin's off-balance last-second shot was off the mark, allowing Milford to stay unbeaten in eight games.

The loss dropped Churchill to 5-3 overall. Stacey Supanich had the responsibility of guarding Schumacher when the Chargers weren't playing a zone defense.

"She's good but when Supanich was on her in the box and one, she didn't get the ball much," Churchill coach Dave Balog said. "We gave them all they can handle, but Schumacher does so many little things, like tip the ball and keeping it alive for a teammate to get third and fourth shots."

Conklin led the Chargers with 16 points and senior forward Jill Rutzahn added eight.

Michelle Williams joined Schumacher in double figures for Milford with 10 points.

WOODHAVEN 52, FRANKLIN 28: Lorianne Tschirhart scored a game-high 19 points Tuesday, lifting Woodhaven (5-3 overall) to a non-league victory over Livonia Franklin (1-5 overall).

The Warriors led 28-16 at halftime and put it away with a 17-6 run in the third period.

Junior Teri Morrill paced the Patriots with 11 points.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 62, HURON VALLEY 23: Emily Beard pumped in 18 points and Ashley Hayford added eight Tuesday as Southfield Christian bounced host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-6, 0-2) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game.

Southfield Christian, using a full-court press, led 28-6 at intermission. Jessie Cherundolo and Anya Day each tallied six points for the Hawks.

HARPER WOODS 31, CLARENCEVILLE 20: In a Metro Conference game Tuesday, senior center Mary Elias (2-5, 1-5) led the victorious Pioneers with nine points.

Kristina Skrela paced Clarenceville (1-7, 0-4) with seven points.

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points and junior guard Sarah Moore five.

Eight players scored for Wayne, including inspirational leader Elizabeth Kleitch, who had to leave the game after making a jump shot in the fourth quarter. She was fouled on the shot and couldn't shoot the free throw after spraining her ankle

when the Garden City player came down on her foot.

"That's Kleitch, we love her," Crawford said. "We call her Kleitch because her first name is too long."

Garden City senior forward Carly Wright, who scored 18 in each of her last two games, was held to one point. A bright spot

for the Cougars was junior guard Mary Kovacs, who scored five fourth-quarter points and finished with six.

One of the Cougars' top players, senior center Sarah Talbot, didn't start because of a head injury suffered on Thursday night in a loss to Wyandotte.

Lady Crusaders rally to spike Aquinas in 3

It was like Hurricane Georges washing ashore.

The Madonna University women's volleyball team trailed in all three games, but stormed back with runs of 12-1, 13-1 and 12-0 to beat host Aquinas College in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference action Tuesday in Grand Rapids, 15-9, 15-4, 15-4.

Brandy Malewski (Redford Thurston) led the victorious Cru-

saders, now 18-4 overall and 5-0 in the WHAC, with 14 kills.

Erin Cunningham added 13 digs, while setter Deanne Helsom contributed 37 assists.

Aquinas, led by Allison Kissinger's 18 assists, falls to 6-12 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

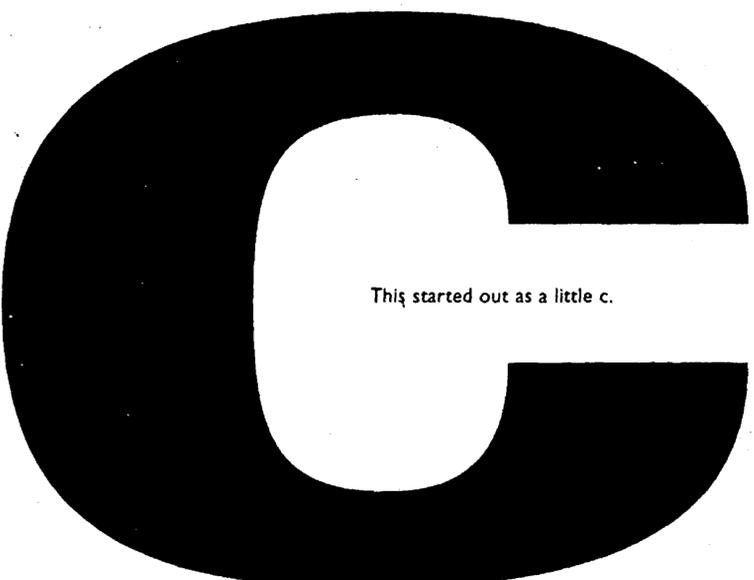
On Saturday, host Hillsdale College rallied for a 12-15, 9-15, 13-15, 15-10, 15-6 non-conference victory over the No. 16 ranked

(NAIA) Lady Crusaders.

Stephanie Uballe and Cunningham each had 15 kills in a losing cause. Malewski contributed 14 kills and four solo blocks.

Helsom recorded 50 assists, while Russell was tops in digs with 29.

Nicole Burns chipped in with four solo blocks and 14 block-assists.



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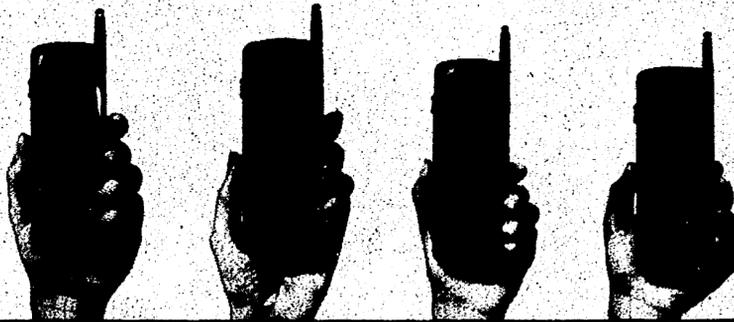
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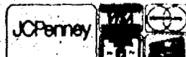
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Monday, October 2, 1995



Woody Allen, Sharon Stone, Danny Glover and Sylvester Stallone provide the voices for "Antz," DreamWorks animated film opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Comedian Sean Morey brings his one-man show of comedy, music and audience participation to Paisano's and Joey's Comedy Club, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Tickets \$12, call (313) 584-8885.

SUNDAY



Gem Theatre presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," at the theater's new location, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call (313) 963-9800 for ticket information.



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WSU prepares theater students for

'tough profession'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

When Tom Sizemore, the strong sergeant in "Saving Private Ryan," returned last year to his alma mater, Wayne State University, he had a warning for the theater students.

It's a rough world out there and you have to be single-minded, focused and free of stars in your eyes.

Sizemore, who performed as an undergraduate at WSU's Bonstelle Theatre, is one of the university's success stories. Each year undergraduates at the Bonstelle and graduate students at the Hilberry prepare to take their places in one of the world's toughest professions.

"The hard part of the profession is that it's not like other professions like medicine or law with formal entrances. You are constantly looking for your next position, just as you land a position,"

Center stage: Jim Thomas, director of Wayne State University's theater program, outside the Hilberry Theatre where he and his staff help students prepare to take their places in one of the world's toughest professions.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

said James Thomas, director of Wayne State's theater program. "A lot of ambition and drive are involved."

Metro Detroit theater-goers are the beneficiaries of Wayne State's competitive theater programs as the university offers productions at three venues: the undergraduate Bonstelle, the graduate repertory Hilberry and the experimental Studio.

"There is a distinction between the undergraduate and graduate program," Thomas said. "The undergraduate theater is operated like 99 percent of the undergraduate theaters in the country with a main stage and four or five productions a year, lined up boxcar style. In the repertory system, the shows are continuously rotated out on a weekly performance schedule."

The Wayne undergraduate theater program began in the 1929 and moved into the Bonstelle, a

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Wayne State University Theaters

To order tickets: Hilberry and Studio, (313) 577-2972, Bonstelle (313) 577-2960.

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4743 Cass, Detroit

- Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," Oct. 2 to Dec. 3
- William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," Oct. 16 to Jan. 22
- Moliere's "Scapin," Nov. 13 to Feb. 3
- From Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities," Dec. 11 to March 4
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- Jeffrey Sweet's "American Enterprise," April 16 to May 15

BONSTELLE THEATRE
3424 Woodward, Detroit

- From Bram Stoker's "Dracula," Oct. 23 to Nov. 1
- From Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women," Dec. 4-13
- August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson," Jan. 29 to Feb. 7
- Timberlake Wertenbaker's "Our Country's Good," March 5-14
- Mary Rodgers's musical "Once Upon a Mattress," April 16-25.

STUDIO (Hilberry basement)

- Samm-Art Williams' "Home," Oct. 15-25
- Sam Shepard's "Geography of a Horse Dreamer," Nov. 12-22
- Ira Levin's "Veronica's Room," Jan. 21-31
- Athol Fugard's "The Road to Mecca," Feb. 25 to March 7
- Frank Gilroy's "The Subject Was Roses," April 8-18

POPULAR MUSIC

Hootie works out insecurities on 'Musical Chairs'

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

The scene was serene for a rock concert, but then again Hootie and the Blowfish concerts aren't known to be filled with crowd surfers.

Sitting atop her father's shoulders, a little girl wore a glow stick around her head like a halo as she waved her arms to "Let Her Cry" during the band's Phoenix Plaza concert in Pontiac in August. Another toddler used his father's head as a drum, banging on it with empty Mountain Dew bottles.

But it didn't seem as calm on stage. Opening with a cover of the Stone Temple Pilots' hit "Interstate Love Song," Hootie and the Blowfish set the stage for an evening of insecurity.

Lead singer Darius Rucker hid his face under a floppy hat. Following the song "Time," Rucker talked about his band's new album "Musical Chairs" (Atlantic Records).

"I hope you all go out and buy it. If you don't, well, that's all right too," he said.

A few songs later, guitarist Mark Bryan reminded fans of its State Theatre show in Detroit on Saturday, Oct. 8.

"Get your (butt) out and buy the rest of the 300 tickets that are available."

Chatting about "Musical Chairs" on Sept. 2, drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld admitted that the night was a little "weird."

"We were feeling a little weird that night. I'm not sure that will happen

WHO: Hootie and the Blowfish and special guests Todd Snider and the Nervous Wrecks

WHEN: Perform Saturday, Oct. 3. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. show-time.

WHERE: State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit

HOW: Tickets are \$25 and available at the box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

Other events:

■ The Friday, Oct. 2, Hootie concert at the House of Blues will be broadcast over the Internet with the world's first viewer-controlled multi-camera Webcast at <http://www.ear1.com>. You will need RealAudio and also you will need to sign up for a "virtual pass" at this web site. The concert is free. Fans will be able to view the concert from six different cameras including one backstage. Hootie and the Blowfish's web site is <http://www.hootie.com>.

buy Green Day's first album and love it but now I'm just not there. That's not what I want in my stereo. I don't care if there's 10 million Hootie fans showing up at record stores or 1 million or 3 million or somewhere in the middle," Sonefeld explained.

"You can't concern yourself with that or you'll go crazy. You just can't control it. If you catch yourself thinking about it, all you can do is just not worry about it."

Worrying is not something that the quartet did during the recording process of its third album "Musical Chairs." Hootie and the Blowfish recorded the album on the heels of a nine-month break and allowed itself more time on pre-production.

"It took us awhile to get back into the groove of communicating and interacting with one another, especially having been together for literally six years mainly touring and recording," Sonefeld explained.

"We decided to experiment more musically. Hopefully we'll even be successful." That experimentation involved contributions from violinist Boyd Tinsley and saxophonist Leroy Moore, both of the Dave Matthews Band, and the inclusion of a dobro, chamberlin, pedal steel and accordion. Multi-instrumentalist Jon Nau returned to play Vox Jaguar, Hammond organ, Wurlitzer, piano and harmonica.

"Once again, Jon came to play. This time, he was in the studio cutting a lot of live tracks, often times without a



Playing the State: Hootie and the Blowfish - counterclockwise from top: guitarist Mark Bryan, singer Darius Rucker, bassist Dean Felber and drummer Jim "Soni" Sonefeld.

practice run. We were able to catch a lot of spontaneous new moments that way."

On "Only Lonely," the band is accompanied by a full string section directed by David Campbell, the father of alter-
napop star Beck.

"Bringing the string section into the song was a really big challenge because we didn't want strings that sounded ... like Celine Dion," Rucker explained.

Sonefeld added, "We decided to free ourselves up a little bit. We came to the

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Comedian finds his voice with 'He's the Man'



One-man show: Comedian Sean Morey brings his one-man show of stand-up comedy, songs and improvising with the audience to Joey's Comedy Club in Dearborn Oct. 2-4.

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes a song changes everything. Sean Morey has been singing, and making people laugh for a long time. Now "He's the Man," with a radio hit, "The Man Song," and a growing following of fans.

"I'm doing great, we're making money," said Morey who will be performing this weekend at Joey's Comedy Club in Dearborn. "I've never been to Detroit before, but we're getting a lot of airplay. We have fans there. It's really great, they all have my sense of humor."

Morey always had songs, but "The Man Song," and CD "Sean Morey - He's The Man," hit a nerve. "It's self deprecatory humor," he said in a telephone interview from L.A. "There's a joke every single line."

Because, as Morey sings, "What I say, goes around here!...right out the window. And I don't want to hear a lot of whining! ... so I'll shut up. The sooner you learn who's boss

Sean Morey

When: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2-4. Performances 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Joey's Comedy Club at Palsano's, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn.

Tickets: \$12 Friday-Saturday, \$10 Sunday, call (313) 584-8885.

CD: Sean Morey's comedy album "He's The Man" contains nine comedy songs and a "live" stand-up comedy show. It can be purchased only by calling Sean Morey Productions, 1 (800) 96-SONGS. Check out Sean Morey's Web Site www.seanmorey.com

around here! ... the sooner you can give me my orders, dear. Cause I am the head honcho!...but it's all in my head."

Morey has mastered the art of "taking something little that affects you and exaggerating it."

For example, on prisons, "Did you know that it costs \$40 thou-

sand a year to house each prisoner? Jeez, for 40 thousand bucks a piece I'll take a few prisoners into my house! I live in Los Angeles. I already have bars on the windows."

Part comedian, part actor, part writer, Morey says it's all about breaking down the third wall so that his audience is part of the show. He even makes up a song about the audience. With an eye on his audience, Morey tries to strike up conversations, and believes they always have something to contribute. His 1-1/2 hour one-man show includes stand-up comedy, songs and improvising with the audience.

"I like writing, creating, that's the most fun for me," he said. "I Did It Her Way," is a parody of "I Did It My Way." Morey is doing comedy his way, and having a blast. "I love my job," he said.

He's been making people laugh since he was 8 years old, and growing up in South Jersey. In high school he fantasized about becoming a comedian but went to Northeastern College instead, where he studied speech commu-

nication and journalism.

"I started out as a street entertainer," he said. In the mid-1970s Morey started his own comedy school in Boston, and performed a one-man show every Friday at the Charles Playhouse. He moved to LA in 1978, and won first place in the Southern California Comedy Competition. This led to appearances on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

The response to his humor was positive, and soon Morey was performing as the opening act on Crystal Gayle's national tour. He also wrote and performed on Gayle's prime time CBS Special, and wrote and performed on NBC's "The Big Show."

Twice nominated College Comedian of the Year, Morey has been seen on various TV shows, and on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

He's also working on a second CD. "We hope to start recording it this week at the Ice House," he said. "It will be great."

Hilberry, SRO present mysteries

Hold onto your seats as you enter a murderous world where there is a killer on the loose and everyone is a suspect or possibly the next victim in "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie, Hilberry Theatre Company's season opener on Friday, Oct. 2. (See related story on front)

An eerie, English manor terrifically sets the stage for this mysterious, melodrama. As new innkeepers, Giles and Molly Ralston are welcoming guests to Monkswell Manor for the first time. As the unique and colorful group of guests arrive, each more peculiar than the last, the time is right for the murders to begin.

As victims begin being found and the snow keeps piling up outside, it becomes clear that one of them must be the murderer and that none of them can escape. The pressing question is not only whodunit, but who's going to be done next. In true Agatha Christie fashion, no one knows until the very end.

Set design is by Larry Kaushansky of West Bloomfield, lighting design is by Tom Schrader of Beverly Hills, and costume design is by John Woodland of Royal Oak, all of whom are members of the Wayne State University Theatre faculty.

"The Mousetrap" runs in repertory through Dec. 3 at the Hilberry Theatre, corner of Cass and Hancock in Detroit. Performances begin 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. selected Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$17, call (313) 577-2972 Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. for details.

Also of note:

SRO Productions presents Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, beginning Oct. 9 at the City of Southfield's historic park "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Dr. and Berg Road. Tickets \$8 general admission, \$7 senior adults and children under 12, call (248) 827-0701.

Levin has created a masterful story of jealousy, deception and murder. Levin leads the audience to believe one thing is taking place only to change completely months later.

With a cast of characters whom have their own dark, secret side, he entwines several subplots until he reaches the "hold your breath" ending.

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former movie theater and before that a synagogue, in the early 1950s.

The Hilberry was started in the late 1950s as a Stratford style repertory to train graduate students in classic theater, which originally meant Shakespeare. Thomas said that over the years the definition of classic has been expanded to include everything up to such modern masters as O'Neill, Ibsen and Shaw. This year's Hilberry schedule does include a Shakespeare play, "Hamlet," and Mollers' "Scapin" and a variety plays in a wide range of theatrical styles.

"We try to have a snappy show to open and close the season, a blend of comic and serious, plays with different styles," Thomas said.

The "snappy" plays this season are Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" and a new work about railroad car manufacturer George Pullman, "American Enterprise."

"We depend for about 10 percent of our income on school matinees. That plays a role in selection of at least two plays," Thomas said. "Every Tuesday, school students are brought in for these plays. Plays from Shakespeare, also plays they

would be reading in school. This year it's 'Hamlet' and 'A Tale of Two Cities.'"

Thomas said the school matinees draw between 13,000 and 15,000 students a year from more than 100 Detroit, suburban and outstate schools through a grant from the Skillman Foundation.

"The mission of the university as an urban university is outreach," Thomas said. "We feel out school programs play an important role."

A selection committee is formed in the fall to go over a pool of hundreds of plays submitted by faculty, students and administrators for the three theaters. Final selection is usually completed by December for the following year.

The Hilberry is a competitive graduate program with 80 students studying acting, promotion, management and production specialties. Auditions for the acting company are held in January in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Detroit. This year the 18-member acting company will include many new faces due to a large graduating class last year.

Support for the theater programs is generated by the volun-

teer Understudies, a group of 80 city and suburban women who organize fund-raisers and provide other support. In addition, public attendance at the theaters has been growing. Thomas said that last year the theaters set a record for revenue.

"We've been able to market and expand our patron base," Thomas said. "We're figuring out that we can offer something to the community that makes us attractive - variety of programming and bargain cost."

Thomas said Hilberry is held to the same professional standards as productions at the Fisher, Masonic, Detroit Opera House and Meadow Brook.

Highlights of the season at the Hilberry include a new staging of Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" and Jeffrey Sweet's "American Enterprise."

"A few years ago the Hilberry did 'Nicholas Nickleby' to great success. It was difficult finding an adaptation that satisfied until we stumbled on this one last year. This is not a two-part epic like 'Nicholas' but it is a large production on that order," Thomas said.

"American Enterprise" deals with issues that have been central to the Detroit area for gener-

ations. Sweet explores the conflict between George Pullman's utopian ideals and the rise of the American labor movement, leading to one of the worst strikes in labor history.

At the Bonstelle, the season opens with "Dracula" and will feature a special Halloween performance. This year's holiday play will be "Little Women," replacing "A Christmas Carol."

"The Studio is where we do more edgy, contemporary plays," Thomas said.

This year the schedule includes works by Sam Shepard and Athol Fugard. The plays are usually directed by a graduate student with undergraduate actors.

Thomas came to WSU from Florida State University in 1994. His comfortable office at Wayne's historic Old Main is lined with Russian theater posters, a reminder of his work as coordinator of a cultural exchange program between Florida State and the Moscow Art Theater.

The refurbished Old Main is now home to the university's art programs, which Thomas said has encouraged a lot of cross discipline cooperation.



Mysterious: Linda Bodnar and Joel Grossman rehearse a scene from SRO's production of "Deathtrap."

realization that if Darius opens his mouth, people are going to know it's us. We decided that we shouldn't restrict the music side of it."

Rucker even brings a new aggressiveness to his vocals, like the growl in "Bluesy Revolution."

"I felt like the last album had some pretty aggressive stuff. He's feeling pretty upbeat on this album," Sonefeld said of Rucker. "He doesn't write in

themes, but with this one, there's a little more of a theme of contentment."

"When you listen to the whole album, you can tell he's more at ease now."

Hootie and the Blowfish will return to the area Saturday, Oct. 3, and again will bring along percussionist Gary Greene and keyboard player Peter Holsapple. The band will play a bit of musical chairs itself, swapping instruments on

several songs.

"I've come out of my shell," Sonefeld explained about playing acoustic guitar, bass, and Hammond organ on a few songs at the August "Q Concert for a Cure" show at the Phoenix Plaza. "I've always collaborated on the songs but I just never, for whatever reason, didn't need to get up and play in front."

"We have a free-flowing stage setting. I love getting up. It gets a little boring back there."

With three albums worth of material, Hootie and the Blowfish offer several cover songs

throughout its set. There's 54-40's "I Go Blind," Led Zeppelin's "Hey, Hey What Can I Do," Toad the Wet Sprocket's "Nothing," the Doobie Brothers' "Long Train Running," Tom Waits' "Closing Time," and Kiss's "Doctor Love."

"We play a good diversity of songs from night to night. There's some longer sets too, now that we have the ability to play that 2 1/2 hour set."

But, he said, he guarantees the band will open with a Hootie song.

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'Nerd' characters well played

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "The Nerd," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of I-276 between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$9 at door, and available by calling (248) 349-7110.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

The Plymouth Theatre Guild's opening show of the season, "The Nerd" has some hysterically funny moments, but it's way too long, the dialogue drags, and many comic bits are underappreciated due to the actors' lack of comic timing during the exposition.

"The Nerd" chronicles the plight of Willum Cubbert, whose life was saved during the Vietnam War by a "hero" he has never met. When his rescuer, Rick Steadman, shows up he's not at all what Willum expected—in fact, he's his worst nightmare. How to get rid of someone to whom you owe your life becomes the story's comic focus.

The dialogue leading up to "the nerd's" arrival is tediously long, and much of the humor is missed because the actors' comic timing is off. Indeed, throughout the play, when the humor was cerebral instead of physical, the pace of the show suffered.

Which is not to say that individual performances weren't good. Although the director didn't always create believable or funny interactions, the actors themselves created some likable, humorous characterizations. And the physical comedy, though at times overdone, brought out the greatest laughter. The sock and shoe game and Lawry's metamorphosis into a pig were hysterically funny.

Tony Lawry of Garden City played Willum, the beleaguered host. After a rough start, in which his character appeared more sarcastic than sad, he settled into a likable and sympathetic character. Lawry's strength lies in his likability and his energetic physical humor. His run-around frantic antics fueled the audience's laughter.

Tiffany Bedwell of Garden

City portrayed Tansy McGinnis, Willum's love interest and ambitious weather girl, with talent and enthusiasm. She plans to leave both Terre Haute, Ind., and Willum to take a promising job offer in Washington, D.C., which hasn't set very well with Willum.

Cindy Gontko, as Axel Hammond, had some good comic moments, but threw away too many funny lines with rattled off recitations. She has potential, but needs to develop a better feel for comic delivery.

James Roth of Northville was delightful as "the nerd," Rick Steadman. Nine year old Daniel Berryman of Canton provoked much laughter as Thor, a spoiled, tantrum-throwing brat. Jason Birkby of Novi and Lindy Spears of Canton as Warnock and Clelia Waldgrave both had their funny moments but showed little chemistry as a couple.

The set was implausibly laid out. Most notably, the coat closet and doorway were at an angle and so close together they appeared to share the same backstage space. The set was well decorated, though.



On stage: Daniel Berryman (left), Jason Birkby and Lindy Spears in a scene from Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "The Nerd," by Larry Shue.

ON VIDEO

'Oscar and Lucinda' lacks romance

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

During the Victorian era gambling, in whichever of its many forms, was a vice that drew censure from good society. It was an interest in that vice that leads to a bond between the title characters of "Oscar and Lucinda," a 1997 film based on Peter Carey's novel.

The film follows their respective childhoods, Oscar growing up with his severely religious father in England and Lucinda on a family home in rural Australia.

Played by Ralph Fiennes as an adult, a young Oscar bolts from his father's home and religion, eventually becoming an Anglican minister. It's while Oscar is at the university that he is introduced to gambling and finds he's

rather successful at it.

Oscar finds his love of gambling at odds with his religious life and on the flip of a coin decides to head off for mission work in Australia. He talks of religious faith as the ultimate gamble — an idea that should have been explored a lot more.

Lucinda, played by Cate Blanchett, meanwhile has come into a large sum of money when the family's land is sold under conditions of her father's will. She eventually buys a glass-works and meets Oscar while returning from a business trip in England.

Oscar and Lucinda develop a close relationship that is cemented by their love of gambling and hindered by some misunderstandings. Their ultimate wager is over the transportation of a glass church to a rural Aus-

tralian community.

Directed by Gillian Armstrong, who has been responsible for wonderful films such as "My Brilliant Career" and "Little Women," this film is a disappointment. The characters aren't particularly well-developed and the plot has no flow. The pace is plodding and flat.

It seems like it takes a lot of film before the main characters actually meet. When they do meet, it's not that big of a deal. Even the moving of a completely glass church up a remote river (shades of "Fitzcarraldo" with the boat being hauled over a jungle mountain) isn't really a big deal.

Fiennes, Blanchett and the rest of the cast are fine but really limited in what they can develop. The film lacks romance and feeling.



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"Chicago - The Musical," through Sunday, Oct. 11, at the theater in the Fisher Building, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. \$35-\$62. (313) 871-1132/(248) 645-6866

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), 8 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

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"The Merry Wives of Windsor," Shakespeare's comic romp set in Elizabethan England moves to Windsor, New Mexico 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

AVON PLAYERS
"Oliver," musical based on Dickens classic, "Oliver Twist," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, 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

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

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
"The Nerd," 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. \$8 advance, \$9 at door. (248) 349-7110

SRO PRODUCTIONS
Ira Levin's "Deathtrap," 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, at The Burgh, northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$8, \$7 seniors/children. (248) 827-0701

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 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

FIORELLI'S
"Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nonsense Jamboree," a musical comedy, 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 19, at the restaurant, 26125 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock. \$30 advance, \$35 at door, includes dinner, show, tax and tip. (313) 782-1431

GENITTI'S
"Pasta to Paczka," 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

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday program starts with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. \$7.50, \$6.50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118



Craft Fair: Nearly 50 craftsmen will exhibit jewelry, glass, painting, quilting, wood, painted furniture, and scrimshaw at the Old Village Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-4 in Plymouth's Old Village, north of Main Street on Liberty, Starkweather and Spring. For more information, call (734) 454-1314.

SHAMELESS RAINBOW YOUTH THEATER

Walk & Squawk Performance Project presents the youth theater in "Glass Slippers and other Reasons to Go Barefoot," 8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 5-7, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 663-0681

SPECIAL EVENTS

CAMPER & RV SHOW
More than 300 models on display ranging in price from \$3,000 to \$200,000, 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Oct. 7-9, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Drive, south of I-96 at Novi Road exit. \$6.50, children 12 and under free.

CLASSIC CAR/TRUCK SHOW & SWAP MEET
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, in the Gibraltar Trade Center, Eureka and I-75, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

FALL REMODELING SHOW
Featuring products and services for the interior and exterior of the home and garden, presented by the non-profit Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, 2-10 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. \$6, \$4 seniors, \$3 children ages 6-12. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children at Farmer Jack, \$9. (248) 737-4478 or <http://www.bullders.org>

GUN & KNIFE SHOW
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, in the Gibraltar Trade Center, Eureka and I-75, Taylor. (734) 287-2000

INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER MUSIC CONFERENCE
Featuring concerts, research paper presentations and "many of the world's vanguard electronic multimedia installations," Thursday-Tuesday, Oct. 1-6, at Rackham Auditorium and the Power Center at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-4276

BENEFITS

ART AND SOUL AUCTION
Very Special Arts Michigan and Special Olympics Michigan host an art and sports memorabilia auction to benefit their organizations, 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at the Roostertail Club, 100 Marquette, Detroit. \$50 per person, \$100 for patron. (248) 423-1080/(800) 644-6404

ARTRAIM
An evening celebrating the arts with Richard and Linda Kughn, and 1998 Michigan Visual Artist of the Year Gerhardt Knodel, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at the Roostertail, Detroit. \$250. (734) 747-8300

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

ALLEN GINSBERG MEMORIAL

BENEFIT CONCERT

Featuring performances by Phillip Glass, Patti Smith and a rare solo acoustic appearance by R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, as part of the concert which benefits the Center for Tibetan Culture and Buddhist Studies, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25, available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Ticketmaster outlets, Shaman Drum Bookshop in Ann Arbor and the Mayflower Bookshop in Berkley. (734) 994-3387

"RIVERBOAT ARK"
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 & SYMPHONY
The Livonia Symphony Orchestra presents its 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

THE HOLLYWOOD SWING
To benefit the Rainbow Connection which grants wishes for children with life threatening illnesses, party starts at 6:30 p.m., movies at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the AMC Livonia 20 Theatre, 19500 Haggerty Road, Livonia. \$25. (810) 783-9777

FAMILY EVENTS

BEANIE BABY SHOW
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. \$4, \$2 ages 4-12 years. (734) 455-2110

HANDS-ON HONEY HARVEST
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5338

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS
Wednesday-Sunday, Oct. 7-11, Joe Louis Arena, 600 Civic Center Dr., Detroit. Numerous discounts available. (313) 645-6666 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>

MAYBURY STATE PARK
Horsedrawn hayrides, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays in October; Autumn Color Hike leaving from the concession building, 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3; Farm Stories featuring "spooky stories," 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the farm demonstration building, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville. Free, state park motor vehicle permit required for entry to the park. (248) 349-8390

HALLOWEEN

HAUNTED THEATRE
Opens Friday, Oct. 2 through Oct. 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, 7-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, in the Historic Wayne Theatre, 35164 W. Michigan Avenue, east of I-275, west of Wayne Road, Wayne. \$5, \$2.50 children under age 12, proceeds go toward the restoration of the theater originally built in 1927 and for the opening of a performing arts center for Western Wayne County. (734) 728-SHOW

Michael Meyers and Freddy Krueger visit the 7,500 square foot permanent fixture, Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 22-25, and 28-31, hours are 7-10 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, until 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 31505 Grand River, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington. \$6, \$3 children 12 and under, a portion of proceeds benefit the Farmington Historical Society. (248) 477-8833

HAUNTED WINERY
Michael Meyers and Freddy Krueger visit the 7,500 square foot permanent fixture, Oct. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 22-25, and 28-31, hours are 7-10 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays, until 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 31505 Grand River, west of Orchard Lake Road, Farmington. \$6, \$3 children 12 and under, a portion of proceeds benefit the Farmington Historical Society. (248) 477-8833

CLASSICAL

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

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE
Featuring compositions by Ann Marie Kurrasch, also a performance by soprano Caitlin Lynch, Birmingham Musicale Junior Scholarship winner, 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Community House, 360 S. Bates, Birmingham. Free. (248) 475-5978

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Russian pianist Igor Zhukov, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Concert talks begin one hour before performances, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$13 to \$63. (313) 576-5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
"Sunday, Songs & Symphony" benefit featuring light classics and popular music, food tastings and silent auction, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia. (734) 464-2741/(734) 421-1111

ST. PETERSBURG PHILHARMONIC
The former Leningrad Philharmonic performs Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and Ljadov under conductor Yuri Temirkanov, violinist Gidon Kremer, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. \$55, \$45, \$35, \$20. (734) 764-2538

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Grand opening concert featuring flute soloist Deborah Rebeck Ash, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, Canton Center and Joy roads. \$12, \$10 seniors/students. (734) 451-2112

PONTIAC-OAKLAND SYMPHONY
Season opener features American "Influences," 8:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at Pontiac Central High School. \$15, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 370-3013

KAYO TATEBE
The Japanese pianist performs works by Mozart, Schumann, Beethoven, and Debussy, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N.

Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. \$10 assigned rows 1-5, \$7 general seating, \$5 students/seniors. (734) 769-2999 or kch@ic.net

POPS/SWING

BLUE MOON BOYS
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swingabilly) (313) 965-9500

RED QARTER BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. \$10. (248) 360-3186 (Dixieland)

ROGER WHITTAKER
7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct. 6-7, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$39, \$36 students and seniors, \$42 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

AUDITIONS

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE
Auditions for apprentice dancers with modern dance and ballet experience, dancers will train with the company, understudy roles and be involved with production, at Central United Methodist Church, 23 E. Adams, near Grand Circus Park, Detroit. (313) 965-3544

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CHORALE
Open auditions for the 1998-99 season, auditions consist of an individual meeting with David Wagner, chorale director. The chorale rehearses from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays for its Christmas and spring concerts. There is no charge to sing in the chorale but academic credit is given to Madonna University students. The chorale consists of students and community members. (734) 432-5708 or send e-mail to wagner@smtp.munet.edu

PEOPLE'S CREATIVE ENSEMBLE
Open auditions and rehearsals for "Youth for the 21st Century," a touring production dealing with the harmful effect of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 1-4 p.m. Sundays, at First Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Avenue, Detroit. (313) 831-1150

RENAISSANCE CHORUS
The Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America announces open auditions will be held 7:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month, while helpful, the ability to read music is not a requirement, at the Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Wayne Road. Come enjoy four-part Barbershop harmonies with opportunities to sing in quartets and with the Renaissance Chorus. (313) 438-2364

STAGECRAFTERS
Auditions for six men, three women and a large ensemble chorus for Neil Simon's "Promises, Promises," 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 and Tuesday, Oct. 6 (registration begins at 6:30 p.m.), auditions should come dressed comfortably for a dance audition which will be taught at auditions, at the Historic Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For performances Jan. 22-24 and 28-31, Feb. 5-7 and 12-14. (248) 541-4832

CHORAL

"SPOOKTACULAR"
The Great Lakes Chorus of Sweet Adelines International show features Showtime, a championship quartet from Florida, also the Dream Catchers Utica youth show choir, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, south of M-59, Clinton Twp. \$13 advance, \$15 at door, \$11 seniors/students for 3 p.m. show only. (810) 568-5965/(810) 264-1018

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The group is looking for members and former members to help celebrate its 25th anniversary with a gala ball Friday, Oct. 2, at Laurel Park Manor, Livonia. (734) 459-6829 or write to P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, Mich., 48170

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (guitar/piano/bass)

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.themagicbag.com>

SANDRA BOMAR TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 2 and 9, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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, Oct. 6, as prt of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too-Chez, 27155 Sheraton Drive, Novi. (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

JAZZODITY
Celebrates release of CD "In the Mix" with party and performance, with special guest The Articles, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (acid jazz/funk)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With guest vibist Cary Kocher, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, and with guest trumpeter Louis Smith, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. \$5 cover waived with dinner (until 9 p.m.), \$5 drink minimum. Reservations recommended. (248) 474-2800

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 8, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

OASIS
Band from Flint performs with Stephanie and Cliff Monear, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

CHUCK SHERMETARO TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 1, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

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

DAVID S. WARE QUARTET
8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, as part of the New Music Society Concerts, Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Road (south of Ford Road), Dearborn. (313) 845-9676/(248) 548-9888

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Oct. 2-3, and Oct. 9-10, Becl, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300; 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Nardin Park Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 476-8860

WORLD MUSIC

AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. \$32, \$30, \$24, \$20. (734) 764-2538

JIMMY CLIFF
9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-9700 (reggae)

JUAN D'MARCOS' AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Michigan Theatre, 603 Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$20-\$32, (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

IMMUNITY
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. Livernois Road, Troy. Free. 21 and older. (248) 362-4030; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Bachelor's, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Kego Harbor. Free. 21 and older. (9248) 682-2295 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

SHAWN CLARK
8-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, The Coffee Post, 45571 Mound Road, Shelby Township. Free. All ages. (810) 739-5469 (new age folk)

DEL MCCOURRY BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Oakland Community College's Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre, 739 S. Washington, Royal Oak. \$15. (248) 644-4903 (bluegrass)

NASHVILLE BLUEGRASS BAND
8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$14.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.e2ark.org>

ELLIS PAUL
8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11.

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\$10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>
FRANK ROUSH AND CO.
 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, The Coffee Post, 45571 Mound Road, Shelby Township. Free. All ages. (guitarist/saw playing and juggling) (810) 739-5469
CATHIE RYAN
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$13.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org>

DANCE

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL FOR TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE
 "First Saturday Contra Dance," with caller Joseph Pimentel of Columbus and the Sharon-Hollow Stringband. 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/4 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. \$7. (734) 665-7704; "English Country Dancing," workshop and dancing led by Eric Arnold, Helen White and Don Theyken, and live music David West and Donna Baird, 7-9:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road (north of Plymouth Road), Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 662-5158
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

JAZZ DANCE THEATRE
 Opens its sixth season eclectic collection of jazz styles and works ranging from mournful recollections to fast-paced eighties flashbacks. "Life After," set to the music of Aaron Copland, will be premiered as a work in progress, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in Ann Arbor. \$12, \$8. (734) 995-4242

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
"LORD OF THE DANCE"
 Eight performances Tuesday-Sunday, Oct. 6-11, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$60. All ages. (248) 433-1515 (pop)

OAKLAND COUNTY CONTRA DANCING
 Gala Grand Opening, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 with Glen Morningstar with Aunt Lu and the Oakland County All Stars, 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) 548-5037/(248) 547-9823
"FALL DANCE"
 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, music by the Varitones, at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy. \$4. (248) 689-3636

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
 Chas Elstner, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 1-3 (\$12); Bob Golub, Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 8-10, 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
 Sean Frey, 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); Mike Lukas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 (\$8, \$20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 (\$10, \$22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11 (\$6), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
 Mike Hessman, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3 (\$10); Maryellen Hooper, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Oct. 7, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10 (\$12), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
 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>
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) 985-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

"BEHIND THE SCENES"
 Tour of the Fox Theatre and lunch at Tres Vite, noon Monday, Oct. 12, at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 Detroit Historical Society members, \$30 non-members. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
 "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>

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 The Detroit Historical Society and the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers' first Showhouse collaboration, an Italian Revival home and grounds designed by Albert Khan and constructed between 1913 and 1915 in Detroit's historic Boston-Edison district, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 3-25. \$13 in advance before Oct. 2, \$15 afterward, \$11 DHS or ASID members, \$12 for groups of 20 or more. (800) 585-3737

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
HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS
 Featuring Our Lady of Rosary, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, First Congregational, Most Holy Trinity Roman, and St. Peter Episcopal churches, Monday, Nov. 2; St. Peter-St. Paul Jesuit, Christ Episcopal, Second Baptist, St. Dominic Roman and St. Paul Cathedral Episcopal churches, Monday, Dec. 7, both leave from the Detroit Historical Museum's parking lot at 10 a.m. \$11 Detroit Historical Society members, \$16 non-members, includes bus, tour and luncheon. (313) 833-1405 or <http://www.detroithistorical.org>

"SUNDAY STROLLS"
 Featuring Historic Indian Village, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. \$15 Detroit Historical Society members, \$18 non-members; Featuring Woodlawn Cemetery and the burial sites of many famous Detroit legends including Grinnell, Pfeiffer, Hudson, Wilson, Ford and Dodge, 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. \$5 Detroit Historical Society members, \$10 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

ABALON
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (acoustic rock)
BUGS BEDDOW BAND
 8 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400. 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9

10, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 334-7900 (blues)
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>
BLUE MOON BOYS
 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (swingabilly) (248) 650-5080
BLUE ROSE
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, Vimmer's, 1711 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 299-3663; 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 16-17, Finish Line, 28121 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 261-1350 (blues)
STEWIN BONE
 With Leonard Moon, Gary Rasmussen and Robert Gillespie. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (248) 349-2600

JERRY CANTRELL
 With Flight 16 and Queens of the Stone Age, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)
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)
CODE BLOOM
 With Eden's Journal, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. \$9.75 in advance. (810) 465-5154 or (248) 645-6666 (rock)

DETROIT BLUES BAND
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)
GLEN EDDIE
 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
ELIZA
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (pop rock)
TERRY EVANS
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$5. 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (blues)
PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 644-4800; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)
GETAWAY CRUISER
 With Slum Village and Flashpa'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).

G.R.R.
 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)
GUSTER
 With Train, 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or <http://www.99music.com> (rock)
GYPSY TRIBE
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (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 AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 9-10, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)
HOOTIE AND THE BLOWFISH
 With Todd Snider and the Nervous Wrecks, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25 All ages (313) 961-5451 (pop)
MARK HUMPHREYS
 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (pop)
IDA
 With Velour 100 and Beekeeper, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor

Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (alternative rock)
THE INCURABLES
 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, The Wayne Brewery, 34816 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Free. 21 and older. (734) 722-7639 or <http://www.incurables.com> (rock)
J-TRAIN
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B)
JILL JACK
 With The Original Brothers and Sisters of Love, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (roots rock)
BILLY JOEL
 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, postponed until Wednesday, Nov. 18, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$38.50. All ages. (248) 377-0100 (piano-driven pop)

KILLER FLAMINGOS
 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (rock)
MIKE KING
 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)
JOHN D. LAMB
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (pop rock)
LENNY KRAVITZ
 With Sean Lennon, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$30 general admission seating. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)
KUNG FU DIESEL
 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, The Cavern, 210 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 332-9900 (blues)
MAN OR ASTROMAN?
 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 883-P00L (space rock)
MASCHINA
 With Stungun and Kanovbliss, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com> (rock)

MELT BANANA
 With Baby Killers, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Record Collector, 28143 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia. \$5. All ages. (248) 473-8350 (punk/noise rock)
THE MOEN-AWESOME BAND
 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 852-6433 (acoustic rock)
MUDPUFFY
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (blues)
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTY
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Bad Frog, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400; 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Bogey's, 142 E. Walled Lake Road, Walled Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 669-1441 (R&B)
KARI NEWHOUSE
 With Michelle Penn, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10. \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (pop)
NICK STRANGE AND THE BARENAKED
 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)
NOBODY'S BUSINESS
 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (rockabilly)
ROBERT NOLL
 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues)
HEATHER NOVA
 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 (pop)
THE OUTFIELD
 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)
ROBERT PENN
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Fox and

Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (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)
ROOT DOCTOR
 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2, 21 and older. (248) 542-9922 (blues)
SGT. ROCK
 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (rock)
KRISTIN SAYER
 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (funk/R&B)
MARTIN SEXTON
 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10, \$9 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (pop)
SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (rock)
SISTER SEED
 Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>; 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (acoustic rock)

ELLIOTT SMITH
 With Quasi, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 18 and older. (313) 833-P00L (acoustic rock)
SON VOLT
 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 99-MUSIC or <http://www.99music.com> (acoustic country rock)
SPAT
 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Roadrunner's Raft, 2363 Yemans, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 873-RAFT (pop)
STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 543-4300 (rock)
MICHAEL STIPE
 Performs a rare solo acoustic show, with Philip Glass and Patti Smith Group, as part of the Allen Ginsberg Memorial Benefit Concert for Jewel Heart Center for Tibetan Culture and Buddhist Studies, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. \$10-\$25, available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Shaman Drum Bookshop in Ann Arbor and the Mayflower Bookshop in Berkley.
ANGELA STREHLI BAND
 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Postponed until the fall. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.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
SWEEP THE LEG JOHNNY
 With The Lustre Kings and Propeller, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS
 With Michael Shelley, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$21.50 and \$17.50. (734) 763-KT5
TANYA TUCKER
 7:30 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Oct. 4-5, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. \$39. \$34 students and seniors. \$42 gold circle. (810) 286-2222 (country)
RANDY VOLIN AND THE SONIC BLUES
 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues)
JOE LOUIS WALKER
 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or <http://www.a2ark.org> (blues)
"WOMEN OF DETROIT BLUES"
 With Alberta Adams, Priscilla Price and Bettye LaVette, 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Scarab Club, 217 Farnworth, Detroit. (313) 831-1250/(248) 262-6890

VICTOR WOOTEN
 Legendary bassist, 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or <http://www.themagicbag.com>

CLUB NIGHTS

BACKSTREET
 DJ Buc, 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the club, 15606 Joy Road, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 272-8959
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 Halo (Teamsters) and Whistle Boy, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the club. Cover charge. 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, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>
THE GROOVE ROOM
 Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D. Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or <http://www.thegroove-room.com>

INDUSTRY
 Electronica, Euro and retro, 8:30 p.m. Fridays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; Euro dance, 9 p.m. Saturdays. Free before 10 p.m. 21 and older; "Homesick Night," 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Free for those 21 and older before 11 p.m. Cover charge for those 18-20, all at the club, 19 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-1999 or <http://www.961melt.com>
LUSH
 "Daddy" with host Matt Stoelt and resident DJ Brian Gillespie, 10 p.m. Sundays at the club, 10241 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. Mike Huckaby guest DJs Oct. 4. (313) 872-6220
MOTOR LOUNGE
 "World Wednesdays" featuring DJs Urban Kris and Culture spin world music, 9 p.m. Wednesdays; at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080
ONE X
 "Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Alternative Life" with progressive and deep house with DJs Cecil Gibbs and St. Andy, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
 "Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays. \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 afterward. 18 and older; "Evolution" with Family Funktion in the Shelter, live broadcast from The Edge 105.1 in St. Andrew's, and "Go Sound!" with live bands in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. \$6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT
STATE THEATRE
 "Club X," with 89X CIMX, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the theater, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451
24 KARAT CLUB
 "Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. \$3. Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$3 for 21 and older, \$5 for 18 and older). 28949 Joy Road, Westland. (734) 513-5030
VELVET LOUNGE
 Swing, lounge and big band tunes spun by DJ Sonny, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. \$3. 21 and older; Swing, big band and Latin dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. \$3. 21 and older; "Cute Little House" with house and techno, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays. \$5. 21 and older, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Call about swing dance lessons. (248) 334-7411

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 "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, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or <http://www.961melt.com>
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LUSH

'Impostors' hilariously celebrates the actor's art

By HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

If Stanley Tucci's "Big Night" was a celebration of food and cooking, his new film "The Impostors" is a celebration of theater and acting.

This is a hilarious ensemble farce — broad, outrageous and even a little goofy.

Writer-director Tucci borrows liberally from the comedy tradition and makes it all seem new because he has assembled a great cast of character actors in a romp that moves quickly from one laugh to the next.

"The Impostors" is set in the 1930s (as we imagine the 1930s from countless movies), which is appropriate as it combines a little Marx Brothers, a little screw-

ball comedy and a little French farce that is sometimes as rich as Primo's timpano in "Big Night." But at the heart of this movie is a love for acting and actors who will do anything to play a part.

Tucci and Oliver Platt play two out-of-work, thespians who refuse to even consider other work while pursuing their theatrical dream. One night after being professionally insulted by the ham acting of a current stage sensation (Alfred Molina), they insult the pretentious star at a theatrical watering hole, which leads to a chase, which leads to them being stowaways on a "ship of fools."

This "Night at the Opera" setting allows for the introduction

of a wild cast of characters in the grand comic tradition, each played by a wonderful actor — a Nazi chief steward (Campbell Scott), the sympathetic object of his unwanted affections (Lili Taylor), a suicidal lounge singer (sad-eyed Steve Bucemi), a revolutionary first mate (Tony Shalhoub), the memorable Primo in "Big Night", a leering Bill Tilden-type tennis star (Billy Connolly), an escaping queen (Isabella Rossellini), a couple of thieves (Allison Janney and Richard Jenkins) and more.

All of this is put in play by Tucci to honor the tradition of play itself. The movie opens with a sweet nod to silent film and the giddy joy of "dying on stage" and moves on to gather in every

comic tradition and play it out for full value.

An early scene sums up what "The Impostors" is all about. Tucci and Platt make faces at each other, grand and subtle, competing with each other to create just the right face for the intended emotion. This is what acting is all about, finding the right face, the right gesture, the right turn on an old routine.

Tucci's Arthur is the more flamboyant of the two, in love with grand gestures and extravagant flights of speech. Platt, with his imposing Oliver Hardy physique, is the nervous Nellie Maurice, always following Arthur's mad flights of fancy. Their routine in a bakery is a classic con game worked to unintended perfection. There is even a hint of "Some Like It Hot" with Platt as a grotesque in drag.

Ensemble comedy isn't easy to pull off and each year we are presented with numerous examples of poorly cast, dully written, lumpenly performed examples. A few young directors have succeeded with ensemble contemporary comedies such as "Swingers." But only Woody Allen has almost consistently been able to pull off these kind of pieces with panache. Actors love to work with Allen because he gives them good material, allows them to freely improvise and



Theater critics: Oliver Platt, left, and Stanley Tucci take a dim view of a ham actor's performance in "The Impostors."

sets a sure course for what he wants.

Stanley Tucci has now joined Allen as a comedy director with a deep respect for his actors and a gift for dialogue and action that parodies and twists rather than repeats the clichés of the genre. "The Impostors" is broader than "Big Night" and is intended to be artificial. It doesn't have the warmth of that film, but it makes up for it with its knowing comic spirit and many belly laugh routines.

The usual elements are here but played with perfectly choreographed style — the slamming doors, the person under the bed or in the closet, the over-the-top vamp, the foot chase followed by the pratfall, the comic dance, the innocent lover.

"The Impostors" has a beautifully explosive ending. And don't leave before the credits are over, because Tucci puts a fine exclamation point on this tribute to his art.

'What Dreams May Come' is gooey look at heaven and hell

By LAWRENCE ULRICH
SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to expressing misty-eyed wonder or grief, few actors can touch Robin Williams. In "What Dreams May Come," Williams gets plenty of chances to strut his stuff, in a fantasy whose working title might be "It's a Wonderful Afterlife."

Based on a novel by Richard Matheson, adapted by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Rob Bass ("Rainman"), the film follows Dr. Chris Nielsen (Williams), whose storybook marriage and family are shredded when an auto accident claims his two children. Four years later, Nielsen himself dies in an accident and embarks on an odyssey through Heaven and Hell in search of his artist wife (Annabella Sciorra) and children.

Early on, the film deals a good metaphysical hand. Observing his own death and funeral, Nielsen is tutored in the ways of the afterlife by a fellow traveler (Cuba Gooding Jr., whose soft ivory sweaters and pants suggest an angel by way of J. Crew). But Nielsen isn't about to go gently into that good night. He vows to be reunited with his wife, even after her suicide delivers her to a personal Hell from which there appears to be no escape.

Heaven, we learn, is spun from our own imaginations, at least until its "reality" kicks in. For Nielsen, influenced by his love of art, Heaven appears as an Impressionist canvas, its idyllic landscapes made of real paint that squishes through his hands and sloshes over his clothes. It's a lovely, fanciful scene.

The actors, from Gooding to the radiant, maternal Sciorra, are uniformly fine. But if the computer effects are, um, the razzle-dazzle is put in service of a somewhat homogenized view of the afterlife. Heaven is all flowers, vast seas and glittering, Greek-style temples, in a clear homage to illustrator Maxfield Parrish. Hell is a baroque vision cribbed from a Hieronymus Bosch painting, larded with clichés like shipwrecks filled with tortured souls. (Bosch's "Garden of Earthly Delights" does appear in one scene's background.)

Nor does God intrude much in this Never-Land. After a gratuitous nod to His presence — "He's probably up there somewhere, saying 'I Love You,'" and wondering why we can't hear Him," the Gooding Jr. character says — Heaven is revealed as a Self-Help Paradise, whose occupants work through personal flaws and coach less-fortunate souls. This Puffy Cloud of trendy

psychobabble gets you longing for some old-fashioned, Old Testament tough love: A bolt of lightning from the Big Guy upstairs, or at least a Chuck Heston cameo.

As in a dream, the movie's logic and emotion are convincing — until you leave the theater, shake off the hypnotic effect and step into the light of day. Wide-awake, you realize the message is far from profound, the feelings illusory.

At the same time, it becomes difficult to not resent the film's emotional manipulation, a sentimentality that makes "It's a Wonderful Life" seem downright cynical in comparison. The movie is undeniably affecting.

But a film that bumps off two beautiful children, puts the family dog to sleep, drops a car on Dad and has the grieving mother lose her mind and commit suicide doesn't win points for making an audience weep.

Like that Frank Capra/Jimmy Stewart classic — still among the more reliable litmus tests for an individual's outlook on movies — many viewers will adore this film and dismiss its critics as jaded old grouches. "What Dreams May Come" is like a gooey dessert after a six-course meal. Some will crave seconds; others will want to excuse themselves from the table.

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"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.

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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.

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STREET SCENE

Hatfield keeps expectations in check on 'Bed'



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Juliana Hatfield doesn't have high expectations about her latest album 'Bed' (Zoe/Rounder Records).

"It's like I'm very, what's the word, I don't have high expectations. My expectations are low, which is healthy. I guess in the past sometimes I had unrealistic expectations. I used to think the whole world is gonna love my records but now it's more like I just did this new record for myself," she explained.

The new attitude is reflected on "Bed," Hatfield's best album to date. Confident and strong, the album opens with the Veruca Salt-like, rocking "Down on Me." "You buy the pound just to burn it down and watch the sleeping dogs die/Walk away unscathed/I'm going to take you off my thank-you list." It continues with the adulterous tale "Sneaking Around" in which Hatfield sings "Am I ever going to see where you live? Am I ever going to meet your kid? I'm sick of sneaking around."

In the song "Sneaking Around," Hatfield added that most people "don't realize there's a third person. It's about a doomed adulterous situation."

"I never get too specific in my songs," Hatfield said when asked if the song was based on a real affair. "I don't have to worry about exposing real people. I distort the facts enough so that no one will really know who I'm talking about."

"I don't think it's really fair to expose real people in songs. I



Playing 7th House: Juliana Hatfield, who appeared in "My So-Called Life" as an angel, performs Thursday, Oct. 1, at the 7th House in Pontiac.

just don't think that's cool to the real people."

Hatfield's newfound confidence is evident in her lyrics and her music.

"My singing and playing and the rhythm section it's all more

relaxed. I finally let go of this tension I had. So the music breathes a lot better. I'm so glad it finally happened," Hatfield explained.

"I felt that tension and I didn't know why it was in me. It's not

like I was trying to get anyone's approval. It's just about feeling more comfortable in your skin."

Hatfield said aging has helped her build her self-esteem.

"It's so cool to see it happening, to just feel like, whatever, everything's fine and you don't have to make this guy fall in love with you. You just realize that you can just be yourself."

She carried that over into her music.

"I don't care what anyone thinks. I care less about other people's approval. It takes away the burden of dreams. It's more like I don't need the approval of anyone anymore."

Juliana Hatfield performs with Hayden on Thursday, Oct. 1, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit http://www.ticketmaster.com.

Hugs and kisses

Hatfield and Hayden are two of a handful of singer/songwriters coming to the Detroit area in October. Academy Award-nominee Elliott Smith will perform songs off his latest CD "XO" (Dreamworks) on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

But don't expect him to play "Miss Misery," which appeared on the soundtrack to the movie "Good Will Hunting."

"I played it a bunch of times and I got kind of tired of playing it. I'll play it again someday. Nobody ever calls out that song, though," the painfully shy yet charming Smith explained.

His most popular request is "Last Call," off his 1994 debut solo album "Roman Candle" (Cavity Search).

Smith has been writing songs

since he was 14, when he began recording material at home in Portland, Ore., on a four-track recorder. In his early 20s, he started performing on the local music scene, both as a solo artist and with some friends in the now-defunct rock band Heatmiser.

"Last Call" is a sign of Smith's underground following that he gathered playing around Portland and near his new home of Brooklyn, N.Y. One of those interested in Smith was fellow Portlander Gus Van Sant. He asked Smith's permission to use a few of his songs in his new film "Good Will Hunting."

He agreed and wrote a new song, "Miss Misery."

Following "Roman Candle," Smith released two more solo efforts, "Elliott Smith" (1995), and "either/or" (1997), both on the influential indie label Kill Rock Stars. His major-label debut "XO" is a thicker record than previous works.

"There were more instruments around so I put more instruments on it," he said of the studio setting. "We rented an orchestral bass drum for one song and hired a double quartet on string to play on a few things. Other than that, we just had fun and tried to play different things."

Trickled throughout "XO" are parts of songs he's written since he was 18.

"The music was written when I was like 18 or something. It's been through a lot of different versions. It just never really seemed right. Finally it just seemed to work out."

One thing that hasn't changed for Smith is his life. He explained that his life hasn't really changed much since the Oscar nomination.

"Mostly people I know tell me that things change but I don't know. I've been playing for several years and it seems like there's a few more people at the shows. More people come to the shows now because I don't know why."

When Smith comes to Detroit he will be backed by the band Quasi, with whom he will also play bass.

"It doesn't sound like the record. It sounds like a three-piece band."

Elliott Smith and Quasi perform Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 833-POOL or visit http://www.ticketmaster.com.

Stellar writer

As a former member of Uncle

Tupelo, and now the frontman for Son Volt, Jay Farrar is considered to be one of the forerunners of the "No Depression" country rock movement - although he may say otherwise.

"On some of the last recordings," Farrar explained, "We got kind of caught in the crossfire between people who - because of the country elements - want to trumpet that aspect and make you the leader of a movement, and other people who want to vilify you for the very same thing."

So with "Wide Swing Tremolo," he's moving in a slightly different direction.

"The songs swing a little bit more," said backing vocalist/pianist and slide guitarist Jim Boquist. "Mike's (drummer Mike Heidorn) getting more into the driver's seat, and becoming the guy who sets the tempo. That helps me, as a lead player, because I can find a pocket to do things in. And it's also an evolution in Jay's songwriting."

The warmer sound, Farrar explained, is partially due to the time Son Volt spent in the studio.

"The reason we were able to do that is we recorded that in the band's rehearsal space. It allowed for a bit more freedom to experiment and just allowed more time to get it to the point where it was right."

"There's a certain amount of enjoyment derived from just being in our own space."

In celebration of its new album, Son Volt is doing a small, acoustic tour around the United States. One of the last spots on the tour is The Ark on Monday, Oct. 5.

"The emphasis is on doing a lot of acoustic songs. We just had the desire to do something a little different. Something we've never done before."

"There's a concentration on the new songs but songs off all the recordings are represented."

Son Volt performs at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, at The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (734) 99-MUSIC or visit http://www.99music.com.

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The Church praises a 'reformed' sound

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

The Church established its chiming guitar-driven pop sound with songs like the ethereal "Under the Milky Way," and the jangly "Metropolis."

But, according to guitarist Peter Koppes, The Church has changed its sound for its latest album "Hologram of Baal," released Sept. 22 on Thirsty Ear Records.

"We call it the 'reformed sound,'" Koppes said via telephone from The Church's San Francisco tour stop.

The "reformed sound" takes a bit of the classic Church sound and injects ideas from The Reformation, the side project of Koppes, drummer Tim Powles, and singer/bass player Steve Kilbey.

"We did just really incredible soundscapes with the group and that lead to ideas for the new Church album. Certain things happened on the new Church album that we call 'reformed.' With (Australian singer) Margot Smith, I did some really weird things, too. By doing that I extended myself and when we came to doing the Church album, I actually had a repertoire of new tricks."

"Sonically, it's a landmark album for us. We think we've come up with a few new tricks. You know what's reassuring is that it still sounds like a Church album. It's not like a retro thing."

One example is the melancholy first single "Louisiana," which sparkles with guitars and Kilbey's poignant lyrics and soothing vocals. The chugging guitars in "No Certainty Attached" carries elements of the Cure's "Fascination Street" but is still classic Church.

"Hologram of Baal" marks Koppes' full-time return to The Church. He left the band in 1991 to "sort out what my identity was outside of the band," he explained.

He and Kilbey continued to work together. Kilbey produced Smith's album, on which Koppes appeared. Koppes also played on The Church's 1996 album "Magician Among The Spirits."

"I didn't go off in a huff or anything. I wanted to do some things independently. You can get stuck in a roll when you're in a band. The public doesn't make it any easier either," he explained.

"When you're in a band, it is a form of a family, but we have so

many solo projects and so many other things we do outside of the band anyway. We change the perspective of what it is to be in the band."

That perspective, Koppes explained, can be heard on "Hologram of Baal."

"Definitely you just come up with different things in different environments. The Reformation was a studio project where we didn't have any intention of playing the stuff live. So we had a lot of things left over to use."

Fans of The Church, which also includes guitarist Marty Willson-Piper, can hear it live when the Australian band makes its only Detroit-area appearance on Friday, Oct. 2, at the 7th

House in Pontiac. The show will include a retrospective of hits from "Under the Milky Way" to "Louisiana."

"We're trying to keep it to the last few years of albums. We're throwing in some of the older stuff. In Australia we had to pick 10 songs for a set and it was still 2 1/2 hours long."

The Church performs Friday, Oct. 2, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 9 p.m. for the 18 and older show. Tickets are \$17 in advance. For more information, call (248) 335-8100 or visit http://www.961melt.com. The Church's web site is http://church.sausage.com

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Movie advertisement for "Firelight" featuring Sophie Marceau. Includes the quote "Poetic... 'Firelight' is emotionally and visually sophisticated." and information about the film's availability at Maple Art.

You're not a stranger for long at Vassel's

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It's easy to feel at home at Vassel's of Plymouth. You're greeted with a smile, the wait-staff is quick to bring menus, a glass of water, and to ask if they can get you something to drink while you're reading the menu.

Owned by the Vassel family, the restaurant is cozy and comfortable. It doesn't feel like a hurry up and go diner. The hunter green color scheme and cherry crown moldings help create a clubby atmosphere. In a way, Vassel's is a sort of club, one that's open to anyone. You're not a stranger for long, in fact, their slogan is - "Where good food and good friends meet."

Jerry Vassel and his wife Sheri own and operate the restaurant with their supportive staff, and son, Darren, a student at Eastern Michigan University. Son, Craig, an aircraft maintenance technician, helps on Sunday mornings, and Chris, a teacher, works Saturdays.

Delicious endings

Judy Burns of Plymouth used to stop at Vassel's for her morning coffee. Owner Jerry Vassel offered her a job baking desserts. "She surprised herself. We've let Judy do her thing, and it's worked out well," said Vassel, commenting on how pleased he is with Judy's work, which includes big cookies, specialty brownies, apple caramel bars, low-fat zucchini bread, and tall apple pie. Half Moon Cookies are butter cookies hand-dipped in high quality chocolate.

"I watched the cable Food Network and purchased a lot of cookbooks," said Burns, who has a graphic arts background. "I researched for a long time, and developed my own recipes. I like old-fashioned recipes that remind people of mom's cooking when they were growing up."

Besides picture perfect, to die for desserts, Burns makes Vassel's popular chicken pot pies, which are Tuesday's special, and macaroni n' cheese, Friday's special.

Burns puts a lot of effort into her work. She's a baker with an artist's eye. Little details, such as the hand-molded carrots that decorate her carrot cake, make her homestyle desserts extraordinary.

Because of the popularity of her desserts, Vassel's now offers

Vassel's of Plymouth
Where: 9468 South Main St., (at Ann Arbor Road), Plymouth, (734) 459-2066.
Hours: Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
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gift baskets of Judy's baked goods for sale. The baskets start at \$30, dessert trays are also available with 24 hours notice.

"I'm always looking for new ideas," said Burns. "I like recipes that families share. The kind that people make when everyone brings their favorite dish. Those are the kind of desserts I make."

Her apple pie, really a torte, is available by the slice, or you can buy a whole one for \$18. You can also purchase one of Judy's cakes, such as coconut, cherry, almond chocolate or chocolate mocha, which sell for \$20 to \$25. Look for Judy's goodies in the bakery case as you walk into the restaurant.

Home away from home

The restaurant is a second home for Jerry Vassel who grew up in the business. Vassel's used to be a Silverman's, which Jerry managed. He bought the restaurant in 1985, and renovated the building in 1997. "We gave it a new fresh look," he said. "And warmed it up." The smoking section, also called the "Step Up Level," is scheduled for renovation.

Vassel describes his restaurant



Where good friends meet: Judy Burns (left), Darren Vassel, Sheri Vassel and Jerry Vassel work hard to please customers at Vassel's of Plymouth. Burns, a former customer, bakes delicious desserts at the restaurant, which is owned and operated by the Vassel family.

as being "a step up from regular chain restaurants. It has a nice, comfortable, kind of classy look without being pretentious."

His customers are loyal. "Some of our former midnight customers have children and now come in for dinner," he said. "We try to use the best products we can, and try to keep our menu interesting. We offer a lot of things, good quality and quantity."

You can get a big meal or a small meal at Vassel's. There are a variety of sandwiches and salads, daily homemade specials are served with soup or salad and hot loaf of bread. "We do our own roast beef, and roast our own turkeys," said Vassel. "We offer unique breakfast items you can't

get anywhere else."

The Jigger's Breakfast for example - large orange juice, bowl of granola and banana, and choice of muffin, or toast for \$4.50.

No matter what your appetite, you're sure to find something satisfying at Vassel's. Besides the regular menu, there are menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner specials.

"I'm always looking for new things to add to the menu," said Vassel. "Every six months we weed out the stuff that doesn't sell."

Listening to customers is part of Vassel's secret to success. "Our customers played a big part in

our renovation," he said. "We wanted everyone to know what we were doing. We kept the best of what they liked and added new items to our menu."

In the works are Home Meal Solutions - "convenient, home cooked meals that are ready when you are."

Vassel said he's hoping to offer them after the first of the year. "There are a lot of two income families he said. We have the advantage of owning a restaurant. We want to offer homestyle meals to people who don't. You can put it on your table and pretend you made it yourself."

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