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Not busy: Workers Elizabeth Franczek (left to right), Anna Marderosian and Dorothy Holmes sign in voter Paul Lukasik at Patchin school. The poll workers said they had not been very busy. throughout Tuesday morning.

ELECTION RESULTS

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY

- ✓ Glenn Anderson 2,756
- ✓ Charles "Trav" Griffin 2,202 ✓ David James - 1,920
- ✓ David Cox 1,906
- / Dorothy Smith 1,794
- Michael Kehrer 1,716 James Godbout • 1,525
- Michael Rintz 1,384 . Debra Fowlkes - 1,236
- Jim Chuck 724
- Check mark indicates candidates going on to

Familiar names win in primary

■ About 8 percent of eligible voters narrowed the city council field from 10 to eight Tuesday.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Name recognition proved to be a powerful force Tuesday as Westland voters chose three incumbents and a planning commissioner for the top four spots in the city council primary.

Incumbent councilmen Glenn Anderson and Charles "Trav" Griffin won the top two spots with 2,756 and 2,202 votes respectively; Planning Commissioner David James came in third with 1,920 votes. Appointed incumbent Councilman David Cox came in fourth with 1,906 votes.

Following them were board watcher and longtime resident Dorothy Smith with 1,794 votes, Realtor Michael Kehrer with 1,716 votes. account manager James Godhout with 1,528 votes and attorney Michael Rintz with 1.384 votes. Eliminated from the primary were former school board member Deborah Fowlkes with 1,236 votes and

In November the top three will win four-year terms, and the fourthplace finisher will receive a two-year council term.

Top finisher Anderson said the results show the voters' desire for elected officials who question the

"It appears to me that the city wants an independent city council," said Anderson, who has sat on the council since 1992.

"Voters want a checks-and-balances type of council, not a council that will just be in line with the administration," Anderson said.

Please see PRIMARY ELECTION, A4

Rec survey may be sent in city's winter water bills

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Westland residents won't be standing in a polling booth when they decide whether the city should build a new recreation center, but they could make the asion within the comfort of their ewn homes.

City council Monday spent an hour in study session and decided to use a traditional survey to find out whether residents want a non-taxpayer funded recreation center.

Council President Sandra Cicirelli suggested sending the surveys with residents' water bills to ensure they

■ The city may survey residents this winter on recreation issues. The surveys would go out with the winter water bill mailings. In nearby Livonia, a recreation bond for a new recreation center and other improvements passed by a narrow margin Tuesday.

reach a majority of residents. Water

bills are mailed quarterly. "I can't think of a better way to reach

Campaigning: Donna Raines (at left), who was passing out lit-

erature for City Council candidate Mike Kehrer, talks with his

wife Debbie Kehrer outside Patchin Elementary.

every household," Cicirelli said. Since the city already pays to mail the bills, the surveys won't add any expense, she added.

Councilman Richard LeBlanc said impressive, he added. the surveys won't reach everyone.

"The only residents that may be excluded are apartment dwellers," LeBlanc said, because in most cases, the tenant's landlord pays water bills,

not the tenant. But the estimated number of residents reached by the surveys is still

"There will be 21,000 or so people

See recreation bond story, A3

allowed to be part of the survey, LeBlanc said. "I'm really glad that it appears it may receive some support."

Council will meet again within the next month to further discuss survey details, including how it will be worded. The surveys will most likely be sent by the beginning of 2000, with the win-

ter water bills. Mayor Robert Thomas has called for both new recreation and new city administration buildings to improve Westland's image. City officials are

Please see SURVEYS, A4

Coordina-

Mall marketing leader enjoys big challenges

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER jbrown&oc.homecomm.net

eturn trips to her Kalamazoo college campus are fun for Kellie Heppner. L VThere's "seeing some old college friends, which is nice." There's also the reminder of how she blended her studies with on-the-job learning at Westland Center, where she's marketing coordinator.

"I track sales of all the stores daily," said Heppher, a Livonia resident. She does corporate promotion programs, such as those for back to school, tailored to different stores.

Heppner, 22 going on 23, is involved in the Westland Chamber of Commerce. She helps with mall walkers and with seniors who meet at the center, Wayne and Warren roads, for monthly dances.

She's been on the job since mid-February, having been hired as assistant to Claudia Frederick, who left in the spring, "Then I got a promotion to marketing coordinator.'

Heppner earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Western Michigan University and just started her master of business administration degree studies at Eastern Michigan University. The graduate degree will take three years and will concentrate on market-

Please see MALL COORDINATOR, A4



tof: Kellie Heppner of Livonia majored in marketing in college and now works at Westland Mall. Among other things she trackswhat people like about the mall'snumerousstores and services:

Construction doesn't hamper school opening

City Hall ceremony remembers POWs

A black balloon will be ROTC units from Churchill and

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of

released for each name read Stevenson high schools.

By Doug Johnson Staff Writer

The opening of Wayne-Westland schools went very smoothly for the district, despite the renovation and construction at nine of the system's 26 buildings.

No parents were on hand at Monday's school board meeting in Dyer Center to complain, and board members were happy with progress at the various schools. Nor has the district received other complaints over the phone. according to the superintendent.

The district is in the middle of a \$108 million technology/building bond project. Work is going Walker-Winter. at Schweitzer, Hoover, Roosevelt-McGrath, Lincoln and Jefferson-Barns elementaries. Major work is under way at Taft-Galloway and Adams Middle School as well as the Ford tech center.

"I want to thank the parents

and students for their patience," said Dr. Gregory J. Baracy, superintendent of schools.

Baracy told the board Monday night that the schools opened on a positive note, that it was one of the best starts he had ever witnessed "despite the construction and the revamping of the transportation system.'

"As you know we have nine buildings under construction. We had the state fire marshal officers walk through and we were up to code, met all the standards; the buildings were safe and ready for students.'

Baracy said this round of renovations was on schedule and would wrap up in the next one to two months at some of the buildings. Wiring for technology is being completed at these buildings, he said.

Board trustee Skip Monit said he was "thrilled" with the progress. He made a point of visiting two of the schools affected, Walker-Winter and Taft-Galloway.

"Taft was fine. I went to Walker-Winter and they were doing a fine job there."

Trustee Richard Eisiminger visited Schweitzer. "The school looks great. It was unbelievable based on what I had seen three weeks before." Board Vice President Mathew McCusker agreed.

"I never thought we would get to where we are at Walker-Winter. The progress the construction people have made in a very, very short period of time is amazing," McCusker said.

■ In other technology/building matters, Baracy noted that they had broken ground for the career technology addition at the William D. Ford Career/Tech Center. Upgrades are planned there, as well as new media production lab, computer lab, graphic arts lab and instruction-

A short observance recogniz-

ing National POW/MIA Day is planned for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept.

17 at Westland City Hall, 36601

Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Ford Road.

al lecture room. Labs for construction trades, heating and air conditioning, welding and metal fabricating, auto body and CAD/CAM manufacturing will be "expanded and improved," Baracy said.

■ At the August meeting the board approved the purchase of 529 Dell Computers (mostly for elementary schools) at a cost of about \$812,000. Eventually, almost every classroom in the district is scheduled to have three student computers and one teacher computer networked into a WAN (wide-area network).

Each workstation costs about \$1500. The computers will use Windows 98 software. Other software is being evaluated by the instructional leadership staff and teachers for eventual purchase. "The curriculum must drive the software and the computers," Baracy said in an interview Tuesday. "Not the other

from the Michigan list of miss-

Participating groups include

local VFW organizations, Am-Vets, American Legion posts and way around."

The board also purchased 162 laser printers and 174 classroom TVs and VCRs.

■ The first labs at John Glenn and Wayne Memorial (one each) are being finished this week.

"This (bond issue) is a significant project, involving significant improvements, construction and renovation. We deeply appreciate the community's support, support that has been there since early in the project. We are doing exactly what we pledged to do. It will help students with a better learning environment, and it will help everyone's property values," Baracy said Tuesday.

The board Monday also approved five more cooperative education agreements bringing the total to nine. Livonia, Redford Union, Dearborn Heights, Crestwood and Dearborn school districts send students to West-

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Mathew McCusker

Livonia sends students to Tinkham and the other four send pupils to the career center.

Previously the board approved agreements with South Redford. Melvindale-Northern Allen Park. Allen Park and Garden City.

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#2019, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning from R-1, Single Family

Residential to I-1, Light Industrial, Parcel #026-99-0030-700, South Side of

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Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at

Warren Road, West of Hix Road, NW-7, Tim Phillips (Jack Hobbs)

Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 1999.

37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

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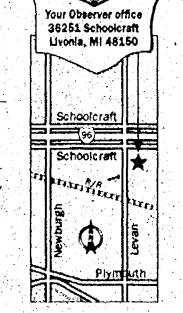


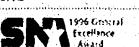
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W-W Schools honor 100-year-old graduate

The Wayne-Westland schools honored a 1918 graduate of the old Wayne High School at Monday's board meeting.

Margariette McConnell Wise was born in 1899 in Wayne and will be 100 on Sept. 27. She lives in Wayne Towers.

Five generations of her family were at the board meeting. She has raised seven children, and has 27 grandchildren, 52 great-

grandchildren and 12 greatgreat-grandchildren.

She at one time worked for Dime Savings Bank and A.S. Pool's Ford dealership.

"I congratulate Mrs. Wise," said Robin Moore, board president. "It was a pleasure talking with you before the meeting. I wish I could remember half of what she can recall."

CITY OF WESTLAND

Invitation to Bid

City of Westland Dorsey Center Renovations

General Contractors are invited to submit bids as requested for the Dorsey Center Renovation Project.

Project Description:

The Work consists of the renovation of approximately 300 s.f. of existing building space to create additional office space. A 324 s.f. portion of the project will enclose an existing loading platform with wood construction walls and roof assembly. The exterior walls are to be sided with vertical wood siding, and the roof to be covered with composition asphalt shingles. Interior finishes include new carpet, vinyl composition floor tile, painted gypsum board walls, and suspended acoustical ceilings. HVAC work and electrical work to be design/build.

Federal Labor Requirements:

The Contractor must comply with the Davis Bacon Act, July 2, 1964, (Title 40 276A), The Equal Employment Opportunity Act, Sept. 28, 1965, No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards, Title 29, 1, 3 and 5, and Title 18 U.S.C., Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act" and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. A copy of the Federal Labor Standards Provisions is included as a part of

the Contract Documents. Identification of Principals:

Owner: The City of Westland 36601 Ford Road (734) 467-3204

Architect: Architects and Planners, Inc. 9429 South Main Street Plymouth MI 48170

(734) 453-6060 (734) 453-0034 (fax)

Bond Requirements:

Bidders are required to submit a Performance Bond covering the faithful performance of the contract and a Labor and Material Payments Bond to insure payment of all obligations arising under the contract. Bonds shall be written in the amount of the Contract sum unless otherwise indicated below. All bonding companies must be listed in the Department of Treasury's Federal Register of Approved Sureties Listing. Bids:

Sealed Bids will be received at the City of Westland Purchasing Department, 36601 Ford Road, either by mail or in person, on or before 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 8, 1999. Bids must be submitted in duplicate on the Bid Form or a photocopy of the bid form prepared for this Project. Type the words "Bid for Dorsey Center Project" on the outside of the envelope containing the Bid. Bids will be opened publicly by the Architect and Owner in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor of City Hall, beginning at 10:05 a.m., Friday, October 8, 1999.

Site Inspection:

Bidders site visitation to become familiar with the conditions of this project is mandatory. Bidders to contact Robert Patterson at 734-595-0288.

Pre-Bid Conference:

Bidder attendance is mandatory at pre-bid conference and "walk-through" at the project site 3:00 p.m., Monday, September 27, 1999. Contractors will be required to register at the conference. Clarifications as a result of this meeting will be issued as an addendum and faxed to all registered Contractors on the following day.

Examination of the Contract Documents:

Documents are at the following location for Contractor review: Construction Association of Michigan Daily Construction Reports 1625 South Woodward

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Documents on Loan:

(248) 799-3349

Bid Document Packages consisting of three sets of Drawings and one Copy of Instructions to Bidders with Bid Form will be available on loan at the office of Architects and Planners, Inc., after 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 20, 1999. A check in the amount of \$25 made payable to "Architects and Planners, Inc." must be left on deposit. The deposit will be refunded upon return of documents, submission of a complete bid, and subject to the conditions listed in the "Instructions to Bidders".

Documents for Purchase:

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Nursing home celebrates its 30th year of operation

estland Convalescent Center celebrated its 30year anniversary with an open house and lunch for the business community Friday, Sept. 10. The festivities continued Saturday, Sept. 11, with a barbecue/carnival for residents, staff and friends.

Since opening its doors in 1969, the center has responded to the ever-changing demands of long-term care by meeting and exceeding the lifestyles of each resident served. As a recipient of the Health Care Association of Michigan Facility Excellence Award, the center is rated as one of the top seven facilities in "The Inside Guide to Nursing Homes."

With more than 20 percent of the current staff employed 10 years or longer, Westland Convalescent Center will continue to meet needs of

residents and families. The Saturday carnival included puppet shows, psychics, caricaturists, Big Band music, tumble fun for kids, clowns





What fun: Drew Pennington, 3, of Westland crawls through a tube with help of Christina Teran, Plymouth cheerleader. Drew's mom, Lee Ann Pennington, works at the center.



Clowning: Marjorie Henry, a resident, dons a temporary hat. Jacob Saliba, 4 (top), poses for the caricaturist, Robert Bauer. His great-grandmother, Pauline Pardy, lives at the center.



Entertaining: The Amazing Clark performs with his dog, Toby. Left is resident Lois Charette, right of him is Wanda Scalici. Top, Marshall Miller of Detroit encourages his son, Darnell Miller, 3, to tumble on mats. Darnell's grandmother, Linda Frey, works at the center.

Livonia voters OK new rec center

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER mehestney@oe.homecomm.net

Soccer players will be among the first beneficiaries of the \$35. million recreational package approved Tuesday by Livonia

Completion of all parts of the package, including a \$27.2 miln recreation center may take

up to three years. But the clearing of land at Greenmead for two new soccer fields should begin this fall, with the fields open for use in the spring of 2001, said Mayor Jack Kirksey.

The permanent tax increase to pay for the recreational improvements passed 7,315 to 6,517 out of 14,099 votes cast in Tuesday's primary election.

A collective groan emerged Tuesday evening from proponents when the first ballots counted, 4,564 absentee ballots. showed the tax question losing 2,148 to 2,301.

"We were stunned, because calls to absentee voters showed support," said Michael Duggan who, along with Kirksey, led the committee backing the recreation package.

"It almost got away from us. It's always hard to pass a tax increase. More millages fail than pass across the country. People don't like tax increases.

While the 10,000 phone calls to voters made in the last 10 days by proponents might have annoyed residents who got more than one of them, the calls are what made the difference between victory and defeat, Dug-

The desire to keep Livonia the most kid-friendly city in the country overcame the minor turf wars that generally rage between local sports groups vying for both facilities and players, Duggan said.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

www. burkittsville, org/ faq. html This Web site comes from our Reference Department. They have been getting numerous telephone calls and requests regarding the Blair Witch Project. The Web site is run by the good people of Burkittsville and explains ... "It's only a movie." It's also an interesting site. Check it out.

M PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS Genealogy Workshop

Continues 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, Community Meeting Room B. A. second class in a series of six meetings for genealogists will cover how to do genealogical research, how to write correspondence using state and

federal census. data, and using the Internet. A field trip to the Public Library Westland Family of Westland History Museum

is planned. Sponsored in cooperation with the Westland Historical Commission. Fee \$10 for six classes. Registration required. To register, call Stephen Keller at (734) 722-6305. Adult Book Discussion Group

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

Résumo Werkshop

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sopt. 21, Group Meeting Room A/B. Bring pencil and paper to learn the newest, as well as classic, techniques to create a new resume or update your current copy. Also learn how to fill out a job application required.

tion appropriately and concisely. Open to ages 14 and older. Guest speaker: Sandra Lowe: former office administrator for the city of Westland, No fee, No. registration required. Light refreshments will be served.

W Young Adult Activities

Young Adult Book Discussion Group 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, Group Meeting Room C. *Blood and Chocolate* by Annet Curtis Klause 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.

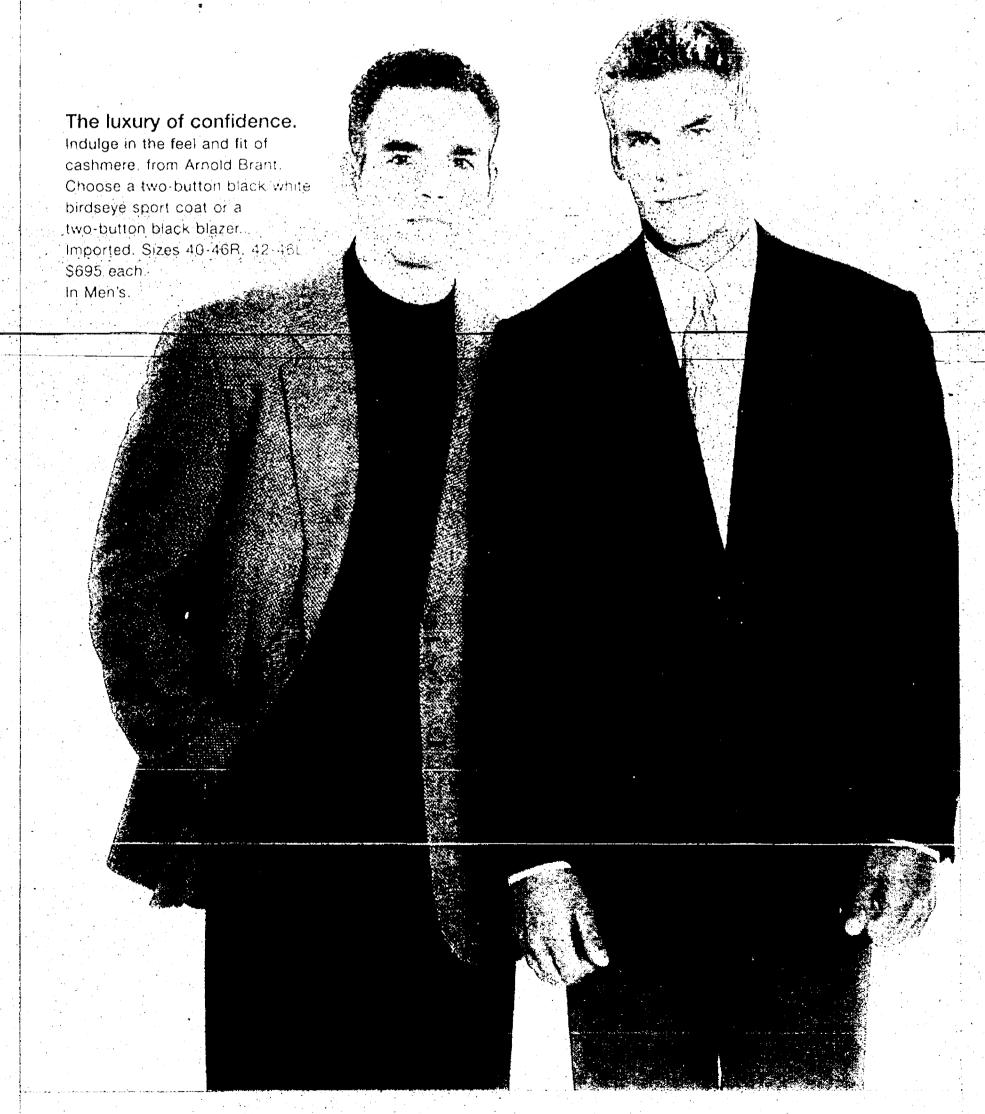
M CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sleepy Storytimo 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, Community Meeting Room A. This half hour family storytime is held every Monday, evening. Wear your jammies and bring. your blankie! No fee. No registration.

Toddler Tales & Preschool Storytime 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22. Toddler Tales (18:36 months) and Preschool Storytime (agos 3.6) are held 4:30. p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for funfables, tales and stories. Storytimes Hast about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required atthough class size

is limited. .. After School Special

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, Children's Activity Room. This drop in program held each Werlnesday is for: all school age children. It provides en opportunity to make chafts, play games and unwind after a hard day at school. No fee. No registration



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Primary election from page A1

"That's the way our government to place fifth but wished turnout is actually supposed to be set

Second-place finisher Griffin said he was pleased by his strong showing.

"I think (voters) want to retain some experience on council," Griffin said. "The voters always have a good feel for what they want and what's best for the community."

As for his continuing campaign, he said he would continue at his pre-primary pace including door-to-door campaigning, distributing brochures and staying visible in the community.

"I believe in running everything like you're running dead last," Griffin said.

Smith, in her ninth campaign since 1981, said she was happy was higher.

"If more people would have

voted I probably would have ended up a little higher," Smith

She said she was shocked by the number of people who told her they didn't even know about the election.

"There's no way you can't know unless you're apathetic," she said.

Voter apathy was apparent at several polling places, especially one where only four people showed up to vote.

"It was sort of like being in the "Twilight Zone," Smith said.

Out of 57,978 registered voters, 4,911 or 8.4 percent cast their ballots, said Westland City Clerk Patricia Gibbons. Of that number, 2,785 or 57 percent

were absentee ballots.

As of late Friday morning. 3,209 absentee ballots had been given out by Gibbons' office -

and 2,379 had been returned. Gibbons said the low turnout was fairly typical for primary elections and that she expects a higher turnout for the Nov. 2

general election. The last time Westland had a council primary was September 1991. Then, 9 percent of registered voters turned out. The mayoral primary turnout in 1997 also was low, with 5,945 voters or 9 percent casting bal-

lots. Gibbons said she always wants to see greater voter turnout and that voters should recognize the importance of primary elections.

"They're narrowing the field for the big election," she said.

Surveys from page A1

seeking a site after an attempt to buy land behind a Krogeranchored strip center on Ford Road fell through.

To pay for the new buildings, the mayor has proposed using tax money from the existing tax increment finance authority district north of Ford Road.

Council originally wanted to put the recreation center question on the ballot for voters to decide Nov. 2. But in July, City Attorney Angelo Plakas advised against it in a legal opinion.

ballot question wouldn't have any "force of law" and even a majority vote in favor of a recreation facility wouldn't require the city to actually buy the land and build the facility.

Plakas wrote that the state constitution doesn't actually prohibit an advisory ballot question. But the "limited case law dealing with this issue provides a strong indication that Michigan has long disfavored advisory ballot questions."

Plakas also wrote that the city Plakas wrote that an advisory charter gives the council the power to pay for public improvements without asking voters.

The decision wasn't an easy one, Plakas said. Before formulating his legal opinion, he did extensive research in law libraries and pored over numerous relevant cases.

"I knew it was a hot issue." Plakas said. "I had hoped it would be permissible to put it on the ballot. As I told (Mayor Thomas), I would not write an opinion that I could not defend in court."

Mall coordinator from page A1

ing.

Likes marketing

Heppner lived in South Lyon from first through seventh grades and then moved to Clinton Township, attending Chippewa Valley High School. In college, she was unsure of exactly what she wanted to do, but knew she wanted to study business. She liked marketing.

Heppner gets interesting reactions to her job.

"A lot of my friends are from the other side of the state," she said. Those friends have heard of Westland, but haven't necessarily been to the center for shopping.

She recently finished up the budget; Heppner tracks center traffic, does a merchant newsletter and other direct mail. "So far.

I've had a good response." She recalled working on the Miss Westland program during the last Westland Summer Festival.

She doesn't shop during work, but does notice good sales. "You're always checking out what's going on. She's pleased with the selec-

tion of stores at the center, operated by management company Jones Lang LaSalle. There's a new health club, Complete Health and Fitness, where Heppner works out. Her other interests include concerts, the recent Woodstock among them, and being with friends, including her boyfriend.

The health club is doing well, Heppner said. She and her colleagues have high hopes for Westland Center.

"We've got a lot of nice stores

coming in." American Eagle Outfitters is slated to open in November.

"Radio Shack is another one."

she said of that store, coming in either 1999 or 2000. "We're moving a lot of people around." Subway is coming in early

2000, Heppner said, adding the center is trying to focus more on the kids'/family market. "I think it's going to be good,"

she said of the center's future. "We're definitely updating our merchandising mix."

Heppner's future includes finishing her master's and working. "I see myself being here awhile. I've learned a lot and I'm sure there are other things to learn."



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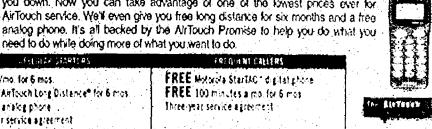
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GOP plan challenges union rules

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Troy Republican Robert Gosselin wants to enact a Michigan Workers' Bill of Rights that he says would protect laborers from unions as well as state and local laws.

Rep. Gosselin and House Speaker Chuck Perricone, R-Kalamazoo Township, plan to introduce a package of bills when the state Legislature returns to session Sept. 21 to allow workers to trade overtime for compensatory time off, allow workers to opt out of that portion of union dues used for political contributions, and allow public employees to live wherever they

"Yeah, right," is the reaction unions and state Democrats.

"A union worker voting for a Republican is like a chicken voting for Col. Sanders," House Democratic Leader Mike Hanley, D-Saginaw, said. "Until Republicans stand for a strong prevailing wage law, a decent minimum wage, stronger workplace safety measures, job training and child care, they will have very little



Rep. Robert Gosselin

credibility with union workers for anything they claim as a proworker agenda.'

State law presently bans the practice of trading overtime for comp time, Gosselin said, although that is a popular request by employees. He said his proposal would benefit employees who seek flexibility in their work hours, or who work in contended, but the federal govseasonal occupations.

"If construction workers could trade their time and extra hours in the summer, they could get extra time to go to Florida with their families" in the winter, Gosselin said. "Some companies would like to do that, it's just that state law prohibits it. The law states that one hour of overtime is worth one-and-a-half hours worth of pay."

Gosselin said his bills would specify that when time is traded, workers would get an hour-anda-half in paid time off for each hour of overtime worked. The proposal would not mandate comp time trades on companies. and would not eliminate businesses' right to control work time. The bill would require that the time trade be agreed to by worker and employer, he said.

The legislation would also enforce workers' so-called "Beck rights," named after a court case on the issue of whether workers should be allowed to opt out of that portion of union dues that is used for political contributions. The courts have supported workers' rights to opt out, Gosselin

ernment and most unions have not gone along with the ruling.

Under Gosselin's bill, workers annually could choose not to pay that portion of dues used for contributions. They could then keep the money, or contribute it to their own candidates.

"My dad used to come home from the shop and complain that the union was working against him," Gosselin said, because he did not agree with the candidates endorsed by the bargain-

Democrats counter that workers vote for their leadership, and can vote them out if they disagree with the candidates endorsed.

"That's fine if you only care about the 51 percent majority and say, 'Screw the other 49 percent," Gosselin said.

The third provision of the package would outlaw residency rules in local communities for municipal workers, like police officers and firefighters. Approved last session in the Senate, the ban on residency rules has yet to be taken up in the House.

Schoolcraft opens American Harvest

restaurant operated by Schoolcraft College's renowned Culinary Arts Department, is open for lunch Wednesday, serving a variety of gourmet selections prepared and served by Culinary Arts students. The students work under the supervision of the department's four certified master chefs.

The restaurant offers a quiet, formal venue for entertaining business clients or gathering with friends. All foods are made fresh daily, and the menu features breads, soup, salad, assorted entrees and a wide choice of desserts. All items are a la carte.

Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday, closing Dec. 17 for final exams. The restaurant will reopen in January. To make reservations, call (734) 462-4488.

The popular international dinners, prepared by secondyear students in the International Cuisine class, continue this fall. Each Thursday evening, diners enjoy a sump-

American Harvest, the tuous five-course meal drawing from the dishes of a particular area or country. The dinners are \$26.95 and reservations are recommended because seating is limited. Call (734) 462-4488.

The Professor's Pantry is another opportunity for community members to enjoy the products of Culinary Arts students. Each Tuesday through Friday specials such as fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta and salads and dressing are on sale between 11:30 a.m. and 2

Lastly, it's not too early to begin planning your Thanksgiving menu.

The Culinary Arts Department will prepare a complete dinner, ready for pick-up the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Included with a 14- to 16pound oven-ready whole turkey are stuffing, a fresh vegetable, yams, relish and gravy. The meal will serve 8 to 10 people

and cost between \$80 and \$90. You can order a Thanksgiving dinner starting Oct. 26 by calling (734) 462-4491.

County takes orders for tree seedlings

tion District will accept orders for fall seedlings, which will be distributed on Friday, Oct. 22.

Orders will be accepted through Oct. 5. Available planting stock include Austrian pine. white pine, Engelmann spruce, Norway spruce, white birch, red Osier dogwood and white flowering dogwood.

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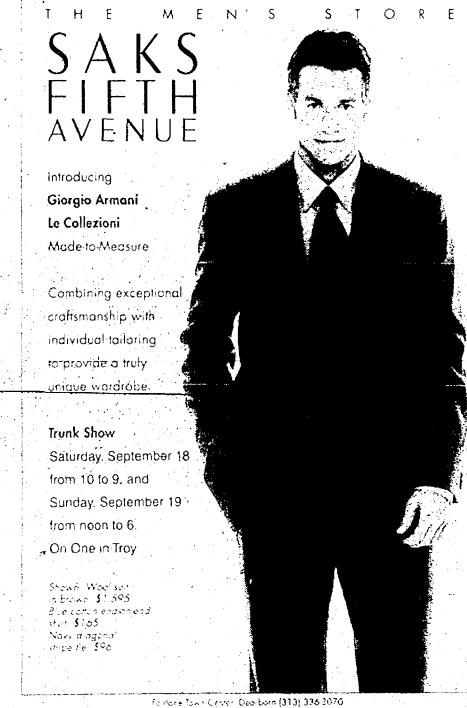


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A Vision of Community for Older Adults

Steven Faine, Botsford Health Care Continuum

Society holds an expectation that the health care industry will not only treat disease and injury but also-seek solutions when the quality of life is challenged Botsford Health Care Continuum believes part of that challenge has been to develop new choices that maximize quality and independence for older adults. Botsford has invested research and resources to find a lifestyle alternative that acknowledges the value of aging and supports the independence we all cherish. This research ultimately led to Botsford Commons as a full service continuum devoted to the needs of an aging population. However, it is a continuum with a-twist.

The usual model for a continuum of care is a cycle which requires one to move to different living areas as one's physical condition changes. Each move results in losses of freedom, familiar surroundings and friendly faces. Botsford sought to identify ways to make the home supportive of the changing needs of the individual, not the other way around. Each residence on the campus was designed to quietly support the individual by providing an environment that compensates for some of the losses that come naturally with aging. The Commons also provides professional support services geared to helping each resident achieve and maintain an optimum level of health and independence. At its heart is a support network which ensures that individuals do not have to face problems alone.

Despite our advances, sometimes people still need help with the challenges of daily living. The Botsford Commons continuum includes a 64-unit Assisted Living Center offering services to support any need that a resident may have without intruding on one's sense of independence and privacy. The Center effectively incorporates the research which went into other campus elements including the emphasis on building a vision of community.

The spirit of community is reflected in the care that is given. It is evident in the interactions among residents as they watch out for one another. It is evident in campus facilities which allow residents to meet for meals, swim in the pool. enjoy the home theater, or the library, billiard or craft room. It is evident in the ability to stay in the home that you have selected while services are delivered to you instead of you going to them. And it is most evident in the ability to meet any medical crisis by providing the level of care required at a given time and return home when the time is right.

Celebrating Assisted Living Week 1999

Botsford Commons Assisted Living Center

Yard sale will aid Westland

A giant yard sale that began today at Parkview Baptist Church in Livonia will aid a Westland woman who is a candidate for a lung transplant.

Westland Donated clothes, computers, bicycles and more will be on sale at the church until 5 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The church is

at 9355 Stark, near Hines Drive.

Proceeds will go to the National Transplant Assistance Fund and set aside in a special account for the medical expenses of Barbara Farver, who is projected to need a transplant in a year to a year and a half.

The NTAF is a nonprofit organization.

Teachers reach tentative accord after extending old contract

BY MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER mchestney@oe.homecomm.net

Negotiating teams for the Livonia Public Schools and its teachers started a weekend of talks Friday evening that ended early Monday morning in a tentative settlement.

Students in the north end of Westland attend Livonia schools, including Franklin on Joy Road.

Smiling bargaining team members accompanied union president Karen Zyczynski to Monday's school board meeting, where she told the trustees that a tentative agreement had been reached. The agreement will be voted on by the teachers on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Churchill High School.

Neither Zyczynski nor Steven Smith, the district's assistant superintendent for personnel, would reveal details of the proposed settlement before it is discussed and approved by the teachers.

But congratulations abounded Monday as the camaraderie that usually exists between teachers and school administrators returned.

Signs placed by the teachers behind the trustees read: "Congratulations Livonia students for meeting the MEAP challenge." This refers to performance of Livonia students on the latest Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. The MEAP scores apparently became a bargaining chip for teachers during contract talks.

LIVONIA SCHOOLS

Board president Ken Timmons, a former Livonia high school teacher, also seemed pleased as he greeted his ex-colleagues with: "I'm pretty sure teachers will be happy with the great work done by both sides."

Zyczynski, an elementary teacher, addressed the trustees. "It is with a great deal of pleasure and much relief that I appear before you this evening," she said.

Superintendent Ken Watson described the negotiations as a long, arduous process done professionally and in a positive manner by both sides.

The trustees met in closed session after Monday's meeting to hear details of the settlement.

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Before the Sept. 28 vote, both bargaining teams will iron out

the details.

"Even though conceptually we have a settlement, it will take a few days to work out the details," Zyczynski said.

If teachers approve the contract settlement, the focus will shift to getting agreements with the district's six other unions. All six contracts have expired but have been extended. Raises given teachers generally set the stage for raises given to the district's other employees.

Opening talks between the district and its administrators union should begin Friday, Smith said.

The teachers' contract expired Aug. 16; it subsequently was extended to Sept. 30.

"This has been a difficult time for Livonia teachers," Zyczynski told the trustees Monday. "I do not believe we have ever returned to work without a contract settlement. Emotions were running high on the part of many teachers. Teachers were frustrated and wanted to do something to express their concern and support for reaching a settlement.

"We engaged in some activities that perhaps seemed offensive to you as representatives of the community. These activities were not designed to offend, but rather to build a sense of unity and support among teachers and to support the community.

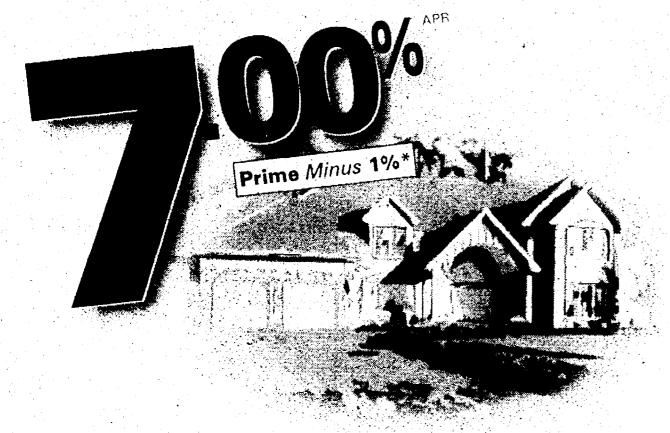
"At no time did we renege on our responsibilities to children or the community."

To spotlight their lack of a new contract, teachers put signs in car windows, wore black clothes to school on Friday, and picketed administrative offices on Farmington Road. The Livonia Education Association also ran ads in the Livonia Observer.

On Wednesday, Timmons told the Observer that the tentative agreement is proof positive that collective bargaining works, despite the fact that teachers are legally barred from striking.

"When that right was taken away, I feared it would become one sided," Timmons said. "But in the economics part of this agreement, both sides gave."

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Communities want Edison to reimburse police, fire time

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

At least two western Wayne County leaders want Detroit Edison and other utilities to reimburse their communities for police and fire overtime costs associated with guarding downed power lines.

On Friday, members of the Conference of Western Wayne, an 18-community legislative consortium, agreed to wait before acting on an resolution calling for new local ordinances requiring reimbursements.

Locally, Plymouth Township was expected to approve an ordinance.

A survey of the conference communities found that costs of police and firefighters watching downed lines totaled \$217,387 for eight communities in Wayne and Oakland counties for two storms in 1997 and two in 1999. That included Plymouth. \$32,346; Garden City, \$25,873; Redford, \$17,322; and Canton, \$3,427.

Dearborn Heights Mayor Ruth Canfield, whose community ran up \$113,198 in costs, said communities sent out either a police officer or firefighter to guard the site until Edison crews arrive.

Canfield said that Edison crews arrive after an "unreasonable length of time."

"I believe Detroit Edison should reimburse our cities for time expended by our employees protecting or responding to a downed power line, even lines that have been downed by a storm," Canfield said.

"If Edison wants to avoid these costs, they should take steps to update and repair their existing lines now, and make sure enough Edison employees are available to guard downed wires.'

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor, said for years each community has routinely assigned emergency personnel to watch downed wires after even the smallest of storms. "We do so in order to protect the health and safety of our citizens until Edison personnel respond to the unsafe situation," McCarthy said.

The amount of money spent on emergency overtime increases each year, McCarthy said.

"Because we have been providing this service to Edison for

can shorten

billing cycle

Get ready to pay utility bills a little faster. The Michigan Public Service Commission decided Monday, Sept. 13, to grant a request by the state's gas and electric utility companies to shorten their billing cycles.

Approval means utility customers will have 17 days, rather than the current 21, in which to

But the PSC rejected a number of other changes requested by utilities, including shorter grace periods for late payments before penalties can be applied

and higher deposits for new cus-

The grace period will remain at the current five days, rather than being shortened to one, and deposits will remain at twice the average monthly bill, rather than jumping to 2 1/2 times the

The request for changes to billing practices was filed by Michigan Consolidated Gas. But since the change in billing practice rules will apply to all gas and electric utility companies in the state, including Detroit Edison and Consumers Energy. those utilities joined in to ask for

MichCon made the request in 1997, but the lack of publicity of the proposal caused state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm to object to the changes this past August. She argued the changes were a disguised rate hike. She contended that the utility companies' claims that the purpose was to increase "personal accountability" among customers.

MichCon officials argued the purpose was to stop customers

from "gaming the system," with holding payment until just

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■ The costs of police and firefighters watching downed lines totaled \$217,387 for eight communities in Wayne and Oakland counties for two storms in 1997 and two in 1999.

such a long time, we have not routinely identified all of the costs for each incident," McCarthy said. "However, based on the citizen complaints of power outages that we all receive, I am certain that the total costs are extremely signifi-

In July 1997, an Edison high-

voltage line fell on the roof of the 35th District Court. Edison was notified repeatedly, starting at 6 p.m. but did not respond until 9:30 p.m., McCarthy said. As a result, the building was electrified and burned to the ground, McCarthy said.

The insurance carrier for the courthouse sued Edison for dam-

ages. Edison named the Plymouth Community Fire Department as a "non-party at fault," claiming it failed to cut the Edison line, failed to fight the fire properly and failed to train properly.

McCarthy believes Edison's claim was a legal strategy to reduce the size of any award if the company was found at fault for the fire.

Edison spokeswoman Lori Kessler did not comment on that lawsuit or McCarthy's claim.

Kessler said Detroit Edison remains committed to public

safety. Nearly 4,000 employees including those at desk jobs, such as accountants or marketing officials - are trained to handle downed power line assignments during a catastrophic storm, Kessler said.

Plymouth and Plymouth Township, paying \$700,000 to \$800,000 in taxes, Kessler said. "In terms of public safety, we as taxpayers should have some expectations of the community's public safety role," Kessler said. Kessler wondered whether the communities would charge a

homeowner for costs associated with the removal of an uprooted tree that lies in the street.

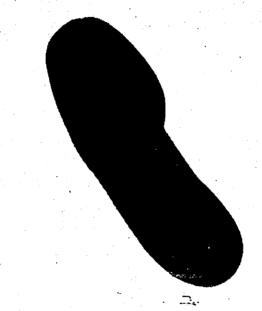
When a storm is not in the area and the weather is normal; Edison has an "objective to be. there within 90 minutes," Edison is also a taxpayer in Kessler said. "During a storm, it! will be longer, but we still have an objective to be there within several hours."

Edison also tries to work as a partner with communities, cutting power to downed lines to, protect firefighters and others, Kessler said.

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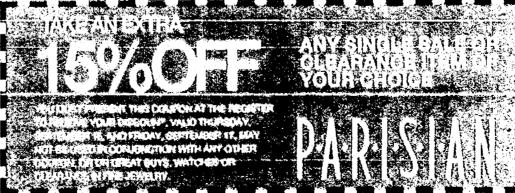
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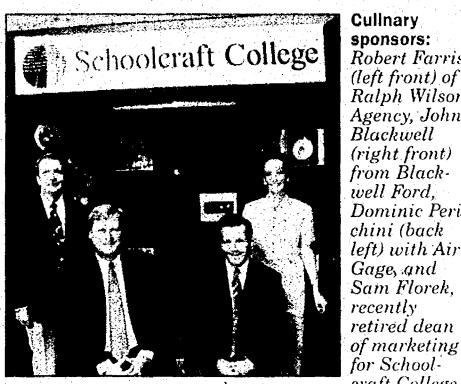
The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, set for Sun-Pay Sept. 26 on the Livonia cambus, is a feast for food fanciers. and while patrons are enjoying cood and beverages provided by Thore than 50 area restaurants and caterers, the college's scholarship coffers are growing at the " same time.

The event, expected to raise more than \$125,000, will benefit a wide range of students who need financial help to attend college. Thanks to more than 150 sponsors who have donated anywhere from \$250 to \$5,000, the scholarship funds at Schoolcraft will continue to help students reach their educational goals.

🥯 Benefactors such as Air Gage, Aramark, AVI Foodsystems, the Beson Family Foundation and Sodexho Marriott donated \$5,000 to become platinum sponsors. Crossmark, Ford Motor Co., PVS Chemicals and a long list of area businesses and individuals will also serve as sponsors for the eighth annual event from 2-5 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center.

🔆 "We are delighted with the response from the business community and look forward to many new long-term relationships," said Richard McDowell. president of Schoolcraft College and chairman of the sponsor committee.

"One of our most rewarding



craft College. STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

back much more.

value of financial aid. She

received assistance to go through

the culinary arts program at

Schoolcraft. But whatever aid

she has received, she has given

Burns' husband died eight

years ago. He had been sick a

long time and left her with big

hospital bills. She had started

husband was ill, she took nutri-

tion classes to learn how to cope

with his heart condition. After

tasks is granting scholarship to students, watching them complete their studies, graduate and begin a new phase of their lives," said McDowell.

"Last year, the foundation granted almost 400 scholarships," he added.

Scholarship recipients Jeannette Burns, Alexandre Martinov, Neil Hunter and Maria Mitter are just a few who have benefited from the generosity of businesses and other "friends" of Schoolcraft.

Jeannette Burns knows the

two years of continuing educa-Culinary tion cooking classes, Schoolcraft sponsors: College chef Jeff Gabriel told her Robert Farris to get serious and enroll in the (left front) of culinary arts program.

Ralph Wilson She graduated four years ago, Agency, John works part time at Too Chez in BlackwellNovi, raises her children, works part time for a catering company (right front) and is a part-time culinary assisfrom Blacktant in the Schoolcraft program. well Ford, She is the culinary arts students' Dominic Periunofficial mother, working with them from the moment they chini (back arrive until they graduate, tutorleft) with Air ing and getting them help. Gage, and Since Burns began tutoring Sam Florek. recently

and assisting the students, the highest percentage of students have completed the program, with the best grades since its beginning.

Her own plans are to get a bachelor's degree and then a master's in video community. Her job is to help culinary students succeed.

Alexandre Martinov came to the United States three years ago. Newly married and with no knowledge of English, he set out to learn the language and establish a career. He began working on a culinary arts degree with the goal of becoming a master chef.

college several times, wanting to be an elementary teacher, but He received a Friends of the never quite finished. When her Foundation Scholarship to Schoolcraft College.

Neil Hunter's goal is to be a homicide detective. To achieve criminal justice and will enroll in the Western Wayne County Police Academy at Schoolcraft.

Maria Mitter, recipient of the Lloyd and Elka Wilkie Endowment Scholarship, plans to earn a doctorate in psychology and work as a high school psycholo-

this objective he is working gist. A full-time student, she is toward an associate's degree in proud of her 3.9 grade-point average, which she earned while working two jobs.

Tickets for the Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza are \$40 each or two for \$75. Call the Schoolcraft College Foundation at (734) 462-4417 for tickets or sponsorship opportunities.



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owns with her husband, Tom.

think. It's peaceful."

Horse lover

"What I enjoy most is getting

domain.

Still, there are rewards. His

Rural Appreciation Tour introduces you to farm life

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER rskoglund@oc.homecomm.net

Cows don't moo. They mmmooooo, a belly-deep, fog-horn kind of a sound that announces you're on a farm.

If you've never had the opportunity to see - and smell - a cow up close, here's your chance. The second annual Washtenaw County Rural Community Appreciation Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, will take you to three farms in Salem and Superior Townships: Waylene Acres dairy farm, Sandy Hills horse farm and Plymouth Orchards.

"The tour allows people to visit different types of local farms and get an idea of what local farmers face," says Mike Score of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension.

From moo to you

Wayne DeForest manages the only registered Guernsey herd in Washtenaw County on his 134acre dairy farm, Way-lene Acres. "I kind of like them because they're easier to get along with. Their milk also has a higher butterfat and protein content."

The farm has been in his wife's



When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Where: Safemand Saperior Townships

1. Way-lane Acres 6709 E. Joy Road, Safem Two.
Take M 14 to Gothedson Road (Exit 15), exit left and head south to Joy Road and torn right. Continue nest on Joy 1. 1/2 miles past Curtis Road. Farm is on north side of Joy. 2. Sandy Kill Ferms, 9101 Cherry Hill Road, Superior Twp.

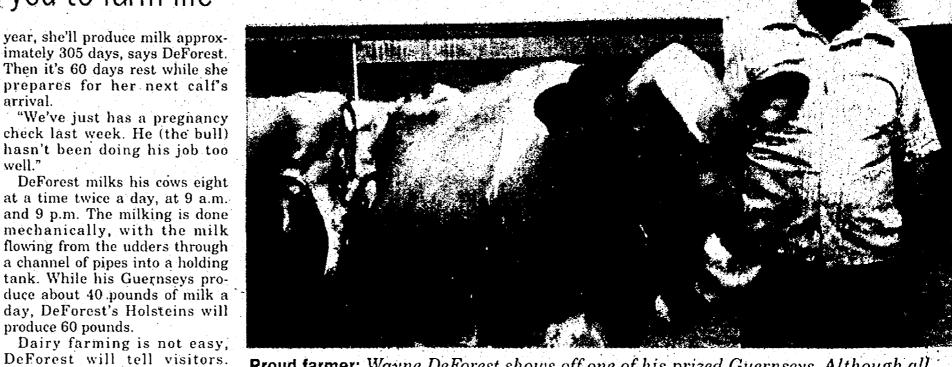
Take Ford Road to Gotfredson, turn left and head south to Cherry H.S. Turn right and go 1-3/10 miles to farm. Farm is Cherry No. Tomorgo, and go Tray to the es to take the mono on porth side of Cherry Helt.

3. Phymoeth Orchards, 1065 Warren Road, Salem Twp. (734) 455-2290. Located on Warren Road between Napier and Gotfredson, Take N-14 to Gotfredson Road (exit. 15). Head south to Warren and turninght or head east on Gotfredson and turn left. Orchard is on north, side of

family since the 1940s; however, the site has been farmed since the turn of the century. Arlene DeForest teaches at Central Middle School in Plymouth, while Wayne DeForest keeps 89 cows, mostly Guernseys, happy.

And his bull, in spite of a bum leg, keeps them pregnant.

If a cow births a calf every



Proud farmer: Wayne DeForest shows off one of his prized Guernseys. Although all cows have registration numbers, some have names. Meet Lisa ... or maybe it's

4-H: Head, heart, hands, health ... and horses

Kate Keim, 14, of Canton said its rare to find another 4-H member at Plymouth-Salem High School. "I don't think the kids know there are barns around in Canton. Most of them say, 'What?'

A member of 4-H for three years, Keim said 4-H has taught her "what to look for in a good horse." It's also brought her a lot of new friendships outside of high school.

Keim doesn't have her own horse, but she leases Sweet Buttercup, aka "Sweetie," a 17-yearold Appaloosa. She doesn't mind that Sweetie has no eyelashes. "I think it makes her cuter."

4-H pledge:

thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world."



Keim has an agreement with Sweetie's owner, Linda Witkowski of Salem: She cleans Witkowski's stable and grooms her two horses, Sweetie and Velvet, for the privilege of riding Sweetie and showing her at the Wayne County Fair.

Witkowski, now married and the mother of 7-year-old Alissa, was a 4-H member during her

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STAFF PROTO BY PAUL HURSCHMANN A live rocking horse: Kate Keim, 14, holds: Danielle Witkowski, 21/2 aboard "Sweetie."



Lunch time: A group of hungry Guernseys lines up at the trough at Way-lene Acres in Salem Township. A well-fed Guernsey will produce about 40 pounds of milk a day.

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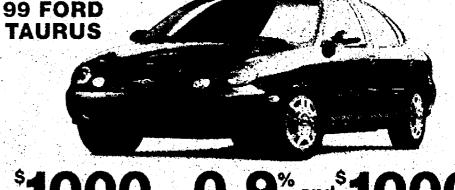
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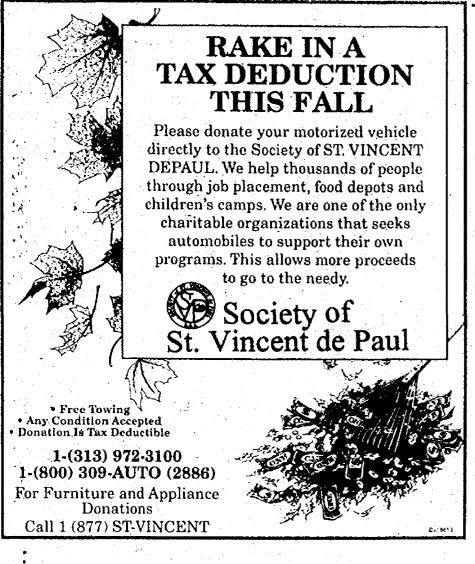
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yearling when Witkowski, then 18, showed her as part of a 4-H project.

"I was kind of a shy kid. 4-H enabled me to be around horses and learn more about people," said Witkowski.

Jeanine Asch, 23, of Canton is a farmer 4-H member who's always been part of the horse and pony clubs. She's now a third-year 4-H leader with her own riding club, "Bits 'n Bridles." She gives riding lessons to both Keim and Alissa Witkowski.

Asch said 4-H is all about volunteers. "It's through the efforts of the few dedicated people who take on the responsibility of leadership. They want the kids to have fun, but it still has to be community service. It doesn't have to be related to animals."

Janet Reaves, the 4-H Youth Agent for Wayne County, said 4-H has a more urban profile in Wayne County. The Detroit cen- Detroit, MI 48201. Call (313) ter, which just celebrated its 833-3422.

teens. In fact, Sweetie was just a 25th anniversary, is the only independently run 4-H center.

4-H projects include arts and crafts, public speaking, science, gardening and animal science. Members can raise rabbits or chickens in their garages to be auctioned off at the Michigan State Fair. And farmers in more rural counties often provide host animals, mostly goats and sheep, to be cared for by a 4-H member from Wayne County.

"Why should kids in cities limit their career opportunities. You don't have to have 400 acres to consider the agri-business," said Reaves.

4-H representatives will participate in the Washtenaw County Rural Community Appreciation Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

For more information on 4-H, contact Janet Reaves, 4-H Youth Agent, 640 Temple, 6th Floor,

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learn about the different riding

styles and what to look for in a

good horse - straight legs, pretty

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explain to tour participants the

ship is becoming a rural last-

stand. Her farm is a hideaway

for her boarders. "They love to

come out here and hear the

birds, frogs and the horses hol-

"People think we're a commer-

Apple, apples, apples

lering."

Rudnicki says Superior Town-

characteristics of their horses.

On Saturday, visitors will

legs, a mane and a tail."



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Ready to ride: Alissa Witkowski of Salem, 7, saddles up "Velvet," a 7-year-old Welsh.

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Farms from page A9 She loves them all. "It's hered-

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■ 'You can't see a farm over the phone.' ity. It's in your genes. My father loved them. My grandmother

Wayne DeForest

of farming done here," says Mary Emmett, owner of Plymouth

Orchards in Salem Township.

Twenty-three years ago Emmett and her husband, Dave, bought a run-down dairy farm and transformed it into a thriving 115-acre orchard, with apple trees planted on 45 acres. They harvest 5,000 bushels of apples annually.

Apples, cider, bakery goods and pumpkins will be for sale Saturday, and there'll be wagon rides through the orchards. A petting farm is located on site, and there will be a wool-spinning demonstration.

Emmett plans to explain how over the phone." cial enterprise. But there's a lot the trees are planted, pruned,

sprayed and irrigated. She'll tell visitors that apple orchards don't live forever. She recently replaced 2,000 of the 5,000 trees she planted in 1977.

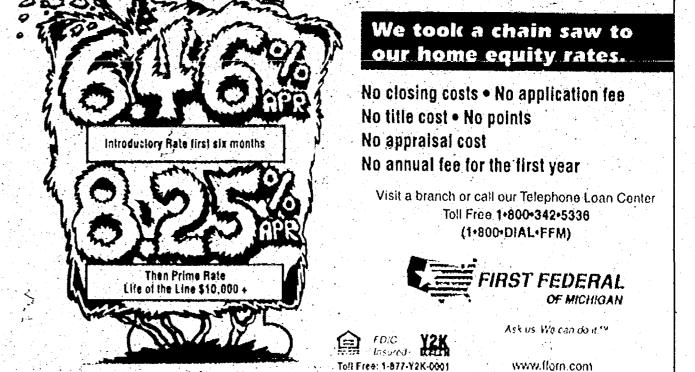
But most of all she'll tell them her life as an apple grower is pretty good.

Washtenaw County Rural Community Appreciation Tour organizers are hoping for a good turnout. Last year's tour attracted 700. The tour is a chance to sample a lifestyle that's disappearing from many of our communities, they say.

Like DeForest told this reporter: "You can't see a farm







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SEMCOG forum looks at transportation in new century

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

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People interested in transportation issues can attend a forum Sept. 29 to discuss transportation problems with officials from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

SEMCOG hopes to identify problems and solutions for its long-range planning process and developing the 2025 Regional

Transportation Plan.

"Transportation 2000 and Beyond - A Visioning Process". starts at 8 a.m. and ends at noon at the Cobo Conference/ Exhibition Center in Detroit.

the business community and interest groups can talk about selected transportation themes, such as safety, congestion, financing, public transit and intermodal freight issues. Those interested in registering for the

forum will be asked to fill out a access and bicycle paths. brief questionnaire for SEMCOG to decide on group discussion topics and group assignments.

which transportation topic is Residents, representatives of most relevant to them out of the choices of highways and roads, freight and trade, public transit and non-motorized transportation. Subtopics for possible discussion include bridge conditions, environmental impact, marine transportation, rail, job

Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director, will discuss "Getting There from Here," then partici-Participants will be asked pants will break into smaller groups for discussions. A wrapup discussion will conclude the morning's activities.

> A SEMCOG official said the recommendations will be placed in either the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan or a Transportation Improvement Plan.

The U.S Department of Transportation requires that SEM-COG complete its regional transportation plan for Michigan and the SEMCOG region to receive federal money. That 20-year plan is generally integrated by SEMCOG with local communities, counties and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

It is revised every three years. The TIP acts as the action arm of SEMCOG to complete road, highway and other trans-

portation improvements, and is revised every two years.

Members of the public are invited, along with city, county and state officials. Nearly 8,500 people who are on SEMCOG's mailing list should have received the survey and registration form.

For information, call SEMCOG at (313) 961-4266 or check SEM-COG's Web site at www. semcog.

Madonna plans open house

nia is holding an open house for prospective students at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in the Take 5 Lounge on campus.

Those attending will tour the campus, meet the faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 50 career-oriented programs and 14 master's programs offered during the

Madonna University in Livo- Information on financial aid and scholarships will be available and transfer students are encouraged to bring their transcripts. Complementary refreshments will be provided.

The university's flexible schedule allows the student to attend full time or part time. For more information, call Madonna University's Admisday, evenings and weekends. sions Office at (734) 432-5339.

The Schoolcraft College Sunday Health Club will be open 26 Sundays during the 1999-2000

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fitness room. Members will furnish their own lock and towels.

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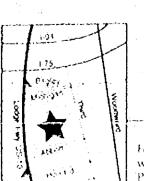
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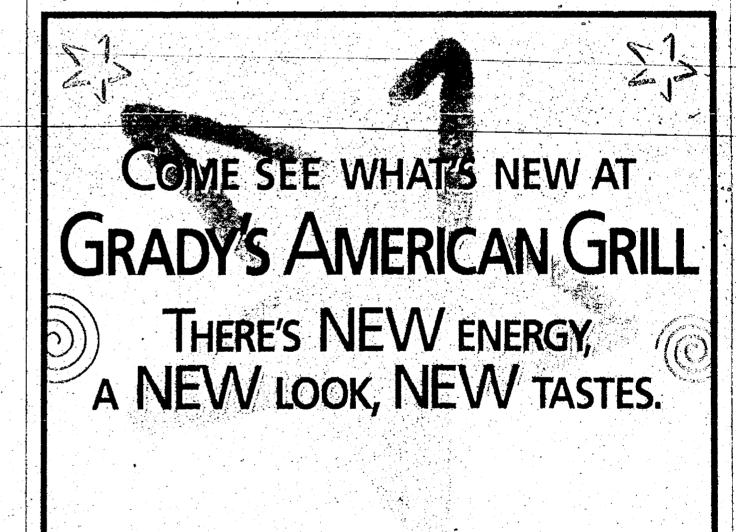


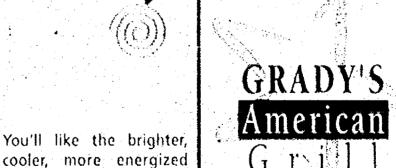
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Going Expoing: Lila Love, store manager of Office Depot, Westland, demonstrates how to turn a photo image into a print. She took the photo of Gretchen Heinicke, 11. Westland, and her mom, Ann Heinicke, with a Sony Mavica digital camera. Left, Karen Priemer, from Arbonne, applies a skin care product to Lisa Smith, from Oakwood Hospital.

It was all business last Saturday as five area chambers of commerce combined for their second annual Five Star Expo.

The event, sponsored by chambers from Garden City, Westland, Redford, Dearborn Heights and Wayne, attracted more than 50 exhibitors, said Amelia Oliverio, the Garden City chamber executive director.

"It was an excellent mix of exhibitors, ranging from food services to banking to greenhouses and even Expo planners," she

An unusual "exhibitor" at the event, held in Westland's Joy Manor, was Baron, the Garden City police department's dog.

Oliverio said there were 400 visitors to the show, which provided excellent networking opportunities for participating businesses

Comments heard during the event were that the exhibitors "like the more consistent flow of traffic," she said.

Linda Lee of "Young Country" radio station 99.5-FM was on hand with Garden City's Sue McGraw serving as mistress of ceremonies.

Oliverio said the five chambers will repeat the Expo next fall.

OBITUARIES

KURT L. SCHNEIDEWIND

Services for Kurt Schneidewind, 56, of Westland were Sept. 13 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating

was the Rev. David Brown. Mr. Schneidewind was born June 9, 1943, in Detroit and died Sept. 9 in Plymouth. He was a social worker and was a veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra; parents, Fred and Jessie Schneidewind of Dearborn; brother, Eric (Ann) Schneidewind of Lansing; 12 nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075 or Ward Presbyterian Church Deacons Fund, 40000 Six Mile, Northville, MI 48167

SYLVIA J. UZARSKI ---

Services for Sylvia Uzarski, 80, of Westland were Sept. 13 in Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with burial at Oakland Hills Memorial Park in Novi. Officiating was the Rev. Ferdinand A. Wolber.

Mrs. Uzarski was born March 12, 1919, in Golconda, Ill., and died Sept. 10 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her sons, William (Karen) Ballelli of

Canton and step-son, Joseph (Saldy) Uzarski of Washington Township, Mich.; daughters, Sylvia Holden of South Lyon and Antionette (Leslie) Thomas of Spruce, Mich.; nine grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren and one great-

great-grandchild. Mrs. Uzarski was preceded in death by her son, Bernard

Ballelli. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield MI 48076 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154-

JAMES W. JOHNSON JR.

Services for James Johnson Jr., 69, of Westland were Sept. 14 in Uht Funeral Home with burial at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

Mr. Johnson was born June 25, 1930, in Wicksbury, Ky., and died Sept. 10 in Dearborn. He was a tool maker in the automotive industry.

Surviving are his wife, Enid; sons, Steven, Gary (Karen), Phillip (Janice) and Mark; daughters, Carol Ann (Franklin) Hogle and Debra (Richard) Matthews; sisters, Elizabeth Stromski and Sue Newsome; and nine grandchil-



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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

#1147A, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Coin Laundry, 5750 Wildwood Avenue, Parcel #036-99-0001-002, East Side of Wildwood, North of Ford Road, SE-9, Nisar A. Yassine

#2003B, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Elder Source Senior Assisted Living Facility, Parcel #015-00-0007-707, South Side of Nankin Boulevard, West of Wayne

#2017, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Auto Glass Specialist, Parcel #45-99-0018-002, West Side of Wayne Road, South of Ford Road, NE-17, Dale Lentz #2020A, Site Plan Approval for proposed PUD, Planned Unit

Development Cherrywood Condominiums, Parcel #082-99-0001-001, North Side of Van Born, West of Middlebelt, SE-35, Marshall Kallen (Robert Brody) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road,

Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 1999 Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

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Workshops show how to cut waste, increase energy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Local manufacturers, auto suppliers and community developers can learn how to reduce waste and run more energy efficient operations at a workshop Nov. 10 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

The Great Lakes Region 7th Annual Waste Reduction and Energy Efficiency Workshop will present representatives ranging from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality discussing pollution prevention to corporate officials talking about "environmentally friendly" packaging options.

"It's to assist businesses, manufacturers, auto suppliers, community and local organizations

and real estate developers and inform them about technologies' that have proven to reduce waste and help with their productivitv." said Barb Spitzley, marketing and events coordinator of the education and outreach section of the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Division. "We do that through case studies."

Program areas to be discussed are automotive, manufacturing, community redevelopment, energy efficiency and resources. Attendees can design their own agendas from sessions offered in each area.

Among the topics and speakers

■ "Innovative Total Waste Management Program: Aligning Environmental, Manufacturing and Corporate Citizenship Objectives," Daniel Wystra, supervisor, plant engineering and facility layout, vehicle operations, Ford Motor Co.

■ "Pollution Prevention Case Studies," Colleen Durocher, technical analyst, energy, environment, health and safety services. Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, and Robert Hauser, assessor for Michigan Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program.

■ "Brownfield Redevelopment: Old Sites Pay Off in New Ways," Robert Terry, community redevelopment specialist, Community Redevelopment Program. DEQ's Environmental Assistance Division.

■ "Advanced Ozonation Treatment of Industrial Wastewater," Lee Dupuis, Local 200 Canadian Auto Workers environmental representative, Ford Windsor Casting Plant and Karen LeBlanc, senior manufacturing engineer, environmental, Ford Windsor Casting Plant.

■ "Environmental Resources Available on the Internet," Thomas Wackerman, president of Applied Science and Technolo-

Cam Metcalf, executive director of the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center, will be the featured keynote speaker, Metcalf is experienced in industrial waste auditing, along with pollu-

tion prevention program management and training.

The workshop began in 1993 when 12 organizations, including trade associations, universities, utilities and governments, gath-. ered in Detroit to develop a seminar to help companies reduce costs while reducing wastes. While new technologies assist many companies, others may not be aware of the opportunities to reduce wastes and costs.

Spitzley said the workshop also focuses on reducing risks and liabilities.

Last year's conference drew 350 participants. Since the workshop's inception, more than

2,000 people have participated. The cost is \$50, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and workshop materials. Anyone who wishes to view the full schedule of events can download a workshop brochure at

www.deq.state.mi.us/ead, then click on "Workshops/Training" and find the workshop listed on a schedule of events. A PDF file can be downloaded from that

To register or request more information, call the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Center at (1-800) 662-9278.

County sets policy for reduced meal costs

The Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency has announced its policy for free and reduced meals for children served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The eligibility requirements set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture range from \$10,712 in annual income for a family with one child to receive free meals and milk for that child, to \$43,706 for 10 children. The family income scale for reduced meals or milk ranges from \$15,244 for one child to \$62,197 for 10 children.

Children from households whose income is at or below these levels are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms will be sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians from all Wayne County public schools. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the

Households may apply at any time during the school year.

Application forms are available at the principal's office in each school. Parents or guardians should answer all the questions on the form.

Applications from families currently receiving food stamps or enrolled in the Family Independence Program only need the child's name and food stamp or FIP number and the application signed.

Households not receiving food stamps should fill out applications with total income by source for each household member (such as wages, child support, etc): names of all household members; Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application

and the signature of an adult

household member.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility and verifying data or for qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Applications may be veri-

fied by the school or other offi-

Crosswinds Marsh site for bird watching

Grab a cup of coffee and join the Wayne County parks staff at Crosswinds Marsh for early morning bird watching 7-9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

The Crack of Dawn Birding Club meets on one Sunday each month and offers an opportunity to meet other bird watchers in the area. More than 141 species of birds have been seen by birders at Crosswinds Marsh, including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon and great egret.

This club is suitable for ages eight through adult. The cost is \$1 per person and pre-registration is required. Birders are encouraged to bring binoculars, bird identification books, wear comfortable shoes and dress for

the outdoors. Birders will meet at the screened pavilion at Crosswinds Marsh, which is located at the corner of Haggerty Road and Will Carleton/Oakville Waltz

Road in Sumpter Township. For information on any parks event, call (734) 261-1990

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cials at any time during the school year.

If children are approved for free or reduced price meals benefits, the household must report to the school increases in household income over \$50 a month (\$600 per year) and decreases in household size.

If a household is not currently eligible but experiences a decrease in household income, an increase in household size or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household

should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases foster children are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household's income. If a household has foster children living with them, and they wish to apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk for them, the household should contact the school for more infor-

Each public school district, non-public school, pre-school. child care agency, Head Start Center and residential child care institution participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program determines the official or officials to review applications and eligibili-

A parent or guardian dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household has a right to a fair hearing, which can be scheduled by contacting the hearing official listed in the letter sent to parents. Each district, school, center or agency's main office has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested partý.



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OPINION

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Safety first

Expect the unexpected from kids

ost of us know to stop when we see a school bus with its red lights flashing.

In the rush to get to work or take care of errands, sometimes that knowledge takes a

That combination of harried adults and schoolchildren isn't a good one, according to Sgt. Peter Brokas of the Westland Police Department. He urges motorists to expect the unexpected. "One of them may run out into the street," Brokas said of students.

Motorists should heed the signals of police officers and school-crossing guards. There have been a few Westland incidents of motorists ignoring those signals. "And we prosecute those people," Brokas said.

Back to school means children will be biking and walking to class. With this activity comes the increased risk of a collision between a child and a motor vehicle, according to AAA Michigan.

"During the summer, drivers tend to forget about school kids, bus stops and crossing zones," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. "We are urging people, especially parents who are dropping their kids off at school, to pay extra attention when driving during the next few weeks to avoid a serious incident."

Last year, 89 Michigan youngsters age 4-15 died in traffic accidents, and more than 10,000 youngsters were injured.

To help make drivers aware of the dangers, the Auto Club has launched its annual School's Open - Drive Carefully campaign, including distribution of school educational materials. AAA school safety patrol members are at more than 26,700 posts standing guard at school crossings and school bus zones. Their bright orange belts serve as a reminder to students, parents and drivers that good safety habits save lives.

Ordinance law goes too far

ithout home rule, local government has little effective purpose. Local units of government - county, city, township and village - and their governing bodies' legal ability to determine how a local community will grow and exist are deeply rooted in the American way of life.

Unlike any other form, local government is closest to the people. It is the level at which regular people can and do have an impact. They can ask questions, get answers and action that determines the way of life in their own community.

Local government and home rule are the foundation of American democratic government.

But along comes politics and deal-making with business lobbies in Lansing in the form of House Bill 4777, also known as the "The Job Creation and Regulatory Responsibility Act of 1999."

Introduced in June by Rep. Robert Gosselin of Troy, the legislation says, in effect, that only the state and federal governments have the authority to regulate business activity. In other words, existing local ordinances, such as barring vending machine sales in restaurants, or enacting penalties for the sale of cigarettes to minors, would be void, and any new similar ordinances forbidden.

The legislation, with its reference to 21 statutes that are defined as state or federal law, would render local government nearly impotent. HB 4777 would prohibit any ordinance or regulation that relates to the subjects in these state and federal laws.

Already, local governing bodies, such as the South East Michigan Council of Governments and the Michigan Municipal League, have adopted resolutions opposing the legislation as a threat to home rule and local government's ability to respond to its constituency and implement plans for communities through ordinances.

Examples of issues which local governments would be prohibited from regulating include minimum wage, liquor control, construction code and highway advertising.

The bill's supporters, such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, believe local ordipances have created a hodge-podge of rules and regulations that in one way or another hamper business activity. Hard to believe . with our current thriving state economy, with one of the lowest unemployment rates in hisfory, high job creation, business investment and expansion.

The pretext for the latest attack on local government is the effort, mostly successful, by a handful of communities, particularly Detroit, to adopt living-wage proposals. Also lurking in the birth history of this bill is some business lobbies' opposition to local communities, such as Marquette, that have banned smoking in restaurants.

HB 4777 is shooting at a ghost. Local government has not and does not hamper business expansion or job creation. In fact, local ordinances that regulate billboards to ensure an aesthetically pleasing community with healthy property values have only served as a gilded invitation to corporate headquarters in our suburban communities. Business thrives in healthy, aesthetically pleasing and safe communities. Local ordinances protect business. Local government also works with chambers of commerce to provide a healthy environment for business and residents.

And nowhere is it found that communities with living-wage ordinances or bans on cigarette smoking in restaurants have brought business expansion or job creation to a halt.

The legislation, which is co-sponsored by Rep. Andrew Raczkowski of Farmington Hills, is written so vaguely as to leave an open door for state legislators to later interpret the language according to their latest needs to satisfy influential and well-financed business lubbic

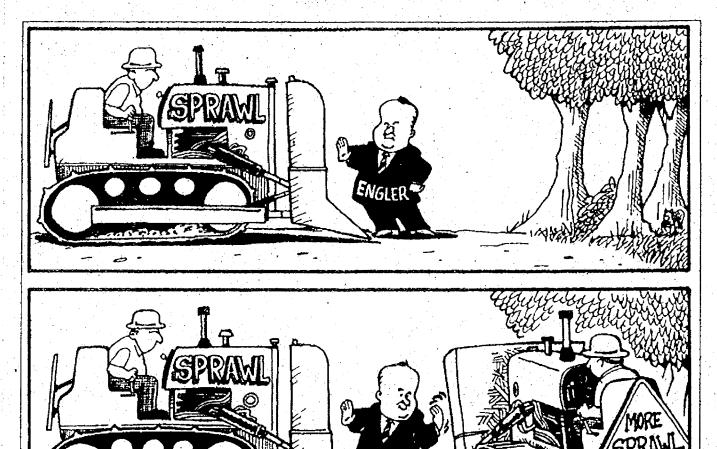
Broad is the only way to define what the bill attempts to cover, including employment compensation, liquor control code, state construction code, consumer protection, occupational health, public health and labor standards and relations.

The travesty of this legislation is the variety of means in which it may be interpreted when the need arises. Local officials cannot conceive what wouldn't fall into these categories if state legislators so determine.

The state Legislature will soon gain a tawdry reputation for passing single-issue and single-minded legislation only to address the gripes of a few business interests who are loading their financial futures on the backs of local government and the health, safety and welfare of citizens.

If the living-wage proposal in Detroit or the cigarette ban in Marquette is what's ailing certain lobbyists and legislators, then they should step to the plate of honesty and address those issues. Wiping out a tradition of home rule in Michigan is not the answer.

GEOF BROOKS



LETTERS

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Harassment complaint

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The harassment of Norwayne-area residents by the Westland Police Department has got to stop. It is getting to be impossible to drive through Norwayne without being stopped by the police.

The pretext or excuse for these police stops is usually flimsy or outright fraudulent and really amounts to no more than an obvious "fishing expedition" by over-zealous officers trying to find some way to fill their day! But most of us who live and work in Norwayne have other things to do besides being "busy work" for bored city employees!

I should also mention that I have a 30-yearplus safe driving record and seldom have any contact with the Westland police, unless they are trying to find busy work by harassing people in Norwayne.

This disgusting problem has gone on in Norwayne for far too long. And I will be registering my protest at the ballot box by voting against all Westland incumbents in the September primary and in the November election. I urge you to do the same. The city desperately needs a change!

> Walter Warren, Westland

ditor's note: The following letter La relating to the Westland city primary was received after the deadline for last Sunday's paper and was therefore not published before the election Tuesday.

-Westland Observer

woman, who knows all the issues in the city of

Westland. She has been a resident of West-

land before it was Westland (Nankin Town-

ship). For 18 years she has faithfully attended

city council meetings and has voiced her opinion on several issues.

She would be a good representative for those of us who will no longer tolerate the mayor's ideas. I believe our tax money will go a lot further with Dorothy Smith on the city council. She has my vote and support. It's time for a change in Westland, and I feel Dorothy will give us that change.

> Judi Cornfoot-Musolf, Westland

Many thanks, Dottie

Definition of volunteer – "a person who performs a service willingly and without pay" - describes a Westland resident named Dottie Finfrock.

Acknowledgment must be given to Dorothea "Dottie" Finfrock, who will not be accepting another appointment on the Westland Historical Commission. Dottie has served on the commission for 19 consecutive years.

This unpaid commission in my opinion is the hardest working commission in the city. Tours, housekeeping, clerical, yard work, Saturday open house at the museum, meetings, etc, are some of the regular undertakings by commissioners. In my point of view, Dottie was the best tour guide at the museum.

Dottie served on the restoration committee of the Perrinsville One Room School for the seven years it took to restore the school. She held the position of commission secretary for numerous years.. Dottie has been a volunteer for other organizations in her community, such as Red Cross, senior groups and the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Harris Kehrer Post, which bears her maiden name of Kehrer.

Thanks, Dottie Finfrock, for being part of helping to preserve the history of Nankin Township/Westland and your years of volunteerism.

> Ruth Dale Westland

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: Are you

looking forward to fall?

We asked this auestion of shoppers and staffers at Westland Cen-



"Oh, yes, because I'm ready for the



cooler weather.

Tonia Bazan Riverview



"It comes, it comes."

Roger Kellogg



"I guess so, it's been a really hot summer,"

Melanie Garrett Ypsilanti



"I like the warm weather.

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Supports Dorothy Smith

agree that Dorothy Smith should be on the Westland City Council. But not because she is a minority. Race doesn't have a thing to do with it.

Dorothy Smith is an outspoken, educated

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POINTS OF VIEW

Here's to anniversaries - both personal and public

got to thinking about anniversaries the other day. The occasion was my 10th wedding anniversary, certainly a happy one, even if it did net me a fine at the Westland Rotary meeting. Westland, which became a city in 1966, has the benefit of more than 30 years of growth.

We celebrate anniversaries with great fanfare, and that's appropriate. Our 10th wedding anniversary plans included dinner at The Lord Fox in Dixboro and a trip to Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia.

This isn't a major anniversary year for Westland, but the city still has reason to celebrate. Its people share a good place to live and do business.

I was thinking about that when I went to interview Kellie Heppner, marketing coordinator for Westland Center, on a recent Thursday morning. She was interesting to talk to, young and accomplished. After the interview, photographer Tom Hawley and I took a few minutes to do a Community Voice assignment at the mall, asking shoppers and staffers if they looked forward to fall's arrival.

When we do Community Voice at the library, the respondents are usually from Westland. That tends to be true as well when we're at Kroger on Ford Road. The Westland post office yields a greater variety of addresses, and the mall assignment had just one



out of four as a Westland resident.

The people who come to the community to work certainly have a vested interest in its well-being. Residents and nonresident workers alike care about good quality of life, good schools, sufficient park space and

other concerns.

The nonresidents couldn't vote in this week's Westland City Council primary, but residents had that opportunity. It was pleasing to see 10 candidates enter the race, with eight going on to the Nov. 2 general election to compete for four seats.

In 2001, when Westland turns 35, there will no doubt be a celebration. That's appropriate, as our community has much to offer its residents and businesspeople. The 40th anniversary will be even bigger. Here's to many

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Where's the farmland going? Let's fly around and see

very once in a while fiscal conservatism doesn't work. This may be one fine example.

When lawmakers, home builders, developers, planners and environmentalists gathered in Traverse City last week for a conference on urban sprawl - the Michigan Legislative and Business Leader Forum on Growth Management, hosted by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Public Sector Consultants - they quickly became frustrated at the lack of good information.

It was Gilber White of the Michigan Association of Realtors who first pointed out the problem. We know, he said, that we are losing farmland in Michigan, 842,000 acres gone between 1982 and 1990. And, of course, it is quite evident that we are building many new homes and subdivisions in this state.

"So we make the quantum leap that the loss of farmland is due to development." White continued. "That data does not exist. Valid statistical data to show what is happening to



MIKE MALOTT

farmland does not exist in this state. It seems to me that is a crucial role for the state government, making that information available."

Here's the problem with that assumption: during the same

time, Michigan added - that's right, added - 1.1 million acres of new forest

That fact was confirmed by Peter Vogel Jr. of the Mead Paper Co. The 📜 paper and forestry products industries have been conducting planting and reforestation programs and have actually been producing a surplus. There are more trees in Michigan, and more acres of forest land here, than there were 70 years ago, Vogel

Now, it's still a good bet that urban sprawl is the primary consumer of

farmland in Michigan, according to folks like Julie Stoneman of the Michigan Environmental Council and Mark Wyckoff of the Planning & Zoning Center. We also know, for instance, that while the population of southeast Michigan has increased only 4 percent in the last 20 years, 53 percent more land has been developed.

But a good bet is not the same as "knowing." The problem, Wyckoff explains, is the lack of a good system for tracking what happens to land when its use changes. When farmland is lost, what is it turned into? Subdivisions? Forests? Something else?

The current methods for analyzing land use are "static measures," Wyckoff said. They tell us how many acres of farmland exist, and we can compare it to previous measures, but we can't tell what happens to it when its use is converted into something else.

What is needed is the Michigan Information Resource System, a \$25 million computer and software package that would provide digital aerial photographs of land use across the state and would allow for comparisons to previous aerial surveys, he explained.

At \$25 million, the cost might sound hefty, but when you consider that in the state's last, and only, landuse photographic overflight, the photos had to be hand traced by staff, . parcel by parcel, before they could be entered into the computer, the price tag starts to sound a bit more reasonable.

MIRS would automate the aerial photography process, allowing for land use comparisons to previous surveys. The last overflight of the state was done in 1978, so the information gathered by it is somewhat dated now. In any case, it tells us little if we don't have a later survey to compare

The state had at one time approved funding for MIRS, but the system was | implications of state and regional one of the first items to fall victim to Gov. John Engler's budget-cutting ax.

There was talk at the time of privatizing the system, but that has proved

unworkable, according to Wyckoff. Companies that expressed interest in the system made it clear they intended to maintain the aerial surveys only in those areas of the state where the information was enough in demand from private sector development firms to make the system profitable.

All this was pointed out to House Speaker Pro Tem Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck.

"I think this seminar has given us all a new appreciation for the importance of that system," she said, indicating her desire to get funding for it revived.

Michigan Republicans aren't likely to give up fiscal conservatism anytime soon. But there are times when budget cutting can be, as the old saying goes, penny wise and pound foolish.

Mike Malott reports on the local events. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at mmalott@homecomm.net

Incentive is key to school reform

s the real lesson to learn from the recent Detroit teacher strike that Michigan public schools simply cannot be reformed from

Some people argue "yes" and go on to add that, therefore, the thing to do is pass the school cher plan on the theory that you have to destroy public education in order to reform it.

I asked state Treasurer Mark Murray, one of the most thoughtful and experienced public servants in Michigan, about this. Murray should know; he's a member of the appointed school board that picked David Adamany to be interim CEO of the Detroit schools. "Overall, the strike slows down school reform

a little, but it doesn't kill it," said Murray. "It simply shows how tough reforming urban schools really is and how we have to stay on course for years in order to get something meaningful done."

Murray's right. The issue isn't whether public education as a whole can be reformed, but whether urban education in our state can ever be improved.

Think about it. The pace of reform in most out-state school districts is fast and getting faster.

Parents, teachers and school boards are now accustomed to looking at how their schools are performing according to standard student assessment tests such as Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. By bringing market forces to bear on the public K-12 monopoly, charter schools have stimulated the demand for change and accelerated the pace of reform.

Good school districts are now competing -East Lansing and Okemos are good examples in student performance and in parental satisfaction. And it isn't just a matter of rich districts versus poor ones; neither Frankenmuth nor Ishpeming are particularly rich districts, but their gains in recent years are impressive,

The real issue is what can be done to help/force under-performing urban schools - not only Detroit but also districts such as Inkster, Benton Harbor and Pontiac - to tackle the multiple structure barriers to sustained improvement. For example, it may be that the Inkster school district, which lost some 20 percent of its students to private and charter schools last year, is worse off than Detroit's.

I suspect that Detroit's problems - past micro-meddling school boards, bureaucratic mismanagement, poor/inept labor relations, inadequate supplies, uncoordinated curricula and poor student discipline - apply as well to many other Michigan urban school districts. And, just maybe, the tools for reform now in place in Detroit ought to be applied elsewhere.

Certainly, having an appointed school board



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makes a big difference. The evidence is great that in Detroit, at least, there was no real collective bargaining at the table between the schools and the unions; the unions merely went to their patrons on the board and got what they asked for.

Moreover, past school boards came and went; the appointed board in Detroit has a long-term mandate for reform and a clear understanding that change will take years,

Gov. Engler and the state legislature should consider evaluating the extent of failure in other urban districts, appointing receiver boards where the fact of under-performance is undoubted and the prospect of reform is as dim as it was in Detroit.

The state law forbidding teacher strikes and providing for individual teachers to be fined in the event of an illegal strike appears to have been a powerful weapon in persuading a majority of the Detroit Federation of Teachers to go back to school. Toughening it further, as some. legislators are now urging, seems unnecessary. Unless the state really wants to break all teachers unions, coercing angry (and poorer) teachers back to work is hardly going to assure well-motivated educators in the classroom.

At the end of the day, the key will wind up being merit pay, not given to individual teachers but to the staff of entire buildings that excel

Adamany couldn't get the Detroit teachers to buy it in collective bargaining, but he wants to experiment with the idea unilaterally.

I hope he will. Until teachers and other school employees - not to mention school boards. administrators and parents - see there really is an incentive in place for student achievement; the prospect for serious school reform in urban districts will be dim.

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JACK GLADDEN

Miss America: What's the fuss?

his is just great. You must have read about it by now. As if we didn't have enough Y2K problems to worry about, or violence in schools or the government lying about what really happened in Waco, the Miss America Pageant has changed the rules.

The changes don't apply to this year's pageant, but they've been changed.

For about 50 years – since the 1949 Miss America, Jacque Mercer, was both married and divorced during her reign - contestants have had to sign a pledge stating that they have never been married nor pregnant.

Now, in order to comply with New Jersey's discrimination laws (shouldn't that be "anti-discrimination"?), contestants have to sign a statement that says "I am unmarried" and "I am not pregnant and I am not the natural or adoptive parent of any child."

And what a flap has ensued. Why? Well, according to the Bert Parks traditionalists, the rule changes open the competition up to girls (oops! Women!) who may have been married or (GASP!) had an abortion!!!

Shock to the system

"I was shocked when I heard it," said Leanza Cornett, Miss America of 1993. "I was like 'What?' Out of all the things I could have expected, this is one I wouldn't think of in'a million years. There are still little girls out there who have held Miss America and others like her up on a pedestal.

"When you're sitting around the dinner table with your daughter or your little niece, it'll bring up so many questions. I'm shocked!"

And so am I. I'm like, shocked. SHOCKED! I mean, like, "There she is. MISS AMERICA! There she is: YOUR IDEAL! Blah blah blah!"

And she's had S-E-X! That, of course, is what this is all about. "MISS America" is not supposed to have had S-E-X. Until she becomes MRS. America, after which, presumably, S-E-X is acceptable (as long as she didn't enjoy it).

- I'm a little unclear as to where the "adoptive parent" clause comes in, unless the pageant board figures that having kids is having kids is having kids, regardless of how you do it.

Now, if all of this seems confusing, it is. The pageant board is scared of being sued, so they're trying to get everything in compliance with the New Jersey laws (you know, "the boardwalk in Atlantic City, etc.")

The traditionalists, like Ms. Cornett, are upset because, well, this is "MISS America!"

The Feminists are upset because, . as Cheryl Garrity, the president of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organization for Women, asked, "Is the ideal woman a woman." who has never been pregnant or married? And if we're talking about morals, then why is it that they ever parade around in bathing suits at

Why do we care?

So, with hurricanes bashing Florida, earthquakes bashing Turkey and Indonesians bashing each other, why do we care whether MISS America is a virgin or not?

I don't know. I suspect it has to do with America's obsession with the insignificant. With a society where violence is accepted as an unfortunate, though common element of life. but S-E-X is taboo.

Where "Seinfeld" and "Frasier" are natural topics for "non-alcoholic" cocktail conversation, but Mozart and Shakespeare are considered the boring, politically incorrect history of "dead white men."

Where an entire nation can speculate on who killed Jon Benet Ramsey, but few question why she was paraded around in beauty pageant makeup and costume before she ever entered kindergarten,

Who cares about Miss America's chastity? For that matter, who cares about Miss America?

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On the road ... again



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Ride on: Nick O'Shea is riding 30-40 miles a day to prepare for a more than 500-mile bicycle trip with three other riders to St. Louis, Mo. The cycle-thon is meant to raise money for Retrouvaille, a program that helps save troubledmarriages.

Ride aims to save marriages

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER scasola@oe.homecomm.net

ick and Virginia O'Shea are ready to roll ... again. The Livonia couple participated in an 18-day, 1,600-mile bike trip to Fort Worth, Texas, in September 1996, and they plan to make the trek again. - or at least half of it - to support an organization they believe, saved their marriage.

After suffering serious marital troubles and losing their 6-year-old daughter Eileen to leukemia in 1976. the O'Sheas turned to Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based program designed to heal troubled marriages.

"It teaches you to communicate on a different level, on a feeling level, on a level we don't even think about," said Nick O'Shea. "It's when you really know how the other person feels about (a situation) that you're going to go along with it. You can compromise."

It worked for the O'Sheas, who've now been married for 42 years.

Retrouvaille is a French word has been in existence since 1977 and

are held locally six times a year.

Retrouvaille, Nick O'Shea and a few much this time around, the 1999 other participants sought ways to Cycle-a-thon will be another success raise money and bring into the pro-story. gram other couples who couldn't afford to participate without some financial assistance. The group decided that bicycles held the

This year, the O'Sheas have scaleddown the ride a bit. The 1999 Cyclea-thon will consist of a 523-mile ride from St. John's Family and Life Center in Plymouth to St. Louis for Nick O'Shea and three other cyclists. His wife will ride alongside in a van, and provide them with water and support. "She's very content in the van," said O'Shea of his wife.

previous trip was riding through the hills of Indiana and Ohio.

"We were three days out into the bike ride," he said. "It was very hot. If we were ever going to quit, we would've quit then."

But they didn't quit. They found meaning "rediscovery." The program ways around the hills and kept peddling toward their goal. More than embarked on a Retrouvaille experi-

was founded in Quebec. Programs, \$8,000 was raised for a Retrouvaille scholarship fund on that trip alone. After their involvement with O'Shea said if they raise at least that

> The cost of one weekend experience with Retrouvaille is \$395, plus a registration fee of \$75. While the scholarship fund will help cover the cost for those who need it, it does not cover the registration fee.

"A lot of times, money is the problem to begin with," said O'Shea. "We do ask for a deposit." He said those involved with Retrouvaille feel that people get out of the program what they invest in it.

To prepare, he rides 30 to 40 miles a day. O'Shea is going the distance with the program, too. He's working O'Shea said the hardest part of the as a member of Retrouvaille's International Expansion Team, which is reaching out with martial assistance to people in countries like Brazil and

Portugal. On Friday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 12, O'Shea and his wife went to Grand Rapids to speak to a group of about 30 couples who ence. O'Shea said it was a positive experience overall.

"Usually one half of the couple is reluctant," he said. "We have to be very careful on Friday night and Saturday morning so that they don't bolt. They explore what it's about."

None of the weekend participants left early, he said. Common issues dealt with in the Retrouvaille program include boredom, alcohol or drug abuse, and infidelity.

"We tell our story on how we used the program to help us," said O'Shea. "None of the couples have to share. their problems. Some are reluctant-(but if) they just sit and participate, (they'll) learn how to get in touch with their feelings. All of the work is

done between husband and wife." The O'Sheas believe they wouldn't have made it without help from the

For more information about Retrouvuille, call (313) 237-6052 or check the Web at www. retrouvaille. org. Donations may be mailed with checks payable to "Retrouvaille" at 28455 N. Clements, Livonia, MI

Ship's reunion has a woman's touch



STAFF PROTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Making plans: Lois Czadankiewicz (left) looks over the contents of her late husband's box of World War II mementos with Wanda Snead of Colorado.

BY SUE MASON

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"I just found this." said Lois Czadankiewicz, showing her house guest, Wanda Snead, a box she and her grandson found in the basement of her Livonia home.

Lifting the lid, she revealed a collection of foreign currency, most printed by the Japanese government during World War II, photographs, a cigar and a book on returning to civilian life: the few things her late husband Michael had saved from his time in the U.S.

The discover ties in nicely with how the two women are spending now through Sunday - gathering with the men who served and trained on the U.S.S. Dyson (DD-572) during and

after World War. II. Up to 65 people from throughout the United States and Germany are by Czadankiewicz, the first female president of the reunion association.

"I have no idea how I became president, but it's a real honor," she said. "I think they wanted to have it in Michigan, and Eve been to every one except

the one in Colorado."

Czadańkiewicz started planning the reunion the day after she got home from last year's event.

"It takes a lot of work and planning: it isn't an easy thing," she said, adding that she will happily pass on the job to someone else.

A busy time

The reunion will be based at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus: Czadankiewicz has planned a busy three days for participants. Tiger Stadium, Comerica Park, Greektown, Eastern Market will be on tap for Friday, with the Henry Ford Estate, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village filling up Saturday.

On Sunday, they group will gather, for breakfast at the hotel when suggestions for sites for the 19th annual reunion will be entertained.

After breakfast, Czadankiewicz has expected to attend the reunion, hosted arrange for the group to tour Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia and receive the key to the City of Livonia from Mayor Jack Kirksey and Councilman Jack Engebretson before they head off to Windsor for some show-

. Please see REUNION, B2

ANNIVERSARIES

Cummins

Kenneth and June Cummins of Novi, formerly of Bangkok, Thailand, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at a Mass at the Church of the Holy Family and a party at Stephenson Haus in Royal Oak.

The couple exchanged vows on Sept. 10, 1949, at St. Cecilia Church. She is the former June McLain.

The Cumminses have six children - Joan Rogers and husband Bill of Canton, Michael and wife Suzan of Alexandria, Va., Patricia Hollenbeck and husband Dennis of Westland, Tim and wife Atsuko of Toledo, Ohio, Peggy Polinski and husband Craig of Plymouth and Kathi of Karmington Hills. They also have nine grandchildren.

Semi-retired, he is a former professor of civil engineering at the University of Detroit and Seato Graduate School of Engineering in Bangkok. He also was technical director of the American Concrete Institute.

Elliott

William and Elizabeth Elliott of Plymouth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to England.

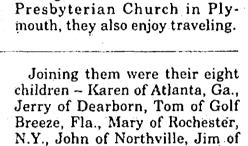
The couple married Aug. 6, 1849, at the Dane Street Congregational Church in Beverly, Mass. She is the former Elizabeth Wiseman.

They have two married daughters, Beverly Simmonds and husband Thomas and Patricia Welland and husband Thomas.

Retired from Ford Motor Company, he is active with the Plvmouth Historical Society. Retired from Providence Hospital, she is active in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Kelly

Gerald and Georgia Kelly of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with Mass and blessing of the "new and Paul Church, the same church they were married in on Aug. 13, 1949.



Longtime members of the First

He is a fellow member of the

American Concrete Institute.

Engineering Society of Detroit

and Michigan Society of Profes-

sional Engineers and a member

of the Knights of Columbus at

She is a lector and a represen-

tative of Right to Life-Lifespan

at Holy Family and a 25-year

volunteer for the American Red

the Church of the Holy Family.

He is a retired dentist and she

Novi, Susan of Tampa, Fla, and ring" on Aug. 15 at Sts. Peter Linda of Plymouth - and their 20 grandchildren. is a homemaker.

Moms club holds sale

The Tri-County Mothers of equipment and toys. Multiples will hold its mom-tomom fall/ winter clothing, equipment and toy sale 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25.

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The event will be held in Shannon Hall of the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, The cash-only sale will feature Farmington Hills. Admission

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a selection of used clothing, will be \$1.

CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, September 28, 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:

COLOR

GRAY

BLUE

BODY STYLE

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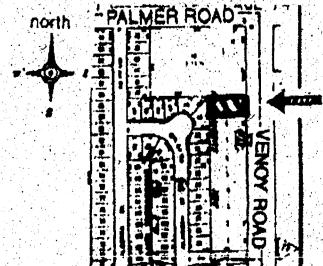
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All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. Publish: September 16, 1999

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

#1250A, Public Hearing for Proposed Rezoning From R-6, Two-Family Residential to CB-2, Shopping Center Commercial, Lot #9, Rex Subdivision, Parcel #074-03-0009-000, SW Corner of Venoy Road and Palmer Road, NW-27, Mei Rosenhaus



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 1999.

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

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WESTLAND PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert C. Bowers, Chairman

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ping or gambling before landing back at the hotel for the reunion banquet.

"That's when they'll determine where they want to meet next year and who will be president," Czadankiewicz said. "That's when I'll make my farewell speech."

"Unless we can convince her to do it again," added Snead.

What makes the reunion unusual is the participants who come from Germany to be a part of the gathering.

While his English wasn't the best, Erick Detlef heard some former Dyson shipmates talking about the reunion and figured out that he had trained on the same ship while it was on loan to the Federal Republic of Germany after being taken out of commission in 1947.

He was a radioman on the ship just as Czadankiewicz's husband had been during World War II. Snead's late husband, Harold, was the gun captain of the Dyson's five-inch guns.

The German contingent holds a reunion every two years, and Czadankiewicz wants to attend one. She had planned to attend this year but stayed home because of her terminally ill brother-in-law.

It turned out to be a wise decision. She ended up going to Pennsylvania where she suffered a heart attack. Had she gone to the reunion, she would have been overseas when it happened. "I still plan on going next time," she said.

The 'Tin Can'

Launched on April 15, 1942, the Dyson, affectionately knows as a "Tin Car," participated in campaigns at New Georgia, New Guinea, Treasury-Bouganville, Bismark Archipelago, the Marianas, the Philippines and Okinawa. Its crew earned nine battle stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

The first Dyson reunion was held in Nashville, the same week

the Czadankiewiczes were there on vacation. They didn't find out about until after they were back

home, when a shipmate called. Her husband had gone to bed and declined to answer the phone when it rang, but took the steps two at time when she delivered the message.

"He said, 'Just tell him it's Red,' " Czadankiewicz recalled. "We've been to every one since, except Colorado.",

When her husband died in 1993, Czadankiewicz's daughter Cathy came from Raleigh, N.C., to go with her.

Snead, like Czadankiewicz, has continued to attend since her husband died last year. She admits she felt out of place at first, but "everyone makes you feel so welcome."

"I enjoy the camaraderie and making friendships with the other wives and the men who served on the ship, Czadankiewicz added. "It's like one big family."



Sall ho: Among the contents of a box Lois Czadankiewicz found in her basement were photographs of her late husband Michael in his naval uniform.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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

ST. ELIZABETH

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church will have its autumn arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18 at the church, 26431 W. Chicago, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads, Redford.

SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will have a craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There will be free admission and bake sale. For more information or table rental, call Jennifer at (248) 426-

ST. DAMIAN

Crafters are needed for St. Damian Parish's fall arts and crafts show. The show will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 at the church, 30055 Joy Road Westland. For more information, call (734) 421-6130.

ST. 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. For more

information, call Mary at (734) 425-4421.

Crafters are needed for St. Aidan Catholic Church's 16th annual craft show Oct. 16 in the Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (734) 427-1457.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

Tables currently are available for St. Robert Bellarmine Church's 17th annual Christmas bazaar, slated for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 23, at the church, West Chicago at Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. For more information, call Joanne at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (734) 522-2963.

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 Road, Plymouth. A single space is \$70 with table rental available and electricity free of charge. Call (734) 453-5145 for more information.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA is accepting applications for its eighth annual fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23 at the school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Admission is \$1. For an application, call (734) 532-0022.

LIVONIA STEVENSON CITY OF GARDEN CITY

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 October 6, 1999 at 4:00 P.M. for the following items:

MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR TELEVISION STUDIO AND CONTROL ROOM

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 ALLYSON M. BETTIS

Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND TREE PLANTING **INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals for the construction of the Westland Tree Planting 1999 Project will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2298, on or before September 21, 1999, at 2:30 in the afternoon at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud (No exceptions will be made for late filings).

Work shall consist of tree plantings, tree removals and lawn restoration as described and detailed herein and within the contract documents. Work required for this project will be initiated no later than seven days after receiving notice of award of contract. Work required by these contract documents shall be completed no later than 60 calendar days from award of

Plans and specifications may be secured by prospective bidders on or after 2:00 p.m., local time, on September 7, 1989. Bid documents can be obtained at the office of Beckett and Raeder, Inc., 535 West William, Suite 101, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 and the City of Westland, Office of Economic Development, 37095 Marquette, Westland, Michigan 48185.

Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with

Bids will not be accepted after the time designated for the opening of the bids. The bidder shall assume full responsibility for delivery of bids prior to the appointed hour for opening same, and shall assume the risk of late delivery or non-delivery regardless of the manner employed for the transmission thereof.

Contract documents will also be available on file at the F.W. Dodge. Division, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034 and the Construction Association Plan Room at 1625 S. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, and the Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, 25229 Dequindre, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071.

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

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City of Westland

The Livonia Stevenson High School Booster Club is accepting applications for its annual Holiday Happening Craft Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at the high school, 33500 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A single space (booth) costs \$60. A limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no extra charge. Call (248) 478-2395 or (734) 464-1041.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and a 6. by-8-foot table is available for \$50 for one day and \$90 for two days. Booths with electricity are limited and cost an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

Crafters are needed for St. Edith School's fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Booth rental is \$40 for a 10-by-8foot space. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Crafters are needed for a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Good Shepherd

Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Table space is available - \$20 for a 5foot round table or \$25 for an 8foot-long table. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

Crafters are wanted for St. Paul Lutheran Church's 12th annual holiday craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road. Table rental and/or space is \$25 (no charge for electricity, if available when application is received). For more information, call (248) 476-0841 or (734) 591-0224.

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 a free raffle every hour, snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. For table rental, call (734) 421-0591 or (734) 722-1343.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The Livonia Franklin High School Patriots Club will have its fall craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 20 at the high school, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. Space is still available for the juried show which will feature more than 180 crafters. The fee is \$50 a 10-by-6-foot space. For table rental, call (734) 522-0037.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of

Westland, Wayne County, Michigan: #2018, Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Allow Lot Splits on Existing Unpaved Private Roads. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of

Westland Planning Commission will be held in the City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 1999. Written comments may be sent to the Westland Planning Department at 37095 Marquette Avenue, Westland, Michigan - 48185.

> ROBERT C. BOWERS, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 17-9/7/99

Presiding: Council President Cicirelli Present: Anderson, Barns, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott 193: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 8/16/99

-Approved request from WYAA Westland Comets to conduct their annual Homecoming Parade on 10/10/99 at 10:30 am starting from Wildwood -Approved request from WYAA Westland Meteors to conduct their annual

Homecoming Parade on 10/17/99 at 10:30 am starting from Venoy-Palmer parking lot -Confirmed K Madden as Delegate to MERS annual meeting held 9/29/99

Confirmed T McCurley as Alternate Delegate to MERS meeting held Approved purchase of 14 vehicles for Motorpool from Red Holman thru

Oakland County Purchasing Plan, amt \$472,074 -Approved copier lease for Police Dept from Albin Business Center for a total bid, \$1,233 per yr

Approved Traffic Control signs; 99-02, install 3 "STOP" sign on north & southbound Fischer at Cherry Oak & westbound Cherry Oak at Fischer, 99-03, install 1 "STOP" sign on eastbound Cherry Oak at Stephanie; 99-04. install 3 "STOP" signs, north & southbound Stephanie at Spanish Oak & castbound Spanish Oak at Stephie; 99-05, install 1 "STOP" sign on southbound Spanish Oak at Canyon, 99-06, install 1 STOP sign, on southbound Brody at Badelt

-Approved request from City Attorney to go into closed study session following 9/7/99 Council meeting to discuss pending litigations 194; Granted Special Land Use Approval for proposed McDonald's

Restaurant with drive thru, NE corner of Wayne Rd & Palmer
195: Granted Site Plan Approval for proposed McDonald's Restaurant with drive-thru, NE corner of Wayne Rd & Palmer Rd with contingency. 196: Approved request from M Pavlovich & T Pavlovich to transfer location

of 1999 Specially Designated Distributor & Specially Designed Merchant licenses with Sunday Sales permit, 35201 Hunter to a new building also located at 35201 Hunter 197: Granted Revised Site Plan Approval for Detached Condominiums.

Westhaven Estates Condominiums, Hawthorne Woods Suh #1, S side of Hunter Ave, E of Wayne Rd with contingency 198: Granted Revised Site Plan Approval for proposed Redevelopment of

Birch Hill Shopping Plaza, SW corner of Mei riman Rd & Cherry Hill Rd 199: Approved Check List \$549,324.24 & Prepaid \$17,732,707.11 Mtg adjourned at 8:35 pm Minutes available in City Clerk's Office

SANDRA A CICIRELLI

Council President Publish: September 16, 1999

PATRICIA A GIBBONS City Clerk **WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

Larsen-Hatch

Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Larsen of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelley Marie, to Tad Alan Hatch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Hatch of Luding-

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and a student at Grand Valley State University where she is majoring in elementary education. She is employed as an assistant swim coach at the university.

Her fiancé is a 1998 graduate of Grand Valley State University and is employed by Aramark at the university.

A September wedding is

Owings-**Fitzsimmons**

Joanne Theresa Fitzsimmons and Keith Edward Owings were married Sept. 11 at the Belmont Manor House in Elkridge, Md. The Rev. Andy Lunt of Glen-Mar United Methodist Church offici-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fitzsimmons Sr. of Ellicott City. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Owings of Livonia.

The bride is a graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor's degree. She is an account executive with J. Walter Thompson in Baltimore.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree. He is in sales in the Baltimore/¿Annapolis area.

The bride asked Kerry Panich to serve as her honor attendant with Becky Fitzsimmons, Debbie Ittner and Michelle Bossi as

bridesmaids. The groom asked Kevin

Gorecki-Nicles

Len and Judy Gorecki of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Karl Frederick Nicles. the son of Fred and Linda Nicles of North Muskegon

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of John Glenn High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Her hance is a 1989 graduate of North Muskegon High School, a 1993 graduate of Hope College and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He is currently completing his pediatric residency at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann



planned at St. Simon Catholic Church in Ludington.



Owings to serve as his best man with Greg Savoie, Jim Petzer, Randy Schofield, Jim Fitzsimmons and Keith Sandum as groomsmen. Austin Fitzsimmons and Ian Sandum were ring bear-

The couple received guests at a reception at Belmont Manor House. After a honeymoon in Vermont, they are making their home in Baltimore.



A November wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne.

Saigh-Sudek

Sharlene Marie Sudek and Donald Richard Saigh were married May 15 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. The Rev. Donald Browne officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Beverly Sudek of Livonia. The groom is the son of Richard and Rita Saigh of St. Clair Shores.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1993 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a benefits coordinator by Staffco Inc.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School and a 1991 graduate of Lawrence Technological University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed as a sales engineer by G.E. Corporation.

The bride asked Maureen Brown to serve as matron of honor with Laura Geletzke.

Farabee-Carlson

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Farabee of Farmington Hills announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Julie Ann, to Daniel Roman Carlson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carlson of Can-

The bride-to-be is a audiologist at Crittendon Hospital in Rochester.

Her fiancé employed in building sales at Wickes Lumber in Rochester Hills.

A September wedding is planned at

Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Horton-Martin

Dennis Horton of Superior Township and Chris Horton of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsey Ellen, to John Allen Martin, the son of John C. Martin of Millbrae, Calif., and Caryn Martin of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 gradrate of Plymouth Chri Academy High School and a 1997 graduate of University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as a legislative assistant to Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, receiving a bachelor of business. administration degree in 1992 and master of science degree in 1994. He is employed as the assistant sports information director at Eastern Michigan University.

A November wedding is planned in Novi.



Sherrie Coon and RaeAnn Sudek as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Paul Piotruchowski to serve as best man with Steve Osterman, Mark Andary and Mike Widgren as groomsmen.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Fox Hills Country Club in Salem Township before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Jamaica.



Platter-Rudolph

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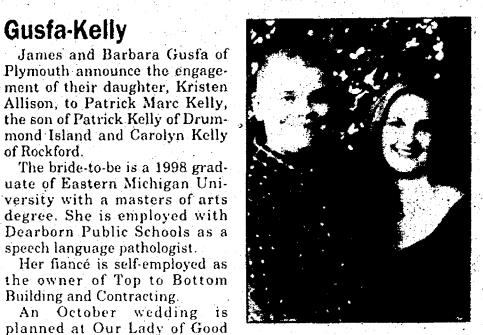
nity Schools.

Robert and Nancy Platter of Canton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter. Cynthia Ann, to Brian Thomas Rudolph, the son of Colleen and Gerald Rudolph of Plymouth.

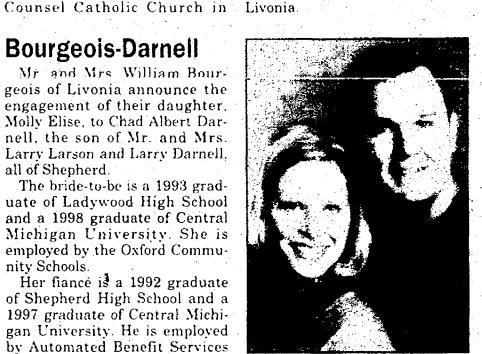
The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1998 graduate of Oakland University. She is employed as a mechanical engineer at Ford Motor Co.

Her fiancé is a 1990-graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a senior mortgage banker at Rock Financial in Canton.

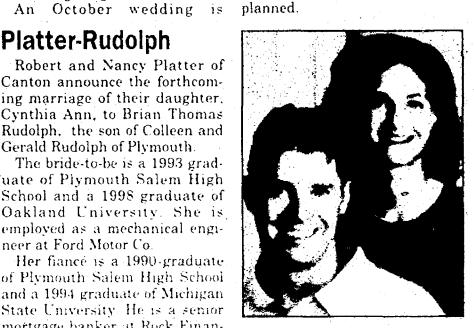
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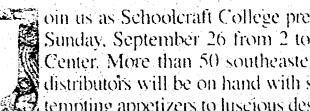
planned at St. Thomas A' Becket Church in Canton

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Sunday, September 26, 1999 • Waterman Campus Center 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



oin us as Schoolcraft College presents Culinary Extravaganza VIII. Sunday, September 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. More than 50 southeastern Michigan restaurants and food distributors will be on hand with sample dishes and beverages, from tempting appetizers to luscious desserts:

As you enjoy this food fancier's feast, you might want to purchase a raffle ticket for prizes including airline tickets and jewels, or be a bidder in the live auction. A gourmet dinner for eight in your home, a private wine tasting seminar for 20 people with Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon, a Las Vegas trip and a REMAX balloon ride are just some of the packages ready for the lucky winners.

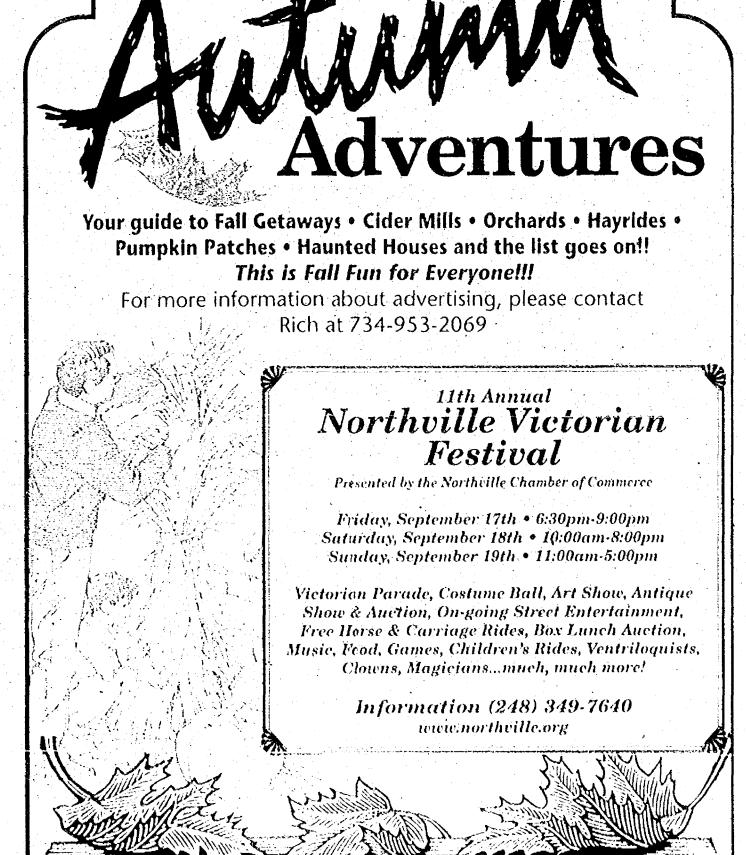
This marvelous event combines a fascination with food with a love of learning and a desire to help students who need assistance completing a degree? or the training for a new career.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 for two and are available before the event or at the door. To order or for information, call (734) 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of 1-275.

Proceeds from Culinary Extravaganza help fund student scholarships at the College

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAYCEES RALLY

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Polaroid Road Rally Saturday, Sept. 25, starting at American Power Wash on Wayne Road (registration 5 p.m., start 5:30 p.m.) and ending at Blarney Bay Pub on Warren Road (7:30 p.m.). Sept. 22 is registration deadline; call (734) 480-4984. Price of \$50 per team (two- to fiveperson) includes two rolls of film, a bucket of wings and medium pizza and a coupon books valued at \$400. Grand prize is \$300.

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. Preregistered tables are \$12, tables at the door, if available, are \$20. Admission is \$2 per person, \$4 per family.

ROAD RALLY

Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Wayne County Chapter will hold its second annual Road Rally 2:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, starting at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 Merriman, between Warren Road and Hines Drive in Westland. Price is \$40 per couple for the "Not Your Average Road Rally Fund-raiser." An auction will be held at the end. All proceeds will support Wayne County MADD. For information, call (734) 721-8181.

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.

WESTLAND CENTER

WALKERS

The Westland Walkers meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during the summer. Westland Center, Wayne and Warren roads, opens its doors to walkers beginning 7 a.m. at Arcade 2 by Olga's Kitchen. Mall walking ends 10 a.m.

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 are needed 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 Gutowskí at (734) 427-**0**305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

hving 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 Piontek for patterns and information, (313) 534-6496.

VETERAN'S HAVEN

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

SCHOOLS

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 Newburg 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 Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an early intervention program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a preprimary impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (734) 595-2660.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

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-yearolds in 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 located at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. Call (734) 728-3559.

GARDEN CITY CO-OP

The Garden City Co-op nursery has openings for preschool classes for ages 18 months through 4 years. Tots class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds 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 War ren 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 located at 26279 Michigan in Inkster, Call (313) 561-

CHARTER SCHOOL

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The Academy of Detroit-Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves

Happy day for Miss Green



Family event: Aug. 21, Alana Marie Green celebrated her 15th birthday at her family home in Westland. She celebrated her Quince Anos, a family tradition, with family and friends and was escorted by classmate David Moran. Her court consisted of Mark Townsend and Rachael Fife, cousin Carlos Lozano and Marie Cierpial, and Matt Patterson and Elizabeth Beckert. Green, a Wayne Memorial High School student, enjoys cheerleading and soccer.

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 Coop Preschool is now enrolling for the fall in programs for 3- and 4-yearolds. 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 located 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 3and 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, 4-5:30 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 Moni's Morning Out 9-11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Newburg 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 coop, 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.

MOSAIC TRIVET

A Mosaic Trivet class will be held 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Westland Historical Museum, 857 N. Wayne Road. The process can be used to make garden stones, coasters, birdbaths, etc. Class is limited to 12 people, and children must be accompanied by an adult. For reservations, call (734) 326-1110.

WESTLAND MUSEUM

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

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. 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.

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., cat at Three Brothers

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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 1 p.m. two Fridays a month 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 an \$8 membership fee for Westland residents. Call (734) 722-7632.

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 nonmembers. 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, yard work, 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 held 1 p.m. every Wednesday in Hall A of the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh. Instructor is Kammo Oris.

CLUBS IN ACTION

call (734) 722-7632.

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

Sign up at the front desk or

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 8975 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, parentbased, 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. MI28, 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.

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptimEyes, Westland Super Vision Center, 35184 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call (734) 427-5200. Leader, Michele, (734) 422-1726; secretary, Karen. (734) 729-6368.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Westland Easy Talkers Toastmasters Club No. 6694 (formerly Holy Smokemasters) teaches public speaking at the club's weekly meetings 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road next to Westland Shopping Center. Call John Elbe at (734) 326-

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DEMS' BINGO

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

MORE DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party holds bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy, Call (734) 421-1517.

ST. MEL CHURCH

Bingo games are held 6:45 p.m. Fridays in St. Mel Church's activities building, on Inkster Road north of Warren Road. Doors open 4 p.m. Food is available.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold bingo games at 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls' softball programs. The bingo games are at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall.

MORE BINGO The Metro Wayne Demo-

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

SHAMROCK BINGO

Bingo is played at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road in Wayne. Doors open at 9 a.m. Food is available. Proceeds go to charity. Call

(734) 728-3020. SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy in Westland.

CALENDAR

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

Conference looks at domestic violence

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER smason@oe.homecomm.net

The topic will be domestic violence at a mini conference Saturday, Oct. 9, sponsored by OWL Michigan and the Women's Resource Center of Schoolcraft

College. Held during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the conference, "Escaping the Cycle of Violence: Stop Violence Against Women," will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college's Waterman Center, Haggerty Road south of Seven Mile Road in Livonia.

Participants will learn how women's shelters and the courts aid the victims of violence and how they can aid victims, according to Virginia Nicoll of OWL (Older Women's League). OWL and the WRC also will be collecting donations for First Step, the Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.

"We want to focus on how we can help them get out of the situation; we don't want to just talk about it, that won't help," said Nicoll, a Farmington Hills resi-

The conference costs \$15 and includes coffee and muffins at the 8:30 a.m. registration and buffet lunch. Scholarships are available.

The Westland Jaycees will

hold a Polaroid Road Rally Sat-

Wayne Road in Westland, fol-

lowed by the rally at 5:30 p.m. It

urday, Sept. 25.



Betty Lee Ongley

payable to Schoolcraft College, to Women's Resource Center/OWL, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia 48152-2696.

The deadline for registering is Saturday, Oct. 2. For more information, call (248) 474-3094 or (734) 462-4443.

On the agenda

Jaycees hold road rally

Registration will be at 5 p.m. two rolls of film, a bucket of

at American Power Wash on wings, medium pizza and coupon

will end at 7:30 p.m. at Blarney ing can register by Sept. 20 by

Bay Pub on Warnen Road in calling (734) 480-4984.

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book worth \$400.

Following registration, WRC director Nancy Swanborg and OWL Michigan co-presidents Nadene Mitcham and Vi Wagner will welcome guests before turning the podium over to Donna Lyons who will look at "Beyond" Menopause."

A member of the Menopause To register, send a check. Action team, Lyons is a clinical

The entry is \$50 per team -

People interested in participat-

two to five people - and includes

Carol Green

nurse specialist/ practitioner in OB/GYN at the Detroit Medical Center. Under the supervision of doctor, she provides menopausal and other patient care. Her presentation dovetails with OWL's ongoing campaign to educate women about osteoporo-

Betty Lee Ongley of Portage, president of National OWL, will present the Washington Report. a report of events taking place in Washington, D.C., that affect women in mid-life and later years.

Speaking about "The Escape Route" will be Judith Barr. social worker and associate director of First Step, and Emily Wolfe, assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County's Child and Family Abuse Bureau.

Barr counsels and assists victims of abuse and educates batterers who have been referred by the courts to First Step as part of their sentencing. Wolfe, who previously worked in the Felony Trial Division of the Prosecutor's Office, trains police officers about laws relating to domestic violence.

Following the luncheon break. Carol Green, an occupational therapist with Rehabilitation Centers of Michigan, will lighten up the atmosphere with her "Laughing Matters." Green is a nationally known speaker on the Health benefits of humor.

"We decided to have Carol because domestic violence is such a sobering subject and it can be depressing," said Nicoll. "She'll talk about the role of humor in recovering from an illness and maintaining health."

In a switch from previous years, the conference will end at 2 p.m. so "women can enjoy an afternoon of sunning, snoozing or shopping," Nicoll said.

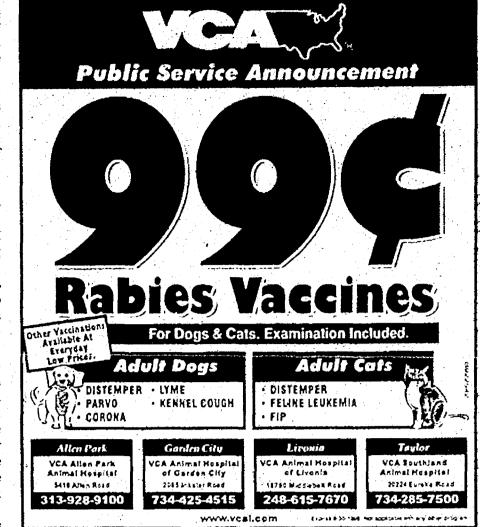
This is the sixth year OWL and the WRC have teamed up to sponsor the fall conference. It is funded in part by Botsford Hospital and Merck & Co. Inc.

The conferences have dealt with such subjects as health care, income security, political activism and housing. Through the collaboration, OWL and the WRC hope to convince younger women that the problems of the older female in society are the same problems that afflict women of all ages.

"OWL and the Women's Resource Center joined forces bécause we want to convince mid-life and younger women that the ills of poverty and such that older women suffer are due to lifelong discrimination of women," she added.

OWL is a grassroots organization of volunteers dedicated to providing a voice for the 58 million mid-life and older American women through research, education and advocacy. Ending violence against women and securing job and wage equity for them are just two of its .. goals.

Women interested in joining OWL can send a \$30 check (for state and national dues), payable to OWL Michigan, to Maryalyce Smith, 23930 Cass, Farmington 48335 - 3405.





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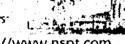
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SINGERS WANTED

St. Mary's Church at 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia is looking for new singers for its a cappella church choir. All voices are encouraged to join. People interested in singing can contact Linda Lawson, choir director, at (734) 464-3786.

SINGLE PLACE

Members of Single Place Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will have a fall retreat Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, at the Howell Nature Center, 1005 Triangle Road, Howell. The Rev. Norm Nawrocki will be the speaker for "Simplicity and the Spirit of Joy." The cost is \$137 per person.

The group also will have a pig roast/house party at the home of T. Warnke on Saturday, Sept. 25. Pre-registration is required and maps are available on Thursday evenings at Single Place. For more information, call Single Place Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance for divorced and ! séparated Christians, will have a Crazy Hat Dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at St. Gerald's Church Hall, Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The \$8 charge includes refreshments. For details, call Bill at (734) 421-3011 or Diane at (734) 971-4553.

The group also meets at 10

a.m. Sundays for breakfast at the Redford Inn. Five Mile west of Beech Daly in Redford, and .11:15 a.m. for Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile in Livonia, and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road west of Middlebelt Road in Livonia, Call Val at (734) 729-1974.

BLOCK PARTY

The Merriman Road Baptist Church will host a Block Party in the parking lot of the church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. There will be food, games booths, face painting, live entertainment, clowns, puppets and much more. The party is free of charge. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-0472.

FLEA MARKET

Rice Memorial United Methodist Church will have its annual fall flea market 9.a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church, 20601 Beech Daly, Redford. There will be more than 40 booths, some antiques, bake sale and lunch. For more information, call Kathi Burger at (810) 1674 or the church office at (313) 534-4907.

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Innocent Orthodox Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the church, 23300 W. Chicago in Redford. For more information, call (313) 538-1142.

■ Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual rummage sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at the church 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. There will be selections of clothing, books, toys and household furnishings.

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Lunch and refreshments will be served.

■ St. John Episcopal Church will have a rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the parking lot of the church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Spaces are available and cost \$20. For more information, call the church office at (734) 721-5023 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

■ Newburg United Methodist Church will have fall rummage sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 2, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

BLOOD DRIVE

Newburg United Methodist Church will have a blood drive for the American Red Cross 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Sandy at (734) 464-8286 or Larry at (734) 522-1977 for a blood drive

appointment.

■ St. Edith Catholic Church will have an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the church hall, 15089 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Walk-ins welcome.

SAFETY CHECK

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City is teaming up with Oakwood Healthcare System to have a free car seat safety check lane, food and entertainment for children and adults 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in the parking lot of the church, 6443 Merriman Road at Maplewood, Garden City. For more information, call the church at (734) 421-8628.

RALLY DAY

St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford will hold its annual Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 19, to kick off a new Sunday School

Sunday School will be 9-10:15 a.m., with classes for kindergartners through high schoolers. Students will rotate through "stations" for crafts, music and drama, based on the weekly lesson. Snacks will be served. There also is a class for adults.

St. John's is at 13542 Mercedes, east of Inkster Road and south of 1-96. For more information, call (313) 538-2660.

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For more information, call Mary Orwin at (734) 595-7654.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them will run 5-7 p.m. Sundays, beginning Sept. 19, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

At GriefShare, people will

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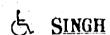




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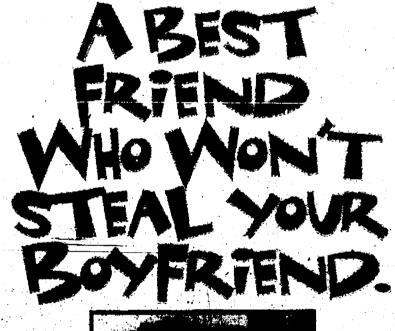


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TAI CHI CLASSES

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 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, Call Ida Reifsnyder **b** (734) 421-5406.

BLE STUDY

Join other women of fellowship nd a Precept inductive study of the Book of Hebrews 9-11:15 m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 8, or 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, eginning Sept. 30, at Calvary aptist Church on Joy Road etween Lilley and Morton-Tayor roads in Canton. A workshop Fr beginners will be held at 9:15 m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, and 6:45 m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

"Precept Upon Precept" Bible study, Spiritual Gifts, is eing offered 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 49 p.m. Tuesdays, at Trinity 🕒 esbyterian Church, 10101 W. ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. The "Precept Upon Precept" study method includes homework, discussion and lecture time to unlock the message of God's word. For more information, call the church office at **(7**34) 459-9550.

MOPS GROUP

Plymouth Baptist Church will esume its Mothers of Preschoolers meetings at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the church, \$2021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Mothers with their chil-**Br**en, preschool age and younger, are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and fun with other mothers. Child care will be provided. For more information, call the church at (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

GUEST SPEAKER

Former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon will be the guest speaker Friday, Sept. 24, at the First Congregational Church on Wayne Road between east- and westbound Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

A communal dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by McKinnon's talk. Dinner participants need to bring a dish to pass and their own place settings. Reservations for the meal should be made by calling the church at (734) 729-7550 by Tuesday, Sept. 21.

McKinnon joined the Detroit Police Department in 1965, rising to the rank of chief of police in 1994. As the city's top cop, he spearheaded community-based services for residents, business and visitors, including reassigning more than 380 patrol officers to active patrol. His personal philosophy of giving back to the community is a recurring theme when he speaks.

JOB WORKSHOP

Marcia Boehm of Person Ability Inc. of Oak Park will conduct a free job preparation workshop for people with disabilities 10 a,m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road,

The workshop is designed to reach out to any person with disability, entering the job market for the first time or re-entering the job market after a prolonged absence. The focus is on networking techniques, resumes and cover letters and pre- and post-interviewing preparations. The workshop is free of charge. To register, call (248) 828-3121.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other Sept. 24-26 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. The registration fee is \$50. Call Bill and Carol at (248) 528-2512 or Dan and Debbie at '(810) 286-5524 or visit this Web site: www.rc.net/detroit/wwne.

MOM TO MOM SALE Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Mom to Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Shop or rent a table. For information, rall (734) 422-0149.

POLISH DINNER

St. Mel's Women's Club will host a Polish dinner 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Activity Building, 7506 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. There will be entertainment and a Share the

Wealth raffle. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under age 12. They're available by calling Rose Hibsky at (734) 422-4461 or Rose Panetta at (313) 278-7589.

PARISH MISSION

St. Theodore Catholic Church will have a parish mission Saturday-Wednesday, Sept. 25-29, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The theme of "Year of Favor" will be presented by speaker and preacher of the word the Rev. Dennis Theroux. For more information, call the church at (734) 425-4421.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

The First United Methodist Church of Garden City will celebrate Homecoming Sunday on Sept. 26 with a worship service at 10:45 a.m. at the church, 6443 Merriman Road. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Grigereit, pastor from 1976 to 1987. A pot luck meal will follow the service. Church school will be at 9:30 a.m.

Friends and former members are invited to come for worship and fellowship. Bring a dish to share at the pot luck. For more information, call the church office at (734) 421-8628.

Trinity hosts Back to School Blowout'

of Trinity Church in Livonia is hosting a "Back to School Blowout" at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept.

In a coffee house style, students will be entertained with a concert by the musical group, "Harbinger's Mile," and a series of sketches by the comedy improvisation team, "Spontaneous Combustion."

Harbinger's Mile describes their music as "folk rock ... and soul," with a sound sometimes compared to the musical style of Jars of Clay, Wallflowers and Counting Crows. HM's recent an "honest vision of human rela-" Combustion is made up of eight

The Student Ministries group tionships, loneliness and the genuine search for faith in the bewildering post-modern world."

Unlike much current music, however, these Christian musicians offer an image of hope and optimism without resorting to "cheap, Hallmark cheeriness."

The songwriters, Darin Francis and Mike Rut, are described as "two rust-belt boys" who offer a "big-hearted brand of spiritinfused alternative country folk rock" and who are "becoming fixtures on the nascent Detroit music scene."

Spontaneous Combustion is an outrageously funny comedy CD, "Hallowed Boulevard," offers improv team from Grand Rapids.

comedians. The troupe engages the audience in many "shortform" games which showcase their comedic talents in a variety

of ways.

For instance, in "Get to the Point Theater," they ask the audience for a fairy tale, which the team then performs in one minute, and then again in 30 seconds, in 15 seconds, 7 seconds and finally in 3 seconds.

Another game, called "Hesitation," which depends on words or phrases shouted out from the audience which our members turn into outrageous scenes.

member holds their head in a

fully trained improvisational bucket of water while two other members create a scene racing against the time it takes for the submerged one to run out of air.

Spontaneous Combustion offers 40 such games from their repertoire - all done improvisationally, off the cuff, in the spur of the moment, nothing pre-pre-

pared. Advance tickets are \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door for the evening of good music and hilarious comedy. Bring a friend and get a free drink or snack.

For advance tickets, call (734) 425-2800. Trinity Church is at And in "Bucket of Water," one 14800 Middlebelt Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Cherry Hill Presbyterian hosts Norwegian organist

concert of classical and contemporary music, presented by Norwegian organist Karstein Askeland at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Telegraph and Cherry

Hill roads in Dearborn. Askeland, 36, will play classi-

Anyone may attend an organ cal music by Bach and Reger and contemporary music by fellow Norwegian Ketil Hvoslef.

The concert is partially sponsored by the American Guild of Organists which will have a dinner at the church prior to the performance.

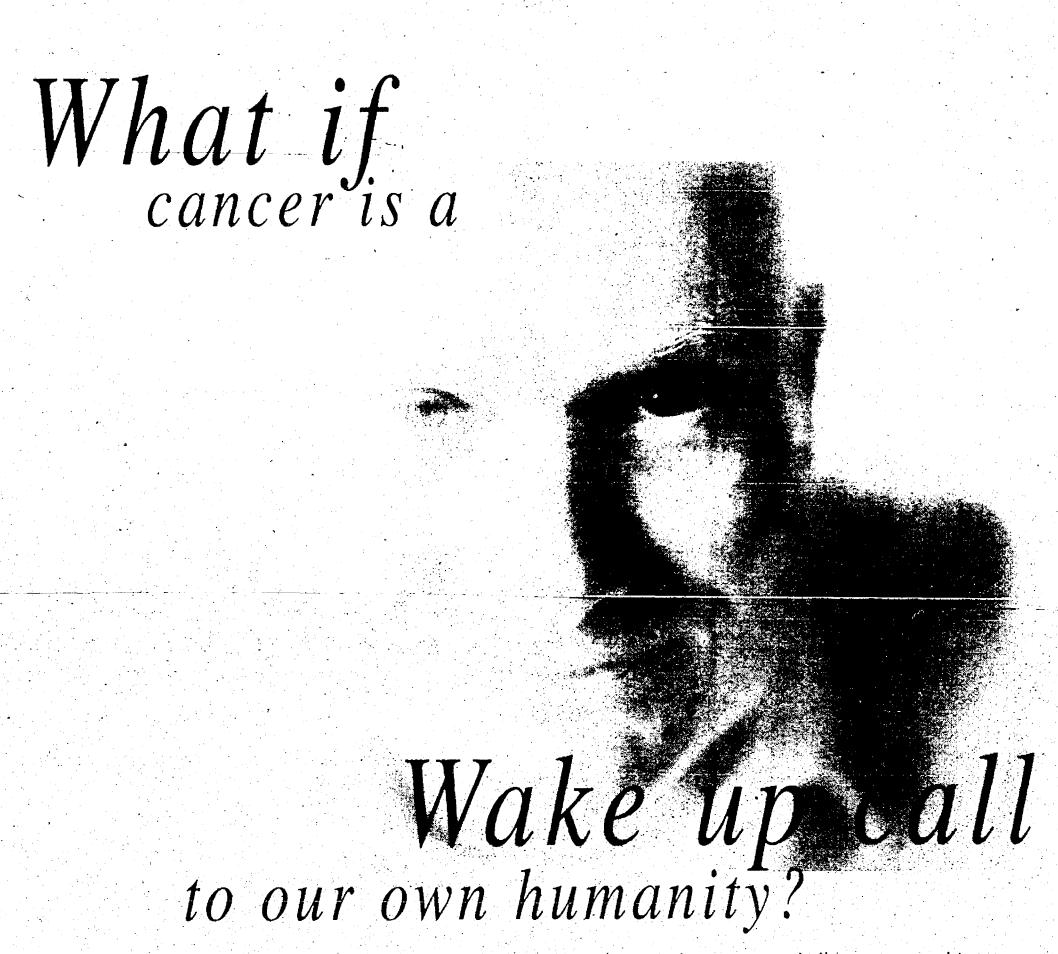
Askeland studied church

music at the Bergen Conservatory in Norway and at the Academy of Music in Frankfurt, Ger-

He made his concert debut at the Concert Hall in Oslo in 1988 and has given recitals throughout Scandinavia, Germany, England, Russia, Italy, Holland, Latvia and Hungary.

Currently, he is organist at the Birkeland Church in Bergen, Norway •

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Ex-Blazers square off

Former Livonia Ladywood volleyball players Sarah Poglits (Loyola of Chicago) and Jenny Young (Central Michigan) were both named to the Adidas Invitational All-Tournament last weekend in Chicago, Ill.

The tourney also featured former Ladywood player Erin LeSage of

Loyola won the tournament over CMU in five games.

Poglits, a 6-foot-1 sophomore, had 33 kills and 18 digs in three matches.

Young posted a team-high 50 kills in three matches to go along with 15 digs, nine blocks and eight aces. She had a career-high 23 kills against Sam Houston State followed by 16 kills and five blocks against Loyola.

Loyola is 4-2 overall, while CMU is

Twisters fall 24-7

The Central Ohio Lions handed the Wayne County Twisters their second defeat of the Lake Shore Football League season on Saturday, 24-7, at Municipal Stadium in Washington Courthouse, Ohio.

Rated among the top 10 teams in the nationally by the American Football Association, the Lions pace the Southern Division of the LSFL.

Damon Frendo scored the Twisters' only TD on a 4-yard run.

The Twisters, who could meet the Lions again the playoffs, lead the Northern Division of the LSFL with a 5-2 record.

"This second defeat is a minor setback and should be expected in any sport," Twisters general manager Glenn Brothers said, "Where, on the other hand, the sudden unexpected news that the 3-year-old infant daughter of coach Rodney Swanigan was struck and killed by a vehicle while playing in the local park this past week was devastating.

"Therefore, the Twisters' organization wish to extend our sincere condolences to coach Swanigan and family."

The Twisters return to action at 3:30 p.m. Saturday against the Black Swamp Patriots at Academy of Detroit (old Inkster Cherry Hill High School).

Restrooms and refreshments will be available.

Women's Suburban Golf

Karen Huebner of Grosse Ile shot an 81 to win first flight low gross honors at the Women's Suburban Golf Association stop Sept. 10 at Hartland

Sandy Rivers (Rochester Hills) was runner-up low gross with an 88.

Dolly Vettese (Northville) captured first flight low net with a 67, while June Wright (Livonia) was second with a 69.

In the second flight, Gloria Hudson (Southfield) took low gross honors with an 88. Pat Henke (Wayne) was runner-up with a 91.

Low net went to Helen Demshuk (Dearborn Heights) with a 62. Dotty Dody (Farmington Hills) was runnerup with a 63.

Meteors rule divisions

• The Livonia Y Meteors, an under-11 boys soccer team, shut out four straight opponents, including a 1-0 win over the Northville Thunder in the championship final, to win its division Aug. 27-29 at the Dearborn Invitational.

Members of the Meteors include: Kyle Bogenschultz, Ben Burton, Evan Chapman, Bret Driscoll, Alex Grimes, Steve Hart, David Herbeck, Luke Knochel, Matt Loney, Chris Mulcahy, Kevin Murphy, Bryon Niemczak, Ricky Roman, Matt Rzepka, Ben Schroeder and David St. Amant.

The head coach is Dave Burton. He is assisted by Dave Schroeder and Gary Niemczak.

• The under-16 girls Meteors, a first division Little Caesars toam sponsored by the Livonia Family YMCA, captured the Square D Palatine (Ill.) Celtic Cup over Labor Day weekend and were runner-up in the Dearborn Invitational (playing the under-17 division).

Members of the Meteors, coached by Wally Kowalkowski and trained by Derrick Steele, include: Ashley Aja. Elizabeth DiPonio, Larisa Fill, Katie Fretz, Cassie Earle, Jamie Hartrick. Melissa Hoger, Katharine Koch, Denna Kowalkowski, Jennie Kupstas, Meghan Parnell, Rebecca Rogozan, Amy Sanders, Laura Shishkovsky, Emily Shollack, Eric Shuelke and Kristy Ward.

The team manager is Ann Hoger.

Shamrocks stave off Rice, 14-10

State champions run streak to 24

By Steve Kowalski Staff Writer skowalski@oe.homecomm.net

For all they do in Redford Catholic Central's offensive backfield, John Kaya and Mike Wilk would be naturals endorsing their families' business interests.

Wilk provides the power at fullback and Kava combines size and speed at halfback.

Wilk, a bruising, 5-foot-11, 235pound senior, admits to eating as much as he has worked at his parents' Excalibur Restaurant in Southfield.

Kava's father, a manager for the Chicago Beef Co., eats most of the food at home but there's no doubt the younger Kava's had a steak or two:

Each scored a touchdown and combined for 216 of CC's 226 yards rushing in a come-from-behind 14-10 win over rival Birmingham Brother Rice before 5,500 on Saturday at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium.

"The food is nice," Wilk said, giving his dad's business a plug and not because they were standing only yards apart. "But if I get a little slower they (his parents) might say to stop it."

The Shamrocks probably can't wait until the Kavas or Wilks host Unity Night, a dinner held the night before games.

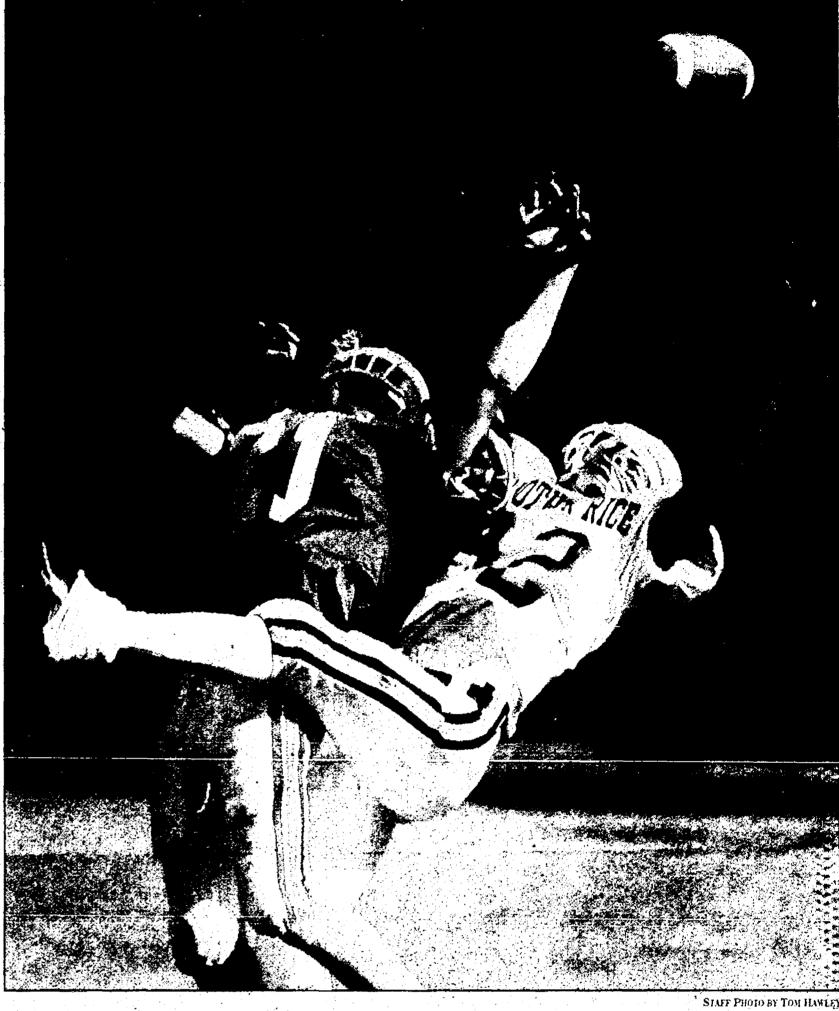
"There's beef all the way around." said CC nose guard Jeremiah Hicks, who at 5-11 and 260 hasn't passed up many meals, either.

The Shamrocks used a ball-control offense and opportunistic detense to beat Rice for the third-straight season and eighth time this decade.

CC junior defensive back Mark Willoughby intercepted a pass near midfield with about a minute left to end Rice's hones. CC senior defensive end Jeff Moore recovered a disputed fumble minutes earlier deep in Rice's zone but the Shamrocks couldn't capitalize, missing a field goal attempt.

CC placekicker Mike Sgroi, who had a kickoff travel about 80 yards through the goal posts, missed three field goal attempts, including one from 53 yards. The Warriors also caught a break late in the first half on the play that gave them a 10-7 lead.

Please see SHAMROCKS, C2



Acrobatic play: Redford Catholic Central's Mark Willoughby (left) breaks up the pass intended for Lorron James of Birmingham Brother Rice.

Award goes in memory of ex-Spartan

Sunday was a special day as over 160 golfers participated in the ninth annual Friends of Livonia Stevenson golf outing held at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Joan Wilson, a vice-president for ESPN in Bristol, Conn., was on hand to donate \$1,500 to the Stevenson athletic department. The money will go toward the purchase of videotaping equipment in the name of Susan Rozman-Delia a 1978 Stevenson graduate who died of liver cancer in 1998.

The first recipient of the Susan Rozman-Delia Award was Laurie Colley, who has been a member of the Stevenson High Booster Club the past eight years, including president the last three.

The Rozman-Delia award goes to a person who displays individual contributions to the Stevenson athletic program, as well as outstanding character and leadership.

Laurie Coffey and her husband Rick, a freshman football coach at Stevenson, have three children, Lauren, a senior at Michigan State; Chris, a junior at MSU; and R.J. a senior at Stevenson.

Sue Rozman competed in swimming and pom pon at Stevenson. She graduated from Central Michigan and worked five years at ABC before moving over to ESPN, working her way up to vice president after starting out in affiliate sales and marketing.

Sue Rozman-Delia is survived by

attendance for the award, along with make.



Honoring Sue: Family members in attendance Sunday for ESPN's donation of \$1,500 to the Stevenson High Athletic Department in memory of the late Sue Rozman-Delia included (from left) brother Rick, his wife Wendy, mother Nancy, sister Amy and father Ron. The inaugural award went to Stevenson High Booster Club president Laurie Colley.

Rick and his wife Wendy, and Amy (the varsity girls basketball coach at Stevenson).

Joan Wilson and Sue Rozman-Delia worked closely together at ESPN and it was certainly nice to have her fly in and pay tribute to her dear friend.

Clarenceville making strides

A few years ago I caught quite a bit her husband Larry, and two children, a flak for criticizing the use of . The home sidelines have been along with paronts Ron, Sr. and Clarenceville's football field for a resodded and part of the fence Nancy; three sisters (Amy, Mary and / state playoff game between Redford - replaced with patron boards. The Tro Sally), and two brothers (Rick and Catholic Central and Livonia Steven: jan logo has been stenciled at mid-

Second-year assistant principal and athletic director Chuck Sorentino, along with the school's booster club. deserve kudos for transforming a dilapidated facility full of weeds into a vibrant venue for football.

The place doesn't even look the same. It's so neat and well-groomed. It is probably the most lush football field in the area.

field. There are new lights bulbs. The Ron and Nancy Rozman were in . What a difference a few years scoreboard has been repainted and bleacher boards replaced. The press

box was also remodeled.

Tents and picnic tables have been set up between the concession stand and bleachers for designated families.

Overall I was impressed with the general atmosphere for the season opener Aug. 28 when the Trojans upset Harper Woods.

It was a really nice night and a

And that's not all that's going on at Clarenceville.

Sorentino said the lockerroom adjacent to the football field is in the process of being gutted, carpeted and

"We've put in new fixtures with cubicles and a private lock storage area for each kid," Sorentino said.

The gymnasium floor has been resurfaced and floor repainted. The soccer field has been moved behind

Last year, Sorentino had the weight room remodeled with new machines and equipment.

And for the first time in recent memory, Clarenceville has a fresh-man football team with a seven-game schedule this year. The 20-member squad is 4-0 heading into tonight's game at Harper Woods.

Keep up the fine work, Clarenceville.

Good job Westland Comets

Players, cheerleaders and coaches of the Westland Youth Athletic Association Comets recently took matters into their own hands by cleaning up their practice field adjacent to Kmart at Wayne and Cherry Hill roads.

The field was littered with debris and bottles, but through a concerted effort using gloves and rakes, wong with good old fashion ellow grease, the field was again playable for practice in just 15 minutes.

It was a good demonstration of team unity and pride.

Web of intrigue from Canton e-mailer

By DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER domeara@oe.homecomm.nct

A little hype has made the Plymouth Canton-Livonia Churchill contest one of the more interesting prep football games this week.

Information that came to the Observer this week leads us to believe the Chiefs are preparing a major ambush for the Chargers.

My colleague, Livonia-Westland Sports Editor Brad Emons, received an intriguing e-mail, from a shadowy figure who offered only his (we assume) initials.

But, being enterprising reporters, we have good reason to believe our mystery writer is, you guessed it, a Canton player!

For his own protection, he shall remain anonymous, however. We wouldn't want the Chargers penalized for piling on should they discover his identity, and we wouldn't want the young man doing down-ups should Canton coach Tim Baechler do the same.

Our friend took a good-natured — and, yes, well-deserved — shot at the Observer duo for failing to predict a Canton victory last week.

The experts picked Livonia Franklin. The final score: Chiefs 41, Patriots 13. Ouch!

The eager e-mailer even offered some advice to help the prognosticators this week. He suggests another coin flip: "Heads we (Chiefs) win; tails they (Chargers) lose." Oooooh! That hurts!

The Web Writer might recall the Observer needed a coin toss to pick a Canton-Churchill winner last year, too.

So what was our pick? Canton! And who won? Churchill, 14-0!

This brings us to our point about this year's matchup. The Chiefs will no doubt be looking for a little revenge when they play host to the Chargers. According to Confidential in Canton, there's

absolutely no doubt the Chiefs will win and will do so in grand style. He writes Canton will have 300 yards rushing, and he has set the spread at 28 points.

Well, now, the Chargers might have something they'd like to say about that! But both sides will have to wait and let the talking (no. trash, please!) be done on the field Friday

On the grid prediction scoreboard, yours truly was 13-1 and Emons 12-2. O'Meara is 38-8 overall, Emons 37-9. Here's a look at this week's games:

GRID PREDICTIONS

FRIDAY GAMES

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

St. Agatha (3-0, 2-0) vs. Cardinal Mooney (2-1, 2-0) at RU, 7 p.m.: The Aggies put their perfect record to the test in this Catholic League D-Section showdown and will be looking for a little revenge. St. Agatha was 3-0 last year, too; but lost its next game to the Cardinals from Marine City, 26-7; Mooney knocked off preseason D-Section favorite Holy Redeemer, 28-0. PICKS: Who has more clout. a cardinal or saint? O'Meara goes with the cardinals, but Emons sides with the saint.

Redford Union (0-3, 0-1) at Garden City (3-0, 2-0), 7 p.m.: Three weeks ago most people would have assumed the records and roles for each team heading into this game would be reversed. Instead, it's the Cougars, who've had trouble winning in the past, who are undefeated and the Panthers, a playoff team a year ago, who are winless. The archivist is still researching to find out when the Cougars were last 3.0. RU is coming off a lopsided loss to Belleville, and Garden City edged Woodhaven following its huge win over Allen Park. PICKS: We erred and picked the Cougars to lose the last battle of the big cats. Not again! They win this time, O'Meara says, but Emons has a hunch

Dearborn (0-3, 0-2) at Wayne (0-3, 0-2), 7 p.m.: This game took likes a toss-up. Both teams are winless but have played well against good competition. Dearborn was a Mega-Red co-champion and Class A playoff team last year, but the Pioneers lost a fot to graduation. Wayne was close in losses to Romulus and Fordson before losing to Monroe last week, 27-11. Dearborn's losses are to Livonia Stevenson, Belleville and Fordson. PICKS: Flip a coin! Dearborn wins!

Liv. Churchill (1-2, 0-1) at Ply. Canton (2-1, 1-0): The Chiefs are feeling good about themselves after last week's convincing win over the Patriots, which did a lot to help Canton's long-range playoff hopes. Nick Stonerook rushed for 256 yards, which could be the reason for the aforementioned writer's optimism regarding the Canton running game this week. The Chargers, who've had to play John Glenn and Harrison since beating RU in the opener, have a better chance of being in the game. PICKS: We have doubts about a 28-point differential, but we will make Canton the favorite this week.

W.L. Western (3-0, 1-0) at Liv. Franklin (1-2, 0-1): The state-ranked Warriors are undefeated as everyone expected they would be at this point, but they've had some close scores, especially when compared to last year's results. It gets tougher for the Patriots, who must try to rebound. from a 41-13 loss to Canton. PICKS: Western stays

Ply. Salem (0-3, 0-1) at Liv. Stevenson (3-0, 1-0): Don't be fooled by the records. It looks like it should be an easy win for the Spartans, who must guard against the upset. This game always seems to be close. While these teams are at opposite ends of the spectrum as far as wins and tosses, the Rocks could be trouble? Salem played well against Walled Lake Western and Farmington the last two weeks only to come up short in the end. PICKS: The Spar-

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tans squeak by for their fourth win.

John Glenn (3-0, 1-0) at W.L. Central (0-3, 0-1): This game offers a different scenario than the Salem-Stevenson matchup. Barring a big letdown by the Rockets, they should hold the Vikings in check and do as Farmington Harrison and Livonia Stevenson did by beating Central. PICKS: That loud boom you hear Friday will be the Rockets on the launch pad.

N. Farmington (1-2, 0-1) at Farmington (2-1, 1-0): Farmington had a scare at Plymouth Salem last week but managed to hold on and win, 2014. The Falcons were up 20-7 and apparently headed for another score when the Rocks turned it around and nearly pulled out a win. North hopes to catch Farmington looking ahead to a showdown next week with Westland John Glenn. PICKS: It's Farmington's

Farm. Harrison (2-1, 1-0) at Northville (1-2, 0-1): The Hawks are back on track with two straight wins and headed for a showdown with Walled Lake Western in two weeks. Senior tailback Kevin Woods has laid the foundation for an all-star season with nearly 500 yards rushing and eight touchdowns. Speaking of Western, the Warriors beat the Mustangs last week, and the Hawks can compare scores after this one. PICKS: The Hawks do what they almost always do -- win!-

Thurston (1-2, 0-2) at Southgate (0-3, 0-2): Thurston's 10-0 win over Willow Run in the first week is the only win between these teams, but the Eagles were close last week in a 21-14 loss to Trenton. Thurston fell just short of forcing overtime. A 23-yard touchdown pass in the final minute from Cedric Mann to Silvio Barile was disallowed due to an ineligible man down field. One last attempt was intercepted, and the Trojans were able to run out the clock. Southgate also lost to Trenton, as well as Romulus: both were playoff teams last year. PICKS: O'Meara says it's Thurston, but Emons takes Southgate.

Bishop Borgess (2-1) at Clarenceville (3-0): This one shapes up as a pretty good game. Two teams that haven't had a lot of success in the past have winning records now. The Trojans are as big a success story as the Garden City Cougars, enjoying a perfect season so far. The Spartans have beaten East Catholic and Shrine with a loss to Divine Child. PICKS: Clarenceville is clicking on all cylinders; the Trojans keep it going another week.

SATURDAY GAME

Lutheran East (0-3, 0-2) at Luth. Westland (0-3, 0-2), 1 p.m.: Lutheran East was picked to finish eighth in the nine team Metro Conference, Who was ninth? The Warriors, who lost 26-8 to Cranbrook but have their best chance for a victory this week. PICKS: The Eagles, who scored 47 points the last two weeks but lost to Detroit Benedictine (34-26) and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (27-21). rate the favorite's role.

SUNDAY GAME

Redford CC (3-0, 0-0) vs. DePortes (1-2, 0-0) at McCabe Fleld, 1 p.m.: DePorres doesn't look as formidable as past years with an uncharacteristic losing record. But the Eagles play a tough schedule and are always a quality opponent. After beating Highland Park 38-0, DePorces lost to Cincinnati Colerain, 17-7, and unbeaten Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 38-13. The Shamrocks passed their best test Saturday when they topped architival Brother Rice, 14-10: PICKS: There's no letdown for CC.

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hear from you.

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Shamrocks from page C1

On fourth down and nine. Rice senior Tom Grace leaped and deflected a pass from quarterback Matt Baker into the hands of junior wide receiver Matt Mueller with 13.7 seconds left in the first half, Ross Ryan, who kicked a 27-yard field goal to end the Warriors' first possession in the first quarter, added the extra point and it looked like it might be Rice's day.

"We lucked out, we've got to have some luck (against CC)," Rice coach Al Fracassa said. "I'm proud of the kids. They gave everything they had."

Rice had 159 total yards and 10 first downs, none in the second half. The Warriors' star tailback, Mark Goebel, had 98 yards on 19 carries, but only eight yards on four carries after halftime.

Baker, sacked once by Mike Morris, completed eight of 19 passes passes for 89 yards. None of Rice's five second-half possessions began beyond its 20 vard line.

"Our backs were to the wall (in the second half)," Fracassa said. We knew they would come out and try to bull us or lose a game."

over. They're big but I thought they were bigger last .vear.

Kava had 148 yards in 29 carries, including a nine yard run with 10:06 left in the game to cap a nine-play, 38yard drive that gave the Shamrocks a 14-10 lead, Wilk, who finished with 69 yards in 20 carries, kept the drive alive with a one-yard dive on fourth and one from the 29.

Except for an 11-yard counter run by Dave Groth, Wilk or Kava carried out each hand off from quarterback John Hill in the second half.

"At halftime we knew we were going to stick to the run, we just kept telling the line to keep driving," Wilk said: "There were huge holes and the line worked hard."

The Shamrocks, No. 1 rated in the state, improved to 3.0 without a pass completion in seven attempts. Rice, also ranked among the top 10, fell to 2-1.

"At halftime we said we had to buckle down," C coach Tom Mach said. "Running the ball is the way we want to win

Lutheran Westland falls, 26-8

Lutheran High Westland is ent story as Lutheran Westland still looking for that elusive first

Lutheran Westland fell, 26-8, to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook on Sept. 9 for its third loss this season and 12th in a row dating back to the start of the 1998 sea-

The Warriors' lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Charlie Hoeft scooted 20 yards and Josh Moldonhaur ran över the two extra points.

The Cranes led the Metro Conference game, 20-0, at halftime. Despite the one-sideness of the Hoeft led the team with 10 tackles, with a team high seven assists. Linebacker Moldenhauer was

managed to outrush Cranbrook.

passing, where the Cranes held

a 71-15 edge.

15 times for 44 yards.

113-107. The difference was in

Hoeft ran for 52 yards on 22

Defensively, defensive back

carries while Moldenhauer ran

right behind with nine tackles. He and defensive tackle Sam Zuke led the team with four unassisted tackles. Richard Wilscore, the statistics told a differ- son also recovered a fumble.

SC men's soccer evens record

The settling-in process is just about over, so now Schoolcraft College's men's soccer team is going to put its best foot forward to win some matches.

The Ocelots, who start nine freshmen, began the process Saturday when they defeated visiting Cuyahoga (Ohio) CC 3-1 in their first regional game of the season. It squared SC's record at 3-3.

"We were trying to find a starting lineup in most (of our early) games," Ocelots' coach Van Dimitriou said. "So in essence, this was the first game.'



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Johnny Demergis (Plymouth Canton) broke a 1-1 tie with his second goal of the game and Dan Wielechowski (Plymouth Salem) notched the insurance score with about 10 minutes to play.

Demergis was assisted on his first goal by Tony Maldonado (Livonia Stevenson), which gave SC a 1-0 halftime lead. Some 15 minutes into the second half, Jeremy Kephart beat his defender and scooted a shot past goalie Ben Davis (Canton) to tie the score.

Near the 20-minute mark. Demergis got his second goal, assisted by Sergie Mainella (Stevenson),

Davis faced six shots.

The Ocelots lost to tough DuPage in the Valparaiso Tournament, then lost matches to Monroe CC (Rochester, N.Y.) and Herkimer (N.Y.).

"We were just trying to get to where we knew who was going to play where," Dimitriou said. "But Saturday we looked pretty good. That Cuyahoga team, I would say, is pretty indicative of the teams we're going to be playing in our region with the exception of

of Farmington



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Lutheran Westland topples Liggett, 2-0

The building blocks fit into place Tuesday for Lutheran Westland coach Rich Block. whose host Warriors blanked Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 2-0, in a Metro Conference match.

Liggett, coming off a 2-1 win Saturday over defending state champion Elk Rapids, was ranked No. 4 in Division IV. The Knights are 4-1 overall and 0-1 in the Metro.

Lutheran Westland, ranked No. 6 in Divi-

sion IV, is 3-1 and 1-0.

"Our forwards were relentless and they worked very well with our midfielders," Block said. "It's the first time this year when all 11 on the field came together. Jeff Broge up front, and Brad Nollar and Justin Combs in the midfield, really played well."

Junior Derek Bias scored both goals for

His penalty kick goal 18:14 into the second half made it 1-0. He added an unassisted goal with just under 10 minutes to play.

The Warriors' Andrew Gliesman won the battle of All-State goalkeepers, outshining Liggett's Dan Ferrin. Gliesman, who made 10 saves, notched his third shutout of the year and 30th in his career.

On Saturday, No. 3-ranked St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran scored 22 seconds into the match to beat the Warriors, 1-0, and capture the Westland Huron Valley Lutheran Tournament.

"We had our chances late, hit a crossbar or two, but couldn't score," Block said. "It was a wakeup call for us."

In Friday's semifinal, Lutheran Westland downed Canton Agape Christian, 8-0, as junior Ernie Fackler scored twice. Other goals came from Broge, Brian Woehlke, Carl Paulus, Bias, Nollar and Combs.

University's

Madonna

women's soccer team got its first

Wolverine-Hössier Athletic Con-

ference victory Tuesday, knock-

ing off host Cornerstone Univer-

Madonna is now 4-1-1 overall.

1-0-1 in the WHAC. The Lady

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host Trinity Christian.

The results of that match were

more satisfying, at least for

Madonna. The Crusaders domi-

nated play, outshooting Trinity

The win allowed Madonna to

10-2 en route to a 3-1 victory.

had all of last season — three.

BOYS SOCCER WRAP

On Monday, Stevenson defeated Walled Lake Western to set up a match Wednesday against Plymouth

"That's the one thing I'm pleased about," Richters said. "It would have been easy for us to look past

Walled Lake Western, to the Canton game. Tom Eller scored four goals to pace the Spartans

Ryan Drolet scored a goal and had two assists, Matt Koontz and Nik Djokic each scored a goal and added

It was 4-0 at the half, after which Richters replaced

Tommaso Mainella filled in for Jeff Budd at sweeper in the second half and did a good job for Stevenson.

. FRANKLIN 3. JOHN GLENN 2: Since being moved

He scored the game-winner with three minutes

Matt Trussler scored off a corner kick with four minutes remaining to knot the score at 3-3.

Franklin led 2-1 at intermission on goals by man Jeremy Horgan and Kracht, both on assists from

Franklin played without three starters and dressed

play of defender Ken Douglass, who marked Trussler.

Snakebit Livonia Churchill took its fifth loss in five games Monday because, according to coach Reid Friedrichs, "we just couldn't finish.

In the final third of the field, we just couldn't find the net. We didn't play that badly, we just couldn't

The Chargers finally did score, a goal by Tim Kaminski with about five minutes left, but the Raiders had scored two goals with about 15 minutes to play to break a scoreless tie.

. REDFORD CC 3, NOTRE DAME PREP 0: On Tuesday, host Redford Catholic Central (5-1, 1-0) overcame a sluggish half to beat Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a Catholic League match at Whitman Field in Livonia.

Chris Azanger had a goal and assist for the winners. Sean Lanigan and Joe Murray also scored for CC. Goalkeeper Eric Sullivan, who posted the shutout, also assisted on a goat.

Saturday at Whitman, host CC lost to host Toledo St. John's, one of the top-rated teams in Ohio, 2-0.

. KENNEDY 5, WAYNE 1: Tomasso Vitale scored three times Monday as host Taylor Kennedy (1-2) bounced Wayne Memorial (0-4) in a Mega Conference

Paul Giordano scored on a penalty kick for Wayne.

"We had more shots than Kennedy, but we couldn't get it into the net." Wayne coach Larry Brenner said. "With our mexperience, we just haven't put it together

On Friday, Wayne was hammered by host Grosse He.

• FRANKLIN 4, LANSING CC 2: In a non-leaguer on Saturday, Ryan Kracht had a pair of goals and Mike Vega chipped in with one goal and one assist as Livohia Franklin won at Lansing Catholic Central (4-1-1).

Ross Bohler also had a goal for the Patriots, who trailed 1-0 at halftime.

"We played a full game," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "Ken Douglass was outstanding on defense and Jeremy Bruckner played well in goal."

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP Harakas sisters lift Blazers

It was a good night to be a Harakas.

The Harakas sisters combined for 19 points Tuesday night to lead Livonia Ladywood to a 45-29 victory over Livonia

The Blazers held a 27-13 advantage in the middle two quarters to pull away from the host Patriots, who were up; 8-7, after the first-period.

Melissa Harakas scored 11 points and Michelle Harakas added eight as Ladywood won its fourth straight following a season-opening loss.

Franklin (3-2) received eight points from Tera Morrill and seven from Liz Cochran.

"They have a good press," Patriots' coach Gary Warner said.

"They got a lot of turnovers from their press. "They work it very well. We brought it (the deficit) down to

11 in the third quarter, but they pulled away," •FORDSON 46, WAYNE 35: A poor third quarter hurt the host Zebras.

Dearborn Fordson came out of an 18-18 halftime deadlock and outscored Wayne Memorial by 10, 18-8, in the third period to run away with the Michigan Mega Red win.

Senior guard Sarah Moore led the Zebras with 15 points but the next highest was six, by Christina Gaines and sophomore Amber Henn, Wayne is now 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the Mega Red.

Jackie Pingston, who had 24 points. Marlam Reda had 14. •PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 49, HURON VALLEY 43: A sluggish defensive first

Fordson, 2-1 overall and 1.0 in league play, had the game's high scorer in

half Tuesday hurt the visiting Hawks' chances of pulling out a victory. The Eagles held a slim 12-10 lead after one quarter and were up, 25-22, at

the half. They made it a four-point lead: 32-28, after three quarters. Laura Clark paced Plymouth Christian (2-2) with 13 points while Huron Val-

ley (1-3) got 16 from Rachel Zahn and 15 from Stacie Graves. •LIGGETT 29, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 19: No, the second half is not missing from the score, that's four whole quarters.

"We made 13 percent of our field goals and 33 percent of our free throws," Coach Ron Gentz said. 'That doesn't win ball games.'

Grosse Pointe University Liggett limited Lutheran High Westland to just one point in the first quarter and two in the fourth. In between, it was an even

Krissy Rose and Cristina Hilden paced Lutheron Westland with six points epiece. The Warriors are 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Metro Conference. Liggett, 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Metro, got eight points from Sherma

Brown. The Warriors were outrebounded, 2-1, and "could not finish anything,"

It was one of those nights when the one Liggett defender would somehow stop a 3-on-1 or else Lutheran Westland would throw the ball away trying to

•LUTHERAN EAST 66, CLARENCEVILLE 9: The Trojans had three players

injured and could only dress 10 for the Metro Conference game; Jessica Kennedy scored seven of Livonia Clarenceville's nine points. The Trojans are now winless in four tries, two in the Metro Conference.

Christina Jaimowski, a 6 foot center, led visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East with 18 points.

. STEVENSON 9, W.L. WESTERN 0: The tuneup was successful, now coach Ears Richters hopes the Livonia Stevenson engine was purring on Wednesday.

while Mike White had a goal and three assists.

an assist while Brian Braun scored a lone goal.

Joe Zawacki in goal with Brian Campbell.

now 3-0-1.

to forward. Ryan Kracht has notched four goals in two-

remaining Monday to give Livonia Franklin (4-3) the win over host Westland John Glenn (2-2-1).

Jeff Ballard scored Glenn's first goal.

Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit also singled out the

• NORTH FARMINGTON 2, CHURCHILL 1: The snake just keeps biting the Chargers.

Lady Crusaders boot WHAC opponent

over Trinity.

Lady Ocelots ranked

All in all, last week was a good week for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team.

On Sept. 7, SC was ranked equal the number of victories it. 10th in the NJCAA coaches poll and 14th in the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America

before halftime.

On offense, SC got two goals from Kristina Seniuch (from Plymouth Salem) and single scores. from Marina Vazquez (Farmington) and Kelly Connell (Plymouth Canton). Seniuch's goals gave her a team-best six for the season. SC had 39 shots to two.

games this season than last, Melissa Jacobs (Livonia Stevenson), Megan Thiry and their first year. Jill Gibson got the first two Shannon Wiley accounted for the "This is the recognition that we have worked very hard for." Crusader goals, Jamie Scott Crusader goals, Lindsay Crawassisting on both. Jessica Pidek said SC coach Bill Tolstedt of the ford had an assist. rankings. "Our goal remains to scored the final goal. Lindsay Thiry's performance capped a win our district and advance to Crawford assisting. strong week for the freshman Jennifer Drumm was in goal forward from Waterford (Notre the National Tournament." ANY SIZE LISTED! for Madonna Last Thursday, SC put togeth-Dame Prep H.S.) Thiry had four goals and an er a strong second half in bounc-An overtime goal disappointed assist in the five games, including St. Mary's College 5-1 at SC. Madonna's women's soccer team ing game-winning scores against The win pushed the Ocelots' Friday in the opening round of Seton Hill (Pa.) and Findlay record to 3.0. the Trinity Christian College (Ohio) - which were her first Despite playing with a man Tournament in Palos Heights. two collegiate games. advantage, the Ocelots were able PERFORMANCE RADIALS Her play earned her Wolverto score just once in the first half That goal gave Grace (Ind.) College a 1-0 victory and a berth ine-Hoosier Athletic Conference — a goal by Shannon Konarski P175/65R-14 P185/65R-14 in the title game. It also relegatat the 10-minute mark. They F185708-14 339 P235768-14 346 P185508-14 341 P225508-16 338 player of the week honors. Jenny Barker (Stevenson) was could not hold that lead, howeved the Lady Crusaders to Satur-P205/65R-15 day's consolation game opposite in goal for Madonna in the win er, allowing the tying goal just ANY SIZE LISTED Heating, & Cooling Inc. he Appliance Doctor" PISSBOR-13 45,000 MILE WARRANTY TRUCK, VAN & RV **CUSTOM WHEELS** SALES • SERVICE MICH CON FINANCING AVAILABLE HUNDREDS OF STYLES \$55 LT25\$75R-150_ \$7 ALSO AVAILABLE INSTALLATION . REPAIR -1050R-15____\$50 6 MONTHS SAME AS CASH H.H.S.I. FINANCING AVAILABLE ON MANY AT FANTASTIC **FURNACES** PRICES P235/70R-16 BRANDS BOTH WITH APPROVED CREDIT ALL MAKES ALL MODELS _ jawtrot Family Owned & Operated For Over 30 Years! **SHOWROOM & PARTS** Coleman, TURN ON TECHNOLOGY LENNOX 26324 JOHN R. • MADISON HEIGHTS Luxaire **WEST AREA** YYOKOHAYA AEGIS (734) 422-8080 bryant Comfortnatur MACOMB COUNTY **DAKLAND COUNTY** (810) 274-1155 (248) 548-9565 SYMMETRY MICH STATE LIC 71-01599 F1355CR-15 P195/75R-14\$40 P225/75R-15. P2:55:18:15 P205/75R-14 \$40 P205/70R-15 \$45 P205/75R-15 \$45 P215/70R-15 \$50 P195/75R-14 1215572-15 P215/75R-15. ...\$45. P205/65R-15\$50-Do It Your\$elf and \$ave **80,000 MILE WARRANTY** VINYL SIDING BUY FOUR MICHELIN TIRES, Get a FREE Emergency Roadside Kit You'll receive a free emergency roadside kit, a \$100 value. when you purchase ALUMINUM ALUMINUM **SEAMLESS GUTTERS** a set of four new P175/70R-13 1.T235/75R-15 SIDING Michelin* brand COIL STOCK P215/70R-14 passenger or light .\$63 85M-0 19-White DELUXE QUALITY \$57 truck-tires. While Buy 4 and Score ends October 31, 1993 STORE HOURS MON.-FRI. 8:00-6 **VINYL SOFFIT** ALUMINUM SAT. 8:00-5

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Short game: Stevenson's Matt Bartnick fired a 34 to take medalist honors against Churchill.

PREP BOYS GOLF RESULTS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 162 SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 167 Sept. 14 at Cattails CC scorets: Evan Currie and Matt

Davey, 40 each: Medalist: David Smith (Southfield

Christian), 39. CC's dual meet record: 3-1 overall.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 189 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 204 Sept. 12 at Idyl Wyld Stevenson scorers: Matt Bartnick, 34

(medalist); Scott Wolle, 36: Mike Byberg and Zack McKenzle, 39 each; Chris Thomas, 41; Mike Blazok, 42.

Churchill scorers: Brad Bescoe, 38; Evan Chall, 39; Jeff Hunter, Lance Antro-

1 bius, 42 each; Randall Boboige, 43; Kevin Kasten, 44.

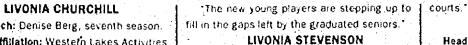
Dual most records; Stevenson, 2-1 overall, 2.1 Western Lakes; Churchill, 1.2 overall, 1-2 WLAA.

FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON 202 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 203 Sept. 13 at San Marino

Harrison scorers: Brian Grohman, 38 (co-medalist); Jnichi Miura, 39; Matt Lee, 40; Jeff Braun, 41; Adam Richards, 44; Rob Platt, 48.

Glenn scorers; Ryan Shamrock, 38 (comedalist); Rich Sudak, Matt Darnell, 40 each; Jeremy Fendelet, 42; Jason Broadrick, 43; Keith Fukuda, 44.

Dual meet records: Harrison, 2-2 WLAA; Glerm, 3-2 overall, 2-2 WLAA.



Head coach: Denise Berg, seventh season. League affiliation: Western takes Activities Association.

Last year's dual meet record: 5-5-1 WLAA. Notable losses to graduation: Jenny Stanick, Julia Arciero, Ashlee Mehl, Lindsay Jostin, Steffi Graber.

Leading returnees: Crystal Tomczyk, Sr.; Aditi Saxena, Sr.; Lauren Snabb, Jr.; Anne Pio ntek, Sr.; Dana Hillier, Sr.; Sarah Tomasaitis. Sr.; Jean Wu, Jr.; Stephanie Hunt, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Danielle Russo, Fr. Denise Zheng, Fr.; Yuliya Polyachenko, So. Becky Ross, Sr.; Lindsay Kantzler, Sr.: Tiffany

Berg's '99 outlook: "We don't have a lineup set except Nos. 13 singles. We have a lot of talent on the team, but sure have as much match experience.

"Our returning girls should do well, but the younger ones will have to build their confi dence.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Kathy Ladd, fourth season. League Affiliation: WLAA.

Last year's dual-meet record: 1-10 in

Notable losses to graduation: Cherie Berner, Laura Conrad, Karen Koleczko, Karen Savage, Lisa Wiklanski, Abby Wojtowicz, Christi-

Leading returnees: Elizabeth Zarb, Sr.: Daniela Gapp, Sr.; Michele Blair, Sr.; Lauren Kuzmanovich, Sr.; Michelle Lupu, So.; Laura Savage, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Alexis Gay, St. (transfer from Oho): Jennifer Maxwell, So.; Sarah Garbutt, Fr.: Jenny Tocco, Fr.: Christina Mayorchak, So.; Andrea Mazeppa, Sr.

Ladd's '99 outlook: 'The girls have really improved. They always come a long way in the

first few weeks. It's amazing." *I was encouraged by our match with Redford Union (a tie).

"They're very enthusiastic and interested in learning and playing hard.

Head coach: Frank Dotson, fourth season. League affiliation: WLAA.

CAPSULE PREVIEW OF AREA GIRLS TENNIS TEAMS

Last year's dual-meet record: 10-1 WLAA. Titles won: WLAA Lakes Division; qualified for regionals.

Notable losses to graduation: Sara Derefalk (regional champion), Mara Mazzoni, Stephanie

Ladd, Marian Paul, Marcella Fedrigo. Loading returnees: Laura Haddock, Sr. (Capt.): Janette Fershtman, Sr.; Julie Yambsky, Sr., Kim Samsel, Jr.; Janice Tanzo, Sr.;

Audrey Kline, Sr., Carla Fedrigo, Sr. Promising newcomers: Erin Mazzoni, Fr.: Maria Dinopoulos, Fr.; Jenny Jensen, Fr.; Jilian

Dotson's '99 outlook: "I think we're into rebuilding at probably three of the singles

positions. We're trying to match up three doubles teams as well. "We're rebuilding, but I think we're headed

in the right direction. We finished third in a tournament at Flint

Carman Ainsworth and we've beaten (Westland) John Glenn and Farnungton."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN Head coach: Jacquie Norton, 29th season.

Last year's dual meet record: 3 11 overall Notable loss to graduation: Jenny Huang. Leading returnees: Megan Lyons, Jr.: Stephanie Fedulchak, Jr.: Paula Kottyan, Sr.: Tamy Bidwell, Sr.; Robin Rodriguez, Sr.; Maria

League affiliation: WLAA.

Baldysz, Jr.: Kiran Dashairya; Jr. Promising newcomers: Renee Durigon; So.; Kirby Thomas, Sol: Jessica Parks, Sol: Jenny Bloomer, So.

Norton's '99 outlook; 'We really have to buckle down and work. We're in a very tough league and we know it.

"And it's a short season for some reason. Normally we're done on Oct. 15th: this year we're done on Oct. 8. So we'll get a lot of practices in the matches themselves.

"We're totally thrilled with our brand new

WAYNE MEMORIAL Head coach: Cathy Stellema, first year. League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (Blue Division)

Last year's dual meet record: 7-2-1.

Titles won last year: Division champions. Notable loses to graduation: Sara Nordeen, Denise Daniels, Angela Spear, Cassandra

Leading returnees: Andrea Bean, Sr., Jenny Sheppard, Jr.: Yoni Watson, Jr.; Alma Ibanez. Sr.: Melissa Jones, Sr.: Jenny Clark, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Christine Raupp. Sr.; Jodie Reed, Soph.; Amanda Witson, Soph.; April Goodall, Jr.; Anna Rizkallah, Soph.; Sarah Billosh, Soph.; Caroline Hayes, Sr.: Heather Labate, Soph.; Allison Murphy, Jr.: Annie Phillips, Soph.: Erin Spry, Soph.; Megan Stachowski, Jr.

Stellema's '99 outlook: "I'm excited about our numbers. We had 19 girls come out. *Our singles are very strong and I'm happy

with our doubles:

"I'm looking forward to a very successful season. I hope to continue the trend from last

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Jim Slaughter, second season League affiliation: Catholic League (Central

This year's dual meet record: 2-3.

Titles won last year: Monroe Tournament. Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Winchester, Emily Donellon.

Leading returnees: Melissa Buckshaw: Jr.: Amy Eischen, Sr.: Andrea Holowecki, So.: Molly Townsend, Sr.: Katle Olex, Sr.: Adrianne Mahr, Sr.; Gabriel Guglielmotti; Sr.; Maggie-McGlinchy, Sr.; Monica Anderson, Jr.; Courtney Satko, Sr.: Andrea Lorence, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Colleen Mazurie, Jr. Slaughter's '99 outlook: "We're much. much more solid than last year. We have note seniors out of 12 in our lineup, so we have a lot of maturity and leadership."

PREP GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2 Sept. 13 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Erin Mazzoni (US) defeated Crystal Tomczyk. 6-1, 6-0; No. 2; Laura Haddosk (LS) def. Aditi Saxena. 7-5, 6-2; No. 3: Jean Wu (LC) def. Maria Dinopoulos, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 4: Jen Jensen (LS) def, Yuliya Polyachenko, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Jeannette Fershtman-Julie Yambasky (LS) def, Lauren Snabb-Danielle Russo, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2; Kim Samsel-1; No. 3: Audrey Kline-Stephanie Mucci (LS) def. Dayna Hillier-Sarah Tomasaitis, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Becky Ross Lindsay Kant? zier (LC) def. Kelly Mouchet-Missy Kushlak, 6-3, 6-4.

Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-0; Churchill, 1-3-1.

NORTHVILLE 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN O Sept. 13 at Franklin -

No. 1 singles: Lauren West (N) def. Alexis Gay, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Joanna Lee (N) def. Lauren Kuzmanovich, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Sabrina Hovious (N) def. Daniela Gapp. 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Gina I man (WLC) def. Laura Savage Andrea Mazeppa, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

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Halicki (N) def. Jennifer Maxwell, 6-0, 6-1:

No. 1 doubles: Lauren Farris-Sarah Poirier (N) def. Elizabeth Zarb Michele Blair, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2; Rachel Huang-Emily Stevenson (N) def. Sarah Garbutt-Jennifer Kufel. 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Emily Krywko-Allison Long. 7-5, 6-1; No. 4: Rena Goyat Rebecca Hullman (N) def. Laura Savage Andrea Mazeppa, 61.

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 8 LIVONIA FRANKLIN O

No. 1 singles: Katie Decker (WLC) def. Alexis Gay, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Kelly Henzie (WLC) def. Lauren Kuzmonovich, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Rachael Rathberg (WLC) def. Daniela Gapp. 7-5, 6-3; No. 4: Jill Eldridge (N) def. Jennifer Maxwell, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Trina Lacey-Jessica Gee (WLC) def. Elizabeth Zarb-Michele Blair, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2; Kellie Riddell-Megan Coswell (WLC) def. Sarah Garbutt-Jenny Kufel, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3; Mary Wickham-Ashley-Haaseth (WLC) def. Michelle Lupu-Christina Mayorchak, 6-1, 6-3; Julie Gogowski-Catherine New-

WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 17 St. Agatha vs. Mooney at RU, 7 p.m. Regford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m. Dearborn at Wayne, 7 p.m. Churchill at Canton, 7:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Franklin, 7:30 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m. N. Farm, at Farmington, 7:30 p.m. Harrison at Northville, 7:30 p.m. Thurston at Southgate, 7:30 p.m. Borgess at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18 Luth, East at Luth, Westland, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 Redford CC vs. Det. DePorres. at McCabe Field, 1 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 16 Luth. W'sid at Clarenseville, 6 p.m. Ladywood at Grosse He, 7 p.m. Riv. Richard at Mercy. 7 p.m. Borgess at Harrison, 7 p.m. Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. Northville at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Canton at Flint Northern. 7 p.m. Salem at Howell, 7 p.m. Milford at Farmington, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at N. Farm:, 7 p.m. Montoe at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m. Thurston at Woodhaven, 7 p.m. St. Agatha at Urban Luth., 7 p.m. Airport at Ply. Christian, 7 p.nr. Huron Valley at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

Filday, Sept. 17 Agapa at Falliane, 7 p.m. BOYS SOCCER Thursday, Sept. 16

Luth, East at Clarencoville, 4:30 p.m. Redford CC at Bifm. Seaholm, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17 Huron Valley at Fairlane, 4 p.m. Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Garden City at Belleville, 4 p.m. Luth. Westland at Aguinas, 4:30 p.m. Agape vs. Saline Christian at Heritage Park, 4:30 p.m.

Stevenson at N. Farm., 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Roch, Adams at Churchill, 11 a.m. Troy at Salem (CEP), 12:30 p.m-Carton at Monroe, 1 p.m. Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18 Madonna vs. Concordia at Heritage Park, 2 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 18 Madonna vs. Concordia

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

at Liverila Lady wood, noon. Toledo at Schooleraft, 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 16

UM- Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m. Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 Medonna at Spring Arbor, 11 a.m.

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GIRLS X-COUNTRY

YPSILANTI INVITATIONAL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET Sept. 14 at Ypsilanti

Livonia Ladywood finishers: 4. Anna Plagany, 21:27; 15. Jennifer Koterba; 17. Stefanie Stachura; 19. Brittany O'Keefe, 24. Rachel Andersen, 25. Maria Marsh, 23:58.

Note: no team scores were tabulated. **BROTHER RICE INVITATIONAL**

CROSS COUNTRY MEET Sept. 11 at Kensington Metropark TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1 Jackson Lumen Christi, 81: 2. Grosse Ile, 117: 3. Birmingham Seaholm, 129: 4. Lutheran High Westland, 142; 5 Portage Northern, 165; 9. North Farm-

Lutheran Westland finishers: 1. Tess Kuehne, 20.25: 17. Angle Matthews. 21:15; 23, Jessica Montgomery, 21:37; 50. Mary Ebendick: 23:44: 51. Cara

Braun, 23:46; 85. Jodi Rolf, 25:31.

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UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY TOMMY TITAN INVITATIONAL Sept. 11 at Cass Bonton Park

Livonia Ladywood finishers: 9. Anna Plagany, 21:37 (125th overall): 14. Jennifer Koterba, 22:27 (149); Stacey Schroeder, 22:40 (156): Stefanie Stachura, 23:00 (171); Brittany O'Keefe, 23:35 (182); Rachel Andersen, 23:46 (190); Maria Marsh, 23:53 (194).

DEARBORN INVITATIONAL Sept. 11 at Dearborn H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Birmingham Groves: 49; 2. Riverview Gabriel Richard, 60; 3. Westland John Glenn, 71: 4. Redford Union. 91: 5. Dearborn. 98; 6. Wayne Memorial and Taylor Kennedy, did score in team standings.

John Glenn finishers: 3. Sharron Ryan. 21:19: 6. Nicole Blan. 23:14: 16. Laura Mikedis, 25:09; 20. Lakisha Locust. 25:22: 27. Ashley Honkanen, 26:26.

BOYS X-COUNTRY

YPSILANTI INVITATIONAL **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY MEET** Sept. 14 at Ypsilanti

Wayne Memorial finishers: 7 Steve Bay endale, 18,31; 10, Ron Abel, 18,55; 19 Steve Daniels, 19-32, Greg Wilcox, 20:32: John Hamiet, 21:22; Jeremy Johnston 21.24, Shaun McLean, 21.51.

Note: no team scores were tablicated BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL

Sept. 11 at Kensington Metropark TEAM STANDINGS (Division I): 1

Portage, 49 points: 2, Ida, 65; 3, Harper Woods Notre Dame, 150: 4. North Farming ton, 179; 5. Birmingham Seaholm; 10. Lutheran High Westland, 292: 17. Farmington Hills Harrison, 424.

Lutheran Westland finishers: 19. Steve McFall, 18:08.6; 33. Ken Broge, 18:29.5; 77. Jason McFall, 19:41.1; 81. Clark Covert, 19:45.7; 82. Brian Block, 19:46.3; 88. Dan Unger, 19:55.1

TEAM STANDINGS (Division II): 1. Grand Ledge, 76; 2. Traverse City Central, 126; 3. White Lake Lakeland, 174: 4. Saline, 175; 5, Redford Catholic Central, 191; 14, Livonia Churchill, 318: 45. Livonia Steven

CC finishers: 7. Matt Daty, 16:52, 21. Doug Gibboos, 17:28: 32. Jeff Hailer, 17:40, 60. Bryan Buchanan, 18:06: 71, Robert Tymowski, 18:16, 88; Adam Tymowski, 18:30: 104. Doug Snyder,

DEARBORN INVITATIONAL Sept, 11 at Dearborn H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1 Dearborn, 36; 2 Birmingham Groves, 41; 3. Redford Union. 87; A. Wayne Memorial, 105, 5. Westland John Glenn, 147; 6 hpsitanti, 167

Wayne finishers: 12. Ron Abel, 18:21.9 16. Steve Bacendale, 18:44.6: 19. Steve Daniels: 18:58:9: 28 Greg Wilcox 21:06:5: 30. Alec Tarnowski, 21:48 1: 36 Terry Balt, 23:25.2: 43. Kyle Zrenchik 26:14.9;

John Glenn finishers: 8. Matt Parent, 18:05)-32 Cameron Steep, 21 53: 33 Justin Gold, 22:00: 35. De Reilly, 22:41. 39. Brandon Atlison, 24-Q5.:

WAYNE MEMORIAL 23 GARDEN CITY. 33 Sept. 9 at Garden City

Individual finishers: 1. Ron Abel (WM); 18:31; 2, Scott Massey (GC), 18:40; 3 Steve Baxendale (WM), 18:54, 4. Steve Daniels (WAI): 19:19: 5. Fric Loading (GC) 20:04; 6. Robby Harding (GC), 20:49; 7. John Hamlet (WM), 20:54; 8, Greg Wilcox (WM), 21:36: 9. Cases Samland (GC). 22:02: 10: Afex Tamowski (WM): 22:09:

11. Joe Breda (GC), 2,33, 12 Jeff Pienkowski (GC), 23.16; 13: Orlanda Jones (WM), 25:59; 14. fen@Ball gWM), 27:39;

GIRLS SWIMMING

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COLLEGIATE NOTES

·Laura Grazulis-Konieczny (Westland John Glenn) is the new women's volleyball coach and athletic trainer at Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill.

Konieczny, 31, was former assistant trainer at Downers Grove (Ill.) High School. She also coached at the AAU club level and the freshman team at Northville High School.

She is a graduate of Tulane (La.) University where she was named volleyball MVP as a senior. Konieczny, who starred in volleyball and track at John Glenn, also earned a bachelors degree in athletic training at EMU.

• Eastern Michigan senior defender and captain Brian Zawislak (Livonia Churchill) made the All-Tournament team at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee men's soccer invita-

• Michigan State sophomore safety Lorenzo Guess (Wayne Memorial) intercepted a pass and returned it 39 yards for his first collegiate touchdown in the Spartans' 51-7 victory Saturday over Eastern Michigan in-East Lansing.

STEVENSON NETTTERS 2ND

Erin Mazzoni captured the No. 1 singles title and Laura Haddock was runner-up at No. 2 as Livonia Stevenson finished second in the team standings Saturday Monroe Invitational 3 to reach the semifinals. They

girls tennis tournament.

YOUTH SOCCER CHAMPIONS

• The under-14 Michigan Hawks finished 5-0 to win the under-15 girls bracket Labor Day weekend at the Troy City. Classic Soccer Tournament.

-Members of the Hawks, who defeated Vardar III 4-3 in the championship final, include: Melissa Dobbyn and Kyle LaPorte, both of Livonia; Jordan Falcusan, Plymouth; Marissa Sarkesian, Canton: Erica Rose, Farmington; Sabrina Must, Bloomfield Hills; Kathryn Cumming, Jamie Poole and Jennifer Szymanski, Troy, Wendy Guenther, Nicole Cauzillo, Northville; Erin Doan, Dearborn; Nikki Hermann, Deanne Kubas, Maureen Pawlak, Novi, Jill Kehler, Flint; Stephanie McIlroy, Grosse Pointe Park.

The Hawks are coached by John Buchanan.

• The Canton Crossfire, a boys under-14 premier soccer team, captured the Silver Division title at the annual Labor Day Soccer Tournament in Troy.

This was the fourth consecutive tournament in which the Crossfire has reached the finals and their second tournament championship.

The Crossfire beat Grand Valley 3-2, United FC of Birmingham 4-0 and tied Ohio FC 3-

SPORTS ROUNDUP beat the Michigan Metro Stars 3-1 in the semi's and triumphed

finals by a 2-1 margin to take the crown.

Team members are Brandon Dugan, Jacob deVries, Steve Gizicki, Kevin Justus, Kevin Kwiatkowski, Ross Maltby, Mike Nagy, Michael Newton. and Matt Tomasso, all of Canton; Peter Bierzynski and Adam Warner, Plymouth; Brandon Noble, Westland; Phil Callega and Roger Sacks, Livonia; Mike Wilkerson, Ypsilanti; Jacob Skeans, Dearborn, Quinn Branson, Chelsea.

The team is coached by Jim deVries and Rob Newton and managed by Jeff Maltby.

YOUTH SOCCER RUNNER-UP The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Blazers, an under-9 girls recreational team, finished runner-up Labor Day weekend in the Bay Challenge Cup for select teams near Cleveland.

The Blazers defeated Columbus Adidas Premier and Grove City Select by a combined score of 17.0, then defeated Bay Village Select in a semifinal shootout before losing to Medina in the finals.

In the semifinals, Bailey Brandon scored with five minutes left to tie the game at 1-1. Goalie Sarah Shook stopped three of four shoots during the shootout, while teammate. Ann Arbor.

Brandon, Julianne Puroll and over the GPSA Salvo in the penalty kicks.

Other members of the Blazers include: Morgan Currier, Carolyn Duggan, Kayla Johnston. Kathryn Ganas, Jennifer Gateley, Kaylee McGrath, Samantha Recamy, Katie Rini and Cody Seiter, all of Livonia; and Stefanie Turner, Westland.

The coaching staff includes Mike Duggan, Laurie Whalen, Bob Turner, Eric Shook, Dan Puroll and Garron Currier. The team is managed by Toni Bran-

'IT'S A KICK' SOCCER SHOOT

The Livonia Elks Lodge and Livonia Parks and Recreation will present its Elks Soccer Shoot beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 at Ford Field (located off Stark Road across from the Livonia Family Y).

Age divisions for boys and girls include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Age is determined as of Aug. 1, 1999.

Winners advance to the state contest Saturday, Oct. 9 at Montague Soccer Field.

For more information, call

(734) 466-2410. YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

• Tryouts for the 16-year-old Michigan Indians Baseball Club (2000 season) will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 at Concordia College in

For more information, call Tracy Whalen made their Mark Minch at (734) 421-2388 or Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-

> • The Michigan AAU baseball teams are hosting travel team tryouts each Sunday for the 200

season. The teams will play a 60game schedule with three outof-state tournaments, including

the Disney (Fla.) complex. For more information, call (734) 595-2975 (14-and-under) and (313) 562-4667 (12-andunder).

GIRLS FASTPITCH TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Gold Girls Fastpitch Softball Club (2000) season) travel team will be from noon to 4 p.m. (under-16 and -18) Saturday, Sept. 18 and from 1-5 p.m. (under-12 and -14) Sunday, Sept. 19, both at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, located at Stadium and Main streets at varsity softball field).

Registration is 30 minutes prior to respective starting

For more information, call Dale Heim at (734) 741-9823 or John Wood at (734) 995-8316.

VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT

Schoolcraft College will hold clinics for volleyball development Sundays 5-7 and 7-9 p.m., and Mondays, 7-9 p.m through Nov. 7-8. The cost is \$150.

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OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ARCHERY

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. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

SEASON/DATES

Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

An early antlerless only firearms season will be held Oct. 16-25 on

private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antierlessonly season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antierlessonly season will also be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Archery season runs Oct. 1-Nov. 14 and Dec. 1-Jan. 2 statewide. Muzzleloading season runs Dec. 3-12 in the Upper Peninsula and Dec. 10-19 in the Lower Peninsula.

DUCK

Duck season runs Oct. 2-Nov. 30 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone.

ELK

Elk season runs Sept. 18-26 and Dec. 7-14 by special permit in limited areas of the northern Lower Peninsula.

GOOSE

Regular goose season runs Sept. 19-Dec. 7 in the North and Middle Zones and Oct. 9-Dec. 7 in the South Zone with the exception of several Goose Management Units. Check the 1999-2000 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific dates in these southern Goose Management Units.

GROUSE

The regular grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT

Pheasant season runs Oct. 10-20 in the Upper Peninsula and Oct. 20-Nov. 14 in the Lower Peninsula. A special late season runs Dec. 1-15 in much of the southeastern part of the state.

RABBIT Rabbit season runs through

March 31 statewide. SQUIRREL

Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

WOODCOCK

TURKEY The fall wild turkey season runs Oct. 4-Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

Woodcock season runs Sept. 25-Nov. 8 statewide.

YOUTH WATERFOWL

Youth Waterfowl Day is Sept. 18, statewide.

CLASSES

CLIMBING CLASS

An introductory climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville. The class covers basic indoor climbing safety, technique, equipment and terminology. The course is free and available to adults and children. Call (248) 347-2100 for current schedules and additional information.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Wayne County Sportsmen's Club will be offering two hunter education classes at its clubhouse and grounds in Romulus. Classes will be offered Oct. 23-24, and Nov. 6-7. Call (313) 532-0285 to register and for more informa-

MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

Livonia Parks and Recreation is offering a hunter education class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Shelden Senior Citizen Center. Class fee is \$10 and advanced registration is required. Class size is limited. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

PADDLE ALASKA

Join REI staffer Bob Taylor and relive his exciting six-day, seakayaking adventure in Alaska during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at REI in Northville. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

SHOWS

BOAT SHOW

Boat Show USA, featuring hundreds of boats ranging from luxury yachts to small dinghies, and

all the related equipment runs Saturday, Sept. 18-Sunday, Sept. 26, at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens. Show hours are noon-8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$7 adult and \$1 for children under 12. Call (313) 884-1776 for more informa-

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. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Glarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight mile roads. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

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, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Club President Bill Merrifield will be the speaker for the October 6th meeting and will discuss perch fishing techniques in preparation for the club's October outing on Lake Erie. Visitors are invited and refreshments will be served. Call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 for information. more information.

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. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call

METROPARKS

(810) 229-7067.

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. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

1999 PERMITS

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

FRIDAY NIGHT CANOE

Help paddle the 34-foot Vayageur Canoe and learn a little Michigan history during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Stony Creek.

FALL FESTIVAL

Explore old time crafts, extinct creatures and much more during this program, which runs throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19, at Kensington.

Swim clinics at Churchill

The Spartan Aquatic Club will hold its annual new swimmer clinics from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 and Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Churchill High School

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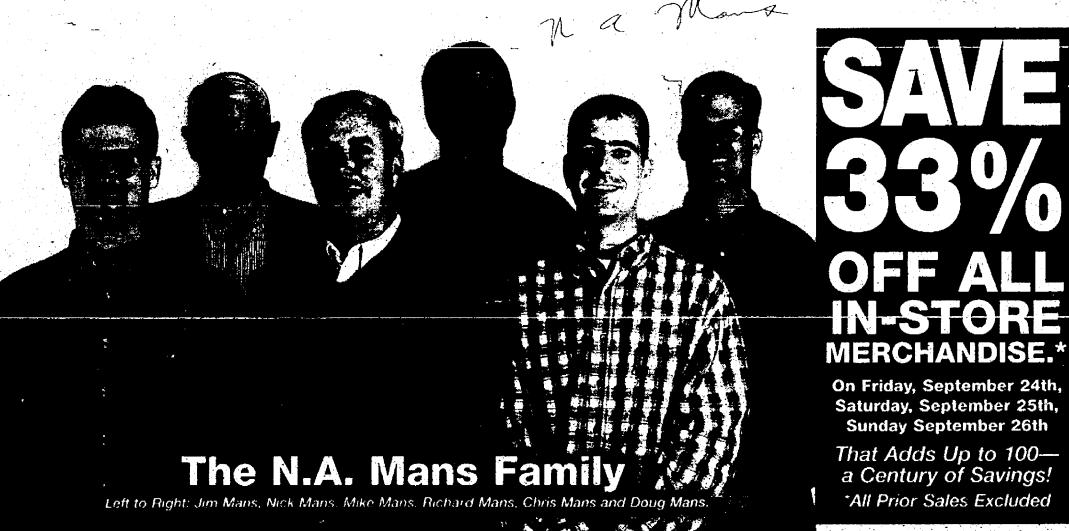
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Ocelots win tourney crown

A season going down the tubes has turned around for Schoolcraft College's women's volleyball team.

Schoolcraft defeated visiting Wayne CCC, 15-2, 15-4, 15-4, Tuesday to make it four straight victories and five out of six.

The Lady Ocelots started the season with two victories, then lost six of seven before getting

the train back on track again. It was last Friday and Saturday at the Muskegon CC Tour-

nament, things changed. After losing two of their first three matches, the Lady Ocelots put together three consecutive strong outings — losing just one game in that stretch - and

ended up with a tourney title. "We made a lot of changes throughout the tournament and they paid off," said SC coach Tom Teeters. "We've got a real smart team. This was a nice big jump for us."

On Friday, the Ocelots lost their first match to the host team, 15-13, 11-15, 15-13, then defeated the College of Lake County 15-9, 15-5. On Saturday, SC was beaten by Henry Ford CC 15.9, 15-13 before catching fire.

The Ocelots began their string of four straight victories by beating Morton CC 15-9, 15-8. They then avenged their earlier tournament losses, posting a 15-2, 15-4 victory over Muskegon in the tournament semifinals and a 7-15, 15-12, 15-9 triumph over Henry Ford in the finals.

Nicole Boyd led SC with 57 kills in the tournament; she also had 19 digs. Lauren Ruprecht (Livonia Churchill) added 50 kills with a .286 kill percentage, six service aces and team highs in digs with 52 and blocks with

Crissy Chavez contributed 21 kills (.250 percentage), six aces and 42 digs; Amanda Yaklin had a team-best seven aces and 41 digs; Cindy Maloof had six aces, 38 digs and five blocks; and Danielle Wensing Livonia Franklin) totaled 111 assists to kills (7.92 per game average), five aces, five blocks and 39 digs.

Against Wayne County on Tuesday, Ruprecht had eight kills with a 70 percent efficiency. She also led Schoolcraft with six

Maloof served three aces while Wensing had 45 percent of her sets converted into winners. Rebekah Thornton (Ladywood) was the leading service receiver for the Lady Ocelots.

Madonna WHAC winner

Madonna University's volleyball team knocked off Tri-State University, 15-10, 15-7, in its Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference opener Tuesday at home.

Brandy Malewski (Thurston) notched 10 kills, nine digs, eight solo blocks and nine block assists to lead the Lady Crusaders (7-3).

Erin Cunningham had 11 kills and 17 digs while Stephanie Uballe knocked down nine kills. Kelly Artymovich had eight kills and seven blocks.

Tri-State (6-3) got nine kills and eight blocks from Michelle Martin.

It was a cold finish Saturday to an otherwise hot performance for Madonna at its own Ice Mountain Invitational.

The Lady Crusaders won three consecutive matches to reach the championship final in the Gold Pool, but they could go no further. They fell to Taylor University 15-10, 15-11, 7-15, 16-14.

Two Crusaders were chosen to the all-tournament team: outside hitter Stephanie Uballe and middle hitter Malewski.

Uballe, a senior who had 58 kills with a 500 kill percentage and 41 blocks in the four matches, was named the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week.

The 3-1 tournament run gave Madonna a 6-3 record for the season. In pool play, the Crusaders thumped Rio Grande 15-4, 15-4, 15-8 and defeated Huntington College 15-3, 15-5, 13-15, 15-10, then beat Bethel College 15-9, 12-15, 15-10, 15-3 to place

Malewski added 43 kills (.398 kill percentage), three service aces, 62 blocks and 48 digs for Madonna, Kelly Artymovich contributed 39 kills, eight aces, 26 blocks and 71 digs; Cunningham had 38 kills, 10 aces, 22 blocks and 63 digs; Donna Birkenhier had 23 kills and 60 blocks; Jen Wing got 97 assists to kills (an average of eight per game); and Jennie Wind had 76 assists to

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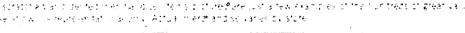
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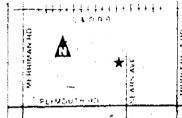


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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Buddy Guy and KoKo Taylor perform 8 p.m. at the Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, onehalf block west of State Street, during the Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival. Tickets \$75, \$40, \$25, call (734) 668-8397.

SATURDAY



Brad Ellison has the title role in the Stagecrafters production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," 8 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 410 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Tickets \$14-\$16, call (248) *541-6430*.

SUNDAY.



"Riverdance," a celebration of Irish music, song and dance continues at the Masonic Temple Theatre, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit. Curtain 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 to \$63, Call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets or (313) 872-1000 for more information.





Hot Tix: Romp through a 4,000-square-foot animated playscape inhabited by an ensemble of soft-sculpture creatures at the Detroit Festival of the Arts, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 17-19 in the University Cultural Center. For more informa-



Opposites attract: Milicia Govich of Birmingham (left) portrays Olive, and Kate Willinger of Auburn Hills plays Florence in the female version of "The Odd Couple."



O P E N S LADY BROOK

BY FRANK PROVENZANO fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

uring rehearsals at Meadow Brook Theatre, there isn't a parking space to be found on the rolling Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills, School is back in session, both in the classroom and

for the professional regional theater looking to fill the seats for their new season of comfortably mainstream

Compared to recent seasons, this year's opening play, "The Odd Couple," is selling tickets at nearly three times the rate - proof that commercial viability is necessary for any theater to survive.

And few other comedies in the American theater catalog engender the type of immediate recognition as Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple."

But Meadow Brook's production isn't the story of opposites featuring the obsessive Felix Unger and sloppy Oscar Madison.

In the mid 1980s, Simon rewrote the 1965 commercial classic to present a distinctively female perspective. In place of Felix, there is the equally anal-retentive Florence (Kate Willinger of Auburn Hills). And instead of the frothy mess of a sportswriter. Oscar, there is the dishevered

WHAT: "The Odd Couple," the female version, written by Neil Simon

WHAT: Through Sunday, Oct. 10 CURTAIN: 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday; and, 6 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre. Wilson Hall, Oakland University cam-

TICKETS: \$19,50-\$35, available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 377-3300.

Olive (Milica Govich of Birmingham); a news editor.

"It's a serious play about funny people - eccentric people placed in extreme situations," said Andrew Barnicle, artistic director of The Laguna Playhouse. Barnicle was brought to Meadow Brook to direct. the play. Barnicle has also directed other Simon's plays, including "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" and "Rumors."

"Simon touches on issues but never strangles them," said Barnicle, who first appeared on the Meadow Brook stage in the early 1980s in productions of "Macbeth" and "A Man for All

In the weeks before opening, Barni-

cle was careful to make sure that the actors didn't leave their best performances in the rehearsal room. Rehearsing a play filled with wisecracks and gags is like preparing for a game. Pacing is paramount.

"If you try to be funny, you won't be," he said. "You've got to play it for real, not for laughs."

· Barnicle said he has cast actors. who inherently understand the play-

wright's sense of irony. "We've rehearsed it as a Chekov play," he said. "We pretended it was-

n't funny and looked for the alienation and loneliness." In Simon's original version of "The

Odd Couple." he managed to show the vulnerability of men who hid behind their sfereotypical roles. In the female version, there might be inevitable comparisons with women playing men's roles. But that would miss the point and strength of Simon's revised work.

To his credit, Simon has stripped away gender altogether. The female version demonstrates that rejection and loneliness are not unique to either gender but a painful human condition. That may sound trite, but it's a lesson delivered with pleaty of laughs and sentimentality.

Please see ODD, E2

Actress lands role in thriller

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER Ichomin@oe.homecomm.net

Just like the lead character in the movie "Stir of Echoes," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters, Mary Kay Cook's life seems "a little cerie" right now. Wending her way through Chicago's cross-town traffic, Cook talked about the incredulous feelings occurring now that her first speaking role in a major film was hitting theaters.

"Stir of Echoes," a psychological thriller about the supernatural, features the 24-year-old Plymouth Canton High School graduate as Kevin Bacon's neighbor, Vanessa.

"It's been pretty crazy," said Cook, who just finished auditioning for the TV series "Early Edition." "I'm in the trailer for the film, and it's disconcerting to hear my own voice."

Filmed in Chicago, where Cook has lived since her student days at De Paul University's Theatre School, "Stir of Echoes" chronicles Bacon's dangerous journey through the paranormal after he is hypnotized at a party at Cook's house. Until this point, Bacon doesn't understand his son's gift to see and talk to dead people until he acquires the same gift after waking from a hypnotic trance.

"Vanessa is sort of the party girl of the neighbors," said Cook, who found it a "little strange" to be playing Elizabeth in "Six Degrees of Separation" at the Raven Theatre in Chicago while Echoes " Mary Kay Cook because of the



board and Internet games "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon." (The idea is to connect other actors and Bacon with films or television shows they've both worked on within six steps). "It's challenging because you have to make it believable. I believe in the supernatural, but the character doesn't believe in it."

For Cook, the most challenging part of being in "Stir of Echoes" was the waiting. Cook killed time during the three weeks she was filming by talking to Bacon about the karate tournaments in which his kids were taking part. She found him "very much approachable and a regular

"Film work is very slow," said Cook. "The last ingredient is the actors. It's hurry up and wait - getyour hair done, a quick rehearsal and then try to stay in your part until they're ready for you. It's a very collaborative effort that involves location scouting; the art department then decorates the location, and then they figure out the

Cook was thrilled about working with director David Koepp, who also wrote the script, and Bacon, an actor with "Apollo 13," "Footloose" and more than 30 other films to his cred-

"I was really impressed with Kevin's ability o focus and get the job done," sa d Cook, "Making movies is not damorous. It's not what you fantasize about. It's a very difficult job."

Cook got the bug for acting at age 12 after playing one of the munchkins in the "Wizard of Oz" at

Please see THRILLER, E2

The Village Players present 'Back to Bacharach & David'

The Village Players of Birmingham will present "Back to Bacharach & David" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17-19; Sept. 24-26, and Oct, 1-2, at the playhouse, 752 Chestnut (on the east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Maple). Tickets \$14, discount for students 18 and under Season tickets available, Call (248) 644-2075.

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BY HEATHER NEEDHAM AND KEELY WYGONIK STAFF WRITERS

The tunes in the Village Players season opener, "Back to Bacharach & David," are so familiar no one will be able to "Walk on By," even if "Raindrops Keep Falling on Their Heads."

The group hopes that "What the World Needs Now" is a musical revue full of recognizable pop tunes.

That's because composer Burt Bacharach and lyricist Hal David, the "Bacharach & David" in the title, were behind some of the best-known songs from the 1960s and 1970s, including "Alfie," "Walk on By," "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" and "What the World Needs Now is Love." These are just some of the songs audiences will hear in the Village Players production, which opens Friday and continues weekends

"There will be a lot of recognizable music," said director Bey Dickinson. It will be a lot of fun for peo-

Unlike a typical musical, where action and plot are communicated through song and dialogue, "Back to Bacharach & David" has no dialogue, Dickinson said.

Please see PLAYERS, E2 Dickinson (seated at mano).



Rehearsing: The east of "Back to Bacharach & David" rehearses with musical director John

THEATER

Performers shine, but this 'Titanic' is second class

"Titanic" continues at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Sept. 26. Tickets \$32.50 to \$70, call (248) 645-6666 to charge tickets, or (313) 872-1000 for more information.

BY JON KATZ

SPECIAL WRITER

There's a song in the satirical musical "Forbidden Broadway" that zings the downsizing of Broadway shows when they go on the road. It's called "Teeny Todd (the smaller version of Sweeney)."

Throughout the evening's voyage of "Titanic," one senses that we've been booked into second class passage for 1997's multi-Tony Award-winning musical.

To back off for a moment, the award-winning elements have all made the trip. "Titanic" boasts a monumental and moving score by Maury Yeston ("Nine," "Grand Hotel") and a book by Peter Stone ("1776," "The Will Rogers Follies") that sticks to the facts of that night to remember. "Titanic" also won for Scenic Design, Orchestrations

and Best Musical. How it did not win for its over-180 wondrous costumes is a "Titanic" mystery.

The show's title subject, hailed wide-eyed by passengers and crew as "the ship of dreams ... a human metropolis...the largest moving object in the world," is, however, almost non-existent. Only two scenes in the first act (pre-iceberg) occur on the Upper Promenade Deck in front of an abstract ocean drop. The rest of the action takes place below, and by its succession of interior settings seems exactly the "floating 'Grand Hotel" that the creators sought to avoid.

By intention, the show also downplays special effects in favor of factual and composite characters, who are often presented in threes. The stoker, lookout and radioman warn of the natural forces destined to destroy the ship: Too much speed, too little visibility and the icy immovable object lurking in the "flat calm" of a moonless April night. The ship's owner, builder and captain reveal fatal character flaws: Greed, compromise and compliance, respectively. Finally, three Irish emigrants down in steerage, all named Kate, sing of their dreams as they sail toward the new world: "In America you rise above your

Leaving hundred-million-dollar special effects to the film version, we're asked, in return, to contribute too much imagination in the name of Theatre. There is, as noted, little sense of location, and no feeling of the power of ship slashing through ocean. At the very least, a continuous lowlevel background of turbines and propellers in Act One would convey such presence. Watch any "Star Trek" episode and hear how much a "loop tape" of the Enterprise's engines adds to the perception.

Performances and voices in this starless cast are uniformly. superb. J. Bruce Ismay of the White Star Line was a first-class weasel, and Adam Heller plays him with oily gusto, insisting on greater speed to "create a legend." Architect Thomas Andrews (Kevin Gray) goes quite mad at the end, frantically redesigning his blueprints on deck as bodies



Musical: Dale Sandish, Adam Heller; Kevin Gray and William Parry in a scene from "Titanic."

slide past him to their deaths. cus Chait) clings to his girl's photo while proposing marriage over the wireless telegraph; Chait's voice is a marvel of engineering in itself.

Stoker Frederick Barrett (Mar., McConahay as Alice Beane, a second-class passenger who finagles ways to rub elbows with the rich; Dick Beditz as her suffering husband Edgar; Dale Sandish as radioman Harold Bride, who

Other standouts included Liz gamely taps out his S.O.S. to ships too far away by 1912 capabilities; and understudy Carl N. Wallnau III, who filled in admirably as Captain E.J.

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The show is about 90 minutes sing a balance of ballads and long.

lenge for people who are strong. vocalists," she said.

The cast includes Carollee Castle and Patricia Ward of Birmingham, Holly Hellsten of Troy and Mark Maccagnone of Lathrup Village. Dickinson's husband, John, is the vocal/musical director.

Patty Ward is having fun with the show. "We do a preshow, it's kind of a club act that starts at 8 Township is chairwoman of the p.m.," she said. "We introduce ourselves to the audience and sing some of our favorite David," and the other shows in Bacharach songs," she said. "We

fast-moving rock songs. People "It's been just a very big chal-tend to like things that keep moving."

> "Bacharach & David" will be a pleasant surprise for people who have become accustomed to hearing Bacharach and David music in elevators, Dickinson said. Austin Powers made this music hip again. "My teenagers already know the songs," said Ward:

Joan Reddy of Bloomfield play-reading committee that picked "Back to Bacharach & the Village Players 1999-2000

season — "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Nov. 13-14, Nov. 19-20, and Nov. 26-27; "Oliver!," Jan. 21-23, Jan. 29-30, and Feb. 4-5; "Sherlock Holmes." March 17-19. March 24-26, March 31, and April 1; and "Forever Plaid," May 12-14, May 19-21, and May 26-

This year, audiences can choose from two subscription packages, a season-ticket five shows for \$55, or a mini-series package, any three plays for \$36. Birmingham Best Card, which Players member since 1985 and offers a 10-percent discount at participating Birmingham restaurants.

They chose three musicals for this year's season because they appeal to Village Players audiences. "I think it's going to be a good season," said Reddy.

Commenting about the opening show she said, "It's a fantastic cast, I think it's going to be wonderful."

Steve McEwen is president of the Village Players this year.

"I was attracted to the group because it provides some diversity in my life and exposure to the an accountant. "I'm enamored by to the production. They get one

opportunity to get it right. I've been on stage several times and had a ball with it, and I've worked behind the scenes."

This year's goals include increasing ticket sales to help pay for theater improvements and increasing the group's membership and exposure in the community.

"The Village Players is an asset that's yet to be discovered." said McEwen. "I don't want to give the impression that we are Subscribers also receive the arts" said McEwen, a Village exclusively Birmingham. We're an entertainment alternative. We offer good entertainment at a the volunteers, who give their all reasonable price. I really appreciate that everything that goes

on here is done by volunteers."

McEwen believes that belonging to a community theater group like the Village Players will enrich their lives.

"It's a great addition to anyone's life," he said. "It gives good diversity to one's life to be exposed to theater. I consider it an honor that they chose me to lead this organization. I feel a sense of duty to this organiza-

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Thriller from page E1

Perhaps the most obvious sign of Simon's lasting appeal is that despite the play's sit-com sensibility, "The Odd Couple" still rings true 35 years after it was first performed.

In many ways, Simon's canon of domestic comedies probe mid- ences. dle-class values in a manner that

Northville. Before long, she was

doing commercials and print ads

for company's such as a Little

Caesar's. She perfected her

dance skills at Joanne's Dance

Extension in Plymouth in

ing and familiar. .

It's really no wonder. Simon, a writer for comedian Sid Caesar on his 1950s show, apparently realizes that television is the frame of reference for most audi-

Even major theater critics are wrong with a crowd pleaser."

today's audiences find comfort- beginning to realize that Simon's work should be placed alongside other major-American playwrights such as Eugene O'Neill, Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, David Mamet and Sam Shepherd.

Said Barnicle: "There's nothing



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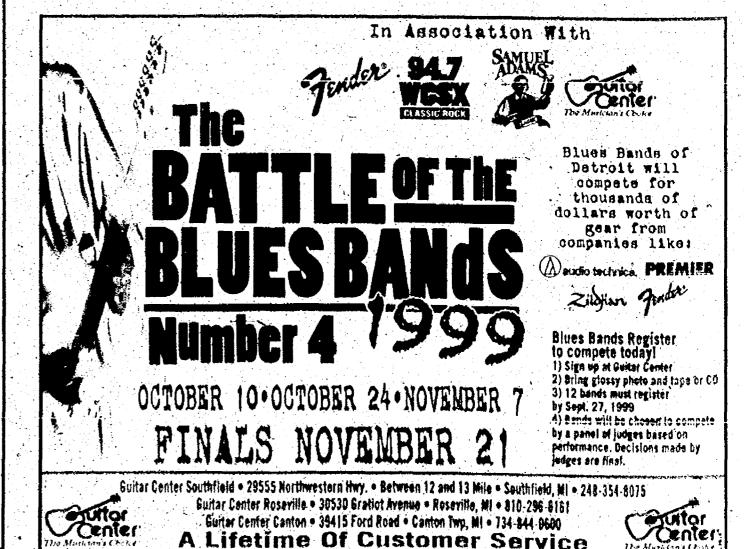
between studying for classes at the high school, where she also

played roles in productions. Scholarships for choir and musical theater led her to four summers at Interlochen Arts Camp. Her training also includes studies with Arthur J. Beer and Mary Bremer at the University

the Marquis Theatre in of Detroit, and a tour of Greece miered at the Chicago Alt film with the theater department's. Fest. "Congress of Women" production. For one so young, Cook's had a variety of acting experiences, from playing Angela in "Nooner" at the Purple Rose Theatre to a working girl on ABC's "Cupid" series. Even though "Stir of Echoes" was Cook's first speaking role in a major film, she was an extra in Oliver Stone's "Zebrahead" a few years back. In make a living as an actor. It's a June, "Love 101," a film involving a love triangle between two college roommates and Cook, pre-

Cook plans to live in Chicago until she has enough experience to move on in the business. In the meantime, she'll continue to audition for roles in film and theater.

"Chicago's a very theaterbased town with other opportunities as well - commercials, voice-over work. I've been able to steppingstone so I can get some. experience before moving to New York or LA."



COMMUNITY THEATER

'The Music Man' belts out an entertaining show

The Avon Players present "The several traveling salesmen are Music Man" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, also 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 and Thursday, Sept. 30. Performance dates are Sept. 17-19; Sept. 24-26; Sept. 30, and Oct. 1-2, at the Avon Players Theater, on Tienken Road, East of Rochester Road in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$15. Student, senior and group rates are available. For more information, call (248) 608-9077.

BY CARRIE COOPER SPECIAL WRITER

Be careful who you trust. No matter how good a judge of character you are, it's hard to recognize a smooth-talking con man.

Smooth-talking is an understatement in Merideth Wilson's musical, "The Music Man." Directed by Debbie Schlutow, the play opens the morning of July 4, 1912 on a railway coach where

discussing a particular salesman - who appears to be a con man.

Harold Hill, played by Bradley Pfeifer, is a sweet-talking swindler who finds himself in River City, Iowa with aspirations of making money. To do so, he pretends to be a professor who tries to coax the school children into joining the school band.

By gaining the trust of the townspeople, including the Mayor (Michael Bramson) and his wife (Nancy Cannava), Hill encourages the children to have the confidence and courage to join. He prompts young Winthrope Paroo (Andrew Danowski) to join in, even though the boy rarely speaks because of his lisp. Everything is running smoothly for awhile. Hill manages to dodge every attempt made by the school board to obtain his credentials.

He changes the subject through music, by turning them into a barbershop quartet.

But Hill had not counted on falling in love with the town librarian and music teacher, Marian Paroo (Elizabeth Stutz). She doesn't trust him from the. start. She sings a beautiful ballad about finding her white knight, though she sees Hill as anything but.

He tries to win her over and the arrival of instruments for the band finally does the trick. This is significant because Winthrope is finally able to speak more than two words, leading Marian to believe that Hill is good guy after all.

She falls in love with him, and gives him the benefit of the doubt, despite hearing the awful truth about his past. The townspeople are onto his scheme by this time. Knowing he must

leave town. Hill can't bare to leave Marian.

Pfeifer gives a solid performance as Harold Hill. His presence onstage was commanding and made it hard not to like the character's sweet talk and

Stutz's voice is captivating. She sings several ballads in the play, bringing the audience into Marian's life in that manner.

Cannava has tremendous stage presence for a newcomer to the Avon stage. She's humorous and full of expression. As the Mayor's wife, she visibly stands behind her husband, when what she really wants is to be the leader and center of attention. She obtains that attention by becoming a teacher and a dancer.

Director Debbie Schlutow and her srew do a great job working with a large cast on a small



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMZAND

Musical: The Avon Players in a scene from their season opener, "The Music Man."

stage. Though, at times, it is dif- how love can change a man and ficult to understand what's being help-make a difference in other said, the music tells the story of

people's lives, as well as his own.

Ridgedale Players show 'hip nuns are heavenly'

The Ridgedale Players present By JOHN O'DONNELL' "Nunsense" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18 and 24-25, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26 at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. Tickets are \$13 adults; \$12 seniors/students, includes sandwich and coffee afterglow, call (248) 988-7049.

SPECIAL WRITER

As the audience gathered for Saturday's sold-out, season opening Ridgedale Players performance of "Nunsense," there was a sense that many didn't quite count on irreverence with a plot that centered around dead nuns stuffed in a freezer. Having

never seen a production of Michigan native Dan Goggin's play, I suspected it was based on a now familiar premise of impish nuns running roughshod over a stern Mother Superior.

Within moments of the beginning of this production, it know what to expect. One could . became clear that these nuns bear little similarity to others in films, TV, or theater, or those many Catholics think they grew

up with. To cut it in this convent, decimated by food poisoning fatalities from the pleasant and unaccountable Sister Julia "Child of God," it was common to question your vocation, deliver an edgy barb to your fellow sisters, and display a flair for bawdy humor. Hey, how were we to know they act just like us. when nobody's watching.

The individuality of each character emerges early, which quickly puts the audience in the comfortable position of appreciating the quirks as well as the punchlines. An effectively scattered Sister Mary Amnesia (Tania Velinsky of Royal Oak) shines in an audience quiz about opening scenes. A spunky Sister Robert Anne (Lynn Koch of Troy) yearns because of an air of spontaneity for stardom while squeezing every ounce of fun out of the convent life she stumbled upon as a

However, it is an outrageous scene late in Act One that demonstrates just how far the nuns are willing to go to provide laughs. Mother Superior, played by Becky MacIntire of Troy, samples an unfamiliar substance called "rush," which was found in a student's locker. Having a buttoned-down authority figure under the influence of some goofy juice is timeless comedy fodder, but this production takes it to new heights.

MacIntire's physicality turned the scene into something reminiscent of a looped Lucille Ball and the manic improv of Jonathan Winters. Engaging an audience in playful giddiness is no simple task. It works here that -MacIntire.

director/choreographer Dan See timing and an infusion of the unexpected, the scene provided the sustained laughs that made me eager for what was to come after an intermission of bingo.

It didn't disappoint. Highlights included a sister's internal review of the homicidal cookbook, which yielded a bounty of inadvertent perils, A rousing rendition of "Holier Than Thou ." led by Sister Mary Hubert Peggy Jones of Rochester showcased the distinctive singing ability of the well-cast perform-

There's a minimum of inside jokes directed at Catholics. which is one of the play's strengths. The nuns aren't cloistered and neither is the comedy. The Ridgedale Players production demonstrates how fresh Goggin's script remains twelve bring to the scene With perfect years after its premiere. Hip nuns are heavenly.

'Murder by the Book' thrills audience

Clarkston Village Players prep.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday- scenes. His line delivery regard- used more volume, especially in Saturday, Sept. 16-18, Sept. 23- ing his actress wife's perfor- the play's ending scenes. 25, at the Depot Theatre, 4861 mance of Juliet was very funny. White Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Andersonville Road in Independence Township. For ticket information call (248) 625-8811.

BY MICHAEL A. GRAVAME SPECIAL WRITER

Clarkston Village Players opened its 39th season with the English suspense thriller "Murder by the Book" by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King.

The red velvet curtains of the intimate depot theater opened to an impressive set skillfully designed by Verne Vakaro and beautifully decorated by a talented five-person crew, which enhanced the mood and set the stage for murder. Since the play is a mystery, all I can tell you about the plot is it's full of intrigue, plot twists, double murder, sleuthing detectives, confrontations and locked doors.

The play-centers around an English mystery writer, Selwyn Piper, portrayed by community veteran Rick Shaw Rick's droll English accent was quite effective, and it would have been nice if the other actors had risen to his challenge. His sarcasm, mannerisms and blase attitude. worked well most of the time, but he could have used more levMerriment is added to this

show in the persona of Shaun Pittman, who portrays Peter Fletcher, Selwyn's eccentric nextuproariously the moment he set foot upon the stage. His stage presence and facial expressions are outstanding. Shaun kept the play moving and exciting, and his comical antics were engag-

Mark Delcamp is very careful with his portrayal of John Douglas, the wimpy, nervous publisher of Selwyn's novels. He fares well in his delivery and grows on you as the play progresses, especially when he is frustrated, befuddled and clueless. His emotions; however, were not always. convincing.

Amy Seaman as Imogen Piper, Selwyn's separated wife, has the sarcasm, bitterness and snotty looks down pat, however, she lacked the depth and maturity needed to flesh out the role.

Karen Boehm as Selwyn's diligent secretary Christine Scott tried to be alluring and mysterious; instead she came across as nervous, quiet and mousy for most of the play. Not to say this didn't work, although it would have been more interesting if

els and pace in his delivery, espe- she would have shown more sents "Murder by the Book," 7:30 cially in the confrontational emotion, been more frantic and

Making his directorial debut, John McCaffrey assembled a cast who worked well together. Hts staging is very natural, interesting and never hindered door neighbor. Laughter began a the actors. He needed, however, to tighten up the pace, which occasionally dragged, in order to achieve a better climactic ending. This is imperative for a wordy English mystery.

Kudos to Barbara Ensminger for her costumes, especially the women. The purple ensemble on Imogen is very attractive, but Imogen's black character heels and John Douglas's wrinkled suit were distracting.

The sound cues were executed well except for the telephone rings, which sounded like they were ringing from the back of the theater

All in all, "Murder by the Book" entertained the audience who made occasional comments openly to the cast along with a few "oohs" and "gasps" that rumbled through the theater as the story unfolded, along with the rumbling sound of the passing freight train during Act II.

If English murder mysteries are your cup of tea, then chug on down to the depot where Clarkston, Village Players take a wellaimed "shot" at one.



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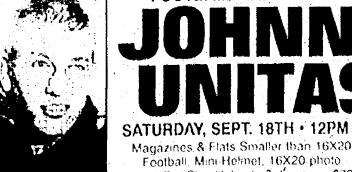
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The Detroit Zoo's third annual benefit race, run 5K or walk one mile inside. the park beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday,

Sept. 19 (pre-race warm-ups 8:20) a.m. in the south parking lot, at the zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile at Woodward, Royal Oak. To raise money for the Zoo hospital, (248) 541-5717

SOMEWHERE IN TIME/ **GREAT GATSBY GALA**

Celebrates the Scarab Club's history and the Emerald Sinfonietta's second season 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 with cocktails, dinner (8:30 p.m.), dancing and entertainment syintage. dress or black tie preferred, at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. \$100,proceeds to benefit educational outreach programs of the Emerald Sinfonietta and the Scarab Club. (313) 438-0780

FAMILY EVENTS

AUTUMNFEST

West Bloomfield's Country Pair features air rides, puppet shows, a petting farm, kids games, art projects, Marshbank Park, on Hiller Road, admission, many activities free.

noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at north of Commerce Road, \$5 per car (248) 738-2500° KINDERMUSIK STORY TIME

An-interactive program of story telling, music and movement with. Karen Schanerberger, a licensed Kindermusik educator at Evola Music in Canton, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the Science Emporium, 30951 Five Mile, east of Merriman, Livonia (734) 427-6125

MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 18-19, The Emerald Isle, 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

CLASSICAL

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Planist Ivo Pogorelich performs Rachmaninoff 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, also with Diana Ross 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, åt Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576 5111

A PARISIAN SOIREE

Instrumental solo and chamber works of French composers by accordinnist Peter Soave, saxophonist Donald Sinta, pianist Michele Cooker, soprano Glenda Kirkland and violinist Megan Reiter, 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. (7.34) 769-2999 or ... kch@ic.net

'UN ENCUENTRO"

-Featuring the music of Mark Gofflieb: and Benny Cruz, with the Greater Detroit Chamber Ensemble, soprano Patricia Willington; Varitone Guilherme Rogano, cellist Nadine Deleury, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Optiyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. \$15, \$10 seniors/childern, call (248) 542-9426 or (800) 544-218

POPS/SWING:

JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY

*Frank Sinatra Tribute, 8:30 p.m. to

midnight, Fridays-Saturdays through September, at Andiamo Italia West. 6676 Telegraph Road at Maple, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 865-9300

AUDITIONS/ **OPPORTUNITIES**

AUTUMNFEST

Volunteers needed for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation festival, noon to 5 p.m, Saturday, Sept: 18, at Marshbank Park on Hiller Road, north of Commerce Road. Also needed volunteers for Oct. 23 Monster Mash Bash, (248) 738-2500

BALLET RENAISSANCE

The new classical ballet company is holding open auditions for "The Nutcracker, 1 p.m. Sunday, sept. 26, at Wayne State University's Old Main Bidg., third floor, dance studio A. \$10. For performances Dec. 17-19. (313), 577-4273,

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND Looking for adult musicians (woodwind, brass, and especially percussion players) of all ages for reflearsals 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Groves High-School,

Birmingham, (248) 474-4997 B.W. PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for ages 14 to adult for a musical/comedy gospel stage play. no past experience necessary but a plus, training will be provided. (313) 865-2375

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA/BALLET INTERNATIONALE

Open casting call for dancers (ages 7 to college) for The Nutcracker, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, in room 228, Liberal Arts Building, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit. For performances Dec. 9-19 at the Detroit Opera House, (313) 576-5477

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Auditions 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept.-21 and 28, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Staik Road, Livonia. (248) 926-1609

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC Auditions for the 1999-2000 season will be held in the coming weeks.

NOVI THEATRES Auditions for Performance Plus (ages 13 to college) and Children's Annex (ages 10-12) for "A Christmas Carol," 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Sept.

21 and 23, at the Novi Civic Center,

45175 W. 10 Mile. For performances

Dec. 10-12. All actors pay a \$125 fee. once cast. (248)-347-0400 PARK PLAYERS OF NORTH

ROSEDALE PARK

(734) 591-7649

Open auditions for Rick Abbott's "Play on," 7:30 p.in. Thursday, Sept. 16 and 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at the North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, For performances Nov. 12-14 and 19-20. (734) 459-2332

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS Auditions by appointment 7 p.m.

. Tuesdays, Sept. 21 and 28, basses and tenors especially needed, at First United Methodist Church, 45201.N. Territorial, Plymouth, (734) 455 4080

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHOIR Looking for all voice parts for a cappella choir. (734) 464-3786

SCHOOLGRAFT 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

SECOND CITY-DETROIT TRAINING CENTER

Classes in improvisational technique and basic acting skills run Sept. 30 to Nov. 24, at 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$200. (313) 964-5821 or www.secondcity.com

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

Auditions for "Dracula," 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 20-21 (6:30 p.m. registration), at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541:4832. For performances Nov. 5-6, 7, 10-14, and 18:21.

TINDERBOX PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for all ages for 1999/2000 season, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Masonic Temple, 500 Temple. Detroit. Also Scary Workshop classes for grades 1-12 (six weeks, \$25), for Oct. 16 performance. (313) 535-8962

WIELICZKA DANCERS

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America dancers are taking registrations through 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

CHORAL

CANTIBILE WOMEN'S CHORAL

Performs a variety of music including Renaissance, classical, folk, spiritual and gospel, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at First United Methodist Church, .22331 Woodward, south of Nine Mile. Ferndale, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at St. Patrick Church, 9086 Hutchins Road at Union Lake Road, White Lake. Suggested donation of \$5 may be made at the door. (248) 685-7628/(248) 788-4361

JAZZ · ·

JOHNNIE BASSETT & THE BLUES INSURGENTS

8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. No Cover. (248) 645-

(guitar/piano/vocal/bass/drums

quartet). 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)

CHARLES EARLAND QUARTET 9 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18 as part of the Ann Arbor Blues & Jazz Festival, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Aroor, \$25, \$20 advance, (734)

HEIDI HEPLER AND MICHELE RAMO

With Todd Curtis, 7-11 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, Too Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novr. Free. All ages. (248) 348-5555 (Brazilian

jazz/American standards) SHEILÄ LANDIS AND TRIO

Performs at B'Jazz Vespers 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at First Baptist Church, Willits and Bates streets, Birmingham (248) 644 0550 MARK MOULTRUP

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, No Covet. (248) 645-2150 (piano/vocal/bass/drums trio) SHAHIDA NURULLAH

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 at Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, No Cover, (248) 645 2150 (pjano/yocal/bass trio) TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS STYLE

JAZZ

3.6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, and alternating Saturdays, at Steak and Ale, 32750 Concord, east of I-75, Madison figts, \$4, (248) 476-2674

The Small Band Music of Duke Ellington performed by an ensemble

ROCKIN' IN RHYTHM

direct from Jazz at Lincoln Center, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111 IANET TENAL TRIO Featuring Syen 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

TYE-KOWALEWSKI TRIO 8 p.m. Fridays Saturdays, at Big Fish,

700 Town Center Dr., Dearborn. (313)

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 SUNNY WILKINSON.

9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 662-8310 CHUCHO VALDES

8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday. Sept. 23, at the Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor, \$25, \$20

advance. (734) 662-8310 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

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK BRIMMER

(734) 421-6940 (Irish)

With Brendan McNulty and Ron Jewell perform at the Half-Way to St. Patrick's Day Party, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, followed by R.P.M., at the Blarney Bay Pub, 27758 Warren, between Middlebelt 'and Inkster, Westland, No Cover,

MAURA O'CONNELL 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. at The Ark, 316 S. Main. Ann Arbo: \$15,734) 761-1800 (Irish)

CRAOBH RUA Traditional music reminiscent of the 1960's trish folk revival, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (734) 761-1800

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at The

Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, \$16.

8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at The Are

316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, \$15, 1734

FOLK/BLUEGRASS

(734) 761-1800 (Central America 🖫 and India) SHARON SHANNON BAND

761-1800 (Irish)

MUSAFIR AND PARANDA

KITTY DONOHOE 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor \$11

\$10 member/students/ seniors (734) 761-1800

BETH NIELSEN CHAPMAN

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann Afbor, \$13.50 (734) 761-1800 JACKIE ROUSH The punk/folk artist performs & p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22, at the Studio

Cafe on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus: Farmington Hills: Free. www.JackieRoush.com

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III/CATIE ' CURTIS 7 and 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 22, at The Ark, 316 S. Main, Ann

Arbor. \$17,50. (734) 761-1800

DANCE ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Artist Saline Road, south of (-94, Ann. 4): \$8. (734) 665.8863 CONTRA DANCE

8 p.m. Saturdar: Sept. 18 (open) (

for string museicians of all levels 45 p.m., free), at the Patisfield Grange. 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of

1.94; Ann Arbor. \$7, (734) 665

8863/(734) 426-0241 ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Chapel Hill Condominium Clubhouse. 3350 Green Road, north of Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor: \$5, (734) 662-5158

MOON DUSTERS SINGLES DANCE

8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the Livonia. Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia: \$4 member, \$5 guest (734) 422-3298 **POLISH ALLIANCE DANCERS OF**

DEARBORN Dance and language classes for ages 3 to adult have begun Saturday mornings at Prince of Peace Church, on Altar Road, Dearborn. (313) 581.

3181 POLKA BOOSTER CLUB DINNER

DANCE 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, music by John Gora, at the Pvt. John Lyskawa Hall, 6828 Waverly, Dearborn Hights.

STARDUST BALLROOM

Showcase with lite buffet, dance exhibitions and open dancing 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 (\$20 advance. • \$25 at door); dance Parties 9 p.m. Fridays, lessons also available, at the dance studio, 28651 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, \$8, (248) 356 5678

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE Presents a performance featuring

Detroit Dance Collective and Onvey 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Adray Auditorium, Renry Ford Community College, Evergreen at Ford Road, Dearborn, Tickets \$15 general admission, \$12 students and seniors, call (313) 965-3544

COMEDY

ANDIAMO ITALIA

The Scintas, 8 p.m. Wednesday Friday, Sept. 22-24, at the Andramo Celebrity Showroom, 7096 E. 14: Mile, west of Van Dyke, Warren, \$35

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Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279

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-\$30. (810) 268-3200. JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Lewis Black, Thursday Sunday, Sept. 16-19, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays: 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.: Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level. Improviarid new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays (\$5), (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Frank G., 9 p.m. Friday Saturday, Sept. 17-18, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, \$10, \$22:95-dinner show. (313) 584-8885 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734)

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Etta May and Chris Spever Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 16 19; women's night out with Etta Mae, and Her Meat 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 (\$15); Jackie Mason Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 22-Oct. 3 also Larry Tompkins, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. "Wednesdays Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m.

Sundays (\$6). Prices subject to

. change. 248, 542 9900 or

http://www.comedycastle.com-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/t248/399-7001

CRANBROOK HOUSE AND GARDENS

Tours 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 27 : \$107; and 14, 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. Saratavi \$5% guided garden tour at extra cost by reservation, at Cranbrook, 380 Lone Pine. Road, Bloomfield Hirs - 248, 645 3147

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND ART MUSEUM

*Contemporary Art from Cuba Irony and Survival on the Utopian Island." at the artimuseum. (248): 645-3361; "Spream Machines: The Science of Roller Coasters, ** Our Dynamic Earth, and planetarium and Lasera programs at the science center which: closed temporarily Sept. 7, opens-Oct. 15 with new permanent exhibits. "Life Lab.) The kinetic," "Every Rock has a Story," and "Reading Objects, and altemporary exhibit Turb out Landscapes: The Natural Forces that Shape our World, 1221 iv. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. (877)

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Behind the Scenes program begins with dinner and a Forbidden. Hollywood show package at the Century Theatre, 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, \$74, \$64 members, (313) 833 4727: Sunday Strolls program takes a tour of the Creekside Community 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. . \$5 DHS members. \$10 nonmembers. (313) 833 4727

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 con struction and raunch of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, at 100 Strand: Drive on Belle Isle, Detroit, Regular admission \$2, \$1 seriors, children ages 12.18 duning the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday Sunday: (313) 852 4054

HENRY FORD ESTATE-FAIR LANE Estate tours include the restored

, riverside powerhouse, Henry Ford's personal garage and cars, giant gen erators placed by Ford and Thomas Edison that still operate, and the tunnel to the 56 reom mansion with elaborate carved woodwork and personal artifacts, at 4901 Evergreen Road. Dparborn. (313) 593 5590: HENRY FORD

MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Railroad Days, displays, nde a 18901 1910 handcar, traditional hobo camp. create puppets of engineers and conductors, Saturday Sunday, Sept. 25 26; the village is delebrating its 70th season with a host obactivities, and exhibits such as Abraham Lincoln's assassination chair and asse mask , made 60 days before his assassma · from at the museum, 20900) Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. dalls. \$12.50. \$11,50 semors, \$7,50 kids 5-12. imenshers and children under 5 free. (313) 271-1620

ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

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Something Obt. Sampting News. Wedding downs of the 19th and 20th Centuries, on display 1.4 p.m. Wednesdays Saturdin's through Sept. 25, at the museum on Van Hoeses Earm, 1005 Van Hossen Rood, sin. nyte east at Rechestel Road of of Tienken Road, Rollester Hos \$3. \$2 semants indict arrives 245 (1994).

POPULAR MUSJC

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Grizzly Peak Brewing Company, 120 W. Washington, Ann Arbor. (734) 741-

7325 (blues) THE ALLIGATORS

9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, Lower Towne Grill, 195 W. Liberty. Plymouth. Cover charge. 21 and over. (734) 451-1213 (blues) ATOMIC BITCHWAX

With Nebula, Core, 9 p.m. Thursday. Oct. 7. Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (acid rock) BACKSTREET BOYS

7:30 p.m. Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Sold

THE BELLRAYS

With Lovemasters featuring Boosty X. 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit, \$7 in advance, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (rock and sou!)

BENNY AND THE JETS

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, live on the Web chatroom at www.bennyandthe-BIS

With Outrageous Cherry, 9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$7 in advance. 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (indie) BLUE CAT

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road. Westland, Free, 21 and over, (734) 467 5056: (blues)

BLUE TANGO ...

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Espresso Royale Caffe, 214 S. Main Street, 5 Ann Arbor, No cover, (734) 668-1838

BORDERLINE

With N2 Submission, Bullseye Virus, Blake Chen, 9:30 p.m. Tucsday, Sont 21. Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street. Ann Arbor, Free. 21 and over. (734) 996-8555 (Madonna cover band,

BRITTLE OXEN

With Radium, 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, 313 Jac, upstairs from Jacobys. _624 Brush St., Detroit, 18 and over. \$5 cover. (313) 962-7067 (rock) JAMES BROWN .

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Fox Theatre. 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Detroit. Trokets \$35 and \$27,50 on sale now at Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at (248) 433-1515 (soul) BURNING SPEAR

9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. \$20 in advance, 18 and over. (313) 833-9700 (roots/reggae)

R.L. BURNSIDE

With T-Model:Ford and Paul Jones, 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8. Magic Stick. -Maiestic Theater Center, Detroit, \$12.50 in advance. 313)833,9700 blues)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND.

9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18. Bachelor's One, 1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor. (248) 682-2295; 9 p.m. Friday, Spet., 24. Sinbad's, 100 St. Clair Street, Detroit: (313) 822 8000, www.bugsbeddow.com

SUSAN CALLOWAY

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave... Ferndale: \$6 in advance. (248) 544 3030 (local rock).

CHAIN REACTION

'9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25. Fire and Ice, Cherry Hill Road, east of Inkster Road in Dearborn Heights, \$3 cover, 21 and over, (313) 730-9014 (alternative)

MARK CHESNUTT

8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hilts. Tickets on safe \$12.50 and \$25.50 (248) 370 0100 (country)

THE CHURCH

8 p.m. Wednesday Sept. 29, 7th House, 7 N. Saginav St., Pontiac. Trckets \$20, 411 ages (248) 335. 3540 Jalt popi

CREED

With Our Lady Peace and Oleander. Enday, Oct. 18. The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale \$24:50 reserved and general admission 1248) 370 0100 (rock) : DANCEHALL CRASHERS

With No Use For a Name and Limb. 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, Clutch. Cargos, 65. E. Huron, Pontiac, Tickets (\$10. All ages (248) 333 2362 (skin)

DEAD MOON With Rocket 455 and Bantam . .

Rooster, 9 p.m. Thursday, November 4. Magic Stick, Majestic Theatre Conter, Detroit: \$8 in advance: 18 and over (313) 833-9700 (darage pont)

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DEZINE INTENT

9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, Bamboozles, 8 Mile between. Farmington and Merriman roads, Farmington Hills.

DARK STAR ORCHESTRA

8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, Majestic Theater, Majestic Theater Center, Detroit. Tickets \$11 advance. (313) 833-9700 (grateful dead covers) DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

With The Dopes, 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Sept. 25, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor, Cover \$5, 21 and over. (734) 996-8555

DROPKICK MURPHY'S

With Antifiag, Blood for Blood, and Beerzone, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, Majestic Theatre, Majestic Theatre Center, Detroit. Tickets \$10 on sale Sept. 28. All ages. (313) 833-9700 (hardcore punk)

FAMILY VALUES TOUR

Featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter, DMX and The Crystal Method. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, The Palace, Auburn Hills. Tickets on sale now \$35 reserved and general admission. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com . /

FANTASTIC PLASTIC MACHINE Midnight, Saturday, Sept. 18, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

Tickets \$8, or free with Breakbeat Era ticket stub. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (techno) JASON FISHER

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Fetndale. (248) 399-3946

FLETCHER PRATT

With the Neptunes, 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 313 jac, upstairs from . Jacobys, 624 Brush St., Detroit, 18 and over, \$5 cover. (313).962-7067

FULL DEVIL JACKET

7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, The Shelter, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com (rock) FUNKINTELLIGENCE CD RELEASE PARTY

9:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Blind Pig. 208 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. Cover \$5, 21 and over, (734; 996 8555

GLEN EDDY BAND

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17-18. Woody's Diner, Royat Oak. 21 and over. (248) 543-6911: Thursday. Sept. 23. Library Pub. Novi. (248) 349 9100; Friday-Saturday, Sept. 24-25. The Alibi, Farmington Hills. (248) 478-2010 (rock/blues)

GUSTER With Jump Little Children, 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1. Michigan Theater. Tickets on sale Sept. 27 for \$12.50. (734) 668-8397

GYPSY MOTHS

With The Immortal Wings of Soul and Blowtop, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17. Lili's 21, Detroit. \$5 cover. (313) 875 6555.

HARRINGTON BROTHERS

7 n.m. Tuesday: Sept. 21. Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave.. Bloomfield Hills, Free, All ages (248) 644-4800 (blues)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Borders Books and Music, 4307 Crescent Blvd., Hovi., (248) 347-0708; 10 p.m. Friday Saturday, Sept. 24-25. Woody's 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak (248) 543 6911

MARK HUMPHRIES

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, Espresso Royale Caffe: 214 S. Main Street. -Ann Arbor: No cover. 1734) 668 1838 (god) LISA HUNTER

9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, Gypsy Cafe, 214 N. Fourth Avenue. Ann Arbor, (734) 994, 3940

JULIO IGLESIAS

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2; Fox Theater2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets on sale \$100, \$50; \$35, Call (313) 983 6611. INDIGO SWING . .

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Reviewers give 'A Dog of Flanders' two paws up

BY CHARLIE AND SANDY NAHRA SPECIAL WRITERS

Sandy Nahra:

I am 9 years old and like going to the movies a lot. At first I thought I wouldn't like "A Dog of Flanders." But at the end I thought it was cool. I changed my mind because the movie was sad but had a happy ending. It had a lot of action like fires and people yelling. This movie does not have a lot of laughs though so if you are looking for a funny movie, this isn't it.

Charlie Nahra:

I am 11 years old, I did not want to go see this movie because I thought it looked dumb. But I was wrong. The movie was good. What I liked best was where it took place, in

another country (Flanders) a long time ago.

It showed how people lived back then and that was neat. Also, the story had a lot going on in it. The ending was kind of a surprise. I recommend you see. this movie.

Film synopsis

"A Dog of Flanders" is about a boy named Nello whose mother dies. He doesn't know his dad and grows up very poor with his grandfather. Nello and his grandfather find a dog who is almost dead from being beaten. They save the dog and name him Patrash. Nello and his dog are always together and Patrash helps save Nello from bad men, bad weather, and bad luck.

Nello is an artist, like his mother. He meets a real artist in the city near where he lives. The artist, Michel LaGrand, helps Nello and tells him he can become a great artist like his hero, John Paul Reubens.

Nello's best friend is a girl named Eloise whose Dad doesn't. want her to see him because he

Will Nello become a great artist? Will he be able to keep his best friend? Who will look out for him after his grandfather dies? See the movie. The answers may not be what you think. The ending of the movie. will keep you guessing.

"A Dog of Flanders" is now



Nello (Jesse James) and Michel (Jon Voight) star in "A Dog of Flanders.

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'Love Stinks' laughs at those romantic clichés

BY CARRIE COOPER SPECIAL WRITER

Some say that "beauty is only skin deep," that "all is fair in love. and war," and that there is such thing as "love at first sight." But are these are simply cliches or are they reality?

One thing's for sure, they are the right mix for the comedic fatal attraction, "Love Stinks," presented by Independent Artists. Directed by Jeff Franklin and produced by Craig Baumgarten, Adam J. Merims and Todd Hoffmanm, the film gives you an inside look at "a relationship that's worse than yours."

"Love Stinks" starts out with TV comedy writer Seth Winnick, played by French Stewart ("3rd Rock From the Sun"), meeting Chelsea Turner, played by Bridgett Wilson ("I Know What You Did Last Summer"), at his best friend's (Bill Belamy) wedding. There is an immediate attraction which leads to a night of flirting, games and three full meals - a combination some might want to try on the next date. Within 24 hours Seth finds himself with a pair of diamond earrings unknowingly committed to Chelsea. Everything seems to be moving along nicely. She's beautiful, sexy, lots of fun to be with, and she even goes so far as to do an Elvis Presley impersonation

knowing that Seth is a big fan. It looked as if the only problem Seth would have was with Chelsea's cat, "Gracie," of whom he is greatly allergic. Even Seth's television comedy appears to

mirror his budding relationship. · But for Chelsea, things are not moving fast enough. She has her sights set on marriage and on. Seth. Along with help from her friend (played by Tyra Banks), Chelsea devises a plan to rope Seth into marriage.



INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

Comedy: Bridgette Wilson (left), Tyra Banks, Bill Bellamy and French Stewart in a scene from "Love

As Chelsea's plan unravels, Seth starts to realize how crazy she really is. She manipulates him into letting her move in, bringing along her cat. Things take a drastic turn for the worse when Seth presents Chelsea for Valentine's Day, instead of an engagement ring she was expecting, Chelsea blows up. A lawsuit, cat-napping, and hair removal follow. It's all out war now until Seth finally starts to crack and

proposes to her. An underlying Elvis theme is woven throughout the film. Elvis songs are played in the background, a collection of Elvis plates is mentioned, and that -laughter and unforgettable Elvis impersonation scenes scenes that caution you to be proves unforgettable. The theme of "The King" fits within the film's climax, which evokes

laughter and disbelief. Stewart's performance is very different from that of the goofy alien he portrays on "3rd Rock from the Sun." This film allows Stewart to break away from any preconceived notions the audience might have had about him, by acting as a funny-yet-normal

Wilson portrays the abnormal - and a bit psychotic - character in the film. She is sexy and likable one minute and controlling and manipulative the next.

· "Love Stinks" is more than just boy-meets- girl, boy-gets-girl, then boy and girl break up. You never know if Seth and Chelsea are going to reconcile or keep the war going, until the end of the film. Stewart provides plenty of careful who you give your heart. to." The film shows that there is more to a relationship than love at first sight. When love is good, it's really good, but when love goes bad, it can get mean and

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TV set? Still, for all the show offers in availability and affordability, it can't pretend to offer the comprehensive listings and features of this newspaper's entertainment section.

■ The arts are worthy of a prominent place in all media, including the World Wide Web. Although it doesn't possess the accessibility or affordability of TV and newspapers, it is unmatched as an archival

■ One of the most appealing features of the "Backstage Pass" Web site, www. backstagepass. away from dozens of perfor- Griffin, Jill Jack or BR5-49. mances by local and national recording artists.

established Web sites to get information out to existing or curious fans, the video vault is a fresh approach that gives exposure to emerging groups that may not have the advantage of a huge promotion budget. ■ The "Backstage Pass" Web

site breaks performances down by music genre. In the pop/rock category, you'll find established bands like Sponge and Dog's Eye View, along with growing favorites The Volebeats, Hoarse and Tiles. Jazz fans can sample music from Rodney Whitaker, Bess Bonier, James Carter and other standouts on the local and national scene. An unforgettable "Backstage Pass" performance by Maxim Vengerov is among the classical offerings. The R&B/ Blues category features The Braxtons, Roomful of Blues, Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, Mudpuppy and many others. There's a big selection of alternative artists, including Edwin McCain, Dar Williams, org, is a video vault, which puts country and world music may on-line users just a few clicks; want to sample tunes by Patty about the arts on the Web with

E Each video vault artist also is given an introduction which

■ While many bands have provides just the right amount of information. The point is the music, and the convenience of being able to see and hear a performance by a favorite or an unknown band from your com-

Put into the most practical use, the video vault might not only help you discover a new band, but encourage you to visit a club or concert hall to see the performers live.

You won't often see me write about a way to enjoy the arts that isn't immediately accessible to everyone. Not everybody owns a computer, and those that do. know the beast's limitations. Seeing a video vault performance isn't as exciting as witnessing it on an edition of the "Backstage Pass" television program. To be honest, a live performance beats television any day. But the arts are about opportunities and choices, not limita-

If you choose to watch "Backstage Pass" on Detroit Public TV and the Articles. Fans of folk, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, or Friday at midnight, you'll learn more cyber artist Lowell Boileau. The possibilities are limitless. Remember, You saw it here first.

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Immunity gets crowd on its feet with a reggae beat



A. CASOLA

area. when you're talking reggae, you're talking about Immunity.

For the past six — almost seven years, Jonathan Pettus, Tom Varga, Bill Koggenhop, Tom Wall, and

Tony Mitchell have been bringing crowds to their feet. Judging from the crowd that gathered at Shain Park in Birmingham on Sept. 2, Immunity has struck a nerve.

June Taylor McGregor, who organized the Birmingham concert, said Immunity was the perfect band to perform at the final concert of the "In the Park" summer series. She said the band's music serves as a kickoff of a new century, while maintaining the nostalgia of past years.

No patch of green grass could be seen as the audience arranged blankets and lawn chairs before the stage. From toe-tapping two-year-olds to senior citizens who spontaneously hopped from their seats to line-dance to tunes. Immunity got the crowd moving.

In the metro Connecting with their leopard spotted pants, with a fans

> "They're great," said 12-yearold Mike Sanders of Farmington Hills who liked the feeling of the music. "The singer walked around the grass. Sanders was impressed by the way Pettus walked among the crowd, singing and dancing with audience members. Sanders' friend, 14-year-old Joe Marks, also of Farmington Hills, said it was a great idea to come down and see the band. Both boys showed their appreciation by talking to some of the musicians between

Playing tunes like "Red Red Wine," "Brown-eyed Girl," and "No Woman, No Cry," Immunity combined music that is widely appreciated with a style that is all their own. What other reggae based band adds a harmonica or funky bass line to a song just because they can?

The "unexpected" might be the band's specialty. Just ask Wall, Immunity's lead guitarist who grew up in Birmingham, why he loves playing music? He'll tell you it's the quest to become teen idols! But seriously, he said the love of music keeps the band together. Besides, what other career would allow him to wear

matching hat (complete with ears) and a pink tie-dyed shirt?

Reggae rock, Detroit style Like its members, Immunity

emits a style like no other. Varga, rhythm guitarist, said Immunity is not about traditional reggae. Mixing originals like the powerful "Rhythm of the Heart" and Bob Marley covers like "So Much Trouble in the World," the band has established its own niche - reggae rock, Detroit style.

"In the Park" series and Birmingham City Commission candidate, said he wouldn't miss the show He's not only a fan of reggae, he's also a fan of Jonathan Pettus, he said.

Pettus was in good spirits as he wandered among the crowd and spoke to fans. "I love them all," he said, smiling "It's wonderful."

Bill Koggenhop, who called the day after the show, agreed. "Audiences have been really cool," he said. "People really enjoy our music."

For a band that completed 22 gigs in the month of July alone. he seems to be right on target. Immunity has recently opened for such bands as The Beach Boys and Mark Farhner, the first musical guests at the 1999 Michigan State Fair. Of the band's music Koggenhop said: "We just sort of jam along. We're relaxed ourselves. Reggae kind of fits."

stirring it up

The music suits all ages. Koggenhop said the band stirs up a reggae beat in a way that's appealing to kids and adults. He used their version of "Brown Eyed Girl" as an example of a Seth Chafetz, a sponsor of the song that appeals to many. They shoot from the Van Morrison hit to "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," made famous in Disney's "The Lion King," and back, appealing to a wide audience. The band has even started adding Latin rhythms to songs like "Freedom," in an effort to ride the wave made popular by artists like Ricky Martin. "We've got all these little weapons," said Koggenhop.

> But Immunity is looking ahead. A new CD is in the works, said Varga, and should be available before Christmas. Their debut, "Immunity Live," has sold more than 1,000 copies and was a hot item among adults and youngsters at the Shain Park



performance. Several copies were for more information. distributed to eager fans.

Immunity's will be performing 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17 at Rochester Mills Brewery, 400 Water Street in downtown Rochester. Call (248) 650-5080

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Family Values return to town in a 'Crystal'lized form

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA STAFF WRITER

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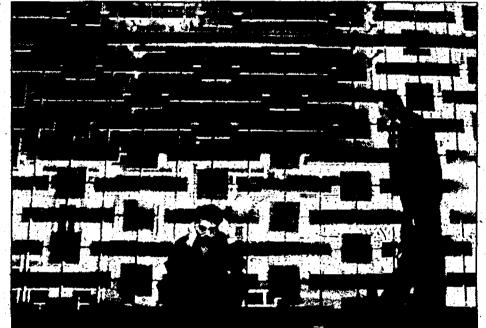
Ask Ken Jordan how he describes The Crystal Method sound and he'll tell you simply, "We sound like us."

In a telephone interview from his California home, Jordan one half of The Crystal Method - was ready to join the 1999 Family Values Tour and bring audiences a taste of electronica

like they might never have seen before. The tour makes its second stop at The Palace of Auburn Hills on Wednesday Sept. 22.

"I think we'll be playing to an audience of people that might not have ever seen our show," said Jordan in a sleepy-sounding voice, "a lot of people we feel would be interested in us. I think they'll be surprised at how we're not that much different from a

But The Crystal Method is anything but a regular rock act.



KATRINA DICKSON

Method for success: The Crystal Method, also known as Scott Kirkland (left) and Ken Jordan, are spreading Family Values this year on tour with Limp Bizkit.

Together since 1993, the duo which also features Scott Kirkland - arose from the atmo-. spheric electronic underground of Los Angeles, made a name for themselves as deejays, and took that sound to the streets. In 1997 the band gained momentum by releasing its Outpost Recordings debut, "Vegas," which featured the duo's danceable electronica

peppered by funk, rock and hiphop beats.

Two years later, Jordan said he hopes audiences will "learn to appreciate the music a little more" after having the Family Values exposure. The Crystal Method will join Filter on this tour, an industrial rock band they've successfully collaborated with in the past. Filter and CrysYou) Trip Like I Do," for the - headliners like Limp Bizkit soundtrack to the film "Spawn."

"It was great actually," said Jordan. "It was the first big video we had done, which was kinda fun. But working on the song. I: was surprised to see Filter working the same way we do in the studio."

later, the collaboration proved with open ears," said Jordan successful. Jordan, a fan of Filter's music, said touring with them will be "a lot of fun."

Filter missed a scheduled telephone interview with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers while on tour in Europe.

For a band credited for carrying American-made electronica into the mainstream of popular music. The Crystal Method has n't looked back. Jordan commented on the current status of techno music

"It's more accepted," he said: "It's not treated as something so weird or strange. Fatboy Stim: and the Chemical Brothers have had a lot more success. People are into it."

So into it that a band like The

tal Method worked on "Can't Crystal Method can accompany whose single "Neokie" hit number three on Billboard's Modern Rock Charts for the week of Sept. 11 — on a tour that's sure `to be talked about on high school' and college campuses across the country this fall.

The good music, that's done Four days and one hit song really good, people listen (to)

> What will those open ears hear from Jordan and Kirkland? If all: ·goes as planned, a new album should be released early next.

"I think our sound will continue to evolve. I think it will be better than 'Vegas,' but you'll still be able to recognize it. Jordan said. Listen for a couple new, still un named, tracks during The Crystal Method's set on the Family Views Tour.

The Family Values Tour, featuring Limp Bizkit, Filter, DMX and The Crystal Method heads into town 7 p.st. Wednesday, Sept. 22 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$35. Call (248) 377-0100 or 1248; 645-6666. Buy tickanline www.ticketmaster.com:

DANCE

'JazzTrain' moves beyond preconceptions

BY FRANK PROVENZANO STAFF WRITER fprovenzano@oe.homecomm.net

Donald Byrd is more than an ambitious choreographer with a plan to fuse the respective heritages of jazz and dance. He's on a mission. In "JazzTrain," his latest

incantatory dance venture, Byrd combines several influences into a vibrantly acrobatic program inspired by the music of Max Roach, Vernon Reid and Geri Allen. . "JazzTrain," which will be per-

formed through Sunday at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, is intended to compel audiences to "think about what is an American."

That means audiences should expect to reflect on what is arguably the most American of art forms - jazz. At least that's what Byrd has in mind.

Byrd contends that jazz represents a blend of European and African-American traditions, anda melting pot of sounds annlogous to the assimilation of subcultures into a broader American culture.

"I want 'JazzTrain' to be like Balanchine's Stravinky and the Rayel Festivals at City Ballet," he said. The work, which has 1997.



Fusion of music and dance: Donald Bryd's "JazzTrain" features dance performed to compositions from acclaimed jazz musicians.

"This isn't a thorough explanation of jazz history," said Byrd. "It's a way to introduce audiences to two art forms working together."

And like his previous work, "JazzTrain" is high-energy performance that pushes the boundaries of dance and aesthetics. received a long list of impressive force behind "The Harlem scene. reviews, was first performed as a Nuteracker" and prolific choreog . The first act is form from the Theatre.)

"Péople have expectations about what jazz is," said Byrd. "I've set out to create an image that's appropriate for the music, not the genre."

Each of the three acts in "JazzTrain features the distinctive. jazz of legendary drummer Roach, funk/punk/rock guitarist (Byrd is perhaps best known to Reid and Allen, one of most Tocal audiences as the creative, sought-after plano players on the

work in progress in the fall of rapher for Alvin Ailey Dance - hot beats of the urban streets. Dancers emerge and fade from

What: "Jazz Train." a theatrical usion of music and dance, chore graphed by Donald Byrd

When: 8 p.m. Thursday Saturay; 3 p.m. Sunday

Where: Music Hall, 350 Madison, Detroit (just off the Madison Exit from I-375)

Tickets: \$30 \$40. Call (313) 963-2366

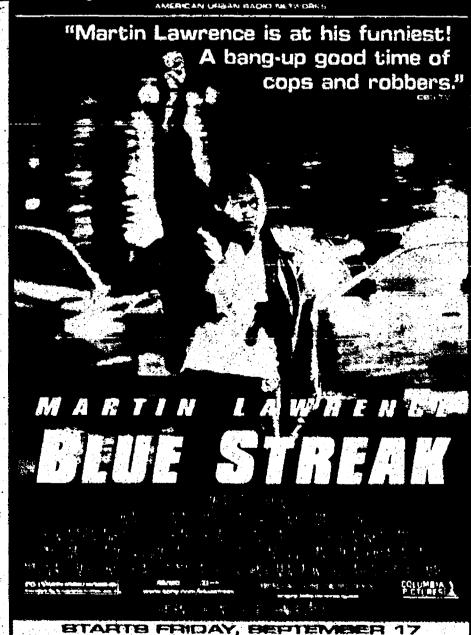
the stage with frenetic precision. Sculptural configurations offer a pause between sensual gestures that remind audiences that the combination of jazz and dance is: a poetically expressive act of foreplay.

In act two, Byrd wrings from Reid's haunting score a mythic reference to the Garden of Eden. Dancers wear African clothes in what unfolds as a dance of friendship and love.

The final section broadens into a more abstract, spontaneous. expression that includes mating rituals and a reminder that jazz is the ultimate soundtrack when moving with a cool confidence.

"There's this notion that because I'm black I know what jazz is all about," said Byrd. "I realize that I didn't know as much as I thought about jazz.

"The music should not be alienating, but should be an eyeopener."



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DINING

Buddy's works hard to be good, consistently

BY KEELY WYGONIK kwygonik@oc.homecomm.net

It's hard to believe you could make a good thing better, but they have at Buddy's, which is synonymous in metro Detroit with good pizza.

"We haven't changed things that much, we've added," said company president Robert Jacobs of West Bloomfield. "The dough formula is the same. What we've done more than anything is added taste."

Celebrating 63 years of service this year, Buddy's opened on 1936 on the corner of Six Mile and Conant in Detroit. In 1946, the owners decided to add a deep-dish, Sicilian-style pizza to the menu.

Over the years, Buddy's has introduced pizza fans to new varieties. Fifteen years ago the Hawaiian pizza — cheese, ham, pineapple, sweet and sour sauce - didn't sell well. Now, it's on the menu.

"Ten years ago no one would have ordered broccoli on a pizza," said Wes Pikula of Bloomfield Township, vice president of operations. Vegetarian pizza is much more in vogue now."

Sandwiches and pasta were added to the restaurant menu, along with ribs which are offered as a special. "We're very concerned about quality," said Pikula. "We try to be consistent, and test items before we add them to our menu."

"The customer makes the final decision," said Jacobs.

, Hands down, everyone's favorite Buddy's pizza is topped with pepperoni, mushrooms, ham, onions and green pepper.

For starters, choose from a veggie sampler of button mushrooms, sliced zucchini chips or

Buddy's

Menu: Appetizers, soup, fresh salads, pizza, burgers, sandwiches, homemade pasta.

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10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 9 p.m. Sunday. ■ Royal Oak -32218 N. Woodward Ave., six blocks north of 13 Mile Road, (248) 549-8000, Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday; noon to 9 p.m. Saturday; 3-9 p.m. Sunday.

cream of broccoli soup.

Fresh salads include Buddy's popular antipasto and Greek, garden and Caesar salads.

If you're not hungry for pizza, choose from one of the many sandwich choices including burg-

cauliflower florets, minestrone or ers, meatball, honey-dijon chicken, or a tuna, turkey or veggie

> Buddy's award-winning pizza comes in two sizes - four squares or eight - with your choice of toppings.

For something different, try



STAFF PHOTO BY TON HAWLEY

Pizza is their specialty: Matthew Heckert, kitchen manager (left), Wes Pikula, vice president operations, Robert Jacobs, president, and Patty Fox, manager, present two of the specialty pizzas you'll find on the menu at the Buddy's Restaurant Pizzeria in Livonia.

one of the specialty pizzas such as Gourmet Vegetarian topped with cheese, cauliflower, mushrooms, broccoli, carrots and tomatoes; BBQ Chicken Pizza, cheese, barbecue sauce, chicken, red onions and cilantro, or Hawaiian, cheese, pineapple, sweet and sour sauce.

Homemade pasta is another delicious way to satisfy your appetite, choose from spaghetti, serves.

Baked Vegetable Manicotti, Ultimate Macaroni & Cheese, niostacciolli, ravioli, baked lasagna or baked spinach lasagna. Baked Chicken Parmesan, served on top of spaghetti, is also on the menu. Be sure to ask about the daily specials.

Besides serving good food, Buddy's makes it a priority to give back to the communities it

For the past 22 years, Buddy's has also been a supporter of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Jacobs has served on the board of the Hunger Action Coalition and Michigan Committee for World Food Day.

Buddy's secret to success is really no secret at all - they offer consistently good products, and stay in touch with customer

WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for consideration in What's Cooking to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. To fax, (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kwygonik@ oe. homecomm.net

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■ The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, north of Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-4466, Franco-Chinese dinner 7 p.m. almond cookies. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 27-28. Cost \$85 per person, not including other beverages such as

wine, tax or gratuity. A wine & Grille, 142 E. Walled Lake rant Corporation, Merchant's bouquet will be available at cellation is Saturday, Sept. 18.

Menu includes spring roll, lobster consommé with lobster wontons, hard-cooked quail egg and julienne of spinach, salt-baked soft-shell crab with fried leeks. ginger-sauternes sauce, Mandarin orange granite. The French Consul's Cantonese roast duck, beggar's noodles, sauté of show peas, water chestnuts, asparagus with carrets with julienned ham, ginger creme brulee. Chinoise lemon tart, Oolong tea,

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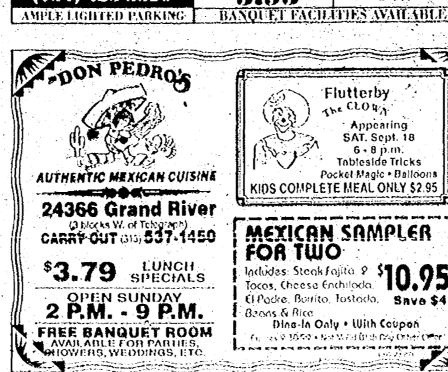
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