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Angry: Ricky and Cecilia Amolsch of Ypsilanti, formerly of Westland, were among many who protested outside Allan Warnick's dental office on Schoolcraft in Livonia.

Protest targets local dentist

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An Ypsilanti man once charged with first-degree murder in Westland was one of about 30 picketers who marched outside the office of a Livonia dentist Monday. Many of the picketers carried signs reading "We want justice."

Dr. Allan Warnick was not inside his Schoolcraft Road office Monday to respond to accusations of "false testimony" from the picketers. Neither did he call the Observer, as requested by a reporter.

Later Monday, Wayne County's Department of Corporation Counsel issued a statement saying that the Michigan Court of Appeals twice had ruled that Warnick, "as a matter of law, did not act wrongfully toward" the Ypsilanti man, Ricky Amolsch.

The picketers were protesting court testimony given during the last decade by Warnick in three cases involving teeth or bite marks.

Two men who had once been charged with murder on the basis of Warnick's expert testimony, but who later had charges dropped against them, were among the picketers.

One was Amolsch. Accompanied by his wife and two teenage children, Amolsch told how his life fell apart after he was charged with first-degree murder in the death of his former girlfriend, Janie Fray, killed in her Westland Meadows mobile home in 1994.

"It didn't go to trial, but I spent 10 months in jail," Amolsch said. "I lost my job, I lost my kids. It took me months to get them back. I had no home, and no money."

No one has ever been convicted in

the murder.

The second man was former Redford resident Anthony Otero, who now lives in Davison. Accompanied by his parents, Antonio and Elva Otero of Flushing, Otero said, Warnick determined that bite marks on the body of a dead woman were made by Otero's teeth.

"We sent the same dental impressions to another dentist and on the basis of that, it never got to trial," Otero said.

Picketers also included family and friends of Jeffrey Moldowan of Warren, now imprisoned in Lapeer. Warnick's testimony helped convict Moldowan of kidnapping, assault with intent to commit murder and two counts of criminal sexual conduct in an incident involving a woman in

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Interest in race scant

■ A low turnout is predicted in the Sept. 14 Westland City Council primary. Observers say the race has sparked interest in some circles.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Westland voters are expected to turn out in low numbers for a Sept. 14 council primary, despite an election season that comes as city leaders grapple with far-reaching issues.

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An estimated 10 percent to 11 percent of the city's 57,978 registered voters will cast ballots, City Clerk Patricia Gibbons said Tuesday.

"That's what I can gather based on previous primaries," she said.

The city's first council primary since 1991 will narrow the field of candidates from 10 to eight. The winners will compete for four council seats at stake in the Nov. 2 general election.

Primary voters will choose from elected incumbents Glenn Anderson and Charles "Trav" Griffin, council appointee David Cox and hopefuls James Chuck, Debra Fowlkes, James Godbout, David James, Michael Kebrer, Michael Rintz and, in her ninth campaign, Dorothy Smith.

Individual voters can choose up to four candidates when they cast ballots.

This election season comes as city leaders try to reach a consensus on issues such as whether to build a new City Hall and a multimillion-dollar recreation center.

In election coverage inside today's Observer, candidates also share prior-

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Walgreens ponders new Westland location

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Riding a wave of redevelopment in Westland, Walgreen Co. wants to demolish six structures and build a new drugstore on the northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Wayne roads.

Company representatives unveiled their latest plan Monday amid sharply opposing views from 25 people who attended a Westland City Council study session.

Supporters hailed the plan as a much-needed boost to a dilapidated corner, but critics voiced fears that

traffic congestion could endanger children.

"That concerns me as a mother of a 6-year-old," said resident Carrie Gabany, a School Lane resident.

Council members appeared receptive to Walgreen Co.'s plans, but an official vote isn't expected for a few weeks.

"This is going to be millions of dollars invested in Westland," company attorney Sean Kavanagh said.

Walgreen officials announced a proposal to tear down five houses - two of them vacant - and a closed radiator shop. They want to redevelop a 1.5-acre site on the east side of Wayne Road,

stretching from Cherry Hill to School Lane.

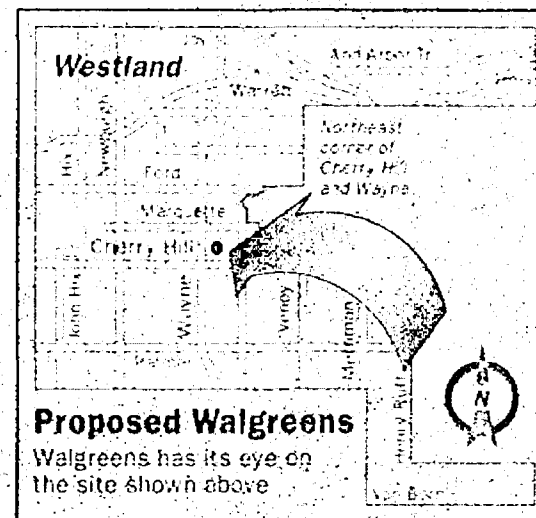
The company has reached an agreement to buy properties from current owners such as Lloyd Moore, 90, who built a corner gas station in 1946 and a family home two years later.

Walgreen Co. wants to open a 13,700-square-foot drugstore.

"This is a good opportunity to improve the area and increase the Westland tax base," Lloyd Moore's son, Gale, said.

Resident Loretta Hanschu, a mother of two, said she favors demolishing

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New managing editor has diverse background

Hugh Gallagher is the new managing editor for the Observer Newspapers. He replaces Susan Rosick, who was appointed publisher of the Observer Newspapers in June.

As managing editor, Gallagher will coordinate newsroom operations in three offices (Livonia, Farmington and Plymouth) and supervise the seven community editors in Canton, Farmington, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford and Westland.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Gallagher has more than 25 years of newspaper experience. At the Observer, he has been an assistant managing



Hugh Gallagher

editor for 13 years, supervising copy desk activities for nine years and the feature sections for the last four years. Those feature sections include Taste, Arts & Leisure, Entertainment, At Home and Real Estate.

Rosick said Gallagher's "passion for community journalism, his keen intellect along with his many years of newspaper experience and strong work ethic will

serve him well in the months and years to come." "Hugh has been part of the Observer Group management team for several years as an assistant managing editor. His promotion to managing editor - the top spot in the editorial department - is well-deserved.

"Be sure to read Hugh's personal column in today's Westland Observer on Page A12. His deep respect for readers and community journalism is told in his own words."

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Lutheran school marks 50 years of learning, faith

BY JULIE BROWN
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God and teaching have gone hand in hand for some 50 years at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Westland.

"We have just been very blessed by God," said Principal Jeff Burkee, who's been on the job since 1996. The ongoing celebration of the school's 50th anniversary included a balloon launch Tuesday morning, the first day of school.

The school combines academics and a spiritual message, said Burkee, adding that the celebration theme is "Teach a

Child, Shape a World." The school has some 190 students in preschool through eighth grade.

"It's really nice that St. Matthew's is able to offer that kind of foundation." The school, affiliated with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, plans to add classrooms and a gym, with groundbreaking tentatively set for this December or January.

Activities are scheduled throughout the anniversary year, including a February dance to commemorative music, a possible alumni brunch for spring and a grandparents' day in May. There

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Mowing 'em down



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Strike: Lisa Gervais from Five Star Janitorial Equipment and Supply high fives after making a strike at the Westland Chamber of Commerce bowling fun at Westland Bowl Friday. For more, see Page A3.

OBITUARIES

MARY BURGIN
Services for Mary Burgin, 76, of Westland were today, Aug. 26, in Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Livonia with burial at Parkview Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. David Bevington.

Mrs. Burgin was born Oct. 6, 1922, in Tennessee and died Aug. 23 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Ray, and daughter, Deborah, of Livonia.

ROGER GREENE
Services for Roger Greene, 57, of Westland were Aug. 6 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Greene was born Dec. 31, 1941, in Pineville, Ky., and died Aug. 2 in Livonia. He was a mechanic in the automotive

industry.
Surviving are his mother, Panza Hoskins; brothers, Rick Greene, Danny Greene, Michael (Theresa) Hoskins, Randall (Rachael) Hoskins, Jack Greene and Ted Greene; sisters, Brenda VanNewKirk, Cynthia and Claudia.

Mr. Greene was preceded in death by his father, Jasper Greene.

BARRY F. CLARK
Services for Barry Clark, 48, of Westland were Aug. 23 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Maple Grove Cemetery in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry Yarnell.

Mr. Clark was born Jan. 2, 1951, in Detroit and died Aug. 19 in Livonia. He was a die try-out.

Surviving are his wife, Mona; daughters, Jamie Clark of West-

land and Tracey Clark of Westland; parents, John and Wanda Clark of Lakeland, Mich.; brother, John (Paula) Clark of Avon Lake, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to the family fund.

GEORGE A. COX
Services for George Cox, 77, of Ypsilanti were Aug. 21 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Donald Dacey.

Mr. Cox was born Dec. 14, 1921, in Springfield, Ill., and died Aug. 19 in Ypsilanti. He was a service technician for Unisys. He served with the Army during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; sons, John of Canton and Kenneth (Suzanne) of Canton; daughters, Cynthia Cox of Ypsilanti and Barbara (Ed) Parkyn of Westland; six grandchildren; and

one great-grandchild.
Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R. Street, Detroit, MI 48201-9983.

GLADYS A. SPAULDING
Services for Gladys Spaulding, 95, of Westland were Aug. 23 in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. R. Vernon Boyd from Oakland Church of Christ.

Mrs. Spaulding was born June 1, 1904, in Detroit and died Aug. 19 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her son, Robert Spaulding; daughter, Jeanne Simpson; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Spaulding was preceded in death by her daughter, Mari-

on Marks.
Memorials may be made to Arthritis Foundation of Michigan, Rheumatoid Research.

ALLAN F. FOGARTY
Services for Allan Fogarty, 81, of Westland were Aug. 25 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mr. Fogarty was born Aug. 11, 1918, in Michigan City, Ind., and died Aug. 22 in Livonia. He was a tool and die maker in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; daughters, Donna (Larry) Johnston, Gail (Charles) Kehoe, Margaret (Craig) Douglas, Janis (Adam) Micklea and Denise (John) Netherton; four stepchildren; sister, Donna Corbin; 25 grandchildren; and 22 great-

grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to American Heart or Kidney Foundation.

ANNE P. OTTEN
Services for Anne Otten, 85, of Westland were Aug. 23 in Vermeulen Funeral Home with burial at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills. Officiating was the Rev. Jerry Yarnell.

Mrs. Otten was born Dec. 25, 1913, in Dearborn and died Aug. 21 in Westland. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are nephew and niece, Dario and Dorothy Tomei of Westland, niece, Phyllis (Robert) Glentz of Anna Maria Island, Fla., and niece Evelyn (Larry) Cohea of Milford; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

ACHIEVERS

Elizabeth Enersen of Westland participated in the annual Summer Youth Program at Michigan Technological University recently. Nearly 1,000 12- to 18-year-old students attend weeklong explorations in engineering,

mathematics and science, outdoor/ecology, technology and society, or fine, performing and technical arts. Enersen, daughter of Michael and Carol Enersen of Westland, is a freshman at Westland Christian Academy.

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Rolling along: Lou Hatzilias from Souper Sandwich Carver bowls in the Westland chamber bowling Friday, at right. Members of the Westland Chamber of Commerce Mickey and Matt McNamara (front) of Great Lakes Internet and Counseling Inc., Chico Rodriguez of Sam's Club (back left) and Michael Capaldi of Westland Bowl (back right) enjoy the fun at the bowling at Westland Bowl.



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School chief vows to be ready Sept. 1

BY JULIE BROWN
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School's set to open Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Wayne-Westland, and district officials don't anticipate any problems with construction.

"We have received several phone calls regarding the opening of school," Superintendent Greg Baracy said during Monday's school board meeting. A couple school buildings will have school-year construction, he said, but students won't come into contact with that construction.

"Appropriate signage is on site" for registration this week, Baracy said. Some registration may take place in a different part of the school building, due to construction.

Board Vice President Mathew McCusker cited the "very, very limited construction period" in which

much work has been done. The work will be beautiful when done, he added. "Keep good thoughts. We're getting there."

The Monday meeting also included the swearing in of a new board member, Richard Eisinger. His father, Robert, swore him in, with many family members and friends present.

"I'm excited," the younger Eisinger said. "A big learning experience on its way for me. Thanks for all you guys coming. I appreciate it."

In other business, the board: Elected McCusker to a three-year board term for the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Approved unanimously contracts with the secretaries' union (W-WESA), the skilled trades union (BOSS) and instructional staffers.

Bowling's a blast

If bowling's your thing, the Westland Chamber of Commerce had an event for you Friday.

"It went really well," said Lori Brist, chamber director, of the "Bowling, Networking, Food & Fun" at Westland Bowl. She heard many compliments about the evening.

"We had a really good turnout," she said, estimating there were some 45 people. "Everybody had a good time. It was a night of fun."

There were enough door prizes for all. The Observer & Eccentric donated the first prize, two Jefferson Starship concert tickets. ACT-cent In &

Around Town donated copies of Gordie and Colleen Howe's book and game rolls including a variety of games.

Westland Bowl's Mike Capaldi and Brist were masters of ceremonies. The monthly Business After Hours event provid-

ed a time to meet each other.

"We try and provide a networking event every single month." Evening opportunities reach out to those who can't attend luncheons, Brist said.

Walgreens

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boarded-up buildings where she said predators could take children.

Saying her children have special needs, Hanschu said, "I'm not sure who's out there to take advantage of them."

But Westland resident Shirley Bom-

balski said the city has enough drugstores and that Walgreens could hurt Checker Drugs, a longtime local business near the southwest corner Cherry Hill and Wayne.

Resident Stephanie Gilbert agreed. "I've been going to Checker all my life. I don't think we need another (drugstore)," she said.

Some residents voiced fears about increased traffic along School Lane, but Walgreen Co. officials agreed to build

driveways only on major roads. The drugstore would be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Moreover, the company agreed to install block-long sidewalks on both sides of School to improve safety.

Councilman Glenn Anderson predicted Walgreens would draw most of its customers from the local neighborhood, rather than luring large numbers of other motorists.

Councilman Charles "Trav" Griffin

and others suggested the company's plan could help spur redevelopment along a stretch of Wayne Road targeted for new growth by the city's Downtown Development Authority. The DDA has endorsed the plan.

Company officials denied pressuring one senior citizen to sell her property east of the proposed development site. Councilwoman Justine Barns said she had heard of pressure tactics that "offended" her.

City officials said the company didn't need the property to make the project work.

Council members noted that Walgreen Co. wants to build within a short distance of several other drugstores. Still, they said few companies would be willing to invest several million dollars on the site.

"I don't know too many businesses that would be willing to make that kind of investment," Anderson said.

Learning from page A1

will also be a special March worship service.

"God's place in education is the fact that with God the children learn the morals, values from the Bible," Burkee said. Staffers minister to children, without the limits on witnessing to faith that Christian public school teachers face.

The school's philosophy of education states, in part, that "We believe that each child is a gift from God. That we recognize the responsibility that we as a school have with the help of the Holy Spirit to educate this child in the way of the Lord."

The philosophy also states that "We believe that not only a sound program, but our total educational program, will provide the child the best opportunity to function in the secular world while at the



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

To the skies: Students at St. Matthew took part with staff in releasing 500 balloons to mark their 50th anniversary.

same time demonstrating a faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Burkee's found an air of excite-

ment at the Westland school this anniversary year. "Oh, I think so. Some (students) are excited. The parents are real excited."

St. Matthew's looks back, ahead

St. Matthew Lutheran Church was founded in 1935. St. Matthew Lutheran School is celebrating 50 years of ministry. The school first opened in 1949 on Middlebelt north of Ford Road in Garden City.

This two-room building housed 35 students in grades four through eight. Arthur Seboidt was teacher and principal.

Later, grades one through three were added in the second classroom and the teacher was Mrs. Pranshke.

The current building for the school was opened May 23, 1965. The principal was Gerald Janssen.

The St. Matthew enrollment for the 1999-2000 year is 190 students, 10 more than last year. Increasing enrollment has now created a need for a building program, groundbreaking to take place later this year or early next to allow St. Matthew to grow in its ministries.

St. Matthew is fully accredited by the Michigan

District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod nationally and the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools. All faculty possess state teaching certificates.

The school participates in the Western Lutheran Athletic League in all boys/girls sports, including: soccer, basketball, cheerleading, softball, track and field, cross country and volleyball. Other activities include: Punt, Pass & Kick contest, spelling bee, dramatics (last production "The Wizard of Oz"), Jubilee and Cherub choirs, bell choir, Easter cantata, Field Day, vacation Bible school, Sunday school, Mid-Week Religion, Junior and Senior Youth, Scouts, and Winter Camp Rotary.

St. Matthew Lutheran will host a 5K and 1-mile run/walk Saturday, Sept. 11, at Central City Park. For information, call Carolyn and Jess Shough at (734) 729-4720 or the church/school at (734) 425-0261 or (734) 425-0260.

Woman reports phony cop stop

A Westland woman refused to cooperate with a man who said he was a police officer, according to Plymouth Township police.

Her suspicions were raised when the man, who stopped her at 3 a.m. Tuesday, approached her wearing plainclothes with the name "Van" across the left breast of his shirt. The stop occurred on Haggerty.

He asked to see her driver's license, police said. She asked to see his identification, said Jamie Senkbeil, township police public information officer.

"She asked him where was his badge and gun," Senkbeil said. "He told her that he left them in the car. He walked away."

The woman said that the lights on the dark-colored car seemed higher than usual for a police car. There was a blue rotating light on the inside dash, she said.

The woman drove to the township police department to file a report, she said. Police describe the man as in his mid-30s, thin build, with balding sandy brown hair. Anyone with information can call Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

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ties such as long-term budget planning, trying to fill vacant storefronts and approving a rental-unit inspection program.

Primary watchers gave mixed opinions on whether the primary is sparking interest among voters.

In Precinct 28 in Westland's far southeast end, longtime political observer John Franklin said the primary is stirring considerable interest among voters in the predominantly African-

American community. "They have a deep interest in this primary because we have an African-American candidate running that we have some hopes with - Debra Fowlkes," he said. "It's been a long time (25 years) since we have had an African-American on the council."

Some areas of the city appear to be quiet. Westland Chamber of Commerce Director Lori Brist said she hasn't heard widespread talk of the primary in the

business community. "I'll be real honest. There have been very few comments made," she said. "The only ones I've heard are positive about the number of candidates."

"As I'm driving around, I'm not seeing a whole lot of signs in front of businesses," Brist said. "I've seen some bumper stickers on cars of business people. But overall I wouldn't say there's a whole lot of conversation about the primary."

"Personally, I'm thrilled to see so many people running for council," she said. "It's very exciting to me."

Residents who aren't registered to vote missed the Aug. 16 deadline for the primary, but they have until Oct. 4 to register for the Nov. 2 general election, Gibbons said. To register, go to the city clerk's office in City Hall, on Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh.

Voters also have until 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, to request absentee ballots from the city clerk's office. Call 467-3185.

As of Tuesday, 3,100 absentee ballots had been given out, Gibbons said.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 14 at Westland's 40 voting precincts.

Editor from page A1

Gallagher has been with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for 17 years.

"I'm happy to be moving into such a challenging and exciting position," Gallagher said. "I believe The Observer Newspapers are among the best community papers in the country and I look forward to working with a talented staff in continuing and expanding on that rich tradition."

Gallagher joins an Observer Group management team comprised of Peg Knoespel, retail advertising manager; Mark Warren, circulation director; and Larry Geiger, circulation manager.

He previously was employed at the Lorain Journal in Lorain, Ohio, The Albuquerque Journal in Albuquerque, N.M., and Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Gallagher, 51, and his wife, Debbie, a librarian with the Ann Arbor District Library and the Michigan Electronic Library, live in Ann Arbor. They have two adult sons, Sean and James.

Hugh Gallagher can be reached by telephone at (734) 953-2149, by e-mail at hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net, by fax at (734) 591-7279 or mail at the Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

ACTIVITY GUIDES ARE HERE

The fall activity guides have arrived. "It's Happening" for adults and young adults, along with "Kid's Happening," are available for pickup at the library. These guides list the activities and programs at the library for September, October and November.

HOLIDAY AND FALL HOURS

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day. Fall hours start Tuesday, Sept. 7: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

www.westland.org
This is the Web site of the Westland Chamber of Commerce. It contains information about the chamber and its role in the Westland business community. In addition to the requisite "Benefits & Services" section, this site also contains an on-line newsletter and calendar of events. Along with the member list arranged by category, there is an extensive section called "Relocation Guide." It contains information about the history of Westland, its schools, a community profile, recreation and attractions, the benefits of relocating to Westland, and a listing of telephone numbers for the city government and county, state and federal representatives. Definitely worth a look.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Internet 101: Introduction to the Internet
6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Community Meeting Room B. Topics include what the internet is, how to navigate using Netscape Navigator, how to search for information and how to use search engines. First-hour is lecture format, second hour offers hands-on practice on the library's public internet terminals. Class capacity 10. No fee. No registration required, so seating is on a first available basis.

OPEN MIKE POETRY

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, Community Meeting Room B. The library is hosting an evening of family-

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friendly poetry read by members of the community. Bring your own original poem or an old favorite to share with the group. All ages welcome. No registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

"Fifty-two Pickup" by Elmore Leonard
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, Group Meeting Room C. These are informal, open forum discussions on noteworthy books. Discussions are held in Group Meeting Room C. Call and reserve your copy today. No fee. No registration required.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

The library is forming a Teen Library Club for young adults age 12-17 to share ideas for library programs, to discuss books and to participate in other activities. Interested? Contact the Children's Reference Desk at (734) 326-6123.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Creation Station
2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Children's Activity Room. This drop-in craft program is held on the first Saturday every month. These seasonal crafts are designed for children age 4-10. No fee. No registration required.

FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

Friends' board meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Community Meeting Room A. The Friends of the Westland Library meet on the second Tuesday of each month. They discuss their fund-raising and programming activities. Stop in and find out how your membership can benefit you... and your community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Individuals interested in helping the library can receive a free monthly newsletter that outlines volunteer services needed. Most activities can be completed in one to three hours. To receive your copy, call (734) 326-6123 and ask for the volunteer coordinator.

Protest from page A1

Detroit in 1990.

Both Amolsch and Otero said they have civil suits pending against Warnick.

Robert Gazall, chief of litigation for Wayne County's Corporation Counsel, said in his statement that Warnick "did not violate any legal obligation to anyone."

"As a result, the lawsuit against him has been dismissed (by the Michigan Court of Appeals). If the opinion is appealed, Wayne County has every reason to believe that the

Michigan Supreme Court will agree with the Michigan Court of Appeals that the lawsuit is without merit."

Both Amolsch and Otero said they will appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

The picketers said they sought restitution for losses incurred after being charged. They said they also wanted to make sure Warnick would not give expert testimony in future court trials.

Gazall said he could not comment further on the case because it is still in litigation.



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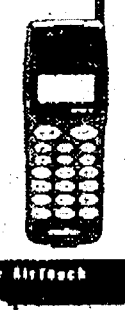


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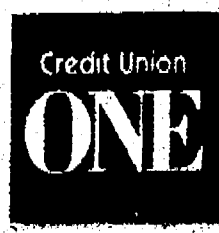
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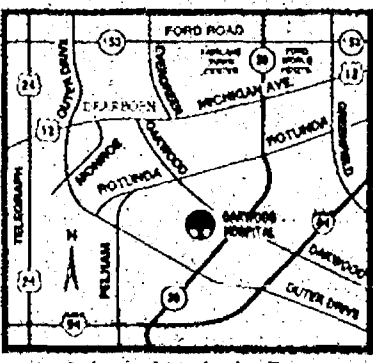
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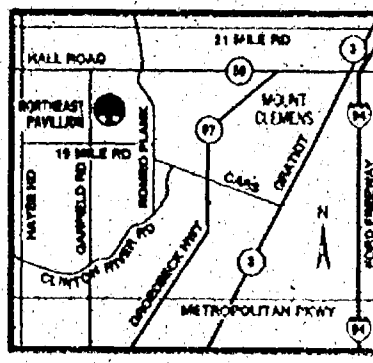


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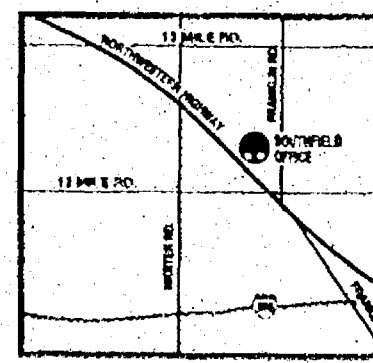
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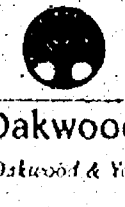
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Parks officials seek memories of Ford Village workers

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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About 60 years ago, six small factories lined the middle branch of the Rouge River in western Wayne County, making everything from valves to drill bits.

One of those Ford Motor Co. Village Industries developed at Nankin Mills, in what is now Westland, and employed anywhere from 12 to 50 employees, growing to 70 to 90 employees during wartime production. It housed a screw machine shop, then after 1937, a stencil and engraving facility.

Wayne County parks officials are looking for people who once worked for Henry Ford at Nankin Mills and five other small factories along the Rouge River in the 1930s.

The workers would now be in their 80s.

"We want them to share their memories about what it was like to work there," said Carol Clements, the county manager heading up the project, headquartered at Nankin Mills, Westland.

They would be videotaped, and the completed tape would be available to visitors at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland in early 2000.

"We want people who can fill in some of the gaps of knowledge," said Denise Johnson, president of Friends of Nankin Mills. That also would include those who knew Ford or who lived in the nearby area at that time.

Lifestyles blended

Raised on a farm, Henry Ford believed city life, which included his own factories, was destroying the rural lifestyle of the times.

Ford's Village Industries concept was his way of blending rural and factory life. Ford bought six mills along the Rouge and turned them into parts shops for his company, six of 20 shops known as the Village Industries.

Ford even relocated machinery from his Highland Park and Rouge plants. Employees at these factories were able to work for Ford and then return to their

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farms during farming periods.

In 1918, he bought the Nankin Mills flour mill and it opened as a parts shop in 1921. The workers at Nankin Mills made stencils of the famous Ford-signature logo. Other shops made such items as engine valves and generator parts.

The plants switched production to make parts for bombers and other aircraft. Never a profit-making project, most of the Village Industries were eliminat-

ed by 1947 when Ford's grandson, Henry Ford II, took over the auto company after his grandfather's death.

"When Henry Ford died, it all died," Clements said. By 1947, most of were closed due to the auto company's economic cutbacks.

Artifacts sought

Wayne County parks are especially interested in locating any artifacts from Ford's Nankin Plant through donation or loan to display in the museum. "We have a photo showing the kind of

stencil work that was done here," says Clements. "It was very precise work."

Village Industries workers are invited to attend a wine-and-cheese reception, sponsored by Friends of Nankin Mills, 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Nankin Mills to share their stories and experiences. Others interested in attending the reception can obtain tickets after Sept. 6 at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will be donated by Friends of Nankin Mills toward

new exhibits at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center.

The shops, numbers of employees and parts created at the Village Industries included:

■ Northville — 380 peacetime, 700 wartime, made valves, car tractors and cars.

■ Nankin Mills — 12-50 peacetime, 70-90 wartime, screw machine shop, then stencil and engraving after 1937.

■ Phoenix — 150 peacetime, 200 wartime, all-female crew making generator parts.

■ Plymouth — 35 peacetime, 60 wartime, taps for threads.

■ Waterford — 20 peacetime, 130 wartime, Johansson precision gauge blocks.

■ Newburgh — 30 peacetime, 64 wartime, drill bits, twist drills.

To contact Wayne County about the search for Village Industries workers, contact Carol Clements at (734) 261-1990.

For information or tickets for the wine-and-cheese reception, contact Clements or Wayne County Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard's office at (313) 224-0902.

I-275 closings will continue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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Motorists wanting to access or exit I-275 will need to deal with the continued intermittent closings of entrance and exit ramps to and from northbound I-275 over the next several days.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has decided to revise its reconstruction strategy in which contractors closed entrance and exit ramps one interchange at a time for Six, Seven and Eight Mile interchanges.

Contractors instead will be closing one ramp this week from Six Mile and another ramp to I-275 from Seven Mile.

The scheduled closings depend on weather through the end of the week. On Tuesday, forecasters predicted rain throughout the rest of the week, so ramp openings may be delayed.

Here is a summary of what motorists can expect:

■ On Wednesday (yesterday), contractors were expected to close the ramp from Six Mile Road onto northbound I-275 to conduct preparations for paving in September. A temporary bituminous surface will be installed on the ramp. That ramp may be re-opened as early as Friday.

■ Also, the ramp from northbound I-275 to Seven Mile will be closed for the same time period for the same construction prep work.

■ Once those ramps are re-opened, the ramp from northbound I-275 to Eight Mile will be closed, along with the ramp from Seven Mile onto northbound I-275.

The latter two ramps will be cleared of old pavement, the surface graded, then new concrete poured. Those closures will last about four days, as the concrete will need about two days to cure, according to Robin Pannecouk, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

If construction crews tackle the work in a timely fashion, this ramp work should be completed by the middle of next week.

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY

ELECTION '99

Voters casting ballots in the Sept. 14 primary can vote for a maximum of four candidates from a field of 10. The two hopefuls with the least votes will be eliminated. The remaining eight will vie for four seats in the Nov. 2 election.

Do you support or oppose building a new City Hall? Why? If you support it, where should it be built, and what's the best way to pay for it?

Do you favor renovating the Bailey Recreation Center or building a new rec center? Explain why. If you favor a new building, where should it be built?

The economy is healthy, yet Westland has many vacant storefronts. What would you do to address this problem and to spur redevelopment in general?

Pretend you're a teacher and a city government expert. What letter grade would you give for the way the city is being run?

What would be your top three priorities as a council member?



Glenn Anderson, 45, Ford Motor Co. employee of 27 years and a licensed Realtor. Attended University of Michigan-Dearborn and Wayne State University. Married with two children. Councilman since 1992. Other community involvement: Michigan Municipal League elected officials academy director; former Nankin Transit commissioner; former planning commissioner; former civil service commissioner; past member Nankin Mills PTA; current Westland Goodwill; current Westland Hockey Association member; past member Westland Figure Skating Club.

While I agree the current building is outdated, I haven't made a decision whether I will support a new City Hall. My decision will be based on several points: Citizens' input, of which we've had none to speak of. The location: I will not support a new City Hall on the property north of Ford. The municipal complex should be kept intact on the current site. Finally, I believe that if the decision is to build a new City Hall, then it should be paid for by tax dollars which will come to the city after the Tax Increment Finance Authority is terminated, estimated to be just under \$1 million annually.

There's no denying the administration has neglected Bailey Center over the past 10 years. Other than council's decision to add the water slide and wading pool, there have been no major capital improvements. I believe the center, about 20 years old, can be renovated at much less than the estimate presented to council. If necessary, the renovation could be done in phases to spread the cost over time. I am not convinced user fees would support a new facility of the size proposed. Operating costs and maintenance would require fees so high they would discourage widespread use.

The city should begin steps, while times are good, to encourage more home-based businesses to take the next step in expanding their business. The city should work with the DDA and the chamber for a program to assist these and other fledgling businesses to open up their first storefront business. The city could encourage establishing multiple businesses under one roof in a larger vacant building until businesses can move into a single storefront on their own. Also, the city needs to aggressively promote vacant storefronts (in part by) establishing a city web site.

A realistic assessment would be a C-. While there are recent good things such as our library, there's too much cheerleading and self-congratulating instead of objectively assessing how we're doing as a city. Too much time is spent away from the city by administration members; problems are being ignored. Ordinance enforcement isn't what it should be. No long-term plan has been presented by administration for the city's crumbling infrastructure. Our citizens shouldn't have to tolerate the conditions of our roads and water main breaks which disrupt their lives.

1) A long-term plan to address the city's crumbling infrastructure should be our top priority, including an assessment of fire stations. Also, a more conservative fiscal policy to make tax dollars go farther. 2) Deal more effectively with quality of life issues for residents, with improved recreation programs, another sheet of ice and more neighborhood park-based recreation. The city should promote neighborhood associations and allocate funds to help them get started. 3) Improve communication between residents and elected officials with public forums and community focus groups.



James Chuck, 47, Frilo-Lay employee of 24 years, current zone business manager. Received bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University. Married with two children. Community involvement: Westland library board president; vice chair, Community Development Advisory Commission 1994-98; member of St. Richard's Ushers Club; member of John Glenn High School instrumental music boosters and two-year president; athletic director/coach of St. Richard's Catholic Youth Organization.

I would support building a new City Hall. Ideally the building should be located as close as possible to its existing site. I feel it is important to keep City Hall centrally located, as well as a continued showpiece for our city. Employees would also have the benefit of working in a brand new efficient building. The project could be funded through the sale of bonds.

I am in favor of building a new recreation center vs. renovating the old one. A new rec center is something all ages of our city can use and enjoy, and most certainly our youth. A new rec center would also increase the SEV of the city. I believe the building should be built within the TIFA district to allow the city to construct and equip the building debt-free.

In order for strip malls and small shopping centers to be successful, the developer, the local business person and the city must all realize a fair return on their investment. We cannot change the past but have the ability to steer the future. Sites and malls could be modified to fit our city's needs and attract new businesses to complement our city's future growth. I would like to see additional private health-care facilities.

The fact that I'm not a teacher or an expert on city government, it would be very difficult for me to assign a letter grade on how the city is being run. As a citizen, however, I am qualified to issue a pass or fail grade. In the north end the city was very proactive in handling the flood issues and in the south end very committed to the building of the police and fire station.

As a city council member, my top priority would be to build a new City Hall to allow Westland and its residents to move forward with the necessary resources for the next century. Secondly, I would like to see a new rec building. Today's families and kids need positive places and activities to spend their free time. Finally, I would like more involvement and accountability with the beautification and maintenance of our business district.



David Cox, 41, Romulus deputy mayor. Attended Michigan State, Lawrence Tech, Monroe College. Studied risk management, insurance contract law. Married, three children. Current city council appointee, former two-year member. Westland Local Development Finance Authority treasurer; Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project Lower 2 SWAQ chair; past Wayne-Westland school board president; former Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union board; former TIFA board; former Nankin Transit vice chair; former summer festival parade chair; umpire, Westland Youth Athletics.

I support construction of a new City Hall ... Our City Hall is wrought with drainage and water infiltration problems, which have undermined the foundation and are breeding environmental concerns associated with bacteria. It is hopelessly undersized for our needs, and the ongoing maintenance costs ... are skyrocketing. It is an unacceptable drain of taxpayer money. I support construction of a new City Hall on the current site financed with bonding. Abandoning TIFA can pay off the debt associated with the project. I do not support any financing alternative that would increase taxes.

I favor providing our citizens with dramatically improved recreational facilities provided they can be constructed and operated without increasing taxes ... TIFA affords Westland an excellent opportunity to partner with other taxing jurisdictions (to build and open a facility) with no increase in taxes, (much like the library). Though such a facility would be larger than the current Bailey Center, square foot-wise it would be much cheaper to maintain so the costs to operate would be very close to equaling out ... Modern facilities offering an array of activities actually create revenue.

Quite frankly, the exceptional economy helped to create those vacancies. The trend in commercial development today is in consolidated spaces. Examples of this can be seen in the way Standard Oil & McDonald's and Church's Chicken & White Castle got together, the same idea exists in retail business, as is the case with the Best Buy move. These consolidations mean smaller retail spaces become less marketable. We need to continue to promote this type of development so older malls can be torn down to make way for modern, more marketable facilities.

I think Westland deserves a B+. Our citizens have always been very active and aware ... This has gone a long way toward creating a city government that is responsive to the people and I think is part of the reason our city enjoys the success it does. I think our mayor has proven he has the best interest of the community at heart, and he isn't afraid to be bold and discuss new ways to serve citizens. He has assembled a team of very capable administrators. There is more work to be done, but by continuing to work together and cooperating, we can keep making it better in Westland.

1) To keep my pledge not to vote for, or support in any way, an increase in taxes to our residents. 2) To identify an acceptable solution to the problems of limited space and environmental concerns associated with our current City Hall. 3) To work toward the creation of a state-of-the-art recreational facility and outdoor water park that sustains itself by generating revenues in the same way privately owned facilities do.



Debra Fowkes, 43, Mercy Health Plans provider relations specialist. Bachelor of science degree in English literature, Eastern Michigan University. Married, two children. Community involvement: past Wayne-Westland school board president; Martin Luther King Jr. celebration committee; Jack and Jill of America Inc. member; Business & Professional Women past member; John Glenn High School basketball boosters; Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Romulus; past president C.P. Titus Elementary School PTA.

I wholeheartedly support the building of a new City Hall. The present City Hall has deteriorated to the point that financially it would be more costly to keep repairing the old hall instead of building a new hall. I would be in favor of the new City Hall to be built on a TIFA site even though that would mean moving from the present site. The area by the new library is beautiful and would make a great setting for a city building. I would be supportive of trying to reach an agreement with the present owners to purchase that land.

I am also in favor of building a new recreation/community center. The Bailey Center has served the residents of Westland for a number of years and has lived out its usefulness. A city rec center should be a more modern facility with up-to-date equipment and be accessible to more individuals. I would be in favor of tearing down the Bailey Center and building a new one on the same site, and since it would be much larger it would possibly extend over onto the old City Hall site.

Westland needs to become more "small business" friendly. We tend to cater to the larger business. I would like to see the city work with the property owners and chamber of commerce to develop programs to market to the small business such as a reduced leasing agreement in turn for moving into one of the vacant sites.

B. The present city administration is doing an adequate job but there is always room for improvement. More attention needs to be paid to what is good for the city and its residents as opposed to how politically correct the decision or issue would be.

First priority would be to make a decision on the City Hall/Bailey Center issue. Enough time and discussion have been spent on the issue. Secondly, to identify and resurface problem city streets and, thirdly, to continue to maintain fiscal prudence and positive city relations with the community.



James Godbout, 44, Rockwell Automation account manager. Bachelor of science in business administration, Lawrence Tech, marketing major. Married, one child. Community involvement: Millwood Village Condominium Association president; Westland Figure Skating Club member; past Westland Host Lions Club president; past senior warden, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit; past committee chair, Cub Scout Pack 786; past committee chair, Westland Ice Show; past Westland Festival committee member; current Church Hill High School PTSA; past referee, U.S. Soccer Federation.

I do support building a new City Hall. The current building is undersized and in such poor structural and mechanical condition that a new City Hall is necessary. I believe that keeping City Hall on the existing site makes the most sense. I know using TIFA funds would be easier financially, but our "campus-like" City complex with City Hall, the Bailey Center, police, fire, court and park needs to remain as the focal point of our city government.

As much as I'd love to see a new recreation center, I think a renovation and expansion of Bailey Center makes more sense. The property that has been discussed in the TIFA district is overpriced. Taking valuable real estate property that could generate income from taxes if developed doesn't make sense when we already own enough property. The proposed site was originally promised to be residential when both the Kroger and library sites were approved.

The new DDA was established to help improve the look along the Ford Road and Wayne Road area. Other commercial areas of the city can also use a facelift or cleanup. We need to do more to work with and encourage small business owners to improve and utilize existing space. Westland residents own many of the businesses in the strip-type shopping centers. Many feel the current sign ordinance has hurt their business.

C+. City administration, department heads and staff need to have a good working relationship with the council. Council's duty is to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens are looked out for. Council provides the same check and balance system with the administration that Congress provides to the executive branch of government. A councilperson needs to be the citizen's voice in city government.

Fiscal responsibility - the city needs to look beyond current budget and develop a rolling long-term financial plan. Public safety - the new fire station is a much needed addition to provide our citizens with proper response. Our existing fire stations also need maintenance and improvements. Communication - the city needs to find new ways to effectively communicate with the citizens such as a Westland Web site, e-mail and a regularly scheduled cable call-in show.



Charles "Trav" Griffin, 59, retired Michigan Education Association employee. Bachelor and master degrees, government/administration, Eastern Michigan University. Married, three sons, three grandchildren. Westland city councilman 18 years, including four years as president. Other community involvement: past Cady PTA president; Wayne-Westland Council of PTAs vice president; past member Wayne-Westland school board; served four years as Westland mayor 1987-90; chaired Conference of Western Wayne for three years.

I support building a new City Hall because the current building has flaws which are a detriment to our employees' health. Further, City Hall is too small for the current needs of our city. We should construct a new City Hall on the site of the current building only if we can pay for it through current tax dollars. I am opposed to a tax increase to build a new City Hall and would look at other alternatives if the construction of a new City Hall requires a tax increase.

I favor building a new recreation center with TIFA dollars. It makes sense to use other taxing units' money to build our recreation center. We would then own it free and clear as we did with the Westland library. The new recreation center should be built in the TIFA district next to the new library.

The following have recently been redeveloped in the downtown district: Handy Andy - Best Buy will be moving in; Phar-Mor - JoAnn Fabrics will be moving in; Source Club - Lowe's will be moving in. We need to keep our downtown viable by maintaining infrastructure which will attract new consumers. We need to widen Warren Road to four lanes into Canton to increase access. We need to maintain aesthetics in the district and continue to use TIFA funds to maintain Central City Parkway and other areas in the district as it becomes necessary.

I believe the city is well-run. We have maintained a balanced budget with a million-dollar general fund equity, while delivering good city services. This is the mark of a well-run city and it is what the city charter calls for from our local public officials. I will let the citizens give their letter grade for our performance in office through the electoral process.

My top three priorities are as follows: Maintain a balanced city budget with a reasonable general fund equity while holding the line on taxes. Maintain current city services at their present level, based on the city's economic growth. Initiate and pass a rental inspection ordinance.



David James, 44, real estate broker. High school education. Single. Community involvement: former Wayne-Westland school board treasurer; Westland Community Foundation board of directors; Westland Chamber of Commerce member; Westland Planning Commission member; support for Wayne First Baptist Church, Salvation Army, Detroit World Outreach Center; Westland Winterfest volunteer; Westland Summer Festival parade award winner.

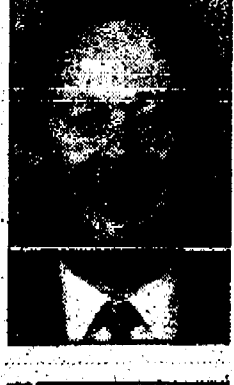
I would only favor a much-needed new City Hall if it could be built without a millage or NOT at taxpayers' expense. My fear is the repairs of the 1960s building could be more of a burden on taxpayers. My initial reaction to the data I've seen indicates that new construction may be more fiscally responsible. The location is convenient, and I would not like to see it moved to an unfamiliar or inconvenient place. It is my understanding that there may be state and county programs which would allow the funding at no cost to residents.

See answer No. 1. I am in favor of any program or facility that will improve the quality and lifestyle of our residents provided that it's not a financial burden on the same. My research indicates that a new recreation center could possibly be combined with a new City Hall construction utilizing state and county funding programs.

My experience as a Realtor dealing with commercial properties has demonstrated that Westland is a highly desirable area and I encourage businesses to locate here. As planning commissioner, my position has been one of caution to bring only development that can be of the highest degree of benefit for our citizens.

C+, possibly B ... which is considered above average. However, the old riddle that asks the question "What's the biggest room in the world?" still applies here. The answer: "Room for improvement."

No. 1. I realize for most citizens their greatest investment is in their homes, and I am committed to making sure that this investment continues to grow. Take measures that would cause Westland to become a leader among communities in the nation, known for more than just a "mega-shopping" district. Bring a sense of unity or harmony to all branches of community government, not just council, but administration, the court, the schools and business, i.e., chamber of commerce, Westland Business Owners Assn., etc., remembering "A house divided against itself shall not stand."



Michael Kehrer, 45, Realtor. Attended Eastern Michigan University, studied public administration and government finance. Married, three children. Community involvement: 20 years with Westland Jaycees, including past president, state officer and international advisor; chairs Christmas Adopt-a-Family that matches local businesses with children; past member Environmental and Energy Quality Commission; past volunteer cable TV feasibility committee; past volunteer coach, Nankin Mills Junior High baseball team.

Yes. The current City Hall does not meet the needs of the citizens. It is also one of the oldest city buildings in Westland. The new City Hall should be built on its current site and we could pay for it by terminating TIFA, which would put nearly \$1 million a year back into the general fund.

I favor renovating the Bailey Center in the future. The city's own survey of residents suggests that the majority of citizens feel the Bailey Center meets or exceeds their needs. The majority of citizens would be better served by fixing and upgrading our existing parks and facilities and working with Wayne County to open up and utilize what could be a fantastic area known as Holiday Park Nature Preserve.

First, we need to streamline and expedite the approval process for business owners and developers. Second, we need to be more open-minded on building plans, business plans and possible multi uses of available sites.

C+. Many cities in our county, state and nation are able to do well because the general economy is on an upswing. But Westland simply does not have the proper long-range planning to take care of the city's infrastructure and public safety departments in the future, or if there is a downswing in the economy. We have also developed a reputation with citizens and developers that we are hard to work with, lengthy in our approval processes and unresponsive when someone tries to resolve an issue without going to the mayor or city council.

1. Long-range planning for streets, roads and infrastructure. 2. Better development and working to fill our vacant storefronts. 3. Improved and increased ordinance enforcement.



Michael Rintz, 47, attorney in private practice. Law degree, attorney of Detroit, master and bachelor degrees, Wayne State University. Single. Community involvement: Westland Zoning Board of Appeals 1990 to present, current vice chair and former three-time chair; Lector at St. Richard Catholic Church; Hope Care Nursing Home volunteer through St. Richard; former Westland Energy and Environmental Quality Commission, elected chairman four times; president, Biological Sciences Alumni Association at Wayne State University for four years.

It is premature to support or oppose the building of a new City Hall. I would oppose building a new City Hall on any site if a tax increase were required. I also think that before we embark on a building spree, we must make certain that our basic services (police, fire, garbage pickup, EMS, etc.) are sufficient and that the money could not be better spent in those areas.

Most residents I have talked to feel the City has grown to a point where the Bailey Center is inadequate, and I certainly support providing recreational facilities for our residents. Like the City Hall question, however, it is too early to support either renovation, a new building, or where it should be built. I support whatever gives us the best deal for the money as long as it does not require a tax increase.

The best plan is to portray Westland in a positive manner so as to attract new business, and I believe our current city officials have done this quite well. We have new tenants for the Source Club, Phar-Mor and Handy Andy sites. Our industrial parks are filling up. Many other longtime city businesses are expanding. The climate for business in Westland is good.

B+. We have seen the completion of a city library, a new fire station (hopefully), increased business development, implementation of a DDA plan, garbage is picked up and snow is removed. We need better control over development of our remaining vacant land and better ordinance enforcement. Although times are good, we must not lose our focus on providing basic services; as the city grows, so do our police and fire departments.

First, fiscal responsibility. Times are good, and we must not get financially trapped if times get bad. We must make sure that if we do build a new City Hall and/or recreation center that we get the biggest bang for our buck without a tax increase. Second, increased ordinance enforcement. Let's keep our city attractive and keep situations like rodents under control. Third, we need to increase and expand our recycling program.



Dorothy Smith, age not provided, former teacher and part-time instructor at Wayne State University, former music department head at Michigan Lutheran College, Detroit. Formerly married, two children and two grandchildren. Community involvement: publishes Westland Citizens' Chronicle, a newsletter; former Economic Development Advisory Commission member; former Community Block Grant Advisory Committee board; SMART bus committee for the elderly and handicapped; served a term as vice president of the Southeast Homeowners Association.

I oppose building a new City Hall for several reasons. One is that we do not need a new City Hall; another is that the present one can be renovated, possibly expanded; a third, it will be located in the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) district.

I favor renovating the Bailey Recreation Center, a project that can easily be accomplished and less costly. The idea of building a new recreation center, which will also be moved to the TIFA district, is a vanity desire of administration, not a necessity. Naturally, the taxpayers, most of whom will not use the center, will shell out for it.

I have no sympathy for the problem of vacant storefronts, when for years I bitterly opposed strip malls from the beginning until all the spaces for such were taken. By that time, the starting malls were beginning to deteriorate. I understand that money/percentage was still forthcoming (how long?) from deteriorating malls. We need a rest from "Development."

D; mainly because if whatever is wanted (not necessarily needed) can be obtained without the vote of the people, even though a vote is called for as a matter of procedure. Voters turned down a tax for emergency service. The solution was a raise in the cost - where it was \$75 per call, it is now \$400+. This is needed, but the taxpayer still pays, whether out of pocket or through skyrocketing insurance. Citizens also voted twice against being taxed 1 mill for the library. It is being, simply by taxing 1 mill WITHOUT THE VOTERS' CONSENT

Opposition to pie in the sky vanity spending, unless, of course, the majority of citizens who voted sanctioned it. Cost-cutting, where necessary, rather than tax raising. For example: a raise in fees to use recreation facilities amounts to an additional tax for users, at least. Activities and offerings should be reasonable, so that all citizens can use facilities. Instead of those that can't afford it, it can be done. Study how to eliminate the position of deputy mayor - a \$100,000 job that produces nothing; it is not in the city charter. The person can't step in if anything happens to the mayor, the council president would

Dems set caucus for early March

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Democrats here will vote in caucus on March 11 next year for their choice of which presidential candidate to send up against the GOP contender in November of 2000.

That will make Michigan the first industrial state in the Midwest to cast votes for the party's nominee.

The Democratic National Committee approved recently a request by the state committee to move up the caucus date, Michigan party chairman Mark Brewer said Thursday, Aug. 19. Until approval was granted, the caucuses were scheduled for late March.

Democrats had feared voters would lose interest in Michigan's primary balloting if it was not

rescheduled. State lawmakers voted earlier this year to move up the date of the Republican presidential primary. The GOP will hold its vote Feb. 22.

Originally, Dems had asked for permission to move the caucus date to Feb. 12, but the national committee turned them down.

"We hold our caucuses on Saturday," Brewer explained. "So this is the first Saturday within the window that the DNC will allow ... It still makes Michigan the first state in the Midwest, other than Iowa, to vote. So our vote will not be overlooked."

Caucus voting is different than the typical primary election, where voters can fill out a ballot at any time while the polls are open. Brewer explained that in the caucus vote, party members will be directed to a location within their county or congres-

sional district where the meeting will occur. At 11 a.m. that Saturday, party officials will ask all members present to vote by raising their hands. The votes will be counted and tallied with the results of other party caucus locations.

Seniors, the disabled and those who have religious objections to voting in the caucus setting will be able to cast their ballots early by mail and have them counted with the rest of the caucus.

Michigan Democrats have moved to the caucus system to avoid "crossover" voting by Republicans designed to "cause mischief" rather than pick the best candidate. Brewer explained.

"We believe that, clearly, to vote in the Democratic primary you should be a Democrat and to vote in the Republican primary you should be a Republican," he

said. Currently, presidential primary elections are "open," meaning voters can cast ballots for any party's nominee. Republicans have opted to participate in the open primary. Democrats last participated in the presidential primary in 1992, when voters were required to declare a party preference before entering the polls. But the elimination of that requirement also led the Democrats to drop out and hold their own caucuses.

It also means that the Republican primary is paid for by state government funds, while the Democratic party's caucus has to be paid for by the party itself. Brewer said the cost of operating the caucuses varies from election to election, so he is still working up the estimates of the cost of next year's vote.

County backs anti-tobacco campaign

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Wayne County commissioners are urging state lawmakers to use \$100 million in tobacco settlement funds for the prevention and reduction of tobacco use in Michigan.

Commissioners approved a resolution Aug. 19 introduced by Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, to use \$100 million out of \$320 million received annually by the state for the tobacco use prevention for the improved health of Michigan residents.

A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Gov. John Engler and state lawmakers.

Beard wants the money used to educate youngsters about the dangers of tobacco use.

"We need to try to stop kids from smoking early on," Beard said. "And the younger they start, the harder it is to quit."


In her resolution and in materials distributed to commissioners, Beard cited statistics that one in every five deaths in Michigan is caused by tobacco use and the percentage of people who smoke in Michigan is above the national average. Michigan has the 10th highest rate of smoking in the United States.

"Smoking and tobacco prevention and education has been continually proven as the most reliable way to decrease the number of citizens in Michigan who use

tobacco," Beard stated in her resolution. Michigan allocated about \$5.5 million annually toward prevention, which Beard believes is \$95 million less than adequate levels of funding.

Several state organizations and individuals have pledged support for the dedication of \$75 million annually of the settlement money to reduce and prevent tobacco use through public education, community-based pro-

grams, health care and cessation services, research and evaluation.



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JACQUE MARTIN-DOWNS

Do parents really matter?

Stuart and Emily thought they were good parents. They taught their two children the Golden Rule along with values of generosity, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, responsibility and more. There was good news and bad news at the end of their parenting years as they looked at their two "products."

Son Peter became a lawyer and a fine altruistic citizen, but their daughter turned out to be a rather delinquent adult who stole from others to get drug money, lied regularly and had was mean-spirited.

Crestfallen, Stuart and Emily couldn't understand what they had done wrong.

In her new book, "The Nurture Assumption," Judith Harris poses the question, "If you encourage good habits in your child, will that ensure that your child will grow up with the same good habits you have?"

Harris thinks not. She theorizes that children are more influenced by their peers than by their parents.

Harris would suggest that these parents were not responsible for the way their daughter turned out because the girl's peers had more power over her than they did.

Well, as you would guess, this columnist has an opinion about Harris's theory, based on the counseling I have done with hundreds of pre-adolescents and teens. Parents often

Harris would suggest that these parents were not responsible for the way their daughter turned out because the girl's peers had more power over her than they did.

bring in their kids because they are worried about their behavior.

I have noticed that there is one determining factor as to why some kids don't get into serious trouble. The difference between the ones who come out the other side of counseling with a stronger relationship with their parents versus the ones who take the low road (drugs, alcohol, smoking, sex, violence, insubordination), is that the first group doesn't want to disappoint their parents.

Peers may influence their dress, hair, slang, makeup and the like, but I believe that parents influence the children's morals and character.

When the children in my practice feel as though their parents respect them and will provide consistent boundaries and limits for them, they are much more likely to also respect their parents' values and not step so far out on a limb to do what they want.

My neighbors have exquisite flowers. Their impatiens bubble over the edge of their gardens, gently curving around the bushes. My flowers, on the other hand, look as though they were planted yesterday. You don't have to be brilliant to know that mine lacked water and fertilizer.

I admit it. I didn't take care of them consistently week after week and I am now paying the price. As I stood there looking at this pathetic flower garden this morning, I realized that the "parenting gig" is very much like the flowers.

Yes, Judith Harris, your theory is thought provoking, but I believe that parents cannot be let off the hook that easily. There may be an occasional child who seems to be a "bad seed," but for the most part, nurturing those little creatures will pay off in spades. My small informal survey of clients has made me a believer.

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A place to drop in and hang out



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Sharing the Word: Pastor Josh Paletta, director of Impact Student Union in downtown Plymouth, preaches to the teens gathered during an evening service last week.

Student union has Impact



Paletta performs with the church band, "Rescue Squad."

About Impact

What: Impact Student Union
Where: 273 S. Union St., Plymouth.

When: While Josh Paletta, director of Impact Student Union, hopes to open Impact to the public on a few weekend nights each month, the scheduled hours are currently set for youth group meetings.

Junior High Only (JHO) will meet at Impact 6:30 p.m. Sundays evenings beginning in October.

The Loft, a ministry for 18- to 25-year-olds, will begin meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Impact.

High schoolers involved in Impact Youth Group - the youth group for which the organization is named - will move back into the United Assembly of God Church, at 46500 North Territorial Road, and meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 31.

Cost: Free, but donations - used furniture, including couches, coffee tables and lamps, additional pool tables, games or even food - will be accepted. Items may be sent to the church, 46500 North Territorial Road, Plymouth Township.
Information: (734) 453-0300.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Joshua Paletta thought of his youth group as a second home when he was growing up.

As director of Impact Student Union in downtown Plymouth, he wants others to experience that sense of comfort and support.

"My youth group was very important to me," he said. "It was my home."

Paletta said he wants to provide that same, safe environment for young people in the Plymouth area that meant so much to him when he was growing up.

"We're not trying to replace their family," he said. "We're trying to assist them."

Impact Student Union opened its doors on Union Street last May to reach out to the community. It also serves as an expansion for the youth ministries associated with United Assembly of God in Plymouth Township.

The church supports the organization financially; however, Impact also receives funding from donations made by the youth leaders and members of youth groups who meet there.

"I like the idea of being out in the community," he said. "It's very visual to be here, to be available."

Trip sparks idea

A trip Paletta took to Tulsa, Okla., sparked an idea for a type of community center, one that would attract the attention of young people from their early teens to mid 20s. He visited a similar place, Clarkston Christian Association in Independence Township.

Paletta, who has lived in Plymouth for four years, said there was a need

for such an organization in the area. While youth groups within the church have high attendance, Paletta decided to go "where the kids hang out." Downtown Plymouth was just that place.

Earlier this month, four teens were ticketed for allegedly obstructing a Penniman Street sidewalk in downtown Plymouth. By operating a youth center in the downtown area, Paletta hopes to provide a place for teens to go, an option other than hanging out along the city's streets.

While Impact has a religious affiliation, all programs and events are open to the public.

"I want to bring a service to the community that doesn't already

exist," said Paletta. "One of the great needs is that there is nothing for kids to do, nowhere to hang out."

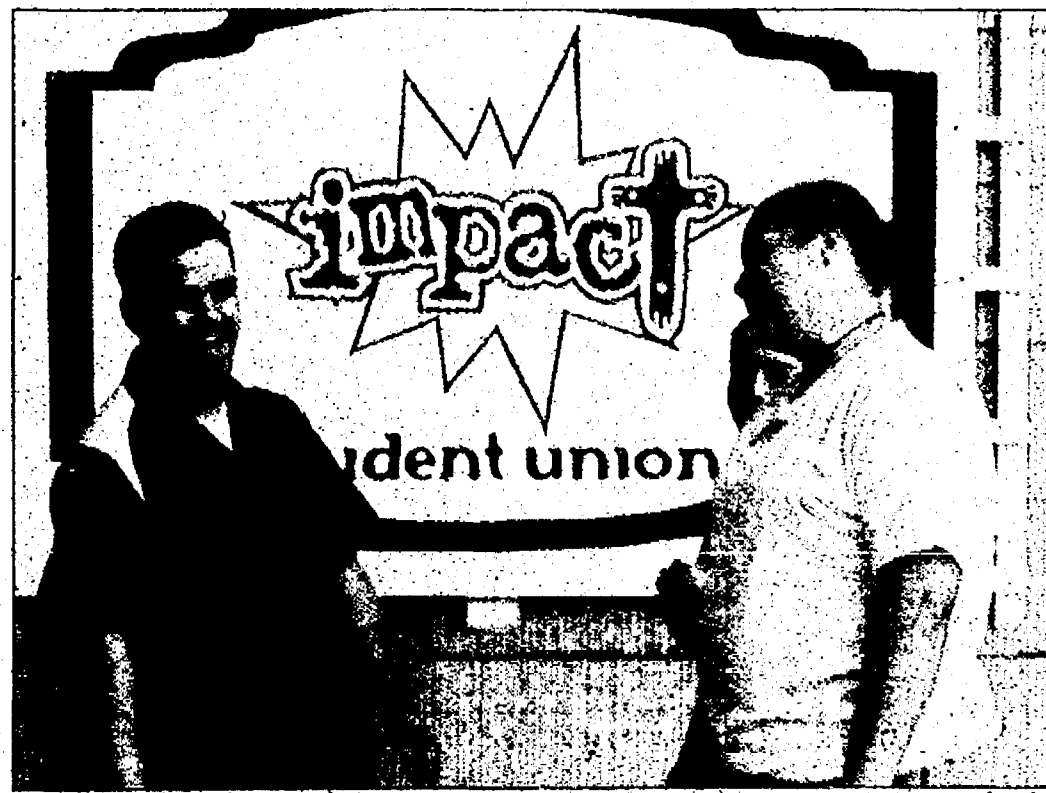
With space in the upstairs meeting hall for bands to perform, and couches downstairs for lounging and meeting with friends, Impact offers an informal setting and comfortable atmosphere.

Fills community need

Amanda Trent, 18, said it does fill a need within the community. She keeps coming because of the relationships she's built with others.

"It's just sort of comforting to be with a bunch of teenagers who love

Please see IMPACT, B2



Dropping by: Joshua Paletta (from left) laughs with youth group members Jennifer Schwan and Lori Cairn, both 15 and from Canton, outside the center on Union Street prior to the service.

Service has answer to no time for errands



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MICHIELLI

No problem: Judy Basile thinks the secret to the success of her business, "I Can Do That!," a service of services, may well be her maturity. She's more like a Mom than the teenager across the street.

BY SUE MASON
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Kay Dubois wanted to throw a party for her son Adam and 86 classmates who were graduating from fifth grade.

She had done all of the shopping and had all of the prep work done, when it dawned her that there was no time between the graduation ceremony and the 1 p.m. start of the party to do the set up at the park.

"I didn't realize what was involved with the graduation," said the Farmington Hills resident. "I'm one of those people who, I can do that and I can do that, but then I thought, how can I do that?"

Judi Johnson had a kitchen in need of specialized cleaning. The cabinets needed to be cleaned inside and out. The walls, the countertop, even the floor needed a deep cleaning.

But arthritis prevented the Livonia resident from doing it herself. She needed help. "With my arthritis, I'm limited in what I can do," said Johnson. "I needed specialized cleaning and it was something that I couldn't do or Merry

Maida really doesn't do."

Four simple words provided an answer to Dubois' dilemma and Johnson's need ... "I Can Do That!"

It's an expression that rolls effortlessly off Judy Basile's tongue, and it's the phrase she chose to describe her service of services, "I Can Do That!"

"Over the last several months, when I think about things, I say, 'I can do that,'" said Basile. "I didn't realize how many times I say that."

Specializes in time

In a letter Basile is sending to yestern Wayne County communities - Plymouth, Livonia and Farmington Hills have already been introduced to "I Can Do That!" she says she specializes in time by doing all of those time-consuming jobs people don't have the time to do themselves.

Need to be reminded of special occasions? Have gifts purchase, wrapped and delivered? Want someone to do your shopping, reorganize your closets, drop off and pick up your dry cleaning, plan a party or wedding or arrange day

Please see DO THAT, B2

WRC sponsors divorce support group

The Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft College is sponsoring a divorce support group that meets Tuesdays in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus.

The group provides a forum for discussion and the receiving and sharing information for those contemplating, in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce.

The discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month and is run by Cynthia Koppin, a professional counselor.

The speaker's session takes place the fourth Tuesday. The

sessions address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

On Sept. 14, Ellen Craine-Rosker, board member and chairwoman of the Michigan Council of Family and Divorce Mediators, will discuss the mediation process in assisting couples in negotiating their settlements in divorce or post-divorce matters.

On Oct. 26, a lawyer from the law firm of Woll and Woll will present an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The firm specializes in women's and children's

cases.

On Nov. 9, Stacey Block will discuss the intense emotions triggered by the holidays and special occasions and offer skills for coping with and resolving them.

Beginning Oct. 18 and running through May 15, the center will offer "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the resource center. A lawyer from Woll and Woll will be available to answer questions about divorce and family law.

The center also will sponsor "Money Matters in Divorce," an

opportunity to ask certified financial planner and consultant Jacqueline B. Gold about the financial concerns relative to divorce, 5-7 p.m. the first Monday of the month, Oct. 4-May 1.

The three programs are free. Clients for "Ask an Attorney" and "Money Matters in Divorce" will be served on a first come-first served basis, with sign-in beginning at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Do That from page B1

trips for out-of-town guests? "I Can Do That!" can do it.

The idea has been "rolling around" in Basile's head for two years. Encouraged by friends and her boyfriend, she set up the framework for her business before quitting her sales job at Mobile Ed Productions in Redford.

"A lot of people are single, divorced or two-career families and run out of time to do things," she said. "Some people try to do things during their lunch hour, others hate doing things on Saturday. That's their rest time and they hate having to do those nasty chores then."

"It's like I have 30 minutes for a haircut, period."

Since starting her business, Basile has handled Dubois's party, cleaned Johnson's kitchen, did specialized grocery shopping for a single man whose parents were visiting from England and took them on some day trips.

She's helping a bride plan her wedding and just got a call from someone needing transportation to and from the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"I really, really like it," she said. "In every job I've had, I've dealt with people. I enjoy working with people and meeting different people."

Calls are trickling in and Basile thinks it's "neat" because people ask her if she "can do this or do that." She generally responds with her pat "I can do that" reply. Her literature points out that "If it's not illegal, immoral or unethical, I Can Do That" can do that.

Just the facts

Who: Judy Basile
What: "I Can Do That!", a service of services
Where: 17201 Sumner, Redford 48240
Why: Because you don't have the time or aren't able to do the work.
When: When you need it.
How: Call (313) 541-8070 or toll-free at (877) 541-8070, by e-mail at lcdt1@aol.com.

Impact from page B1

God as much as I do," said Trent, one of about 75 young people who attended a recent youth service at Impact. "And it's cool to socialize with people."

Transforming a house which once held the YMCA, Paletta is making his dream a reality. With free video games (violence-free, of course), billiards and live music, Impact Student Union is beginning to establish its roots.

Impact Youth Group, the ministry for high school students - for which the center is named - focuses on giving youth a deeper understanding of their relationship with God, Paletta said.

Beginning in October, the Junior High-Only (JHO) youth

ministry will meet Sunday evenings at Impact for more actively-oriented sessions.

The Loft, a college ministry for ages 18 to 25, will meet Wednesday evenings. The format is a coffeehouse setting and includes poetry readings and a forum for religious discussion.

But activities are not confined to the Impact house. Paletta schedules canoe trips, games of laser tag and paint ball, and visits to Cedar Point for interested youth. Anyone can join.

"One of the main goals is to reach out into the community," he said.

Paletta hopes to have extended hours for Impact Student Union

in the future. He said it will be open with special activities planned on a few weekend nights each month.

Bree March, 19, is one of the youth leaders involved with Impact who has high hopes for the organization's success.

"It's very cool," said March. "There are so many kids who walk by... I want to see it open on the weekends. I want to hear kids say 'I'm going to the Student Union.'"

"Parents will know it's a safe place for students to come."

Aaron Morgan, an 18-year-old Plymouth resident, said he would like to see more sports-related events organized through

Impact in the future.

"I think one way really to connect to teenagers is through sports," he said, suggesting a community-wide softball or flag-football league.

March said by being in a separate location from the church, Impact is bound to draw more attention.

"I think coming up to the church for teenagers is kind of intimidating," she said. "Here there are things they like."

Jill Manos, 15 of Garden City, said she hangs out at Impact because her friends are there.

"It's our own place," she said.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing to: 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131.

SS. THEODORE
 St. Theodore Catholic Church is looking for crafters for its annual craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct.

16 in the Parish Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. Call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
 Crafters are needed for the 13th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at West Middle School, 44401 Sheldon, Plymouth. A single space is \$70, with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
 The Mother Cabrini Guild of Ss.

Simon and Jude Church will have its arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland. There also will be snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Call (734) 421-0591 or (734) 722-1343.

ST. VALENTINE
 Applications are being accepted for Redford St. Valentine Parent Teacher's Club's Holiday Crafts Shoppe Nov. 20 at the school, 25800 Dow, Redford. Call (313) 255-0654 or (313) 255-6825.

THE DEARBORN ACADEMY

A K-7 Charter School located in Dearborn has a limited number of openings for the fall of 1999. TDA offers an enriched curriculum including Arabic language and culture. Character Education, Art, Music and Physical Education are integral parts of the program. Block scheduling allows immersion in critical learning areas.

Office Hours Monday Thru Thursday 9-2.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owners or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the City of Westland:

(APPENDIX A)

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan, must be destroyed on or before the 15th day throughout the months of May, June, July, August and September of 1999. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the dates mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of penalties set forth in Section 106-97 of the Westland Code of Ordinance and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the City in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner, occupant, or agent, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School tax roll or the next general City tax roll, August 26, 1999.

City of Westland Commissioner of Noxious Weeds		
APPENDIX A		
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CITY OF GARDEN CITY MICHIGAN NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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 48135-2499, (734) 525-8814 on or before **SEPTEMBER 7, 1999 AT 12:00 P.M.** for the following items:

1. PRINTING OF CITY ENVELOPES/STATIONERY
2. BASEBALL BAT BAGS
3. DIGITAL STILL CAMERA
4. LOG AND WOOD CHIP REMOVAL FROM CITY OWNED PROPERTY
5. PHOTO FILM/DEVELOPMENT

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

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

ALLYSON M. BETTIS
Treasurer/City Clerk

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 16 - 8/16/99

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
 Present: Anderson, Barns, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott

- 177: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 8/2/99
- Approved request from Motor City Chapter H.O.G. to conduct their 5th Annual Memorial Toy Run within city limits on 9/19/99 at noon
- Approved request from Kiwanis Club of Westland to conduct their annual Peanut Day Sale at intersections of Wayne & Warren Rds & Wayne (Ford Rds) from 9/10/99 - 9/12/99
- Approved agreement between City & Wayne County for traffic signal & intersection improvements at Marquette & Carlson
- Adopted Budget Amendment 2000-2, change in appointed officials pay plan
- Approved purchase of Liftmore Crane for Department of Public Service from Astro Truck Equipment, amt \$7,520
- Approved purchase of Gator Utility Vehicle for Parks & Recreation from Commercial Lawnmower of Lixonia through State of Michigan Purchasing Plan, amt \$12,407.27
- Approved bid for Carver Subdivision Infrastructure Improvement Project to Eastern Concrete Paving, amt \$511,161
- Approved purchase of Radar Units for Police Dept from Kustom Signals through State of Michigan Purchasing Plan, amt \$9,504
- Approved bid for janitorial services to A to Z Inc for Police Dept & Gun Range, Department of Public Services, Fire Dept, Economic Growth Dept, & Cable Dept, amt \$3,895
- Approved change order #1 - Troelsen Excavating Company for Van Born Water Main Project, amt \$3,184.50
- Denied application from Traxton Automotive Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Under P.A. 198, for a period of 12 yrs
- Approved purchase of Ameritech ACD System for Department of Public Service, amt \$9,275.21
- Confirmed appointment of Rev. Arthur R. Mack to Downtown Development Authority for 4 yr term, expires 8/16/2003
- Granted request from Westland Robin, Inc to transfer ownership of 1998 Class C licensed business, 36350 Warren
- Approved the adoption of resolution consenting to the transfer of employment for Technicolor Videocassette, Inc of Michigan from City to City of Livonia
- Granted request of J. Engelder to split lot #59 of J R Keys Wayne Acre Sub. N of Cherry Hill, W of Wayne Rd
- Granted request of W Cohen to rezone from Two Family Residential to Planned Unit Development, Lots 181-338, Stieber Park Sub #2 to include area known as Oak Village
- Granted the request for site plan approval for proposed Planned Unit Development, Lot Nos 181-338, Stieber Park Sub #2 to include area known as Oak Village with contingency
- Granted request for special land use approval for proposed Convenience Store Use at Marathon Service Station, 37401 Joy Rd
- Granted request for sit plan approval for proposed renovation of existing Marathon Service Station, 37401 Joy Rd
- Granted request for site plan approval for proposed Lowe's Retail Home Improvement Center, 6555 Newburgh Rd
- Approved Check List - \$421,468.19 & Prepaid - \$4,657,950.95

Mtg adjourned at 9:25 pm
 Minutes available in City Clerk's Office
 SANDRA A. CICIRELLI
 Council President
 PATRICIA A. GIBBONS
 City Clerk

Her first job

Basile laughs about her first "I Can Do That!" job. The call came the day after she quit working. It was her cousin.

"I feel funny about asking family to do favors, but I was in a panic," said Dubois. "I called Judy close to midnight and I told her I wanted to be her first customer. I put her to work and I

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, August 31, 1999, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 AM at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
87	MERCURY	2 DR COUGAR	RED	1MEBM6039HH708866
88	FORD	2 DR ESCORT	BLACK	1FAPP9092JT180682
83	OLDS	'98 ST WAGON	GRY/BLK	1G3AP35Y8DX324228
86	CHEV	2DR NOVA	RED	1Y1SK6847GZ187316

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

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
89	FORD	TEMPO 4DR	BLACK	2FAPP38S8KB128902
88	CADILLAC	BROUGHAM	BLACK	1G6DW51YJR765028
86	CADILLAC	FLEETWOOD	GRAY	1G6CD6986G4324606
88	FORD	FESTIVA 2DR	GRAY	1KJBT06K0J6167124
83	OLDS	98 4DR	BLUE	1G3AW6942DM841327
88	OLDS	2DR/CUTLASS	SILVER	1G3WH14W3JD355603

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.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

#107A, Public Hearing for Proposed Special Land Use Approval for Four Chaplains Convalescent Center, 28349 Joy Road, Parcel #01-99-0058-000, South of Joy Road, West of Inkster Road, NE-1, Thomas G. Rau (James Pappas)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 1999.

Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan 48185.

ROBERT C. BOWER, Chairman
 Westland Planning Commission

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Soave-Armstrong

Christopher Daniel Soave and Linda Lee Armstrong were married July 10 at Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lansing by the Rev. Norman F. Burger Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mary V. Armstrong of Niles. The groom is the son of Margaret A. Soave of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Clarks School of Electrology.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Michigan State University.

The couple received guests at a reception at Station 885 in Plymouth. They are planning a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas in



June. They are making their home in Canton.

Schilk-Miloser

Tim and Linda Schilk of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Anne, to Marc Alan Miloser, the son of Judy Jolliffe of Port Huron and Daniel Miloser of Holly.

The bride-to-be is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Meadowbrook Insurance Group.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a social studies teacher at Belleville High School.

A September wedding is planned at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.



Olszewski-Scanlon

Barbara Olszewski of Livonia and Donald Olszewski announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn, to Charles J. Scanlon, the son of Jim and Maureen Scanlon of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an administrative assistant for Ford Motor Credit Co.

Her fiancé is a 1999 graduate of Henry Ford Community College with an associate's degree in business management. He is employed as a material flow analyst at Corrigan Air & Sea Cargo Lines.

A February wedding is planned at Dearborn Evangelical



Covenant Church.

Nunley-Bertovick

Jim and Edith Nunley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Fay, to Justin Lee Bertovick, the son of Daniel and Sandra Bertovick of Livonia and Dave and Rose Rouse of Redford.

The bride-to-be is majoring in education at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed at Marjo Plastic Inc. in Plymouth.

Her fiancé is majoring in mechanical engineering at Lawrence Technological University. He is employed at Osco Inc. in Rochester Hills.

An October wedding is



planned at the Redford Baptist Church.

Nixon-Attwood

Warren and Virginia Nixon of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their son, Scott of Austin, Texas, to Linda Nixon of Austin, Texas, formerly of Walpole, Mass.

He is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University.

A late August wedding is planned in Austin.



Donabedian-Pelegriano

George and Lydia Donabedian of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Joe Pelegriano, the son of Wayne and Mary Jo Pelegriano of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be attended St. Agatha High School in Redford and Michigan State University.

Her fiancé attended Wayne State University. He is employed at Century 21 Realty.

A July wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.



Rozek-Smith

John and Joyce Rozek of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Christopher Smith, the son of Dale and Kathy Smith of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Madonna University. She works as a publications coordinator at Home Building Workshops in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Fowlerville High School and attended Washtenaw Community College. He works as a collection agent at CMCS of Brighton.



planned at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington.

Stanko-Abraham

Paul and Barbara Stanko of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Lyn, to Jeff Alan Abraham, the son of Beverly Abraham and Jim Abraham of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Trenton High School. She is employed by AAA in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is employed at the Capital Grille in Troy.

An October wedding is planned at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia.



Loschiavo-Lyon

James and Barbara Loschiavo of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy, to Noel Lyon, the son of Thomas Lyon of Houston, Texas, and Linda Lyon of Kennebunk, Maine.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, a 1994 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree and a 1996 graduate of Cleveland State University with a master's degree in speech-language pathology. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at St. John Macomb Hospital.

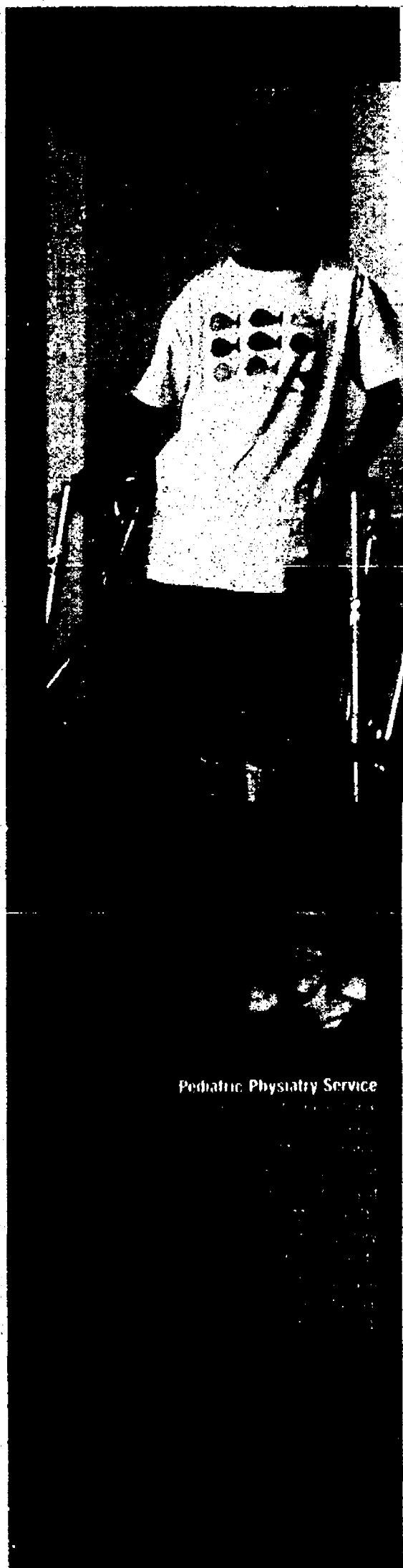
Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Midland High School and a 1992 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed as a mar-



keting representative by the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

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

Good food, great recipes ... read Taste on Sunday



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANIMAL ADOPTION

The Dearborn Animal Shelter will have an Adoption Showcase 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Pet Smart, Ford Road and Mercury Drive in Dearborn. For information, call Jill Smith at (313) 441-3244 or the shelter at (313) 943-2697.

TOWN HALL

Mayor Robert Thomas has scheduled his next Town Hall meeting for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Willow Creek Apartments clubhouse, 1673 Fairwood, off of Newburgh near Marquette.

Residents may take their concerns or comments to the mayor and his administration during the forum.

RAILROADIANA

Those interested can buy and swap toys and trains noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For table registration, call Norm at (734) 595-8327 5-11 p.m. Pre-registered tables are \$12, tables at the door, if available, are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family.

AT THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library group meets at 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. Friends also holds a book sale during regular library hours at the library.

RECREATION

RECREATION AND FUN

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

FIGURE SKATING

Figure skaters interested in USFSA Synchronized (Precision) Skating to build Novi FSC and Westland FSC joint venture teams. Prior team experience not necessary. This is an opportunity to build skating and team skills while having fun. For information, call Cheryl Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

BAILEY CENTER POOL

The pool at Westland's Bailey Center is on Ford at Carlson. Regular hours are noon to 3:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. daily. The outdoor pool is heated. Monday, Sept. 6, Labor Day, is the last day. For information, call (734) 722-7620.

BELLY DANCE

Learn basic technique and cultural aspects of Middle Eastern dance in Introduction to Belly Dance. Both traditional and modern technique will be covered. All ages and skill levels welcome. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 30, in Westland and last one hour. Contact Cedena at The Navel Academy, (734) 422-1246.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the

activities department, (734) 326-6537.

ANGEL CARE

Angel Care, a volunteer organization, is looking for volunteers to sew, crochet, knit, etc. blankets and burial gowns to donate to local hospitals for infants who die. Contact Mary Piotek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

Veteran's Haven operates a car, boat, camper and real estate donation program. Donations are tax-deductible. For information, call (734) 728-0527.

SCHOOLS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship program are available at the administrative offices of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools. The program is open to high school seniors who live in Wayne or Westland or attend Wayne-Westland schools. The Junior Miss program awards the scholarships, which are raised by donations from local businesses. Criteria are scholastic record, presence and composure, judge's interview, physical fitness and talent. Finalists advance to the Michigan Junior Miss program for additional scholarships. Stephanie Mead, a 1998 finalist, and Courtney Cagnon, a 1999 finalist, both successfully competed at the state level and participated at the America's Junior Miss program in Mobile, Ala.

For information, contact Pat Hermatz at the Wayne Lawn and Garden Center on Wayne Road, or call (734) 721-5220.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler-parent class on Friday mornings; 3-year-old class Monday and Wednesday mornings; and the 4-year-old class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Classes run from September to May. Parents are required to help out at the school. All classes are in the Newburgh United Methodist Church on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh. For more information, call April at (734) 522-8469.

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 primary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

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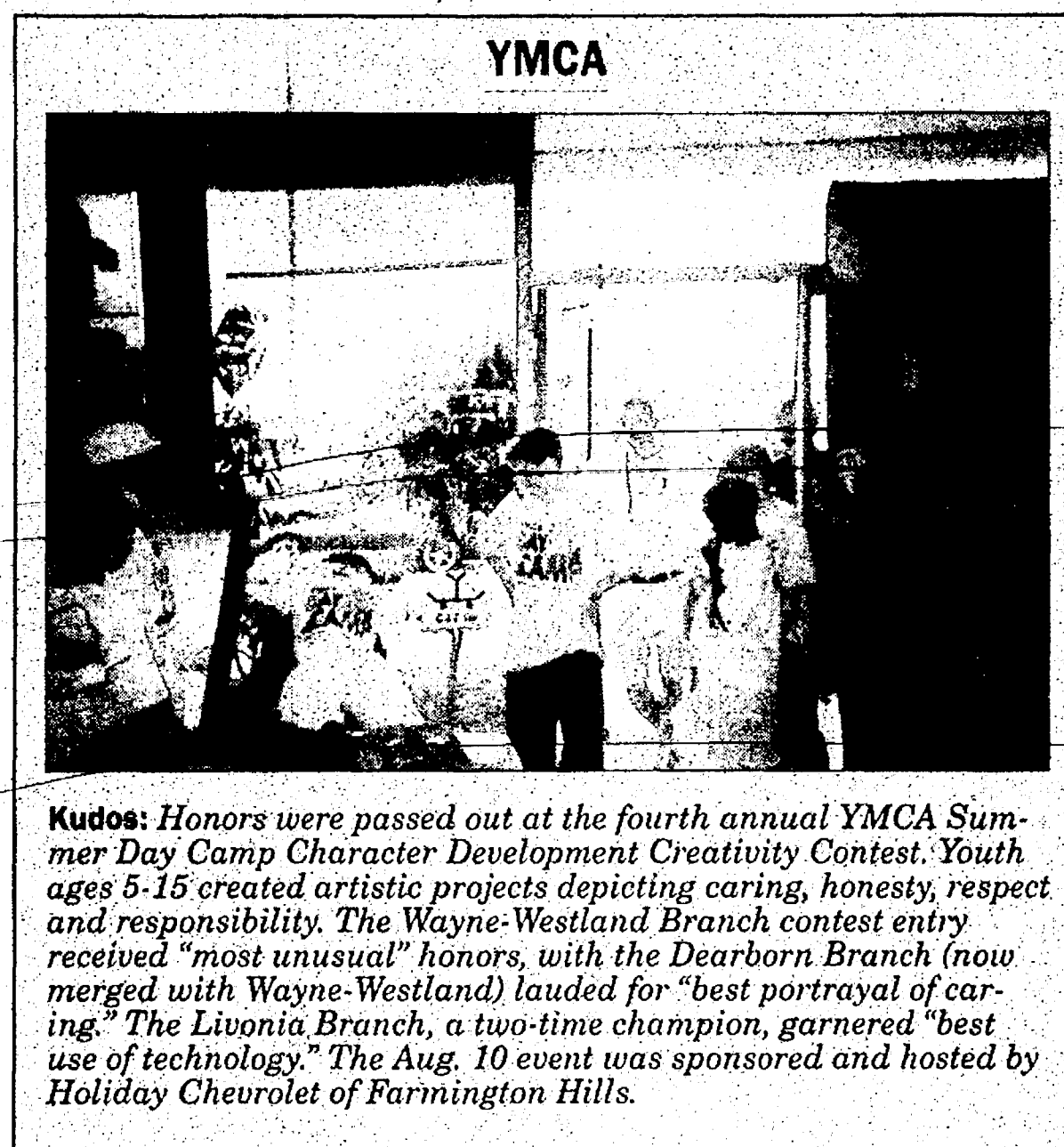
The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, a preschool for ages 3-4, is at 9601 Hubbard. Parents learn with their children. Enrollment is limited. For information, call Karen at (734) 522-3714.

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



Kudos: Honors were passed out at the fourth annual YMCA Summer Day Camp Character Development Creativity Contest. Youth ages 5-15 created artistic projects depicting caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. The Wayne-Westland Branch contest entry received "most unusual" honors, with the Dearborn Branch (now merged with Wayne-Westland) lauded for "best portrayal of caring." The Livonia Branch, a two-time champion, garnered "best use of technology." The Aug. 10 event was sponsored and hosted by Holiday Chevrolet of Farmington Hills.

nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet 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 has begun. Call (313) 274-6270.

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

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

LITTLE PEOPLES

Livonia Little Peoples Co-op Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3- and 4-year-olds. For more information, call (734) 422-1176.

LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs Preschool, on Farmington Road south of West Chicago in Livonia, is accepting registration for the school year. Classes meet Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoons and Tuesday-Thursday mornings for 3- to 5-year-olds.

Little Lambs is a nonprofit, nondiscriminatory preschool. Call (248) 471-2077.

GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, south of Six Mile and west of Farmington Road in Livonia. Call (734) 462-0135.

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Blocks Preschool in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia, has morning and afternoon classes for 3- and 4-year-olds. A prekindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information for the 1999-2000 school year.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and community. Members need not 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, 4:530 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, is for students ages 9 and older in Wayne, Westland and Romulus. It will resume Sept. 22. For information on participating or volunteering, call Leau'Rette Douglas, (734) 722-3660.

ADULT LITERACY

An Adult Literacy program is being offered free at the Salvation Army Wayne-

Westland Corps Community Center starting Sept. 22. Volunteers are being sought who are interested in tutoring children and adults 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Adult Literacy enrollment or additional information, 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 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburgh United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne and Newburgh, Livonia. 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.

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school opens to the public 1-4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month through September. People are welcome to come and visit the renovated 1856 schoolhouse at Warren and Cowan roads, west of Merriman in Westland.

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. Call President Jim

Franklin at (734) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

HEARING CHECKS

Every third Tuesday of each month, a representative from Personalized Hearing Care of Westland will check and clean hearing aids free from 2-3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (734) 722-7632 for more information.

NURSING HOME CARE

A seminar on "Nursing Home Care and Your Rights" will begin 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Westland Friendship Center, on Newburgh in Westland. The Friendship Center is presenting the seminar, which will feature Nida Donar of Citizens for Better Care as guest speaker. To sign up, stop at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632. Refreshments will be served.

BOWLING FUN

The Friendship Center Bowling League is starting again. Orientation will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the conference room at the center, on Newburgh in Westland. Beginners are welcome, and substitutes are needed. Bowling will begin 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. For information, call (734) 722-7632.

DEPART VISIT

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, will visit Marquette House 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, to help kick off festivities for National Assisted Living Week, Sept. 12-18. She will discuss current legislation affecting seniors, state preparation for Y2K and will answer questions. The facility is at 36000 Campus Drive, Westland. The public may attend. For information, call Sally Levay, (734) 326-6685.

TEA, FASHION

Presbyterian Village Westland will present a vintage clothing fashion show and tea 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at 32001 Cherry Hill, Westland. Reservations are required; call (734) 728-5222.

DINNER AND SHOW

A trip to dinner and the play "Titanic" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23. Cost is \$85. Arrive at the Friendship Center at 4 p.m., eat at Three Brothers Restaurant at 5 p.m., arrive at Detroit Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Play starts at 8 p.m. Return to center at 11:30 p.m. Call (734) 722-7632.

SENIOR CHOIR

A Friendship senior choir, under the direction of Robert Cassidy, meets 9 a.m. Thursdays at the Westland Senior Resources Department Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland. Anyone who enjoys singing may join.

EXERCISE

Musical Chairs is a new program from Jazzercise designed for exercisers older than 40. The program provides a low to moderate workout for the older adult. The exercise 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 nonresidents. Call (734) 722-7632.

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 schedules its senior meal for people 50 and older 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 elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yardwork, housework, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to work in. 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 Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. Instructor is Kammo Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

The Westland Rotary Club meets 12:15 p.m. Thursdays at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, east of Middlebelt in Westland.

SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 6975 Textile, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Paula at (734) 995-4110.

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 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road and Hunter in Westland. Call Jackie at (734) 722-7225.

CALENDAR FORM

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

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary

In step: Dancers collect regional, national honors

Dancers at Susie's Dance Pointe in Westland have plenty to celebrate after successfully competing in recent regional and national events.

They attended the Showstopper national dance competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in July, which attracted 6,000 dancers from across the United States and Canada.

The studio has 34 entries which received gold medals and top 10 awards at the nationals. Among them was an all boys group which won Best Male Group in tap dance.

A team of boy and girl dancers from the studio also was one of the highest ranked groups among the seniors group and line competition in tap dance.

The largest contingent was the 41-member swing dance group that earned best production honors.

The dancers, from Westland, Canton, Livonia, Garden City, Novi, Northville, Romulus, Taylor, Dearborn Heights and



Belleville, study tap, jazz and ballet at the studio at 902 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For information or to register for fall classes, call the studio at (734) 721-3400.



Good show: Performing "Jumpin' Jack" at nationals were Courtney Stone (photo at left, back row, from left), Stacey Harrison, Lisa Hay, Teresa Soleau, David Reeves, Sydney North (front row, from left), Nicole Burling, Sarah Roeder and Trista Phenix. Ranked as Best Male Group for their performance of "As Long as We're Dancin'" were David Reeves (top photo, from left), Justin Steckle, Jordan Steckle and Lance Formolo.

NEW VOICES

Steven and Sherry Glazier of Belleville announce the birth of **Alexandria Joy** Oct. 12 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Rex and Linda Combs of Van Buren Township and Barb Hailer of Dickson, Tenn. Great-grandparents are James and Virginia Saylor of Westland, and great-great-grandmother is Josephine Sowa of Jonesville.

Bob and Diane Rousseau of Westland announce the birth of **Jennifer Devon** Dec. 17. She joins sister Amanda, 4 1/2. Grandparents are John and Kathleen Moriarty and Fred and Jeanette Rousseau, all of Redford. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Rousseau and Grace and Charles Clemons of Clare.

Charles and Therese Nagi of Livonia announce the arrival of **William Ivan**, born Feb. 8 in Moscow, Russia. He joins a sister Katie, 5. Grandparents are

Charles and Frances Nagi of Garden City and Jeannette Donohue of Birmingham.

Peter and Michelle van Well of Redford announce the birth of **Dimitri Enny** Dec. 31 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins brother Tyler, 5, and sister Gabrielle, 2. Grandparents are Sandy and Gerald Smith of Fowler.

George Smith and Amanda Myers of Westland announce the birth of **Autumn Marie Smith** April 1 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Carla J. Fry, Howard Fry and Beverly Kirkpatrick. Great-grandparents are Yvonne Myers and James R. Smith.

Tim and Heather Parker of Novi announce the birth of **Harrison Tyler and Keegan Ross** March 20 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Larry and Barbara Gardner of

Redford and Sam and Connie Parker of Westland. Great-grandparents are Marion and Pauline Gardner of Redford, Floyd and Helen Parker of Wayne and John and Josephine Munger of Westland.

Joseph and Andrea Craigie of Garden City announce the birth of **Olivia Anne** April 3 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Nancy Craigie of California and Richard and Cathy Prince of Garden City.

Christopher and Charlotte Teslak of Plymouth Township announce the birth of **Paul Christopher** April 7 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Grandparents are Edward C. Ingles of Saginaw and the late Joyce Ingles, John F. Teslak Jr. of Livonia and Eunice Teslak of Lincoln Park.

Nelson and Michelle Cosgrove of Canton announce the

birth of their son, **Owen Robert** Feb. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He joins a brother, Adam, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Robert and Joanne Richter and Nelson and Bonnie Cosgrove, all of West Seneca, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Marie Cosgrove of Hamburg, N.Y., and Beryl MacDonald of Buffalo, N.Y.

Jeffery Lee Hixson and Terri L. Pack of Detroit announce the birth of **Skylar Patton P. Hixson** March 28 at the Birthing Center of Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Tiffney Pack, 6, Caty Strother, 3, and Justin, Michael and Shawn Hixson, ages 8, 12 and 9 respectively. Grandparents are Pamela Young of Westland, Larry and Peggy Novak of Gaylord and Robbie Hixson of Taylor.

Gilda's Club to hold annual Block Party

A good way to celebrate the spirit of Detroit is to bring a friend, bring the office or bring your family to the Gilda's Club Metro Detroit sixth annual Family Walk and Block Party Sunday, Sept. 26.

The event will begin at Cobo Center in Detroit. There will be a 5K walking tour of downtown Detroit will start at 10 a.m., and the 1-mile indoor fun walk at 10:10 a.m. The block party will start at 10:30 a.m. Registration for the noncompetitive walk will be 8:30-9:45 a.m. in Macomb Hall of Cobo Center.

Last year, more than 3,000 participants of all ages raised more than \$200,000 for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit while taking a scenic stroll through the city.

They were escorted by marching bands, the Detroit Mounted Police and Detroit Fire Department clowns.

Registration is \$18, if post-marked before Sept. 1, and \$22 thereafter. Children under age are free. Entry forms are available at D.O.C., Harmony House or by calling Gilda's Club at (248) 577-0800. Families and individuals can also register at the Cobo Center on Sept. 26.

Gilda's Club is a free, non-profit social and emotional support community for men, women and children with all types of cancer, their families and friends. It is named in honor of comedian and former Detroit Gilda Radner.

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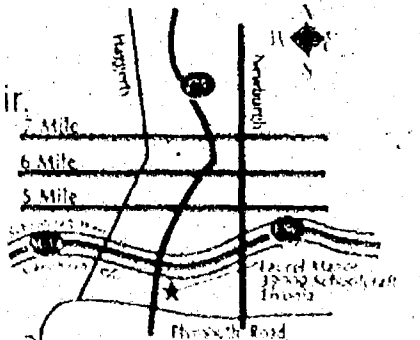
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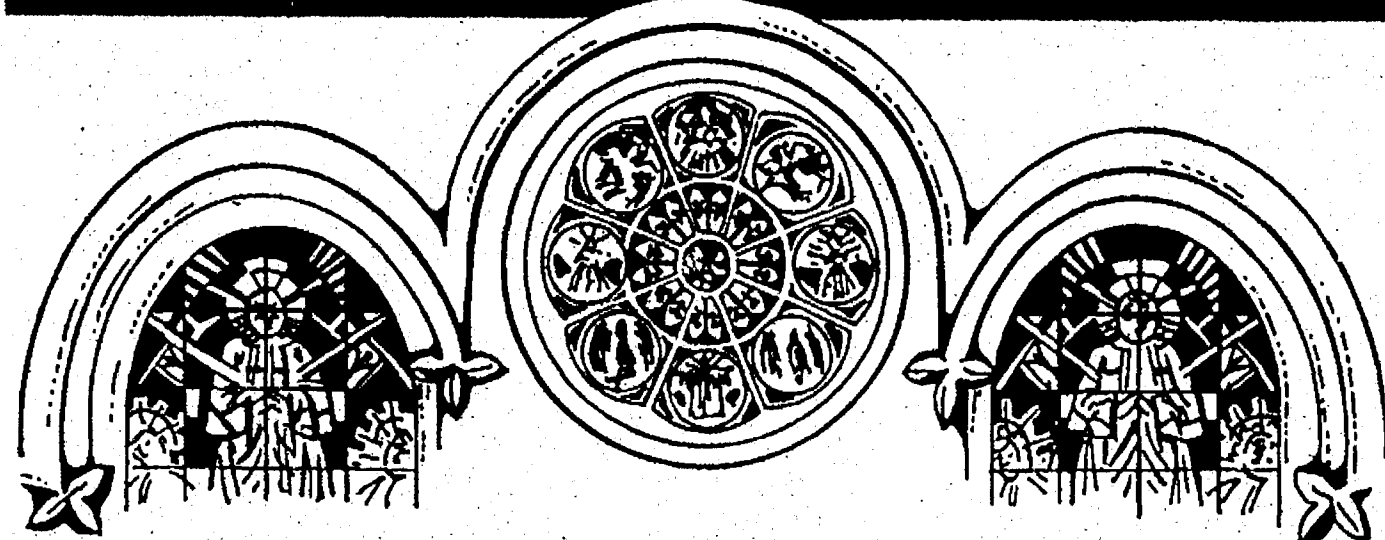


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Faith Lutheran welcomes Rev. Carr

The members of Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia are looking forward to the installation of the Rev. Robert D. Carr as pastor.

The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo, bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will be preside at the 10:45 a.m. worship service and at a rite of installation Sunday, Sept. 19, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Carr, who served as associate pastor and cantor (pastoral musician) at the University Lutheran Church and Campus Center in Gainesville, Fla., began his work at Faith Lutheran on July 12.

A minister for 21 years, he is a graduate of Concordia Senior College in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and has a master of divinity degree from Christ Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis, Mo.

A gifted preacher who is not afraid of "tackling the thorny issues" in his preaching, he brings an extensive experience and knowledge in the area of church music. He is an accomplished organist, choral director and composer.

Carr also brings an extensive



New minister: Joining the Rev. Robert Carr (from left) at Faith Lutheran Church are his wife Alexis and daughters Aimee and Amanda.

background in ecumenical work the ELCA. He was a participant to Faith Lutheran, a parish in the Lutheran-Anglican-

Roman Catholic Dialogue, sponsored jointly by the Florida-Bahamas Synod (Lutheran), the Diocese of Florida (Anglican) and the Diocese of St. Augustine (Roman Catholic).

He also was involved in the planning for the LARC Dialogue's annual Pre-Lenten Ecumenical Day of Prayer.

Of the challenges before him as pastor of Faith Lutheran, Carr said he "is aware that Faith Church has an identity born of its rich history under the leadership" of his predecessors.

Two significant traits of that identity are that members, as an outgrowth of their gathering around the Word and Sacrament, have lived a credible witness in Christian service to their respective communities.

"Together, as pastor and people of the parish, we can fashion vital ministries for the 21st century built on the firm foundations which have been placed," he said.

Married, Carr and his wife Alexis have two children, Aimee, 10, and Amanda, 8.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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

COUPON BOOKS

The youth of Westland Free Methodist Church are selling Gold C, Entertainment and Westland Business Owners Association coupon books now through Oct. 15. For more information, or to place an order, call (734) 729-2368.

SPECIAL MEETING

Area Byzantine Catholics are invited to attend a 7 p.m. meeting Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Plymouth Public Library, 705 S. Main St., to continue efforts to establish a new parish in the area of M-14 and Napier Road as

part of the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Diocese. For more information, call (734) 458-7655.

FINE HONORED

Congregation Beit Kodesh will honor Nate Fine at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Fine has retired after 32 years of service as a Sunday School teacher. There will be a special kiddish following services.

TANZANIA BOUND

Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Southeast Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and 12 representatives of Lutherans in southeast Michigan will stop at Transfiguration Church on Pardee in Taylor at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, for a Service of Godspeed before leaving for an official visit to the Mbulu Diocese of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Representatives will tour the Mbulu diocese and meet with leaders, church members and community representatives, sharing in worship and the work of partners there. Among the partnered congregations are Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia with Daudi Lutheran Church.

The Women of ELCA has raised \$40,000 to give to the women of Mbulu for the purchase of a Land Rover to assist in their ministries among the people. The bishop will also present Bishop Yoram Girgis of Mbulu with \$25,000 to assist with the extreme plight of people in the area caused by years of extended drought.

A banner of neckties will be presented, featuring the names of the congregations in southeast

Michigan linked to congregations in Mbulu.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Fair Haven Baptist Church continues its fifth annual Summer Bible Conference 7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland. The Rev. Wilbur Hurt, evangelist from Indianapolis, Ind., will preach. Child care will be provided for children age 3 and under. For more information, call the church office at (734) 728-4549.


ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Congregation Bet Chevarim of Western Wayne County is hosting its Back to School Ice Cream Social and Family Picnic 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29. Hot dogs will be served, and there will be outdoor games for all. Participants should bring their own

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beverages. Information about the congregation, the religious school, youth group and 5 and under play group will be available. For further information, call the CBC Hotline at (734) 480-8880.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The Rev. Phil Seymour will discuss "Dreams, Visions and Images" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. There are no fees. Anyone may attend any or all sessions as they feel the need. For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 462-3770.

BIBLE CLASS

Currently representing 16 denominations and 61 congregations, the community Bible class will resume weekly classes at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville. Pre-class study groups will meet at 9:30 a.m.

The class takes participants through the Bible, chapter by chapter, in eight years. Pam Dodge will begin her fourth year, leading the study. She has been on staff at Ward for 14

years and currently is director of single young adults.

Dodge is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is a doctoral degree candidate in biblical studies at the University of Michigan.

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

SUCCESS SEMINAR

Men, have you been thinking that there's got to be more to life than this? Are you under pressure? Do you often have the lingering feeling that something just isn't right?

The Success that Matters seminar might be what you're looking for. The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville.

The seminar costs \$30 and includes a continental breakfast at 7 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 374-7400.

YOUTH RALLY

The Rev. Jimmy Lawson of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Westland will hold a youth rally at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 33031 Cheery Hill Road, between Wayne and Venoy roads.

Jimmy Mitchell will be the featured guest speaker. Mitchell is youth pastor at the Sophia Baptist Church in Beckley, W. Va.,

where he is a police officer.

ADULT DANCE

St. Theodore Parish will have a pre-Family Fun Day Dance 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

Tickets cost \$10 per person and includes beer, setups and snacks. Food will be available at a nominal cost. Music will be by the Sunrise Band, featuring "Elvis the King" live impersonation floor show. There also will be a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door. For more information, call (734) 425-4421.

SPECIAL EVENING

Evangelist David Ring of Franklin, Tenn., will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton.

Born with cerebral palsy, Ring provides a powerful testimony of how the love of Jesus Christ transformed him from a victim to a visitor. Empowered by Jesus Christ, he has overcome extreme physical and emotional obstacles to become a messenger of the Gospel.

For more information, call Calvary Baptist at (734) 455-0022.

TAI CHI CLASSES

The Taoist Tai Chi Society, a nonprofit charitable organization is starting beginner Tai Chi classes at three locations, starting Monday, Sept. 13.

Classes will meet 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, and St. Paul United Methodist Church, 165 E. Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, and 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Tai Chi is a complete and integrated exercise which works all of the body's systems deeply and gently, making it an exercise suitable for people of all ages and conditions of health.

For more information, call the Taoist Tai Chi Society at (248) 332-1281.

Jeff Smith will teach Tai Chi classes 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 20, in the Fellowship Hall of Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, Livonia.

Smith, who has been practicing Tai Chi since age 15, will teach a Yang form of Tai Chi. The class costs \$20 for six weeks and there is a limit of 20 people per session.

For more information or to sign up, call parish nurse Ida Reifsnnyder at (734) 421-5406.

LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for \$18 from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152.

St. Paul's concert stars Ken Medema

Blind since birth, Ken Medema has been writing songs and performing them for more than 30 years.

One of the most talented Christian singers/songwriters, the Michigan native will perform Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at the church, 27475 Five Mile. Tickets - \$10 for adults and \$3 for children age 5-12 - are available in the church office.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-1470.

Medema began composing material for his work as a music therapist in a psychiatric hospital. He now has a full-time performance schedule that takes him throughout North America, Australia, Africa and Europe.

His songs are like stories, some humorous and others touching, and he uses musical styles ranging from classical to blues to sacred. Improvisation is one of the many talents Medema shares with his audiences. Using just a few randomly picked notes and words, he is able to create a new song and sing it on stage.

Many of his songs are about disenfranchised segments of American society, people who are outcasts or alienated. Other songs deal with injustice.



Ken Medema

Medema's disability has given him a sensitivity to people who have, in one way or another, been oppressed. His songs have led his audiences into the streets of San Francisco to address the needs of the homeless and to Tennessee to discuss mining.

Medema said he feels a pressing need to tell the truth. "If the time comes to write a song about (those things), I don't want to not write that song just because I'll lose concert gigs," said Medema.

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Red Hacker champions

Metro Madmen of Livonia defeated the Rim Shackers of Novi to win the men's competitive division last weekend at the Red Hacker four-on-four basketball tournament held at Schoolcraft Community College.

Members of the Madmen, who posted a 5-1 record in the double-elimination tournament, include: Larry Hart, Mark Kalaj, John Kalaj and Mark Skrelja, all of Livonia; along with Frank and Tony Gojcaj of Romeo.

Holowicki cards 2 aces

Livonia native Mark Holowicki, son of Madonna University men's basketball coach Bernie Holowicki, carded a pair of hole-in-ones within a span of a week.

Holowicki, who carries a 3-handicap, carded his first ace Aug. 6 on the 168-yard, No. 4 hole at Washtenaw Country Club. He used a 7-iron. Holowicki shot 34 for nine holes.

Just a week later (Aug. 13), playing on the Tom Herzog Memorial Scramble at Links of Whitmore Lake, Holowicki aced the 152-yard, No. 14 hole using an 8-iron.

And for good measure, the banker from Birmingham now living in Farmington Hills used a sand wedge from 110 yards out to eagle the No. 16 at Washtenaw (where he is a member).

Westland netter triumphs

Jason Beydoun of Westland captured the Boys 14 singles title Aug. 22 at the Northville Parks and Recreation Summer 1999 USTA Youth Tennis Tournament.

Beydoun, an eighth-grader this fall at Emerson Middle School in Livonia, was also selected to play in the Midwest 12s Zone Team Championships July 26-30 in Indianapolis, Ind. He will also participate at the Detroit area USTA Training Center during the 1999-2000 season.

Beydoun is coached by Phyllis Nelson of Livonia.

Twisters upended 10-0

The Wayne County Twisters fell Saturday to the host Lorain (Ohio) Steelmen, 10-0, in a Northern Division machup in the Lake Shore Football League.

The loss drops to the Twisters to 4-1 on the season.

Through three quarters it was a scoreless deadlock as the Twisters' defense held the Steelmen in check with three quarterback sacks, two interceptions and forcing five punts. The Steelmen ran just 33 plays during the first 52 minutes, but scored with eight minutes remaining on a 56-yard TD pass as defensive back Ron Andrews (Ypsilanti) lost his footing during his coverage.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Twisters' Billy Starr fumbled at his own 27 on a play that the Wayne County coaching staff protested.

The Steelmen then put it away with a 47-yard field goal.

The Twisters, who lead the Northern Division, return to action at 3:30 p.m. Saturday to take on the Lima (Ohio) Thunder at Academy of Detroit (old Inkster Cherry Hill High School). Concessions and restrooms will be available.

Hockey officials seminar

USA Hockey District IV will hold a referee training seminar for first- and second-year officials from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

This seminar is geared towards improving basic officiating skills. Participants will receive classroom as well as on-ice instruction during game conditions. This seminar is not a requirement to become a USA Hockey official.

Pre-registration is mandatory for the first 50 applicants, along with a \$5.

If interested in attending, call (734) 421-4468 or e-mail craig@caltherm.com.

To submit items for the Observer Sports Scene, write to: Brad Emons, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mi. 48150; or send via fax to (734) 591-7279.

Blazers ready to take next step?

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
SPORTS WRITER

Things are looking up at Livonia Ladywood.

Like at Michelle and Melissa Harakas plus Liz Obrecht.

And the Blazers have their sights set high as well.

"We're returning a lot of experienced players, so that's a positive," said Andrea Gorski, entering her fourth season of building Ladywood into what she hopes will be a state Class A girls basketball power.

"We're looking to win it this year," Gorski said of her Catholic League Central Division expectations. "I think we're capable of doing it."

"If we can fill our couple of question marks, I think we can do it. Hopefully we can win the Catholic League and advance in the state playoffs."

Brash? Maybe, but who ever heard of finishing first by shooting

for third place?

Ladywood finished strong last year, reaching the regional finals to finish 13-11. It lost in the Catholic League playoff semifinals to Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

This year Ladywood will hit the hardwood running.

Another area school that sees itself upwardly mobile is Westland John Glenn.

The Rockets compete in the Western Lakes Activities Association, dominated in recent seasons by the Plymouth's Salem and Canton.

The Rockets have gone from being a zero to a .500 team under third-year coach Joel Lloyd, now looking to move up another notch.

"I found out in my first year just how tough this league is and how much it's respected," Lloyd said. "Last year we had as a goal to make the Western Lake playoffs, the top eight, and we just missed."

"We had a couple of 'off' games in our league schedule. I told the girls we can't afford an 'off' night in our league — ever."

"We went to team camp," Lloyd said. "This summer we got extremely banged up and it gave me a chance to examine my bench."

A team with a good bench is Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans have a new coach, Amy



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Hoop returnees: Melissa Harakas (left) of Livonia Ladywood and Cheryl Fox (right) of Livonia Stevenson are veterans for their respective teams.

Rozman, who replaces Wayne Henry.

"I'm adjusting to them," Rozman said, "and they're adjusting to a new style of coaching."

"They have great attitudes and work ethic and they're very open to what I'm trying to do. We'll see when we get out there, but so far I like what I'm seeing at practice."

Bad news hit the Livonia Churchill program in three.

"I lost three of the five players I was figuring were coming back," Patriots' Coach Dave Balog said.

Forward Kristin Leszczynski did not come out, point guard Karen Kramer is concentrating on soccer and center J.C.

Evans transferred to Ferndale High School.

"That hurt," Balog said. "It's like starting all over."

"But our kids worked hard during the summer in team camp. They're a hard-working bunch. I look for us to be successful."

Balog is hopeful his team has enough depth to pick up the slack.

"We'll need some baskets off transition," he said. "We have to be aggressive on the boards and work hard."

"There's not going to be anybody on our schedule we can walk into a gym and expect to beat."

Livonia Franklin's Gary Warner will

GIRLS BASKETBALL

build his team around second-team All-Area performer Tera Morrill, not a bad player to be banking on. The presence of All-Area honorable mentions Lisa Balgo and Kerstin Marshall should guarantee improvement on last year's 3-16 record.

Wayne Woodard takes over for Matt Godfrey at Wayne Memorial.

Second-team All-Area forward LaTonya Crawford has moved on to Wayne State but point guard Ericka Davis transferred to Dearborn Heights Robichaud, which hurt.

Woodard's cupboard is not bare, though. And this is not a coach who just stumbled onto the court.

"I've been away from girls basketball for 15 years," Woodard said, "so this is uncharted waters."

"But I'm really looking forward to it. And last year was the best JV team Wayne has ever had."

Woodard had been coaching the Wayne Memorial boys junior varsity since 1994 and also coached the boys JV team from 1985-90.

"It will be hard to repeat what we did last year," Lutheran Westland coach Ron Gentz said. "We were 15-1 and won the Metro going away. The nearest second-place team had six losses."

But Gentz does not have a briefcase full of blues. What he has are some talented basketball players who got plenty of playing time last season.

"In nine of our 15 wins we did not lead until the last 2 1/2 minutes of the game," Gentz said, "and we won seven of those nine by one or two points."

"We were the Kardiak Kids. We don't need to go through that again, but a lot of the same ones are here and that should help."

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran has a rookie teacher and a rookie coach, Kris Springstroh, from Martin Lutheran in New Ulm, Minn., where she majored in physical education and played a lot of intramural sports.

Huron Valley Lutheran has dropped down to the lower division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Association this year after taking a beating in the upper division for a couple of years. Springstroh feels this will help.

Jamie Clark is in her second season at Livonia Clarencville, trusting the Trojans can improve on a two-win season. The Trojans should be a better conditioned team.

See capsule summaries, C2.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER PREVIEWS

Stevenson legacy tough to match

Eller returns for Spartans



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Heads-up player: Livonia Franklin's Ross Bohler, a senior defender, returns for the Patriots, who hope to improve on their 7-11-2 record.

Lars Richters knows all about high expectations.

He's played with them, had them and coached with them.

And when you coach boys soccer at Livonia Stevenson, you'd better have lofty goals. It goes with the territory.

Richters took over the tradition-rich Spartan program last season and coached it to a 17-2 record.

Was it good enough? Yes and no.

It was superlative enough to capture the toughest soccer league in the state, the Western Lakes Activities Association, but it didn't take Stevenson to the state finals.

Stevenson added the state district crown to their already crowded trophy case, where it pales next to the six boys state championship trophies.

Richters, a former Yale University standout and Detroit Rucker, played on a couple of those Stevenson state champs. The Spartans have also been runners-up three times since 1982.

But in Division regionals, Stevenson was ousted by nemesis Plymouth Canton, a team it defeated en route to the WLA title.

That's a memory that no doubt will serve as a motivator this year.

Richters will build around two-time All-Area selection Tom Eller, a forward.

"We've set some challenges for him," Richters said. "He has the ability to make the decision on how hard he wants to work and how good he wants to be."

"He's as dynamic a player as there is out there."

"Last year, in high school, he made

some of the most exciting opportunities for himself and for the team."

Eller, who had 18 goals and 15 assists, was the only junior on last season's All-Area first team. But a teammate, midfielder Mike White, was one of three juniors on the second team.

Stevenson will face strong challenges in the WLA from its chief competition over the years — Plymouth Salem and Canton.

Tradition plays a major part in the Livonia Churchill program, too. The Chargers are a threat to win the WLA division or overall crown nearly every year, also.

They no doubt will be so again with Reid Friedrichs taking over for Chad Campau. Friedrichs inherits a team coming off an 11-6-3 season.

The former Michigan State goalkeeper and All-Stater at Ann Arbor Pioneer has the credentials as a player and coach to keep Churchill's tradition current.

Livonia Franklin expects to be vastly improved under fifth-year coach Dave Hebestreit. Senior Ross Bohler and Ryan Kracht lead the way along with junior midfielder Mike Vega.

"For the first time since I've been here, we have 11 starters who play club soccer, which is promising for me," Hebestreit said. "I'm looking forward to this year because I feel we have technical skills at every position."

Lutheran Westland might be Division IV in soccer, but the Warriors aren't afraid to play anybody.

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CAPSULE OUTLOOK OF GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Dave Balog, seventh year.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Southfield Lathrup.
Last year's overall record: 10-11.
Notable losses to graduation: Stacey Supanich (playing at Albion); Kersten Conklin (playing soccer at Western Michigan); Lauren Ruprecht (playing basketball and volleyball at Schoolcraft).
Leading returnees: Meagan Sheehan, Sr. G. 5-7; Stacey Selleck, Sr. F. 5-7.
Promising newcomers: Dana Thomson, Jr. G. 5-4; Stephanie Doyle, Jr. G. 5-4; Marsi Phillips, Sr. F. 5-7; Katie Paulson, Jr. F. 5-6; Kristen Barry, Sr. F. 5-8; Danielle Bushey, Sr. F. 5-8; Rochelle Karneky, Jr. F. 5-6; Kate Hogan, Jr. C. 5-10; Deanna Deroo, Soph. G. 5-5; Meagan Savage, Soph. F. 5-5 (transferred from Ladywood).

Balog's 1999 outlook: "It's going to be real interesting. We don't have the height we've had in the past."

"We're not going to be able to play up tempo, which I could do last year because we had speed. We have to pick and choose when we can run."

"This is a good group of kids. The first few games are going to be key because we're going to need to find our chemistry."

"We had a good summer. Deroo, Sheehan, Selleck, Hogan look like the starters going in and the other position is up for grabs."

"We have seven or eight kids who will rotate in and out."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Gary Warner, fifth year.
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).

Season opener: 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30 vs. Redford Thurston at Redford Union Tournament.

Last year's overall record: 3-16.

Notable losses to graduation: Lindsay Duprey, Kelly Young, Angie D'Annunzio.
Leading returnees: Lisa Balco, Jr. F. 5-10; Elizabeth Cochran, Sr. F. 5-10; Kerstin Marshall, Jr. C. 6-2; Andrea McMillan, Soph. G. 5-7; Tera Morrill, Sr. F. 5-11 (second team All-Area).

Promising newcomers: Kathryn Borowski, Jr. F. 5-8; Cassandra Bentley, Jr. G. 5-8; Jennifer D'Annunzio, Soph. G. 5-7; Rita Malec, Jr. G. 5-7; Stephanie Polkowski, Jr. G. 5-1 (transfer from Dearborn Divine Child); Kelli Zawacki, Jr. F. 5-10.

Warner's '99 outlook: "We're a very athletic team this year. I think you're going to see a lot of running by our team."

"The Redford (Union) tournament (Aug. 30) should be a good opener for us."

"We're also playing Ladywood for the first time and we're looking forward to it. We're looking forward to a good year."

"We'll play hard and see what happens."
LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Amy Rozman, first year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Milford Lakeland.

Last year's overall record: 12-10.

Notable losses to graduation: Stephanie Dutz, Jen Peltier, Becky Smith.
Leading returnees: Cassie Ehlerdt, Sr. G/F. 5-10; Cheryl Fox, Sr. G. 5-6; Lindsay Gusick, Jr. G. 5-6 (fourth team All-Area); Katie King, Sr. G/F. 5-10; Kate LeBlanc, Sr. F. 5-11; Melanie Leaga, Sr. G. 5-5; Abbey Schrader, Jr. G. 5-7; Mary King, Jr. G/F. 5-8.

Promising newcomers: Katie Beaudoin, Jr. G. 5-6; Lindsay Rayburn, Jr. G. 5-7; Kelly Hutchins, Jr. G. 5-7; Kelly Zielinski, Jr. F. 5-8; Christina Lewis, Jr. F. 5-9; Katie Drews, Jr. F. 6-0.

Rozman's 1999 outlook: "We have a really deep bench this year, so I'm expecting contributions from the bench."

"I'm happy with the way things are going right now. I hope we'll win our share of ballgames. I'm not going to make any predictions right now."

"In terms of the starting five, all of them have experience at the varsity level, and that's going to be a plus."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Joel Lloyd, third year.
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at Belleville.

Last year's overall record: 10-11.

Notable losses to graduation: Bridget Hensley, Kristi Mendenhall, Rola Amad.
Leading returnees: Samantha Crews, Sr. F. 5-11 (fourth team All-Area); LaToya Chandler, Sr. F. 5-10; Nicole Panyard, Sr. F. 5-10; Lacey Catarino, Jr. G. 5-7; Sarah Pack, Jr. G. 5-7; Stephanie Crews, Soph. PG. 5-10.

Promising newcomers: Meredith Gorecki, Soph. F. 5-7; Lindsay Beard, Jr. F. 5-8; Abby Massey, Jr. G. 5-8; Michelle Estrada, Jr. F. 5-7.

Lloyd's 1999 outlook: I think we're better this year, just because of our experience. (Samantha) Crews and Chandler have played since they were freshmen. Pack, Catarino and (Stephanie) Crews all saw varsity action as freshmen.

"This team is extremely athletic. They bring a lot of non-hoop skills to the table that help the team."

"Some of the girls coming up got a good look. They see what it takes to play varsity ball."

"Our bread and butter is a man-to-man defense. But I've learned to mix things up when it's called for."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Andrea Gorski, fourth year.

League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

Season opener: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Flint Powers Catholic.

Title won last year: Class A district champions.

Last year's overall record: 13-11 (district championship).

Notable losses to graduation: Erin Hayden (second team All-Area); Elena Sventickas, Carly Queen.
Leading returnees: Michelle Harakas, Jr. F. 6-0 (third team All-Area); Melissa Harakas, Jr. G. 5-8; Liz Obrecht, Soph. C. 6-1; Kristen Barnes, Sr. G. 5-7; Kristen Douglas, Sr. F. 5-9; Liz Oliver, Sr. F. 5-8; Allison Raub, Sr. C. 6-0; Brianna Watson, Sr. G. 5-7.

Promising newcomers: Jen Hunley, Jr. F. 5-9; Kathy Day, Jr. F. 5-9; Nicole Watts, Fr. G/F. 5-9; Ruth Sventickas, Fr. F. 5-11; Jana Beumel, Soph. G. 5-8.

Gorski's 1999 outlook: "We're losing our point guard, so right now we're trying to find somebody to replace her. Right now, that's our biggest question mark."

"If we find someone to do that, we'll be able to use our height advantage. We have three players who are 6-foot or taller, so we have to find a way to use that as much as possible."

"We lost to Martin Luther King in the regional finals last year. And we lost in the semifinals of the Catholic League playoffs."

"Our goal this year is to win the Catholic League playoffs."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Wayne Woodard, first year.

League affiliation: Mega Conference (Red Division).

Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at Romulus.

Last year's overall record: 7-15.

Notable losses to graduation: LaTonya Crawford (second team All-Area, playing for Wayne State); Elizabeth Kleitch, Beth Molitor.

Leading returnees: Crystal Harris, Sr. G. 5-5; Christina Gaines, Sr. F. 5-6; Sarah Moore, Sr. F. 5-6; Rachel Romba, Sr. F. 5-2.

Promising newcomers: Amy Palling, Jr. G. 5-5; Sheila Honeycutt, Jr. G. 5-4; Erin Davis, Jr. F. 5-3; Heather O'Rourke, Soph. G. 5-5; Amber Henn, Soph. C. 5-8; Rachel Fyfe, Soph. F. 5-6.

Woodard's 1999 outlook: "They're a great bunch of girls and they're very coachable. That's all I can ask of them."

"We play Trenton's Dearborn Fordson, Wyandotte and Belleville."

"And we have a (Mega Red) league tournament this year for the first year. So we're shooting to get into one of the top four spots in the league to get into the tournament."

"I know a lot of the girls from the classroom, and they're super kids. They'll give it everything they have."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Jamie Clark, second year.

League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30 vs. Canton Agape Christian at Plymouth Christian Eagle Kickoff Classic.

Last year's overall record: 2-19.

Notable losses to graduation: Dangle Sledz, Kristina Skrela.

Leading returnees: Felicia Hernandez, Jr. F. 5-4; Jennifer Kennedy, Jr. F. 5-2; Jessica Kennedy, Jr. F. 5-2; Rachael Koerke, Sr. G. 5-5; Marjeta Kreckelzaj, Jr. C. 5-7; Lora Baeske, Soph. G. 5-6; Beth Marlow, Soph. G. 5-1; Mandi Courtney, Soph. F. 5-6.

Promising newcomers: Heather Baur, Fr. G. 5-0.

Clark's 1999 outlook: "I think we have a better concept of the game. Our goal is to have all the necessary skill to win. We have some, but not all."

"Things are a lot different this year. We've conditioned for two months and everybody showed up. We're more prepared. They've been lifting weights."

"We'll use our quickness. We have to learn to box out. Size isn't everything as long as we're aggressive. We have some good shooters."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND
Head coach: Ron Gentz, eighth year.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.

Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Royal Oak Shrine Tournament.

Last year's overall record: 17-4.

Notable losses to graduation: Anna Schwesche (first team All-Metro Conference); Bekah Hoffmeier, Sharon Greer, Kari Charles.

Leading returnees: Sarah Marody, Sr. C. 5-10; Anna Roll, Sr. F. 5-8; Liz Unger, Sr. G. 5-5; Krissy Rose, Jr. G. 5-4; Karen Abramczyk, Soph. G. 5-5; Cris Hilden, Soph. PG. 5-7.

Promising newcomers: Katie Walker, Jr. F. 5-8 (transfer from Tennessee); Ruth Hausch, Soph. G. 5-5 (transfer from Minnesota); Emily Reinke, Jr. G. 5-6; Kelly Pruchnik, Jr. F. 5-9; Heather Rose, Soph. G. 5-6; Bethany Slioff, Soph. F. 5-7.

Gentz's 1999 outlook: "Obviously it's going to be hard to replace the two big girls (Schwesche and Hoffmeier)."

"We hope we're as competitive as we were last year. But I'm not going to cry on anybody's shoulders. This is a very nice squad. If we're not in the top 2 in our conference, I would be disappointed."

"Last year we played the right people at the right time. They had key people injured or out when we played them."

"I feel there are going to be 4-5 teams in the upper end of our conference. We're going to be very competitive with one another."

"I'm excited. That's a good way to be."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Kris Springstroh, first year.

League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Association.

Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, vs. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Last year's overall record: 4-16.

Notable losses to graduation: None.

Leading returnees: Jessie Cherundolo, Sr. F/C. 5-8; Kelly Kovac, Sr. G. 5-5; Jessica Whittaker, Sr. F. 5-7; Stacie Graves, Sr. F/C. 5-7; Mandy Cherundolo, Jr. G. 5-1; Rachel Zahn, Jr. G/F. 5-7; Samantha Pelligrino, Jr. G/F. 5-4; Cassie Zell, Jr. G. 5-2; Jennifer Kleinke, Soph. G/F. 5-4; Sarah Brisbey, Soph. F. 5-6.

Promising newcomers: Lauren Menan, Fr. G/F. 5-6; Deanna Schuman, Fr. G. 5-0; Amber Onckza, Fr. G. 5-2; Audrey Metzger, Fr. F. 5-0; Lisa Nodi, Fr. G. 5-3.

Springstroh's '99 outlook: "We'll be very competitive. We should finish high in our conference."

"We're going to strive to be very intense for the entire game."

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It's summer, so it must be football season

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Wait a minute. Don't tell me it's football season already, a week before Labor Day weekend? In case you're counting, the expanded playoffs now make it a 14-week season, so if you're Redford Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Harrison, the two-time defending state champions in their respective Classes (AA and A), you make plans for five rounds of playoffs instead of four.

Say what? Now all the six-win teams get into the big dance, or is it a mad scramble? I say play an eight-game regular season and let everybody in for one last shot. Good thing the weather has been cooperating so far with the reduced training camp schedule. But what if temperatures soar back into the 90s? You could see a lot of yellow hankies flying Friday night with teams only given three weeks to prepare. But one thing remains con-

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stant, the prediction race will not change. Yours truly finished strong last year, correctly picking 27 of the final 28 games to beat the downtrodden Irishman, better known as Dan O'Meara (no relation to the golfer Mark; that's for sure). The final totals for 1998 if you hadn't forgotten — Emons, 103-27; O'Meara, 100-30. What's in store for Week No. 1 of 1999? Let's give it a go and roll the dice (not at the new MGM, please).

FRIDAY'S GAMES

(all start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

E. Catholic (2-7) at Bishop Borgess (5-4), 4 p.m.: Football returns to Appleton Street (in the shadows of Detroit Diesel) as the speedy Spartans look to improve on last year's mark. Borgess drilled Detroit East Catholic 40-12 a year ago. **PICKS:** Borgess wins the opener.
Liv. Churchill (2-7) vs. Redford Union (9-1), 7 p.m. at Kraft Field: The Panthers were bigger, faster and stronger than nine of their 10 opponents a year ago, reaching the playoffs for the first time ever. Several key players were lost, but senior Mike Macek (6-1, 214), who rushed for 1,389 yards, and new quarterback Dave Brown could give Churchill more headaches. The Chargers will put 31 seniors on the field, led by lineman Mike Gaura (6-3, 326) and QB John Bennett. **PICKS:** Macek gives RU the edge.
Lincoln Park (4-5) at Liv. Franklin (1-8), 7 p.m.: The Railsplitters downed the Patriots 19-0 in last year's opener, but this could be a more even matchup. Franklin quarterback Joe Ruggiero can put zip on the ball, the key question is whether he'll get enough protection. **PICKS:** Lincoln Park squeezes out a win.
Det. Cooley (4-5) at Westland Glenn (8-2), 7 p.m.: Cooley coach Tom Moss is

touting running back Joseph Temple (700 yards) and quarterback-defensive back Leslie Davis. Playoff-tested Glenn returns a strong nucleus despite the loss of all-time leading rusher Reggie Spearmon with the likes of new tailback Eric Jones, along with Ben Harris, Jake Tharp and Dave Lewandowski. Glenn beat the Cardinals a year ago, 24-6. **PICKS:** Glenn roars out of the gate.

Wayne (4-5) at Romulus (10-1), 7 p.m.: The Zebras started out hot in 1998, winning four of their first five before dropping their final four. It will be a young Wayne team for sure. So it's good that Romulus, a Class A regional finalist a year ago, graduated All-State running back Freddie Russell. **PICKS:** Romulus grounds the Zebras.

D.H. Crestwood (0-9) at Garden City (2-7), 7 p.m.: The Cougars clobbered winless Crestwood in last year's season opener, 38-8. This year's Cougar squad will rely heavily on quarterback Rob Hudson, who will give GC a more diversified attack. The primary runner is tailback Josh Fee. **PICKS:** The Cougars start out 1999 feeling good.

Red. Thurston (5-4) at Willow Run (2-7), 7 p.m.: The Eagles do not have Scott Genord (Indiana) to carry the load and they don't have a home field this season either. The Class B Flyers have only 18 players, but they have a good one in tailback Josh Allison (6-1, 185). The Eagles counter with fullback/inside linebacker Brian Reid. **PICKS:** Flip a coin; it's Thurston again.

Dearborn (9-2) at Liv. Stevenson (5-4): Stevenson took the opening drive and marched down the field and scored, only to lose 19-7. There's no more C.J. Kreger and Colin Wilkinson to contend with, so the Spartans, returning a slew of talented skill players, should be on a more level playing field this time around. Dearborn's top returnee is lineman Scott Golem. **PICKS:** Stevenson looks very formidable.

Ply. Canton (3-6) at Ypsilanti (6-3): Ypsi, coached by Dan Brown, moves up to the Mega-Red this season after being in the Mega-White. Canton, which severed its ties with perennial playoff foe Monroe in the season opener, is coming off a 26-25 win in the 1998 season finale over

rival Plymouth-Salem. Can the momentum continue for second-year coach Tim Baechler? **PICKS:** Canton has the edge.

Pt. Huron Northern (5-4) at Ply. Salem (4-5): No more Belleville on the season card for Rocks coach Tom Moshimer, who was a big proponent of the newly expanded playoff system. Port Huron Northern won its last five games of 1998 after losing its first four. Defensive end Duke Campbell came to dominate. Northern's offense appears ready to catch up with the defense. **PICKS:** Despite heavy construction zones, the trip is well worth it for Northern.

Novi (5-4) at Farmington (6-3): New lights, high expectations and a quality opponent are staring in the face of the host Falcons, who are expected to challenge for the Lakes Division title in the WLLA. Novi won't be a pushover. The Wildcats have a talented split end in 6-2, 195-pound Pat Muston, who averaged 21 yards per catch, along with quarterback Mitch Maier. Novi won last year's matchup, 38-7, but had to give back the win after using an ineligible player. **PICKS:** Farmington doesn't disappoint the home fans.

Roseville (1-8) at N. Farmington (1-8): The Raiders will also go under the home lights for the first time. Their only victory was a forfeit win over Orchard Lake St. Mary's (actually a 42-0 loss at the Pontiac Silverdome). Roseville is led by 6-1, 175-pound quarterback/free safety Kevin McClelland, along with linebackers Eric Fox and Steve Gatto. They will also install a new 4-3 defense against the Raiders, who will use a variation of the Wing-T. **PICKS:** Roseville is slightly better.

Oxford (9-3) at F.H. Harrison (13-0): The Hawks were the superior team last year, beating Oxford twice — 48-0 in the season opener and 48-7 in the state semifinals. Oxford is led by one of the top linemen in the state, 6-4, 261-pound two-way tackle Eric Ghiaciuc, who is high on the lists of Michigan and Michigan State. He was also a runner-up in the Division II state wrestling tournament as a heavyweight. Brian Nelson is the only returning starter for the Hawks, but watch out for speedy running back Kevin Woods who gained half of his 907 yards in the state

playoffs. **PICKS:** Harrison still has Oxford's number.

Harper Woods (8-2) at Clareenceville (7-3): This is a big game in the Metro Conference. Both made the playoffs a year ago. Harper Woods has gone four straight times, but lost to Unionville-Sebewaing in the first round last year, 50-0, in Class C. Clareenceville will miss all-time leading rusher Walter Ragland, but new coach Greg Hudkins has a pair of gems in Scott Wion and Tim Shaw. Harper Woods beat Clareenceville in last year's matchup, 35-6. **PICKS:** Harper Woods establishes itself.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

Wyan. Mt. Carmel (3-6) at Luth. Westland (0-9): Mount Carmel did not fare well in the Catholic League's D-Section, while Lutheran Westland went winless in 1998. Coach Gary Kamin has a thin roster, but returnees Josh Moldenhauer, Charlie Hoelt and Andy Moldenhauer give the Warriors some offensive punch. **PICKS:** Mount Carmel spoils the Warriors' opener.

St. Agatha (7-3) vs. Carsonville-Port Sanilac (0-7): The Aggies reached the playoffs a year ago only to lose to Peck, 28-14. Dan Boulter, a 6-3, 180-pound sophomore, will be the key whether he's at quarterback or running back. Port Sanilac, trying to revamp its program, scored only three touchdowns all of 1998. **PICKS:** The Aggies are off and running.

Redford CC (12-0) vs. A.A. Pioneer (6-3), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: No more Rogowski, Lusky, Brzezinski, so what's a coach like Tom Mach to do? Don't worry, the Shamrocks have 69 varsity players and some veterans to build another strong nucleus around including Mike Morris, John Kava, Matt Loidas, Steve Dominguez and Jeremiah Hicks, Pioneer, which returns 15 starters, won its last six games of 1998 and should be a playoff contender. Running back Steve Shipman (6-1, 195) could be one of Washtenaw County's best. **PICKS:** CC shows the Lions how to perform at the Silverdome.

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LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Reid Freidrichs, first season.
Last year's overall record: 11-6-3.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday at home vs. Novi.
Notable losses to graduation: George Kithas (first-team All-Area forward); Mark Sicilia (first-team All-Area midfielder); Ken Kozlow, Steve Kleczynski, Mike Kovunen, Scott Smith and Rob Sharp.
Leading returnees: Tim Kaminski, Sr. C. MF; Shaun Murray, Sr. F; Paul Karolak, Sr. F. MF; Eric Scott, Jr. Def. MF; Aaron Vik, Sr. F. Brian Druchniak, Sr. GK; Alan DeLoye, Sr. Def; Lonik Abduljalil, Jr. MF; Dave Campbell, Sr. MF.
Promising newcomers: Brian Emrick, Fr. Def.; Ricky Strain, Sr. Def.; Justin Parzuchowski, Sr. Def.; Jamie Shooks, Jr. MF.
Freidrichs' '99 outlook: "At the start of the season, one of the hardest schedules I've seen. Start to play as a team. We're going to try to keep it simple. Schedule help benefit us in the long haul. Play as hard as we possibly can and play it simple."
 "We lost 40 goals that we don't have from last year. We plenty of people who can put the ball in the net. Depends who wants to step up."
 "We have two goalkeepers. Senior Brian Druchniak is the starter. He looks good and is working extremely hard. Dan Jetke, a sophomore, is a backup right now. He will push Brian."

"This season going to be a learning experience. I'm a first-year coach. A new program. My main concern is to get better throughout the year. Get 11 players out there to work as hard as they can, and get subs to give them a boost."
LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Dave Hebestreit, fifth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-11-2.
League affiliation: WLAA (Western Division).
Season opener: 2 p.m. Friday vs. Birmingham Seaholm in Beverly Hills-Detroit County Day Invitational.
Notable losses to graduation: Bill Fischer (first-team All-Area defender); Fernando Cazares, Dave Moldovan, Cory Harris, Cliff Bracey.
Leading returnees: Ross Bohler, Sr. MF (All-Western Division); Ryan Kracht, Sr. Def.; Bryan Nakonezny, Jr. MF; Mike Vega, Jr. MF; Ken Douglass, Jr. Def.; Jeremy Bruckner, Jr. GK; Dan Cochran, Jr. GK; John Nettles, Soph. Def.; Andy Siefert, Soph. MF.
Promising newcomers: Mark Ashman, Jr. F; Brad Guzman, Jr. F; Jake Horgan, Soph. F; Matt Austin, Soph. F; Jeremy Horgan, Fr. MF; Dan Gill, Fr. Def.; Chris Klott, Soph. Def.
Hebestreit's '99 outlook: "I'm looking forward to the season. We may lack some goal scoring, but we have a great set of midfielders in Vega, Bohler, Siefert and Horgan. Kracht could move up and play a defensive midfield."
 "Our goal is to play a 3-5-2 and beat the other teams in the midfield. We'll play ball control at midfield and build out of the back. There won't be any kickball."
 "Vega and Kracht are our captains."

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Lars Richters, second season.
Last year's overall record: 17-2.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 11:30 p.m. Saturday at Troy.
Titles won last year: Western Lakes

champions, Division I district champions.
Notable losses to graduation: Sergio Mainella (first-team All-Area midfielder); Joe Suchara (first-team All-Area goalkeeper); Jon Mathis (second-team All-Area defender); Adam Coulter, Tony Maldonado, Jeremy Hornik.
Leading returnees: Tom Eller, Sr. F (first-team All-Area); Jeff Budd, Sr. Def.; Mike White, Sr. MF (second-team All-Area); Tom Musso Mainella, Sr. MF; Joe Zawacki, Sr. GK; Nick Ziobron, Sr. F; Nick Soper, Sr. MF (broke leg in WLAA championship game).
Promising newcomers: Matt Koontz, Jr. Def.; Ryan Druet, Soph. F; T.J. Djokic, Soph. MF.
Richters' '99 outlook: "Zawacki wouldn't trade him for anybody. He's the Midwest Olympic Development Player for the '82 year. Last year he just got caught playing behind another good goalie in Suchara."
 "Mainella is underrated. Season I'm very excited about. I think we have a good team on paper, but as you know in high school soccer that doesn't mean anything. We have a good senior class and I hope they can show good leadership and determination to have a good year."
 "Last year you don't remember the wins and that we were ranked No. 1, but Canton (regional) game (2-1 loss), foremost in minds. We have to stay humble and go about our business."
 "Eller is starting his fourth year on the varsity. Budd has been starter since end of his freshman year."
 "Anytime you have a new season, you need new people jump to next level. We have to be unselfish and stay focused on what we're going to do."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jerry Poniatowski, fifth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-8-3.
League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division).
Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Friday vs. Redford Thurston at Bell Creek Park.
Notable losses to graduation: John Sterling (second-team All-Area forward); Justin Ballard, Kevin Derwich.
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Promising newcomers: Casey Dahn, Fr. Def.
Poniatowski's '99 outlook: "We'll play a couple of goalkeepers Friday to see how we look. Bork will play somewhere. He's really fast and good with the shot, but he also has great hands."
 "Shelby was our number two goal scorer, so I think he'll do job for us. He's stronger and faster."
 "My biggest concern is getting people in right positions. We're moving people around a little bit. People won't be locked into positions this year. Maybe we'll be better on counter attack."
 "We don't have a lot of depth, so we have to keep down injuries. Last year we had 14 guys who had injuries."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Larry Brenner, fifth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-7-2.
League affiliation: Mega Conference (Blue Division).
Season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30 at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.
Notable losses to graduation: Ken Raupp, Austin Rowland, Justin Beseler, Rob Kantner, Matt Arnett.
Leading returnees: Justin Smoes, Sr. Def.; Scott Teasdale, Sr. Def.; Justin Tucker, Sr. F; Joe Dodds, Sr. F.
Promising newcomers: Share Nowak, Sr. MF; Andy Timmer, Sr. F; Paul Goyt, Jr. Def.; Brian Pacitto, Jr. Def.; Kyle Tennant, Jr. Def.; Matt Fochler, Soph. MF; Carlos Morantes, Soph. F; Nick Smith, Soph. GK; Paul Gandano, Fr. MF.
Brenner's '99 outlook: "Think we graduated some talented guys. The three main returnees are strong kids and good leaders -- Smoes, Teasdale and Tucker."
 "I think we can put out a good starting 11, we just have to work together as a team. Nowak has never played at all, but he's a good athlete. He decided he wanted to play soccer after playing a little indoor. He's full of energy and doesn't run out of

gas."
 "The backbone, Smoes and Teasdale, both returnees to keep things going."
 "The big thing about the district is working together. Gandano and Nowak will fit right in."
 "I think we should be competitive in our division. Southgate and Ypsilanti will be the biggest challenges."
LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Head coach: Randy McCoy, third season.
Last year's overall record: 1-14.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 at Harcor Woods Lutheran East.
Notable losses to graduation: Brian Parkow, Steve Shaw, Eric Stuzenbana.
Leading returnees: Trevor Tipton, Jr. GK. MF; Rick Bruck, Sr. Def.; Mike Dahn, Sr. Def.; Quincey Galt, Sr. MF; Eric Hutton, Jr. F. MF.
Promising newcomers: Aung Mying *Soph. MF (transfer from Lansing); John Smoren, Soph. F. MF; James Lim, Soph. Def.
McCoy's '99 outlook: "Amy Fortin, who played four years at Appleton, will be my class's first coach."
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LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND
Head coach: Rich Block, ninth season.
Last year's overall record: 13-4-2.
Titles won last year: Division IV district champions.
League affiliation: Metro Conference.
Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31 at home vs. Southfield Christian.
Losses to graduation: Mike Randall, first-team Division IV All-State; Ryan Gieger, C. MF; running back at Michigan State; Clint Gowen, C. MF; Adam Vogt, MF; Brian Rose, D.
Leading returnees: Andrew Giesman, Sr.

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GK (first-team All-State, Division IV); Jason Davis, Sr. S; Ryan Noel, Sr. MB; Brian Weehive, Jr. Stopper; Ernie Sackler, Jr. MF; John DeVries, Soph. MF; Justin Combs, Soph. MF; Brad Nollar, Jr. MF; Derek Bias, Jr. F; Jeff Broge, Soph. F.
Promising newcomer: Steve Richert, Jr. FB.
Block's '99 outlook: "Last year was a breakthrough season for us in a way, because we ended up second in our conference."
 "Our only two losses were to Lutheran North, 1-0 both times. We would like to continue to do well in our conference."
 "A key for us will be regrouping after losing five seniors. We believe we have the talent to be just as competitive as we were last year."
 "We're going to need some games. We have some people at new positions than they have played in the past. So we need some time together."
 "One thing we would like to improve is the ability to control time and space a little bit. If we can do that, we should be able to build on what we did last year."
 "We open with Southfield Christian, to whom we lost, 1-0, a year ago."

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN
Head coach: Jay Kempf, first season.
Last year's overall record: No team last season.
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Association.
Season opener: 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Southgate Aquinas.
Leading returnees: Jeremy Musby, Alan Kleinke, Rene Arnal, Gretchen Grosinske, Sean Staley.
Kempf's '99 outlook: "We have five seniors, a junior and one sophomore. We've got some real good senior leadership, so I think they're going to bring the (six) freshmen along quite well."
 "Last year we just didn't have enough people to have a team. And we didn't have anyone to coach. But our freshman class has gone from 10 to 27, so we have a larger student body."
 "We're able to do it again. Two years ago

we had a team, so our seniors are the only ones who have any high school experience."
 "We're getting in shape right now. We're learning as we go. It's an entirely new experience for me, too. I've coached grade school basketball, but that's about it."
 "I can't tell you what to expect. I have no idea."
 "But I'm real happy with the way the team is working together. It's a good atmosphere; there's a good worth ethic. They seem to be able to communicate well. That should serve us well."
REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Head coach: Dana Orsucci, fourth season.
Last year's overall record: 7-9-1.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).
Season opener: 1 p.m. Saturday at Riverview Gabriel Richard.
Notable losses to graduation: Kevin Grift (first-team All-Area midfielder); Gavin Walsby and Andrew Kogut.
Leading returnees: Pat Griffin, Sr. MF (second-team All-Area); Eric Sullivan, Jr. GK; Ken Toporek, Sr. F; Sean Lanigan, Sr. MF; Chris Podolaki, Sr. MF; Nick Shaw, Sr. Def.; Jason Waterstradt, Sr. Def.
Promising newcomers: Ryan Koet, Soph. GK; Pat Hayes, Jr. Def.; Brian Hagan, Jr. Def.; Chris Azinger, Jr. F.
Orsucci's '99 outlook: "We're just looking to bounce back from pretty mediocre season we had last year 7-9-1 record last year."
 "A lot of seniors and juniors on team approach it with very business like attitude. So far we're working hard and the attitude is good."
 "We learned a lot from last year, hopefully correct mistakes this year. We finished behind Birmingham, Brother Rice and Warren DeLaSalle."
 "DeLaSalle every year is in the top five, while Rice fights with top 10 every year. They lost in division II state title game."
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Soccer from C1

Coach Rich Block's team has gone to the regionals two years in a row and he feels it has the talent to get there again.
 It could be tougher this year, though, because Block found out through the Internet that his team has been placed in the same district as Ann Arbor powerhouse Greenhills.
 Also in the same district are Southfield Christian, the season opener which handed Lutheran Westland one of its four losses last year in the season-starter, and Plymouth Christian. It took the Warriors overtime to subdue the Eagles last year.
 That district will be held on Southfield Christian's home turf, as will the regional.
 Westland John Glenn has made steady improvement under the guidance of Jerry Poniatowski, now in his fifth year. The Rockets were 7-8-3 last year and hope to move up another notch this year.
 Larry Brenner is in the same situation at Wayne Memorial. He's looking for a chance to get above break-even.
 Livonia Clarenceville is in the third season of Coach Randy McCoy's team, which should improve on a one-win season. His team lost a couple of key players but has enough coming back to overcome that.
 Redford Catholic Central finished 7-9-1 last year and would like to improve on that. The Shamrocks are led by senior Pat Griffin.
 Jay Kempf is taking over as coach of the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran team. The Hawks dropped soccer as a varsity sport last year but are reviving it this season.



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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

ARCHERY WORKSHOP
T.N.U.S.A. members will assist hunters in preparing equipment for the upcoming archery season from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Livonia Archery Range.

LIVONIA RANGE
The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear season opens Sept. 10.
GOOSE
A special early Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula and Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula.

CLASSES/SEMINARS

HUNTER EDUCATION
Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering three hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus.

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION
Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering a hunter education class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Sheldon Senior Citizen Center.

CLIMBING CLASS
An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville.

CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center.

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year.

SUMMER EVENING STROLL

Explore the park's natural and cultural history through a variety of weekly hikes and interpretive presentations during this class, which will be held at 7 p.m. each Thursday through the end of August at Maybury.

SCARECROW WORKSHOP
A short presentation on scarecrow lore followed by a chance to construct some scarecrows for display at the farm, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs.

1999 PERMITS
The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices.

Schoolcraft boasts solid lineup

BY C.J. RISAK
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Seven players return for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team, giving the Lady Ocelots a foundation to build upon.

And coach Bill Tolstedt has been busy filling any cracks that might appear in his current structure.

Early returns seem to indicate he's done his job well. SC finished 13-4-1 last season, ranked 12th in the NJCAA.

Gone from that team are most of the goal-scorers: Annie Hagenah, Julie Majewski from Plymouth Canton, Lisa Tolstedt and Dawn Koontz (Plymouth Canton), to name a few.

That shortage of proven scorers, and a lack of depth in goal, were immediate concerns for the SC coach — at least when he started his recruiting. They aren't any longer.

"I no longer have a concern at that position," Tolstedt said when asked about his keepers.

The reason: Joining returnee Shannon Brooks (Ann Arbor Huron) are Kerrie LaPorte, a Livonia Churchill graduate, and Wendy Jacobs (South Lyon).

That depth is bolstered by what Tolstedt called "a veteran returning defensive unit."

Back from last season's squad are marking backs Alyson Bottke and Nikki Vradenburg, both from Walled Lake Western, and Tracy McIntyre (Woodhaven), who started at stopper last year but will move to sweeper this season.

Emily Alford (Clarenceville/Redford Blue

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Stars) is expected to replace McIntyre at stopper. Regina Bander (Farmington Hills Harrison), returnee Shannon Konarski (Milford) and Mary Moore (Taylor Truman) provide solid depth on defense.

Indeed, Konarski's and Bander's true value is their versatility. They can fill in just about anywhere on the field.

The other positions don't have as many experienced players, but they lack nothing in talent.

"We have young players at midfield and forward," Tolstedt said. "If they mature quickly enough... They need some time together in order to make this work."

The only returning starter at midfield is Meghan Jannuzzi (Royal Oak Shrine). She'll be joined there by Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton), Sandy Burdziak (Dearborn Divine Child), Sarah Gregory (Divine Child/Plymouth) and Karina Lundquist (Ferndale).

"We're three weeks ahead of where we were last year," said Tolstedt. "If we can get our team chemistry to come around like last year, we'll be very strong."

He added that he was "expecting Jannuzzi and Connell to really pick us up at (the midfield) position."

The forward line features even less experience, but Tolstedt isn't too concerned — not with players like Kristina Seniuch (Plymouth Salem), Kestnee Marina Vazquez (Farmington) and Danielle Shaffer (Linden).

Together with Bander, Konarski, Jannuzzi and Alford, whom Tolstedt plans to rotate in at forward, there are plenty of possibilities.

Still, as Tolstedt acknowledged, "We outscored opponents three-to-one last year. I'm not expecting that kind of output this season, but this group can definitely score goals. I'm really kind of excited about it."

The Ocelots' goal remains unchanged: Making a run in the NJCAA Tournament. The district format has changed somewhat, which could benefit SC.

Last year the Ocelots were in a district in St. Louis with three other nationally-ranked teams. Only one could qualify for the NJCAA Tournament, and it wasn't SC.

The lineup for this season's district won't be as imposing.

Teams from Iowa, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, northern Illinois and Ohio will compete in it.

"We're really pointing toward winning the districts," said Tolstedt. "Even if we do have difficulties early in the season, I won't be so concerned."

The early-season concerns include home dates against the University of Michigan (Sept. 14), the University of Toledo (Sept. 18) and College of DuPage (Sept. 25), followed by a trip to St. Louis to play Florissant Valley CC (Oct. 2) and Lewis and Clark CC (Oct. 3).

"Those are terribly good teams," said Tolstedt. "We need to show our wares."

The NJCAA Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 18-21 in Baltimore.



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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Peter, Paul & Mary perform 8 p.m. at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$32.50 pavilion, \$12.50 lawn, call (248) 645-6666.

SATURDAY



Jack-in-the-Box Productions presents Neil Simon's "The Women," 8 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road. Tickets \$10 adults, \$7 senior citizens and students with ID. Call (734) 797-JACK.

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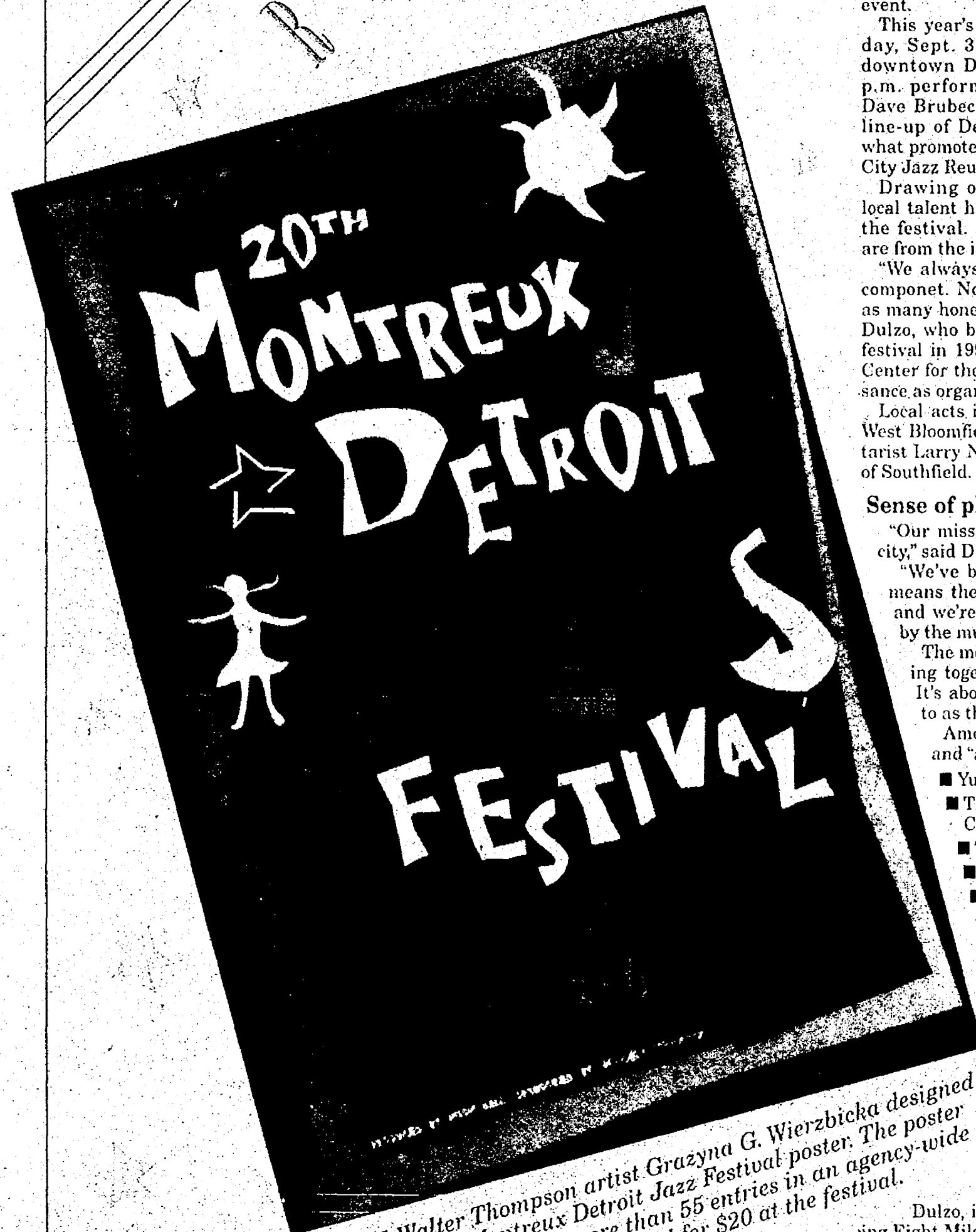
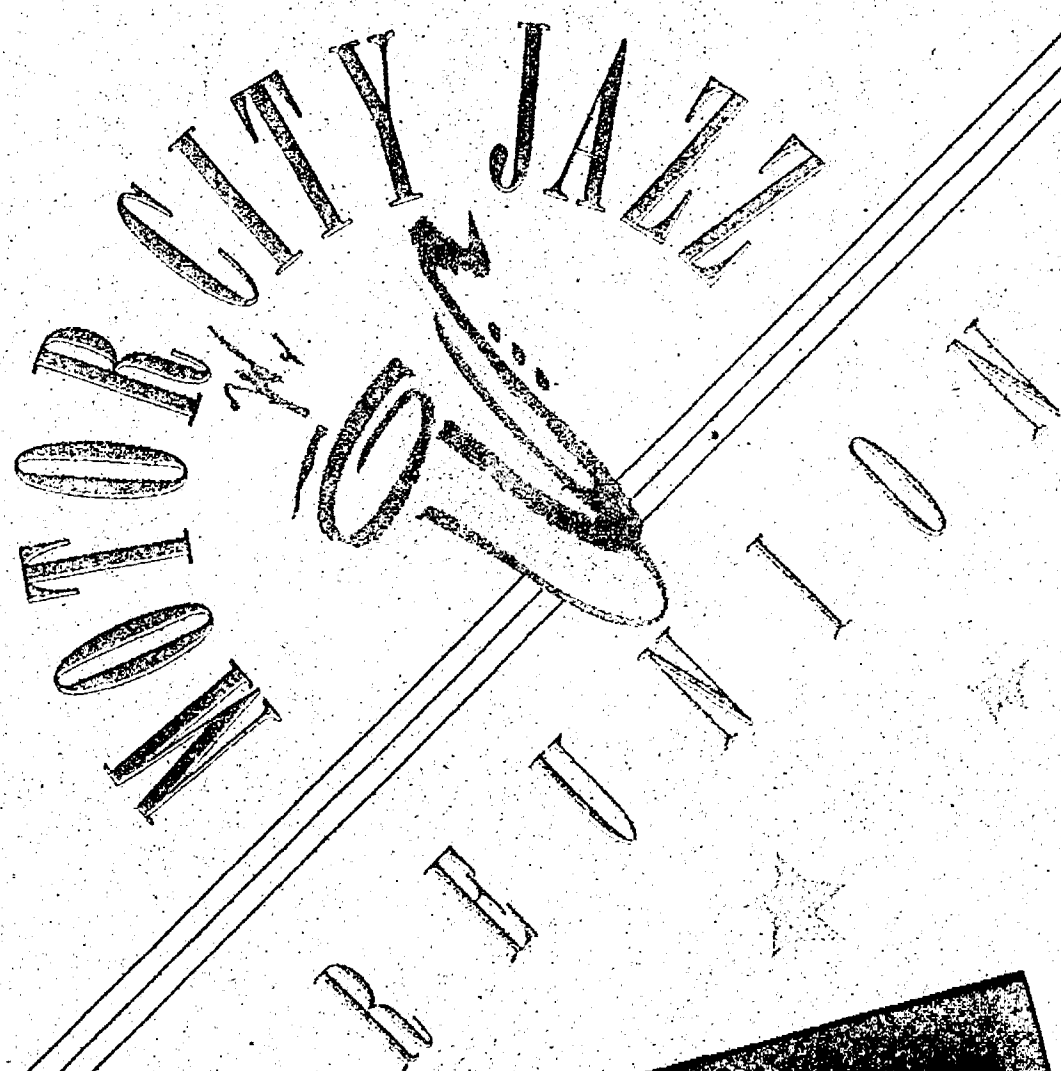


Swashbucklers invade Hollygrove in a "High Seas Adventure," 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, during the 20th Annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly Township. Tickets \$13.95, adults, \$11.75 seniors age 60 and older, \$5.95 children (5-12), children age 4 and younger, free. Advance tickets \$12.50 adult, \$5 children (5-12). For information, call (800) 601-4848, or (248) 634-5552.

HOT TICKET



Hot Tix: Little Eva brings her "loco-motion" to the St. Mary's Preparatory campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads in Orchard Lake for a "Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 26-29. Festival opens 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, noon Saturday-Sunday. Little Eva and Dickey Lee begin performing 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (248) 683-0530.



Poster: J. Walter Thompson artist Grazyna G. Wierzbicka designed this year's Ford Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival poster. The poster design was selected from more than 55 entries in an agency-wide competition. The poster will be sold for \$20 at the festival.

Montreux celebrates two decades of musical diversity

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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At the inaugural Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival in 1979 — a transitory time from disco to punk and new wave — the concern among organizers wasn't just whether there was wide-spread appeal for jazz, but if people would cross Eight Mile Road, and find their way to the Detroit riverfront.

The millions who have attended Montreux over the years and listened to legendary jazz artists such as Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie among others probably realized that boundaries are self-imposed.

Now in its 20th year, Montreux has contributed to rehabilitating the image of downtown Detroit as much as any other annual cultural event.

This year's festival, Friday-Monday, Sept. 3-6 at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit features an 8 p.m. performance on Sept. 6 by Dave Brubeck, and an impressive line-up of Detroit jazz alumni in what promoters are calling a "Motor City Jazz Reunion."

Drawing on international and local talent has been a hallmark of the festival. More than 40 groups are from the immediate area.

"We always have a strong, local component. No other festival books as many home-grown acts," said Jim Dulzo, who became director of the festival in 1994 when Musical Hall Center for the Performing Arts took over from Detroit Renaissance as organizer of Montreux.

Local acts include the fusion music of Original Moon from West Bloomfield, singer Sheila Landis of Rochester Hills, guitarist Larry Nozero of Novi, and Ed Nuccilli and his Big Band of Southfield.

Sense of place

"Our mission was to create a great cultural event for the city," said Dulzo.

"We've been around for a generation," he said. "That means there are now people who are bringing their kids, and we're increasing the number of people being reached by the music and the message."

The message, according to Dulzo, is not only about coming together across racial, ethnic and class boundaries. It's about celebrating the uniqueness of what he refers to as the "Detroit attitude."

Among the notable performers with Detroit roots and "attitude" are:

- Yusef Lateef & Eternal Wind
- The Elvin Jones (who played drums for John Coltrane) Jazz Machine
- The Charles McPherson Quartet
- The Tommy Flanagan Trio
- The Bob James Quartet with Alexander Zonjic
- The Kenny Garrett Quartet.

A special tribute to Marcus Belgrave will also feature Garret, Geri Allen and Bob Hurst.

Perhaps more than any other musical style, jazz creates a sense of place and mood. In a town whereby home-grown music is usually associated with either the legendary Motown sound or rock, a question begs to be asked: "Is there a particular Detroit sound?"

"It's not necessarily a sound, but an attitude," said Dulzo.

"Detroit musicians play hard, that's their reputation."

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Montreux, said Dulzo, is that people no longer think twice about crossing Eight Mile Road and heading to the riverfront.

"We've found a way to bring the community together and celebrate our musical legacy."

See festival entertainment schedule highlights inside.

FESTIVAL

Arts, Beats, Eats draws new local talent

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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For Skeeto Valdez, playing the Arts, Beats and Eats festival in downtown Pontiac will be a special sort of homecoming.

While his band, King Konga, is based in southern Mississippi, Valdez was born and raised in Detroit. He has been living in Redford for about four years and commutes to King Konga shows across the country.

"This is my stomping grounds," he said. "I'd like to play this area a little more."

Valdez joined King Konga just over one year ago. Band members found him through an Internet search after he won a drum contest in the Detroit area. For those who will get their first taste of King Konga at the festival, Valdez describes its sound as world music. A musician who has

WHAT: Arts, Beats & Eats — A celebration of art, music and humanity
WHEN: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6
WHERE: Downtown Pontiac
WHAT ELSE: Check www.artsbeats&eats.com or call (248) 975-8850 for more information.

been playing drums for nearly 20 years, he joined the band because it offered him an opportunity to cover broad musical ground. The band has been compared to a variety of musical acts, from Dave Matthews Band to Hootie and the Blowfish.

Arts, Beats and Eats may be the first festival King Konga will play in the metro area, but it certainly isn't the largest. The band was recently asked to perform at Woodstock. Still recuperating from the energy and overall experience, Valdez said he's

ready to hit the stage again 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4 on the Pepsi Stage.

Playing festivals differs from regular shows, he said, because the sense of intimacy at a club gig is lost. "At a festival you have a lot more space," he said. "You have to try to project the musical vibe out to reach people. We try to touch them with what we do."

Another band likely to reach out through their music at Arts, Beats and Eats — Knee Deep Shag — will perform 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3 on the Pepsi Stage. Drummer Jeff Moehle, whose family lives in Troy, said the band's presence was personally requested at this year's festival. Taking time between recording another CD — which is due in November — and performing regularly, Knee Deep Shag agreed.



Please see FESTIVAL, E2 Rick Matto and Sheila Landis

SCREEN SCENE

Homegrown jazz legends return to play at festival

BACKSTAGE PASS



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It's not just your imagination. You really do have a greater number of significant summer music events in the Detroit area to enjoy than ever before.

As you pluck the best from the late summer harvest of festivals, don't forget about the first and best of the jazz crop.

It has been twenty years since The Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival began its Labor Day week-

end tradition of featuring accomplished artists from the full spectrum of the genre.

While there are now five or six noteworthy jazz festivals to look forward to each season, the Montreux Festival was unique two decades ago. Festival Director Jim Dulzo believes there were several factors that contributed to its early success.

"The sheer size of the event was sure to attract attention. From the beginning, there were so many quality artists in the program that appealed to the core jazz listener. The public radio broadcasts of the performances also helped to raise the profile of the event."

This year's festival at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit, Thursday-Monday, Sept. 2-6, features an unprecedented gathering of some of Detroit's greatest "jazz alumni," who have become international stars.

"There's an incredible buzz among local jazz fans about the return of Yusef Lateef, the extraordinary reed player who has not performed in his hometown Detroit in over twenty years," says Dulzo.

With over one hundred performances planned on the festival's five stages, you'll want to do some planning to catch your favorites. It sounds like Ron Pangborn, music producer for

Detroit Public TV's BACKSTAGE PASS series, is planning to go on a five-day jazz bender.

"I'm especially eager to see Elvin Jones, the original drummer for the John Coltrane Quartet. Not only is he a phenomenal performer, but he remains one of the most innovative drummers ever," says Pangborn.

"A couple of months ago, BACKSTAGE PASS did a segment on the legendary musicians of the Cass Corridor, which included the band CJQ. A reunion of the group is one of the highlights, and I'm also looking forward to the tribute to Marcus Belgrave on Sunday, Sept. 5."

Detroit's homegrown jazz legends get the salute during a special Montreux Festival edition of BACKSTAGE PASS, airing 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 on Detroit Public TV. The program visits with Harold McKinney at his weekly SereNgeti Ballroom workshop for aspiring jazz artists, and offers the reflections of Alberta Adams, whose Montreux appearance is another highlight of her more than 50 years as Detroit's "Queen of the Blues."

The innovative Jeff Haas Trio performs with guest trumpeter Marcus Belgrave, and a rare local stop by the legendary Donald Byrd includes a Detroit trib-

ute piece. Byrd's homecoming concert at last weekend's African World Festival was his first local public performance in about twenty years.

During its long run, it's clear that the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival has been more than just a good time with great music. It has become a chapter of the city's music lore.

I have an opportunity to be a part of it by introducing the acid jazz band Liquid Soul on closing night, Monday, Sept. 6. The way I look at it, why should guys like Pangborn have all the fun? See you there.

COMMUNITY THEATER

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Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served outdoors (weather permitting) around the reflecting pool behind the Greek stage where St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook members will be available to answer your questions and share information on the history of the theater, and plans for the upcoming season.

St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook is an independent, non-profit community theater.

Their season kicks off Friday, Oct. 29 with "The Heidi Chronicles" by Wendy Wasserstein. The show continues Oct. 30-31, Nov. 3-6.

A to-be-announced children's theater production will be pre-

sented Nov. 19-21.

Larry Shue's "The Foreigner" will be presented Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 27-29 followed by "Foxfire" by Susan Cooper and Hume Cronyn, March 17-19, March 23-25.

The season wraps up with the musical "Damn Yankees" to be presented June 2-3, June 8-10 in the outdoor Greek theater.

Call (248) 644-0527 for information about season tickets of the open house.

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Is holding an open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at their playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernois in Troy.

Children and adults interested in theater are welcome to come and tour the theater. Refreshments will be served. For your entertainment, Ridgedale players will present musical highlights from "Nonsense," opening Friday, Sept. 10.

Call (248) 988-7049 for more information and a season brochure.

Here's the schedule:

"Nonsense" by Dan Goggin — Sept. 10 (sold-out), Sept. 11, 17-19 and 24-26.

"Jest a Second!" comedy by James Sherman — Nov. 5-6, 12-14 and 19-21.

"Deathtrap" by Ira Levin — Jan. 14-15, 21-23, and 28-30.

"Oklahoma!" by Rogers and Hammerstein — March 10-11, 17-19, 24-26.

"Moon over the Brewery" by Bruce Graham — May 5-7, May 12-13, and May 19-21.

Ridgedale is holding auditions for "Jest a Second!" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 at the playhouse. Call (248) 398-2725 for more information.

Plymouth Theatre Guild

Is holding auditions 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14 for "It's a Wonderful Life," opening Friday, Nov. 19 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 1/2 mile west of I-275 at 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville.

Auditions will be held at the Water Tower Theater from 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 13-14 until they're finished. Call director Kristin Curle, (248) 344-1723 or the PTG phone line (248) 349-7110 for more information.

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Schoolcraft College.

Is holding open auditions for its fall theater production of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. Tuesday and

Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads, Livonia. There are 30 roles for males and females. Auditions open to the public, no experience necessary. Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5270.

Village Players of Birmingham

The Village Players of Birmingham kick off their season with "Back to Bachrach & David," a collection of hits by composer Burt Bachrach and lyricist Hal David. Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1 & 2 at the theater, 752 Chestnut, on the east side of Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Maple. Tickets are \$14/play; season - 5 shows for \$55, 3 shows for \$36.

Call (248) 644-2075 for more information.

The season continues with:

"The Man Who Came To Dinner" - A classic comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, Nov. 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

"Oliver!" - The classic musical adapted from Dickens' novel set in 19th-century London. Jan. 21-23, 28-30, Feb. 4 & 5.

"Sherlock Holmes" - March 17-19, 24-26, March 31 & April 1.

"Forever Plaid" - May 12-14, 19-21, 26 & 27.

Farmington Players

The Farmington Players 1999-2000 season begins Nov. 5 with "The Women" by Clare Booth. The show continues Nov. 6-7, 12-14, 18-21, and 26-27.

Here's the rest of the schedule:

"Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck, Feb. 4-6, Feb. 11-13, 18-20, and 24-26

"Kiss Me Kate," Music by Cole Porter, May 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, and 25-27

The theater is at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills between Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road on the north side of 12 mile Road. Shows start 8 p.m. except 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. For ticket information, call (248) 553-2955 or online at www.wvnet.net/~earlson/players.txt.html

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THEATER

CAPITOL THEATRE

"A Chorus Line," presented by the Capitol Repertory Players, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at the theater, 121 University Ave. W., Windsor. \$18, \$16 seniors/students (AA section), \$15, \$13 seniors/students (A section). (519) 253-7729

GEM AND CENTURY THEATRES

"Forbidden Hollywood," through Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. Fridays, 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 5:30 p.m. Sundays, at the Century Theatre, 333 Madison Avenue, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

PERFORMANCE NETWORK

"Office Hours" by Mercury Theatre Co. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 29, at the Performance Network, 408 W. Washington, west of Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9 students/seniors. (734) 663-0681

OPERA

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA OF MICHIGAN

Puccini's "La Boheme," Fridays, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10, at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16501 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$15, includes afterglow reception. (313) 582-0997

COLLEGE

OU THEATRE

"Dutchman," a powerful civil rights-era one-act play by Amiri Baraka, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28, please be advised of strong content, in the Varner Studio Theatre, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. \$5 donation. (248) 370-2030

COMMUNITY THEATER

THE ACTORS' COMPANY

Presents the Prince Street Players LTD Production of "The Emperor's New Clothes," 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (west of I-275, east of Haggerty Road), Livonia. \$10, \$7 children/seniors. (248) 988-7032 for reservations, seating is limited.

ELLIPSIS THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt through Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$12, \$9. (734) 975-0417

JACK-IN-THE-BOX PRODUCTIONS

Neil Simon's "Jake's Women," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington. \$10, \$7 seniors/students. (734) 797-JACK.

OPUS MIME

"Shadow Play," through Aug. 29, 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Sundays, at the Trueblood Theatre, Ann Arbor. \$9. (734) 975-0417.

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE

"Rumpelstiltskin," 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 28 and Sept. 11, 18 and 25, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 29 and Sept. 12, 19 and 26, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. \$6. (248) 349-8110

SPECIAL EVENTS

BIRD HIKE

8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, Maybury State Park, meet at the Concession Building in the main parking area on Eight Mile, one mile west of Beck Road, Northville. Free with state park motor vehicle permit. (248) 349-8390

BOOK SIGNING/DISCUSSION

Author Janeanne Narrin discusses her book, "One Degree Beyond: A Reiki Journey Into Energy Medicine: Your 21-Day Step by Step Guide to Relax, Open and Celebrate," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Barnes & Noble. Booksellers, West Bloomfield. (248) 626-6804

DEPOT TOWN CRUISE NIGHTS

Hundreds of street rods rumble into Depot Town 6-9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 9, Cross Street in Ypsilanti. (734) 483-4444 or www.ypsi-jantl.org

KENSINGTON METROPARK

"Creature Comforts," 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, join an interpreter for a 1 1/2 hour walk to seek out the haunts of local residents, "Deer Through the Seasons," noon Sunday, Sept. 5; explore the life history of these animals then join in a short hike, and "Sensory Safari," 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 6, indulge your senses as you travel the trails (wear old clothes), in the Nature Center at Kensington Metropark, Milford. Pre-registration required; (248) 685-0603/(800) 477-3178. Metropark vehicle entry permit is required; annual \$15, \$8 seniors, or daily \$9 weekends and holidays, \$2 weekdays except Wednesdays



Fabulous festival: A sock hop, rock and roll bands, hot rods, classic cars and motorcycles, and Little Eva's "loco-motion," are some of the highlights of the "Fabulous '50s and '60s Festival," Thursday-Sunday, Aug. 26-29 at St. Mary's Preparatory, Orchard Lake at Commerce roads in Orchard Lake. Little Eva, whose recording of "The Loco-motion" skyrocketed her to stardom will perform with Dickey Lee (pictured) 4 p.m. Sunday. The marathon sock hop begins 11 p.m. Friday, with cash prizes awarded to the last three surviving couples. There is no entry fee. The Fantastics entertain 7-11:30 p.m. on Saturday, variety jacket and school sweater day. Festival opens 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday; noon Saturday-Sunday. Carnival rides and refreshments are other attractions. Call (248) 683-0530 for information.

which are free entry days.

REDFORD THEATRE

"A Marx Brothers Festival" with "At the Circus" and "Go West" starring Groucho, Chico and Harpo, with guest organists Scott Foppiano and Gil Francis, 7:30 p.m. organ overture followed by 8 p.m. film Friday, Aug. 27, and 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. overtures with 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. films Saturday, Aug. 27, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. \$3.50. (313) 537-2560 or <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford>

VIETNAM WALL EXPERIENCE

8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 27 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 Hamlin Rd. at Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. (810) 997-7797

WALDFEST

Bavarian summer festival of food, music, dance, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Austrian Park, 56200 Hayes, Macomb Twp. \$3, children under 16 free. (248) 647-4390

X-TRAVA CON

Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. \$2. (248) 426-8059

BENEFITS

FANCLUB FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

Presents Caliente Uno: A Big Night in Little Havana Latin Dance Party, 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Latin dance lessons) Friday, Aug. 27, music by La Sensacional, at 30 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$35. (248) 584-4150

"GOLF FOR THE ARTS"

Golf outing 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Pontiac Municipal Golf Course, 800 Golf Drive. \$75. (248) 858-8990

VIETNAM

Gala evening of food, culture and entertainment, featuring a preview of "Today's Vietnam" hosted by Keith Famie, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Opening VIP reception, food tasting and display of Vietnamese cultural exhibits, 6-7:45 p.m. Tickets \$75 VIP reception on mezzanine level, call (248) 681-0248; \$25 general admission, call Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666. Event also features special performances by Stewart Francke, the Detroit Concert Choir, The Burton International School, and Flemming Elementary School. Event proceeds to benefit the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation, the Vietnam Veteran's Association, Chapter 9 of Detroit, and the International Children's Alliance Network.

FAMILY EVENTS

KINDERMUSIC STORY TIMES

An interactive program of storytelling, music and movement with Karen Schanerberger, a licensed kindermusic educator at Evola Music in Canton, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28 at Bearly Worn, 249 S. Main, Plymouth. (734) 416-9417; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Tiggywinkles, 30993 Five Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia. (734) 458-5313

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29, High Seas Adventure, off I-75, Grand Blanc exit 106, on Dixie Hwy., between Pontiac and Flint. \$13.95 (\$12.50 advance), \$11.75 seniors age 60 and up with ID, \$5.95 ages 5-12 (\$5 advance), (800) 601-4848/(248) 634-5552

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

CLOCK CONCERTS

Family Fun Night, 7:30 Friday, Aug. 27, at the bandshell, Northville. (248) 349-7640

CONCERTS ON THE COURT

Music series featuring Tony Russo and his orchestra, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Wynwood and Hamilton House, Troy. Proceeds from refreshments will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

DEARBORN RECREATION

Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Dearborn. (313) 943-2360

"IN THE PARK"

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Civic Center Park, Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. (734) 466-2540

"SUMMER IN THE CITY"

Marc Thomas & Max the Moose, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Birmingham City Hall, Pierce and Martin, west of S. Old Woodward. Free. www.imaginationtheatre.com

CLASSICAL

GOETHE-INSTITUT ANN ARBOR

Goethe Songs by Women Composers, introductory lecture by Ann Willison Lemke, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, at the Rudolf Steiner House, 1923 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 996-8600 or <http://www.goethe.de/ann-arbor>

POPS/SWING

JIM PARAVANTES & MERIDIAN

"Frank Sinatra Tribute," 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through August, at Andiamo Italia West, 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for rehearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High School, Birmingham. (248) 474-4997

DETROIT SYMPHONY CHORUS

Orchestra Auditions for the youth orchestra's new season will be held Sept. 11. (313) 576-5164/(313) 576-5100

FIRST THEATER GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM

Auditions for "Brigadoon," 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, in Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple,

between Southfield and Cranbrook roads. For performances Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 5-7. (248) 644-2087, ext. 151

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY

Auditions dancers for its 1999-2000 season, open to dancers age eight and older with a minimum of three years ballet instruction, all dancers should wear proper attire, those auditioning for the senior company should also bring pointe shoes, there is a non-refundable audition fee. 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 15619 Farmington Road, Livonia. (734) 464-7310

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks. (734) 591-7649

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for boys and girls ages 8-16 for the musical comedy "Halloween Soup," 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the theater, 135 E. Main, Northville. For performances on weekends beginning Oct. 8 through Oct. 31. (248) 349-8110

NOVI THEATRES

Auditions for ages 13 through college for "Anne of Green Gables," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile. \$125 participation fee once cast. For performances Oct. 22-24. (248) 347-0400

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

And the producers of Runaway Bride and Only in America: The Don King Story are looking for a handsome 17-22 year old African-American male who can hip hop or street dance to star in a new teenage, romantic love story, bring current photo, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Talent Shop, 30100 Telegraph Road, Suite 116, north of 12 Mile, enter through east lobby, Bingham Farms. (313) 366-4942

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY

Holds open auditions Sunday, Aug. 29, 1-2 p.m. for ages 9-12, and 2:30-4 p.m. for ages 13 and older (bring pointe shoes), bring photo and resume, male dancers are needed with scholarships available; at Joanne's Dance Extension, 9282 General Drive, Suite 180-190, Plymouth. \$5. (734) 397-8828. For performances of "The Nutcracker" with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra Dec. 11-12.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Open auditions for new members, basses and tenors especially needed, but there are openings for sopranos and altos as well, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Rd., Canton. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. (734) 455-0080. For performances of its annual Christmas concert.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Holds open auditions for musicians Monday, Sept. 7, positions available in all string sections, substitute musicians are needed for all instruments. (313) 640-1773/(734) 451-2112

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Auditions for all voice parts 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 7 and 14, in the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (248) 349-8175

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Schoolcraft College is reviving its jazz ensemble and is looking for musicians, rehearsals will be held 7-10 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 13 in the music department of the Forum Building on campus, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. (734) 420-8984

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE THEATRE

Open auditions for 30 roles for males and females for Shakespeare's comedy "The Merchant of Venice," 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, no children's roles available, in the Liberal Arts Theatre at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5270

SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditions for males and females youth and adults, and male quartet for "Music Man," 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29 and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at the Corner Playhouse, 12671 Dix, at Edison, Southgate. For performances Nov. 12-13 and 19-20. (313) 277-1982

SPIRIT OF DETROIT CHORUS

Looking for new members of all ages to rehearse and become new members of the ladies group that sings four-part harmony in the barbershop tradition, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile west of Inkster Road, Livonia. (313) 937-2429

STAGECRAFTERS 2ND STAGE

Auditions for three men and three women for "As Bees in Honey Drown," a comedic confection by Douglas Carter Beane, 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. registration) Monday, Aug. 30 and Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-4832. For performances Oct. 22-24 and 28-31.

TRILLIUM PLAYERS

Looking for a director for "The Fantastics," must submit resume and fee information no later than Sept. 12, c/o 1165 Ford Ave., Wyandotte, MI 48192. For performances the weekend of Jan. 28 at the Trillium Theater, formerly the Wyandotte Theater.

WIELICZKA DANCERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations Sept. 9 to Oct. 15 for students ages 4-16, classes take place Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Tom Dooley K of C Hall, 28945 Joy Road, Livonia. (734) 591-2079

YOUTH COMPETITION

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is looking for contestants for its Youth Competition to be held in December at Evola Music of Canton, in addition to orchestral instruments, piano contestants are also being sought, winners will perform on the youth concerts in February of 2000. (734) 451-2112

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER

8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

TASILIMAH BEY

8:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays: at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925 (ragtime piano)

GEM JAZZ TRIO

6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Gem & Century Theatres, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-9800

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Toc Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian Jazz/American standards)

MARLA JACKSON

8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

RAY KAMALAY AND HIS RED HOT PEPPERS

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, The Plaza, one block west of the Southfield Civic Center, Southfield. Free. All ages. (248) 354-9540 (jazz/ragtime)

SAHIDIA NURULLAH

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

JANET TENAJ TRIO

Featuring Sven Anderson, piano and Kurt Krahnke, bass, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Restaurant, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. (248) 351-2925.

T.H.I.Q.U.E.

9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Coper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern, Southfield. (248) 223-1700

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at Dig Fish,

700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313) 336-6350

PAUL VORNHAGEN QUARTET

9:30 p.m., 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON

With Dan Kolton, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

THE WARREN COMMISSION

6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Big Rock Chop and Brew House's stone terrace, 245 E. Eton, Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 647-7774

NEW AGE

JOHN TESH

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$36 and \$26 pavilion, \$13.50 lawn. \$1 from each ticket purchased will be donated to charity. Children ages 17 and younger get \$5 off \$26 tickets. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

WORLD MUSIC

GIpsy KINGS

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$17.50 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or <http://www.palacenet.com>

THIRD COAST REGGAE

9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

UNIVERSAL XPRESSION

9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, The Deck at Second City, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (reggae)

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

DAVID MENEFE

8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

8 days a week

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Fridays, and \$19.50 on Saturdays.
(313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

BELLE ISLE ZOO
Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Oct. 31, at the zoo on Central Avenue on Belle Isle, two miles east of downtown Detroit, entrance is on East Jefferson at East Grand Boulevard. \$3, \$2 seniors age 62 and older and students, \$1 ages 2-12. (248) 398-0900/(248) 399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS
Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 (\$10); and 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays a noon lunch is offered only with a house tour and only by reservation for an additional \$10; gardens open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (\$5), guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM
"Contemporary Art from Cuba: Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island," at the art museum. (248) 645-3361; "Scream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters," "Our Dynamic Earth" and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-462-7262

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, 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 for seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"More than Meets the Eye," an interactive exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution takes visitors through some of the daily experiences of blind and visually impaired people, continues through Aug. 29. (313) 577-8400, ext. 417; IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun" at 1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" and "Whales" multiple showings seven days a week, at the center, noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sundays, at 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

DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM
Visit the newest exhibition "Folk Art of the Great Lakes" or "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes," also a temporary exhibit on the construction and launch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit. Regular admission \$2, \$1 seniors/children ages 12-18 during the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday. (313) 852-4051

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE
Estate tours include the restored riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant generators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56-room mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE
"Summer Evenings" continue Saturdays through Aug. (at reduced prices), features cake walk, town ball, herb/food presentation, ice cream social (additional fee), the village is celebrating its 70th season with a host of activities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and a life mask made 60 days before his assassination, at the museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. \$12.50, \$11.50 seniors, \$7.50 kids 5-12, members and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

MEADOW BROOK HALL
Tours 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily through August, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$8, \$6 seniors age 62 and over, \$4 children ages 5-12. Luncheon in the Dining Room 11:15 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday. (248) 370-3140

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM
"Something Old, Something New: Wedding Gowns of the 19th and 20th Centuries," on display 14 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays through Sept

25, at the museum on Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road off of Tienken Road, Rochester Hills. \$3, \$2 seniors and students. (248) 656-4663

POPULAR MUSIC

ACME JAM
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ACOUSTIC JUNCTION
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$7 in advance. (734) 996-8555

ALABAMA
7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (country)

DAVID ALEXANDER/DEBBIE KELLACHOW
7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, 39405 Plymouth Road, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Plymouth. (734) 254-0400

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

BACKSTREET BOYS
7:30 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold Out!

MARCIA BALL
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS (blues/boogie-woogie/piano)

BARENAKED LADIES
7:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$33.50 pavilion, \$25 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop)

JEFF BECK
With Johnny Lang, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets now on sale \$35 pavilion/\$15 lawn at The Palace and Pine Knob Box Offices and Ticketmaster locations. Charge by phone (248) 645-6666 or online www.ticketmaster.com (rock)

BIG SUGAR
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26; Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$8. (248) 544-3030 (blues/rock)

THE BLUE MOON BOYS
10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover 21 and over. (247) 735-4011; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Rochester Mills Brewery, downtown Rochester (swing)

BLUE ROSE
5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. (248) 349-9110 and Friday, Aug. 27, Boathouse Billiards, 7720 N. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. (248) 693-4100. (blues)

BOUNCING SOULS
With H2O, U.S. Bombs, Straight Face and Union 13, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (punk)

ROBERTA BRADLEY AND GYPSY
10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2 cover. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922

JAMES BROWN
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre, Detroit. Tickets \$35 and \$27.50 on sale now at Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 (soul)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9:30 p.m. Sept. 3-5, Beale Street Blues, 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900 (blues)

DEANA CARTER
6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 at Phoenix Plaza Amphitheater for the 1999 Arts, Beats and Eats Festival in Pontiac. (country)

RAY CHARLES
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

CHER
With Cyndi Lauper and Julio Iglesias, Jr. Concert rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets from the July 23 show will be honored on Sept. 12. Tickets for an additional show on Sept. 11 are on sale for \$75.25 and \$45.25. Call (248) 645-6666

KENNY CHESNEY
7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (country)

MARK CHESNUTT
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Meadowbrook Music Festival, Rochester Hills. Tickets on sale \$12.50 and \$25.50. (248) 370-0100 (country)

NATALIE COLE
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$27.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn.

All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (R&B)

CRANBERRIES
With Collective Soul, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$35 pavilion, \$20 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (pop/rock)

BILLY RAY CYRUS
7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com.

DEATHGIRL.COM
With DJ Clark Warner, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale \$6, 18 and older. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ELECTRIC BOOGALOO
With The Dopes and The Big Creek, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. 21 and over, \$4 cover. (734) 996-8555

ELIZA
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (248) 541-3030.

FAMILY VALUES TOUR
Featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter, DMX and The Crystal Method. Time to be determined, Wednesday, Sept. 22, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale now \$35 reserved and general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TOUR
With Peter Tosh's Fully Fullwood Band, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030 (reggae)

GINUWINE
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (urban)

GIpsy KINGS
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 377-0100 (world music)

GOVERNMENT HONEY
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 26-28, Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. \$3 cover after 10 p.m. 21 and over. (734) 513-5030 (rock)

THE GRUESOMES
With Soot and Sugar Pill, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

HARRINGTON BROTHERS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

SCOTT HENDERSON, GARY WILLIS AND TRIBAL TECH
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale \$15. (248) 544-3030

KRISTEN HERSH
9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance, \$13 at door. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS
9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31, Bailey's Pub, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton. (834) 844-1137; Noon, Ford Montreux Jazz Festival, Pyramid Stage, Hart Plaza, Detroit. (313) 963-7622; 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

IMMUNITY
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. Free. All ages. (reggae)

INNERCOURSE
With Factory 81, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets on sale \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

ISLEY BROTHERS
7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (R&B)

JEFFERSON STARSHIP TEN YEARS AFTER TOUR
With Dave Mason, 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$24.50 pavilion/\$12.50 lawn

JOYDROP
6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$6. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

KC AND THE SUNSHINE BAND
With War, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets on sale \$25 pavilion, \$15 lawn. (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (70s funk)

KING KONGA
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover 21 and over. (248) 735-4011

(world music)

LENNY KRAVITZ
With Smash Mouth and Freestylers, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Independence Township. (248) 377-0100 (rock)

JAN KRIST
With Harbinger's Mile, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, Xhodos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. Tickets \$8 advance, \$10 at door. (248) 399-3946 (folk)

THE LEGENDARY WAILERS BAND
9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3, Majestic, Detroit. \$17.50 in advance. (313) 833-9700

LIQUID #9
With Mind Circus and Friction, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Blind Pig, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4 cover. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

LUCIANO
With Mikey General and Dean Fraser, 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, Majestic, Detroit. \$15 in advance. (313) 833-9700 (roots/reggae)

MANIC STREET PREACHERS
July 24 show has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets for the original date will be honored at the door.

ZIGGY MARLEY & THE MELODY MAKERS
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Royal Oak Music Theatre, Royal Oak. Tickets on sale now \$12.50 in advance, \$15 day of show. 21 and over. Buy tickets at Royal Oak Music Theatre. Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

RICKY MARTIN
Nov. 1 show at The Palace is sold out.

KATHY MATTEA
With The Wilkinsons, 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, Cio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Cio. \$26 reserved, \$21 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.cioamp.org (country)

MAXWELL
8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and Friday, Aug. 27, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$75, \$50, \$40. (313) 983-6611

MAZINGA CD RELEASE PARTY
With El Topo and Smirk, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Blind Pig, 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

CHRIS MCCALL
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. No cover charge. (734) 662-2770 (adult contemporary)

JOEY MCINTYRE
6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, postponed until Sept. 15, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$25. All ages. (248) 546-7610 (pop)

MEN AT WORK
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$15. (248) 544-3030.

MOBY
With Boom Boom Satellites, 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31, Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15. All ages. (313) 333-2362 (techno)

MOE
8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$13. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

MOGWAI
With Granger, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, Magic Stick, Detroit. \$8 in advance. (313) 833-9700

MONKEY SHINE
10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 27-28, Boulders, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (top 40)

MOXY FROVOUS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, The Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets on sale \$12. (248) 544-3030

THE MUFFS
6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8.50. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (indie rock)

NAUGHTY BY NATURE
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, LaBloom Teen Night Club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Tickets on sale \$19.99 at Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 at www.ticketmaster.com (rap)

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township. \$32.50 pavilion, \$15 lawn. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (country/pop)

OUT OF REACH
10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and Thursday, Sept. 2, Boulders, 1020 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 21 and over. (734) 459-4190 (classic rock)

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
"Echo Tour" 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets \$49.50 and \$39.50 at Palace and Pine Knob box offices and Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE WITH HIMGOD
9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, The Shelter, below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (rock)

ROBERT NOLL BLUES MISSION
9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 S. Ford Road, Westland. Free 21 and over. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

RONI SIZE
With DJ Die and MC Dynamite, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, St. Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$15. All ages. (248) 645-6666

JACKIE ROUSH
8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181 (punk/folk)

SAX APPEAL
7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 and Thursday, Sept. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

HADDEN SAYERS BAND
10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road, Novi. No cover. 21 and over. (248) 735-4011

10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, Fifth Avenue, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. \$2 cover. 21 and over. (248) 542-9922

BRITNEY SPEARS
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, postponed until Sunday, Sept. 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 or http://www.statetheater.com (pop)

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
The Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 16-17 shows scheduled for The Palace of Auburn Hills have been rescheduled for Sept. 8-9. Tickets for the Aug. 16 show will be honored Sept. 8 and tickets for the Aug. 17 show will be honored Aug. 16. A limited number of tickets are still available for the Sept. 9 show. \$67.50 and \$37.50. Refunds are available at the point of purchase through Aug. 17. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com

THE STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 27, Cavern Club, 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. 21 and over. (734) 332-9900 (rock-a-billy)

CURTIS STIGERS
8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

STONE MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues)

TAYLOR BLUES FESTIVAL
Steve Gornall, Tommy Castro, Chislet Brother, Mudpuppy and others, 1 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 28-29, at Sisko's On The Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Blvd. at Van Born, Taylor. \$5 each day. (313) 278-5340 or www.siskos.com

THE TEMPTATIONS
8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, Cio Area Amphitheater, 301 Rogers Lodge Dr., Cio. \$30 reserved, \$24 bleachers. (810) 687-7611 or http://www.cioamp.org

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (motown)

JOHN TESH
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, Pine Knob Music Theatre, I-75 and Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. Tickets \$36 and \$26 pavilion, \$13.50 lawn. Children under 17 will receive \$5 off \$26 tickets. (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (new age)

38 SPECIAL
7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (classic rock)

TILT
With One Man Army, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets on sale \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (punk)

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at Karl's Cabin, 9779 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450

TYRESE
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, State Fairgrounds. Gold Circle seats \$10 plus admission to the State Fair. (248) 645-6666 or purchase tickets online at www.ticketmaster.com. (hip-hop)

VIETNAM PROM
With Black Ocean Drowning, Greebo 2000, Friday, Aug. 27, 313 Jac, upstairs from Jacobs at 624 Brush St., Detroit. (313) 962-7067 (electronic)

LUCY WEBSTER
8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, Borders Books, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 652-0558 (country/folk)

X-FEST PRO WAKEBOARDING TOUR
With The Suicide Machines, Kottonmouth Kings, Orange 9 MM and Speedball, 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, Island Lake State Park, Brighton. \$10. (313) 983-6611

DAVID YOUNG
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12 at Poshed

Outlook, Inc. Free admission with purchase of CD. Young will sign copies of his new release "Renaissance." For information or reservations, call (248) 685-9898 (semi-classical)

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. \$5, 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.tcom.com

ARBOR BREWING COMPANY
Latin dance night, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or http://www.arborbrewing.com

BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons, dancing, 7 p.m. Sundays at the club, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or http://www.intuit-solar.com or http://www.blindpigmusic.com

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

GOLD DOLLAR
Hip-hop and dancehall reggae dance night with DJ Chiro, 8 p.m. Wednesdays at the club, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.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.thegrooveroom.com

LA BOOM TEEN NIGHTCLUB
Dance night for teens ages 15-19. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the club, 1172 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Ages 15-19. (248) 926-9960

MAJESTIC THEATRE CENTER
"Good Sounds," with music by The Tonehead Collective and images by Thomas Video, 9 p.m. Fridays at Magic Stick, 18 and older. Free. "Work Release." Rock n' Bowl happy hour with bowling, music and complimentary food from the Majestic Cafe. 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Garden Bowl. \$6, 18 and older. "Rock n' Bowl" with DJ De Villareal, 9 p.m. Fridays and DJ Gutterball, 9 p.m

MOVIES

'The Sixth Sense:' A horror movie with a heart

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

"The Sixth Sense" defies labeling. If you don't like horror movies, if you don't like thrillers, if you don't like the supernatural — don't worry, but do go. It's none of the above and all of the above. This is a horror movie with a heart, a film so sensitive and smart you'll want to stand by the box office and stop people from seeing anything else.

You'll also want to go right back in and see it a second time yourself, for reasons we can only hint at.

Bruce Willis is prominent Philadelphia child psychologist Malcolm Crowe. He and his wife

(Olivia Williams) are surprised one evening by an intruder, Vincent Grey (Donnie Wahlberg in a brief but loud appearance). Vincent had been treated unsuccessfully by Crowe years earlier. Now an adult, he is still terrified by "something" and has returned to exact revenge by putting one bullet in the doctor's belly and another in his own ear. As this sets up events to come, we're not spilling any beans here.

Fading out and in to the following fall, we find that Dr. Crowe is weighted down with guilt to the point of professional impotence. His salvation may come in the form of eight-year-old Cole Sear who, like Vincent,

also lives with an unspoken dread. Cole is a pitiful youngster. His peers ostracize him, his teacher calls him a "freak" and his hardworking divorced mother is running out of patience.

Cole can't or won't communicate his "secret" to anyone. The secret: He sees dead people. Not ghosts, but corporeal beings who died violently and wander South Philly trapped between here and beyond, and dead, in fact, that they are dead.

"I don't wanna be scared anymore," Cole tells his doctor. "Please make them leave." Crowe can't make them leave, but perhaps he can make Cole understand and use his gift. The time

he spends in this quest will jeopardize Crowe's marriage and more.

"The Sixth Sense" sounds like a lot of movies you've either seen or avoided, depending on your taste, like "The Exorcist," "Poltergeist," and "Carrie." Again, we emphasize that while things do go bump in the night, this film is not about monsters. It's about friendship. The friendship between the boy and his doctor, between the boy and his mom, between the boy and — yes — the ghosts.

We should add out of fairness that this isn't cutesy "Beetlejuice" or smart-alecky "Ghostbusters" either. You will jump out of your seat more than once. And you will bite your lip to avoid spilling the wonderfully logical but totally startling ending...as we are doing now.

We can, though, talk freely and gleefully about 11-year-old Haley Joel Osment. You may have seen him as the dying boy on "Ally McBeal" or as Forrester Gump, Jr. He is a wondrous revelation as Cole. It's been written that his audition reduced writer-director M. Night Shyamalan to tears, and having seen the final product, we can't just write that off as studio hype.

As his mom, Australian Toni Collette is every mom who has tried to knock down the wall between herself and her child



Drama: Bruce Willis (right) stars as child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crowe, an emotionally shattered man haunted by his past and the misdiagnosis of a child suffering from visual hallucinations. When he meets Cole (Haley Joel Osment, left) a young man with similar symptoms, client and therapist are awakened to something astonishing in "The Sixth Sense."

while straining to understand why it exists at all.

And what about Bruce? Well, he whispers a lot. But at the same time, he conveys the kind of genuine empathy and warmth not seen since the dad in "Leave

It to Beaver." Despite his rep as an asteroid-bashing superhero, we're hard-pressed to imagine anyone else in this tender role.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Aug. 27

"A DOG OF FLANDERS"
Powerful and touching family film about a young boy's passionate pursuit of a dream. Based on the timeless children's book. Stars Jack Warden, Jon Voight and Cheryl Ladd.

"AUTUMN TALE"
Exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Romantic comedy about a middle-aged woman whose best friend and son's girlfriend are determined to find her a companion.

"ASTRONAUT'S WIFE"
Thriller centers on a woman whose husband retires after a freak accident in space that has left him altered. These changes spark a spiraling chain of chilling events leading up to the birth of their twins. Stars Jon Depp.

"THE 13TH WARRIOR"
Thrilling adventure about an important emissary who is abducted by a band of warriors and forced to join their quest to battle mysterious creatures legendary for consuming every living thing in their path. Stars Antonio Banderas and Omar Sharif.

"FAMILY COMEDY"
Famously based on the classic cartoon character about a dedicated young Mountie who must save the local citizens, reunite with his ladylove and restore peace in the valley without messing it up. Stars Brendan Fraser, Sarah Jessica Parker.

"THE MUSE"
Comedy about a screenwriter willing to

gamble his career, his relationship with his wife, and his sanity on the Muse's ability to give him inspiration for his comeback script. Stars Albert Brooks, Sharon Stone, Jeff Bridges, Andie MacDowell.

"TOP HAT"
Showcase Cinema's Silver Screen Classics Program will present the 1935 classic film 1 p.m. at Showcase Cinema's Westland, 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland, (734) 729-1060. Enjoy this classic film, popcorn and a soft drink for \$1.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Sept. 1

"OUTSIDE PROVIDENCE"
Story about a young man's coming of age when he's packed off to prep school crashing into a parked police car. Stars Alec Baldwin.

"CHILL FACTOR"
Two men accidentally come into possession of a volatile and highly explosive substance that will cause widespread havoc if it is allowed to become warmer than 50 degrees. They are also being chased by several groups who would like to have the substance for their own purposes. Stars Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 3

"BETTER THAN CHOCOLATE"
Lively romp of love and lust with some very surprising results. Stars Wendy Crewson.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 10

"WHITE BOYS"
A funny, honest and searing look at

white wannabe gangstas in the heartland, and at America's youth struggling to find their place in a multi-cultural society. Stars Danny Hoch who also wrote the screenplay with director Marc Levin, Richard Stratton and Garth Belton.

"LOVE STINKS"
An unromantic comedy in which boy meets girl, boy gets girl, and then can't get rid of her no matter how hard he tries. Stars French Stewart, Bridgette Wilson.

Scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 24

"BEST LAID PLANS"
Thriller about life's missed opportunities and regaining one's path.

"DOG PATH"
Romantic comedy that follows the relationships of a group of young people in search of love and commitment. Scheduled to open Friday, Oct. 1

"DRIVE ME CRAZY"
A teenage girl and boy who have grown up next door to one another have never made a love connection. But when long-time friends and neighbors gather for their high school's centennial celebration, they realize they were meant for each other all along. Stars Melissa Joan Hart and Stephen Collins.

"FIGHT CLUB"
Tale of a man who sets up a fight in which young men are paired off in blood, no holds barred bouts that continue until one drops. Stars Brad Pitt.

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STREET SCENE

-Rolling right along with Detroit's Dream Cruise CD



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

I can still hear the jingling sound that my first set of car keys made as my mother slipped them into my delicate hands the day I turned 16.

Despite the virtual blizzard brewing outside, I couldn't wait to hop into the driver's seat, pile my closest friends inside and just take off to places unknown — Freedom at its purist.

But times have changed since my parents and even my older sisters started to drive. The stories I heard about my sister Michelle cruising around town in her jet black classic '66 Ford Mustang convertible sounded so far from my own reality. The tame suburbs of Rochester Hills weren't much of a place for cruising during my teenage years, but for so many other metro Detroiters cruising defined a time in their lives.

Songs for the road

In Detroit — where the automobile is something sacred — what would cruising be without Highway One, without classic convertibles, and without the radio cranked to 10?

A group of local musicians recognized that connection and created "Cruisin' Songs From the Motor City," a compilation of 14 classics that may induce the

'It's unbelievable and it all sounds like Detroit,' said Brian Pastoria. He considers Detroit to be a 'melting pot of a lot of different music: R & B, blues, gospel, rock and pop' all with a blue collar energy and a constant groove. Most of the artists were people he knew who not only showed interest in the project, but those who would 'deliver great songs.'

temptation to speed. The compact disc, available at all Harmony House locations, was produced by Mark and Brian Pastoria of Harmonic Park Creative Group in Detroit. It was released last week during the Woodward Dream Cruise.

"I didn't believe they didn't have a sort of soundtrack for (the Dream Cruise)," said Brian Pastoria. So he and his brother created one. Choosing from an A-list of tunes, which all relate to cars, local artists recorded their own versions of hits like The Beatles' "Drive My Car," and Alice Cooper's "Under My Wheels." The songs cover diverse musical ground, from rock to blues to swing, and even hip-hop.

The Detroit Vibe

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music: R & B, blues, gospel, rock and pop" all with a blue collar energy and a constant groove. Most of the artists were people he knew who not only showed interest in the project, but those who would "deliver great songs," said Brian Pastoria.

One of them, Liz Larin found out about the project shortly after returning from Los Angeles. After cutting two records with a major label, Larin returned to the Detroit area and was "wowed by all the talent" she came across in the area. Larin took Tracy Chapman's always fabulous hit "Fast Car" to new levels by transforming it into her own techno version.

"Everyone came and worked for free," said Larin. "Everyone was into playing on it for fun."

Chris McCall happened to be working on her own CD in the studio when the opportunity arose to work on the compilation.

"Brian suggested I do 'Mercedes Benz,'" McCall explained. "I love 'Mercedes Benz' and I love Janis Joplin but I didn't want to do it. It's a signature song. It's usually a good idea to avoid them."

After she was talked into it, McCall brought family members into the studio to sing the song's chorus. She admits that now, she's quite happy with the result.

"It was great to have this excuse to work with all these talented people," she said. Like Larin, McCall agreed that "it's a nice time to be hanging out in Detroit."

More to come

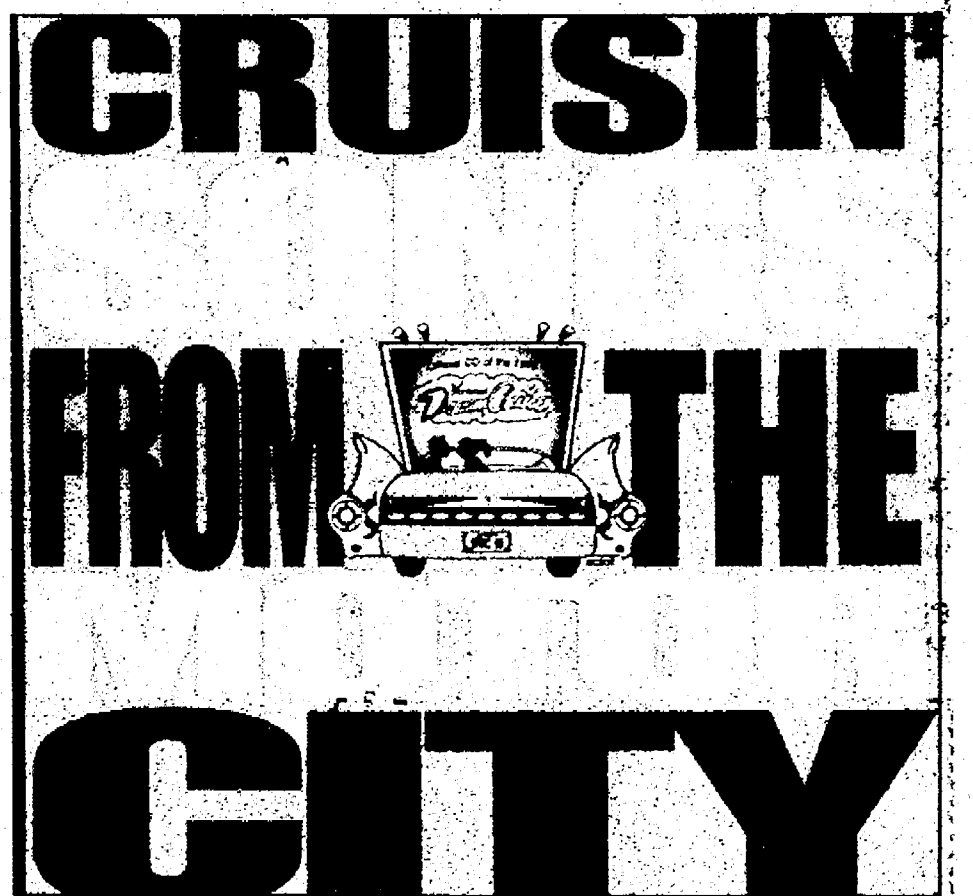
The project began in May and it took about six weeks to complete the CD. Larin called it "genuine" work by some of the best local artists.

Leonard Moon, of Bon Temps Roule, said the CD is something you could have in your car all year that will let you "drift back to summer" every time you play it. He envisions several versions of "Cruisin' Songs" in years to come.

Pastoria sees this project as expanding. He said "Cruisin' Songs II" is a possibility in the future.

"It's really indicative of the kind of talent we have here," he said.

Pop "Cruisin' Songs" into your CD player, drop the rag top down, rev the engine and hit the streets. Experience freedom at



its purist one more time.

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CD REVIEW

Fall 'Under' the spell of Marilyn Mack

"Under" — Marilyn Mack Group
Dirty Cow Records

Give it a chance, relax, and let yourself fall "Under" the dreamy spell of Marilyn Mack Group's debut album.

Marilyn Mack's chiming voice reveals undertones reaching the caliber of Sarah MacLachlan and Paula Cole, while the band meshes seamlessly to produce an honest songwriting style that probes the curiosities and questions we all face in life and love.

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Marilyn Mack Group to ponder the frustration of modern life: "Everything's so complicated / This broken world with too much hate / Families cryin', children dyin' / The money's comin' in too late."

Emotionally-charged music coupled with true talent forms the backbone of this Ypsilanti-based group's sound. With "Under," Marilyn Mack Band reels listeners into its own world — a world of contemplation and hope, a world that questions our every move and treasures simple delights. The title track offers a dark, melodic retreat into the group's own musical realm, while



"Ease My Mind" is as soft, bitter-sweet and beautiful as an unexpected summer storm.

Naming influences as diverse as XTC, Tragically Hip and Van Morrison, Marilyn Mack Group developed its own sultry style of

pop rock. As if that's not enough to pique interest, buy it for the sole reason of supporting quality local rock.

By Stephanie Angelyn Casola

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Ultimate Lebanese flavors inspire Phoenicia

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Since 1982, Phoenicia's owner Sameer Eid has delighted diners with his Lebanese cuisine, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean dishes. Such success does not come without daily dedication.

Eid is up at 5 a.m. six days each week. Like the best European chefs he's off to personally select cuts of lamb and other meat at Wolverine Packing Company in Detroit's Eastern Market. Frequently aided by his brother Walid, Sameer is not only head toque in his own kitchen, but Maitre d' greeting diners like they were members of his private club.

How did Sameer begin his restaurateur career? "In 1970 by mistake," he explained. "I was in the custom drapery business, but liked to eat at a Lebanese restaurant in Highland Park. The owner was from my mother's hometown in Lebanon. She wanted to close the restaurant and move out of the area. She suggested that I buy it. I did for \$5,700."

Since 1982 and relocation to Birmingham, Sameer has created a number of new dishes to blend Lebanese-style with American tastes. Salmon in Grape Leaves is one example. For this dish, fresh salmon fillet is topped with slices of fresh lime, fresh coriander and a slice of beefsteak tomato, then wrapped in grape leaves and broiled. Others

examples are Sautéed Shrimp, Swordfish Kabob, Frog Legs, Scallops, a Mixed Grill (swordfish, scallops and shrimp marinated and char-broiled) and Whitefish Fillet, baked over a bed of fresh peppers, onions, beefsteak tomatoes and spinach, then seasoned with herbs and olive oil.

At lunch, the non-traditional Pasta with Pesto Sauce is very popular.

"And believe it or not, we're known for our baby back ribs," Sameer noted. "They are the Monday night special." Phoenicia's version marinates the whole slab, seasons it then takes it to the broiler. Twice during the broiling, slabs are removed and re-introduced to the marinade and returned to the broiler. They are moist, but served "dry," the best way to enjoy them. A sauce is offered on the side.

Phoenicia's extensive dinner appetizer list appeals as a superb grazing menu, ideal for a large group to order several selections and share. Number one, most popular is homemade Sausages. Veal, lamb and ground Spanish pine nuts are stuffed in natural casing, seasoned and sautéed then served with pomegranate sauce. Finger-size, these sausages are not only unique, but bursting with flavor.

Other popular appetizer selections are Hommus, Baba Gannoug, Artichoke Hearts, and

Phoenicia
Where: 588 South Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 644-3122.
Hours: 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
Menu: Lebanese cuisine and Mediterranean specialties with particular emphasis on fresh seafood. Limited menu items with moderate prices at lunch. Many vegetarian choices at both lunch and dinner.
Full liquor license
Cost: Lunch \$8-11. Dinner and broiler specialties average \$22.
Reservations: Accepted.
Credit cards: All majors accepted.
Carry-out: All items available as carry-out. Lunch time delivery to office buildings within four mile radius.
Phoenicia Uncorked
Sameer Eid recommends the following wines with specialty dishes:
Lamb Chops: 1991 Chateau Musar, Lebanon (a Bordeaux varietal blend).
Sausages: 1995 Clos du Val Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley or 1996 Trefethen Eschol, Napa Valley.
Vegetarian dishes such as Grape Leaves or Mjadara: 1997 Rosemount Chardonnay from Australia.



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Delighting diners: Sameer Eid in the dining room of Phoenicia. Sameer is not only head toque in his own kitchen, but Maitre d'. He greets diners like they were members of his private club.

homemade Lebanese Cheese. Also a big favorite and one of Sameer's "suited to American taste" creations is Portabello Mushrooms, sautéed with fresh basil, garlic and olive oil served over a bed of fresh spinach.

Among char-broiled offerings are the traditional Lebanese prime Lamb Chops, trimmed of fat; Shish Kabob, very lean, tender lamb served with vegetables; and Shish Kafta, ground lamb with onions, parsley and seasonings.

Because prime lamb is king at Phoenicia, you have Sameer's

assurance that Kibby Neyee, is freshly ground and very safe to eat as an uncooked delicacy.

But if you always eat meat cooked, Baked Kibby is an alternative.

The menu lists seven items under "For the Vegetarian." Grape Leaves stuffed with rice, vegetables and herbs, cooked in olive oil and lemon sauce, are as delicious as the ground lamb version.

A selection of desserts are available, but the rice pudding is quite special.

Plans are being drawn up by

Birmingham architect Joe Savin to give Phoenicia an interior facelift. Near the end of this year, the restaurant will close for two weeks and open before the holiday season with a fresh look.

Keep reading the DINING page and we'll keep you informed.

But if you've never tried Phoenicia, don't wait until its remodeled to taste ultimate

Lebanese flavors. Not only is Phoenicia the first Lebanese restaurant in Oakland County, it has become a Birmingham dining destination.

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EATING OUT IN THE SUBURBS

Panini Cafe and Grill, 42087 Ford Road (between Haggerty and Lilley roads in the Sears Shopping Plaza), Canton, (734) 981-7000 is open on Friday.

Restaurant hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Panini Cafe and Grill serves Middle Eastern cuisine with some American dishes, sandwiches, salads, fresh juice, cappuccino and espresso. Vegetarian friendly Kid's menu for children age 10 and under. The cost is lunch \$4.95 to \$9.95; dinner entrees \$7.95 to \$13.95. Combination platter for two, \$16.95. All major credit cards accepted. The

restaurant seats 50, all non-smoking, reservations are accepted, and carryout is available.

Panini Cafe and Grill has a catering menu. Twenty-four hours advance notice for catered items, minimum eight people per order. Gift certificates are available.

Schoolcraft College — Sample dishes from more than 60 metro Detroit restaurants and food distributors 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 during Culinary Extravaganza, in the Waterman Center on the Schoolcraft College campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, (between Six and Seven Mile roads, west of I-

275.) Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Call (734) 462-4417. Event proceeds help pay for scholarships for Schoolcraft College students.

During the event, Master Sommelier Madeleine Triffon of Unique Restaurant Corp. will present a wine seminar, matching wines to the foods from selected restaurants. A live auction will feature packages designed to pamper and delight lucky bidders. Packages include a gourmet dinner for eight in your home, prepared by a Schoolcraft chef, and weekend getaway to Pelee Island with wine tour and tasting, dinner

and hotel for four. Stay tuned to the Dining page for more information.

Bella Ciao — 118 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor (across from the Ann Arbor Art Center) offers "intimate dining with a European flair." The restaurant is open 5:30-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Call (734) 995-2107 for information.

New menu at Zanzibar, 216 S. State Street, Ann Arbor (734) 994-7777 created by the sister-brother team of chefs Misty and Todd Callies explores the sweetly aromatic and gently-flavored vegetables and pastas of the

Mediterranean, the bounty of North American waters and gardens, and the grain-fed, corn-finished steaks and roasts of the Midwest along with the tropical theme loyal diners include as their favorites. Chef Todd will also launch a series of Todd's

Spicy Specials in the fall. And he's not talking spicy, he'll be dishing up fiery. Zanzibar is open Monday-Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday until 10 p.m. Saturday 5-10 p.m. and Sunday 5-9:30 p.m.

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