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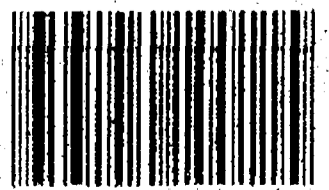
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Not busy: Workers Elizabeth Franczek (left to right), Anna Marderosian and Dorothy Holmes sign in voter Paul Lukasiak at Patchin school. The poll workers said they had not been very busy throughout Tuesday morning.



Campaigning: Donna Raines (at left), who was passing out literature for City Council candidate Mike Kehrer, talks with his wife Debbie Kehrer outside Patchin Elementary.

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 the general election. Results unofficial until noon, Thursday.

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 Godbout with 1,525 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 Frito-Lay manager Jim Chuck with 724 votes.

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

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

"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.

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

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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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 their decision within the comfort of their own 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

reach a majority of residents. Water bills are mailed quarterly.

"I can't think of a better way to reach 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 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 impressive, he added.

"There will be 21,000 or so people

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 winter water bills.

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

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Please see **SURVEYS, A4**

Mall marketing leader enjoys big challenges

BY JULIE BROWN
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Return trips to her Kalamazoo college campus are fun for Kellie Heppner. There'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 Heppner, 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-



Coordinator: Kellie Heppner of Livonia majored in marketing in college and now works at Westland Mall. Among other things she tracks what people like about the mall's numerous stores and services.

Please see **MAIL COORDINATOR, A4**

Nursing home celebrates its 30th year of operation

Westland Convalescent Center celebrated its 30-year 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.

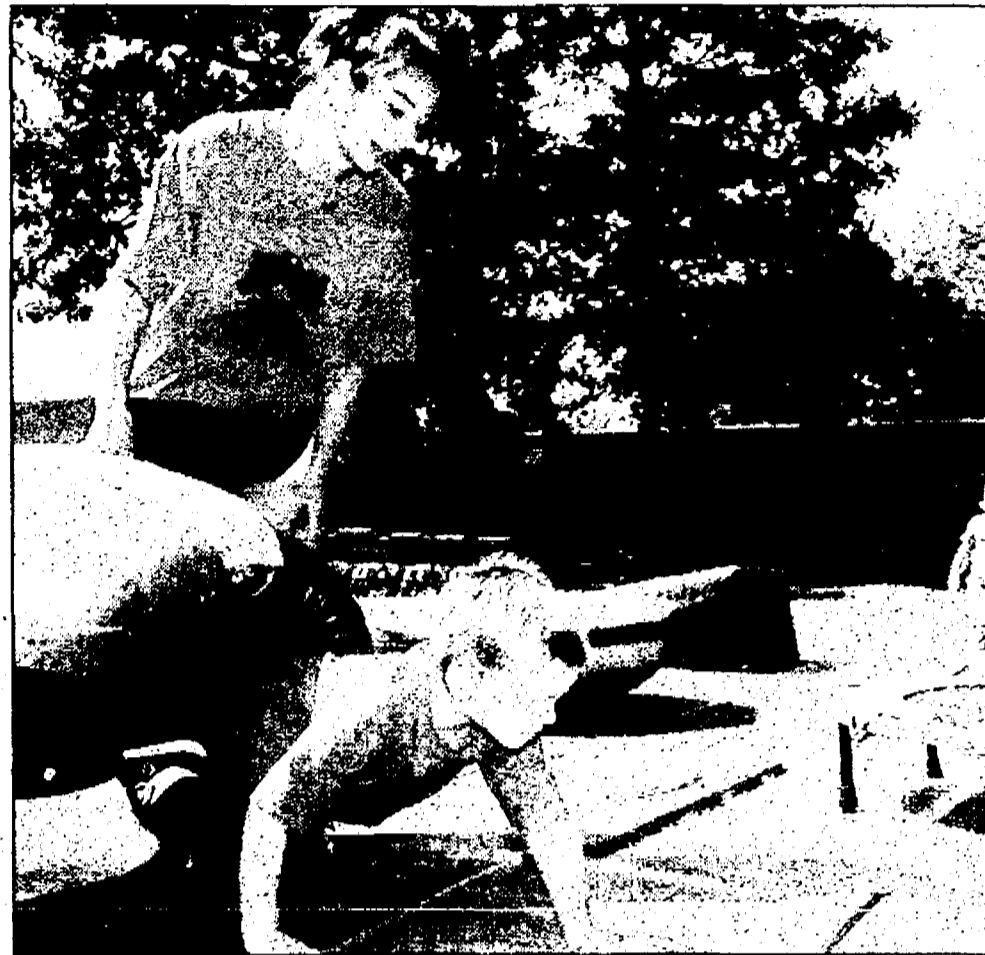
The Saturday carnival included puppet shows, psychics, caricaturists, Big Band music, tumble fun for kids, clowns and food.



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.



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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.

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.

Livonia voters OK new rec center

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

Completion of all parts of the package, including a \$27.2 million 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.

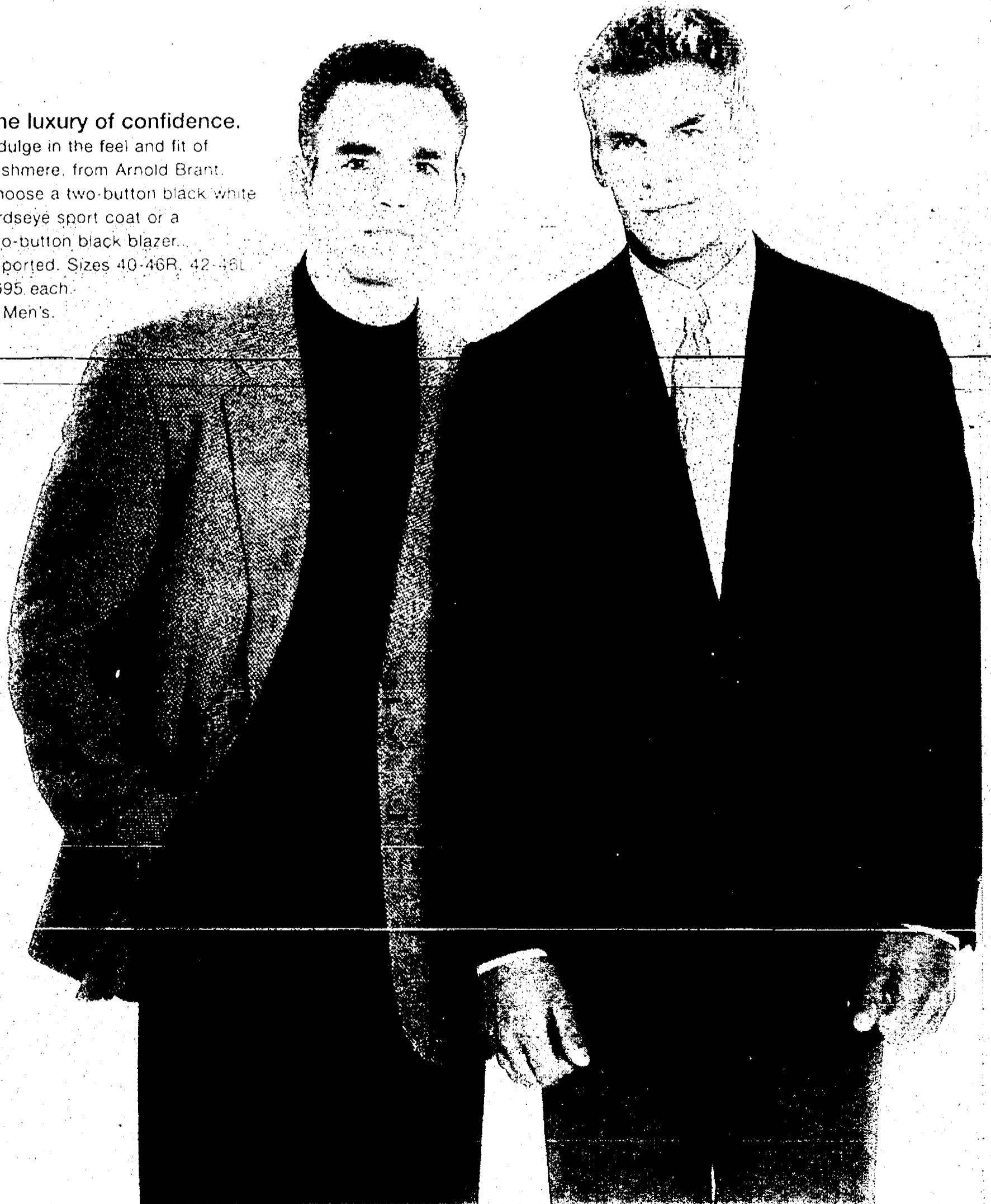
"We were stunned, because calls to absentee voters showed support," said Michael Duggan who, along with Kirksey, led the committee backing the recreation package.

"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, Duggan said.

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.

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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 Westland Family 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 noteworthy books. Discussions are held in Group Meeting Room C. Call and reserve your copy today. No fee. No registration required.

Resume Workshop
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 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 applica-

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.

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.

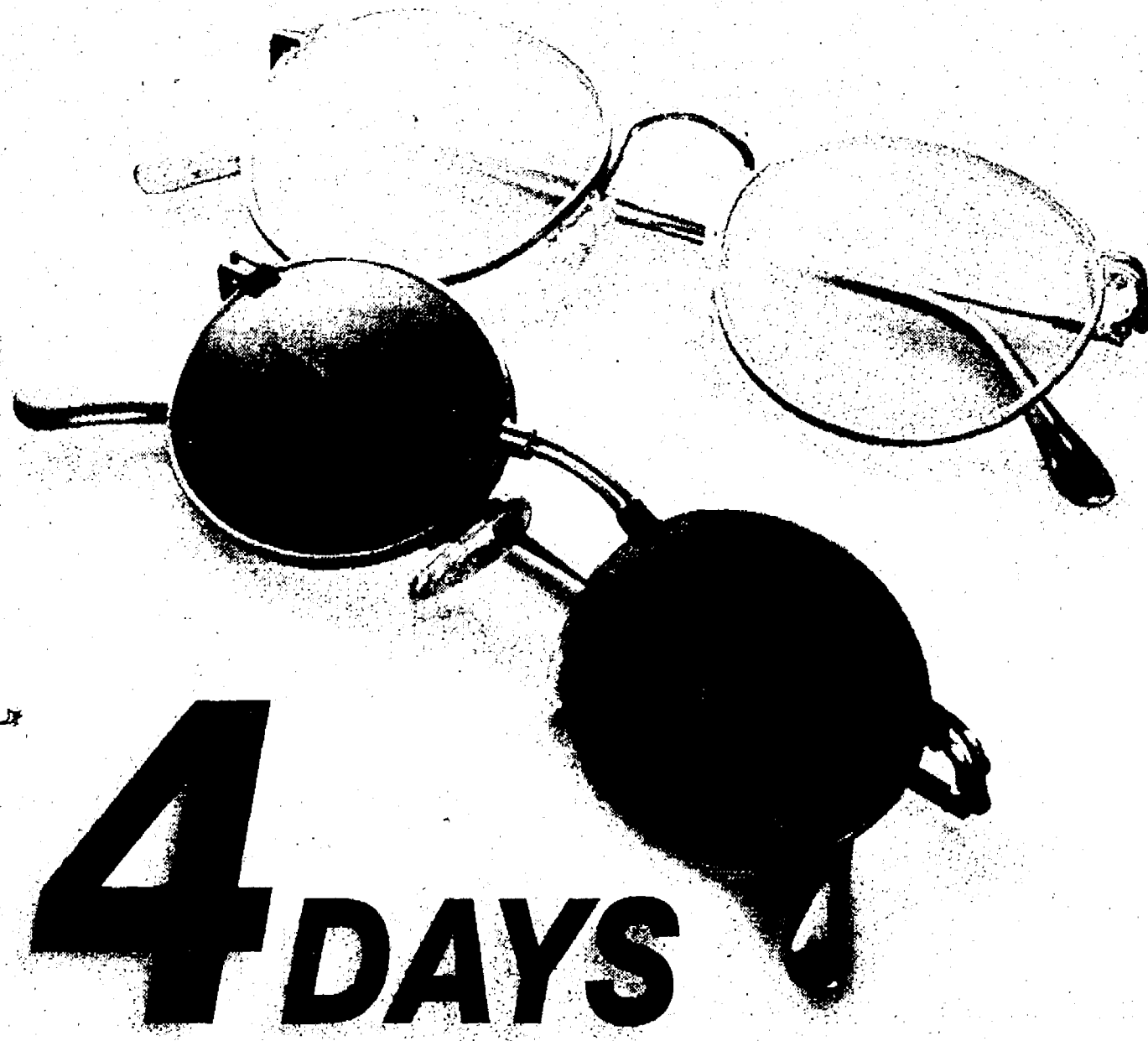
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Sleepy Storytime
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 blanket! No fee. No registration required.

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 (ages 3-5) are held 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday and 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Stop in for fun fables, tales and stories. Storytimes last about 30 minutes. No fee. No registration required although class size is limited.

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

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Primary election from page A1

"That's the way our government is actually supposed to be set up."

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

to place fifth but wished turnout was higher.

"If more people would have voted I probably would have ended up a little higher," Smith said.

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 ballots.

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.

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seeking a site after an attempt to buy land behind a Kroger-anchored 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.

Plakas wrote that an advisory

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 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 Chipewa 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 selection 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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GOP plan challenges union rules

BY MIKE MALOTT
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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 want.

"Yeah, right," is the reaction from 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 pro-worker 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 seasonal 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-and-a-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

contended, but the federal government 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 bargaining unit.

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

American Harvest, the 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 second-year students in the International Cuisine class, continue this fall. Each Thursday evening, diners enjoy a sumptuous 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 p.m.

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 16-pound 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

The Wayne County Conservation 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.

Transplants, which are one year older than seedlings, are also available and include concolor fir and white cedar. Naturalizing bulbs will again be available, with the addition of

Virginia blue bells, dog's tooth violet, Asiatic hybrid lilies and hardy native ferns.

Single, fully-stemmed, 2- and 3-foot sugar maple trees are also available at reasonable prices. The district's tree program will assist landowners in obtaining planting stock at low cost for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control and wildlife habitat

improvement and naturalizing.

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PLYMOUTH Monday, October 4th 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (evening) Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Rd. (between Terrons & S.W. of Sheehan)	FARMINGTON HILLS Tuesday, October 5th 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (evening) The Longacre House 24705 Farmington Rd. (between 10 & 11 Mile Rd.)	NORTHVILLE Wednesday, October 6th 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (evening) Northville Public Library 212 W. Cady (Downtown Northville)

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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

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LIVONIA SCHOOLS

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.

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.

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."

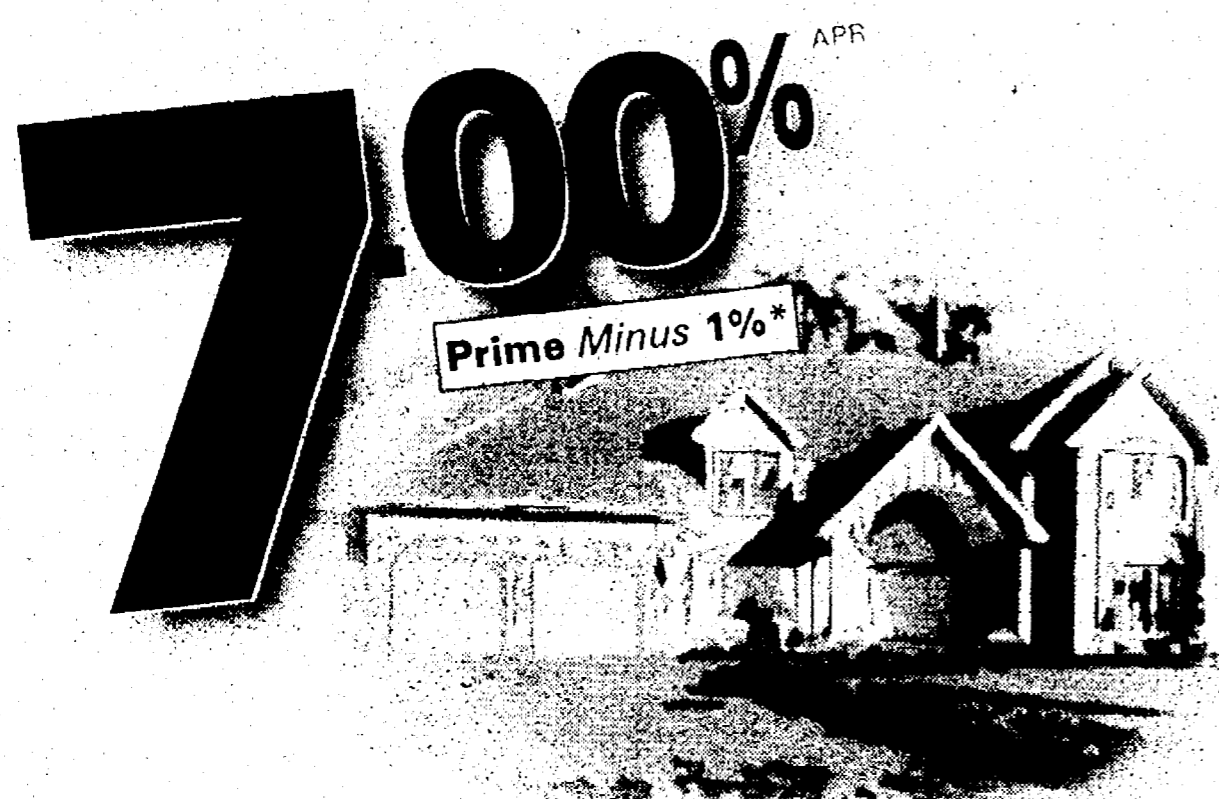
"At no time did we renege on our responsibilities to children or the community."

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

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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 a 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

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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 significant."

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.

Edison is also a taxpayer in 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," 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.

Utilities 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 pay their utility bills.

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 customers and reconnections.

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 peak monthly bill.

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 the revision.

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 were offensive.

MichCon officials argued the purpose was to stop customers from "gaming the system," withholding payment until just before shutoff.

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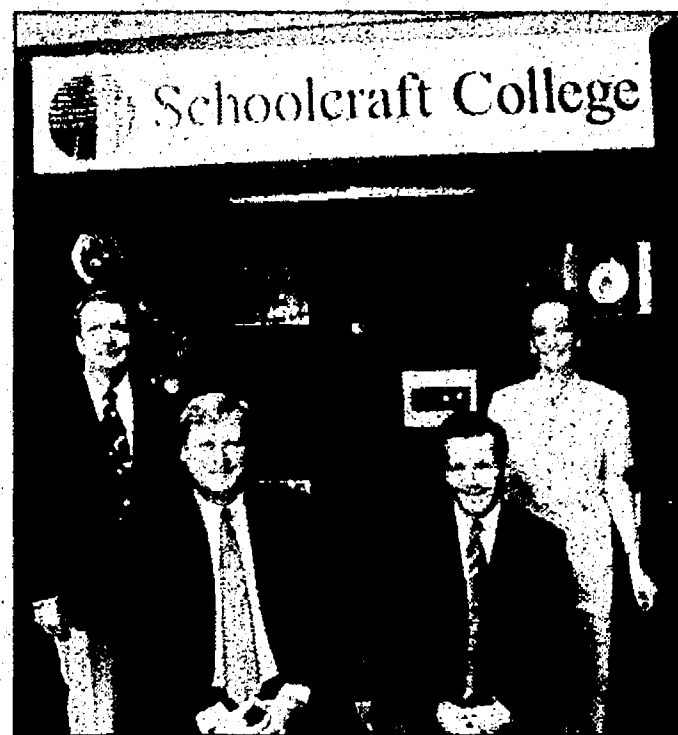
The Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, set for Sunday Sept. 26 on the Livonia campus, is a feast for food fanciers. And while patrons are enjoying food and beverages provided by more than 50 area restaurants and caterers, the college's scholarship coffers are growing at the same time.

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 Sodexo 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



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Culinary sponsors: Robert Farris (left front) of Agency, John Blackwell (right front) from Blackwell Ford, Dominic Perichini (back left) with Air Gage, and Sam Florek, recently retired dean of marketing for Schoolcraft College.

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 Jeanette 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.

Jeanette Burns knows the

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 back much more.

Burns' husband died eight years ago. He had been sick a long time and left her with big hospital bills. She had started college several times, wanting to be an elementary teacher, but never quite finished. When her husband was ill, she took nutrition classes to learn how to cope with his heart condition. After

two years of continuing education cooking classes, Schoolcraft College chef Jeff Gabriel told her to get serious and enroll in the culinary arts program.

She graduated four years ago, works part time at Too Chez in Novi, raises her children, works part time for a catering company and is a part-time culinary assistant in the Schoolcraft program. She is the culinary arts students' unofficial mother, working with them from the moment they arrive until they graduate, tutoring and getting them help.

Since Burns began tutoring 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.

He received a Friends of the Foundation Scholarship to Schoolcraft College.

Neil Hunter's goal is to be a homicide detective. To achieve

this objective he is working toward an associate's degree in 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-

gist. A full-time student, she is proud of her 3.9 grade-point average, which she earned while working two jobs.

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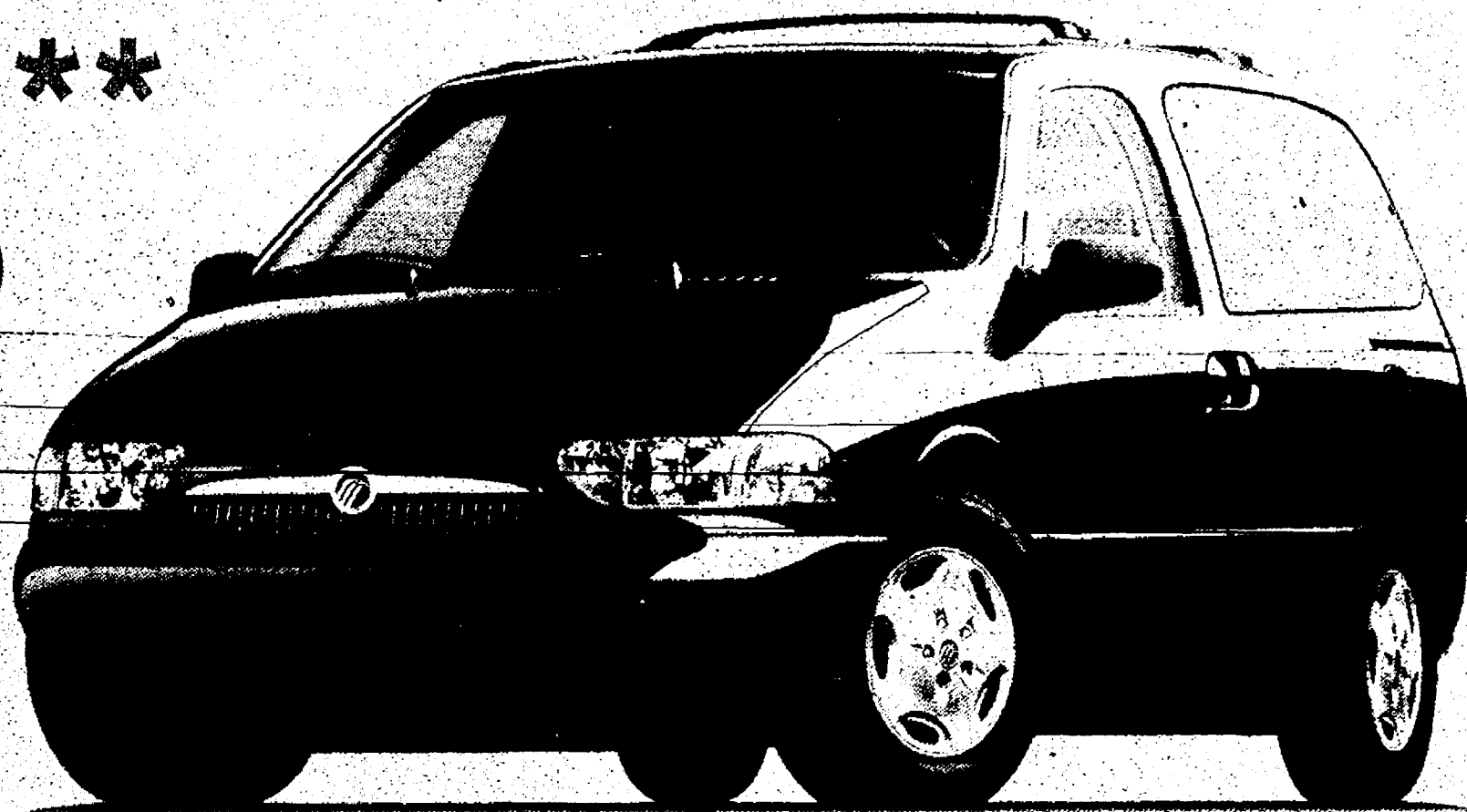
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Rural Appreciation Tour introduces you to farm life

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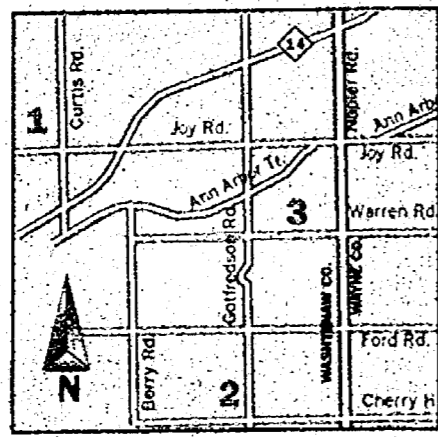
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"The tour allows people to visit different types of local farms and get an idea of what local farmers face," says Mike Score of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension.

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Wayne DeForest manages the only registered Guernsey herd in Washtenaw County on his 134-acre 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."

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year, she'll produce milk approximately 305 days, says DeForest. Then it's 60 days rest while she prepares for her next calf's arrival.

"We've just had a pregnancy check last week. He (the bull) hasn't been doing his job too well."

DeForest milks his cows eight at a time twice a day, at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. The milking is done mechanically, with the milk flowing from the udders through a channel of pipes into a holding tank. While his Guernseys produce about 40 pounds of milk a day, DeForest's Holsteins will produce 60 pounds.

Dairy farming is not easy, DeForest will tell visitors. There's always the threat of pneumonia, mastitis, or uterus infections. And sometimes a farmer must shoot one of his cows, like DeForest recently had to do after the cow fell in a split-leg position and couldn't get up.

Still, there are rewards. His three Australian shepherds run free; the barn cats prowl at will, and time is measured by the weather. DeForest grew up on a farm, and except for a dozen years when he worked in a factory, the fields have been his domain.

"What I enjoy most is getting out in the field and working. You're by yourself and you can think. It's peaceful."

Horse lover

The energetic Sue Rudnicki has more horsepower than the 52 horses she keeps on Sandy Hills Farm, a 25-acre horse-breeding and boarding farm she owns with her husband, Tom.

When she's not tending her horses, she's painting fence posts. And when Tom's not baling hay, he's cleaning 52 stalls out every day. "We don't eat until 11 o'clock at night," says Sue.

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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 Rascal.

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

Kate Keim, 14, of Canton said it's 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? 4-H?'"

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-year-old Appaloosa. She doesn't mind that Sweetie has no eyelashes. "I think it makes her cuter."



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

A live rocking horse: Kate Keim, 14, holds Danielle Witkowski, 2 1/2, aboard "Sweetie."

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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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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SEMCOG forum looks at transportation in new century

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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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.

Residents, representatives of 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 brief questionnaire for SEMCOG to decide on group discussion topics and group assignments.

Participants will be asked which transportation topic is 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

access and bicycle paths.

Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director, will discuss "Getting There from Here," then participants will break into smaller groups for discussions. A wrap-up 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 SEMCOG 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 SEMCOG's Web site at www.semco.org.

Madonna plans open house

Madonna University in Livonia 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 day, evenings and weekends.

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 Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339.

Schoolcraft offers Sunday Health Club program

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

Members enjoy unstructured activity in a fully equipped physical education facility that includes two gyms, six ball courts, a fitness room with weight machines and other exercise equipment, a pool and sauna.

The facilities are available on Sunday afternoons 1-5 p.m. from Sept. 19 through Dec. 19 during the fall semester and Jan. 2 through March 26 during the winter semester.

Individual fees are \$32 for either semester of \$55 for both.

Family fees are \$70 for a single semester and \$125 for both. Guests will be charged \$4 a visit.

An adult must accompany children under 16 and nonswimmers must be 45 inches tall at the shoulder to use the pool. Members 16 and older may use the

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For information, call Continuing Education Services Physical Fitness at (734) 462-4413. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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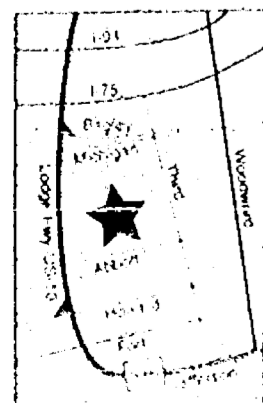
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Going Expoling: Lila Love, store manager of Office Depot, Westland, demonstrates how to turn a photo image into a print. She took the photo of Gretchen Heinicke, 11, Westland, and her mom, Ann Heinicke, with a Sony Mavica digital camera. Left, Karen 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 Amolia 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 said.

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 (Sally) Uzarski of Washington Township, Mich.; daughters, Sylvia Holden of South Lyon and Antionette (Leslie) Thomas of Spruce, Mich.; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren 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 48154-5010.

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 grandchildren.

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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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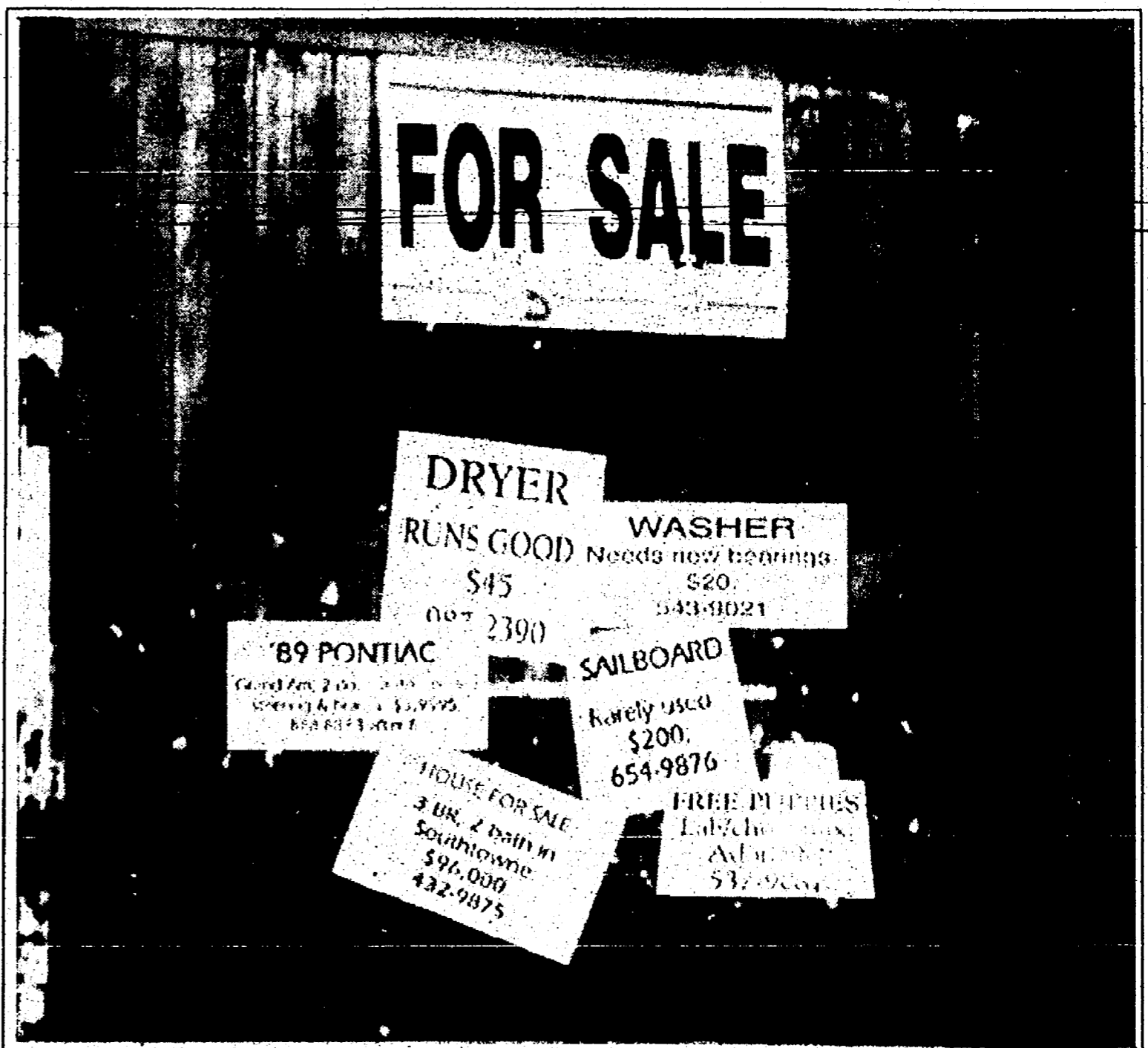
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Workshops show how to cut waste, increase energy

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
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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 productivity," 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 are:
 ■ "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, environmental, 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 Technology.

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, gathered 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/lead, then click on "Workshops/Training" and find the workshop listed on a schedule of events. A PDF file can be downloaded from that site.

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 school.

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 verified by the school or other offi-

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cial 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 information.

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 deter-

mines the official or officials to review applications and eligibility.

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 party.

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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.

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Safety first

Expect the unexpected from kids

Most 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 back seat.

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

Without 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 ordinances 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 history, 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 lobbies.

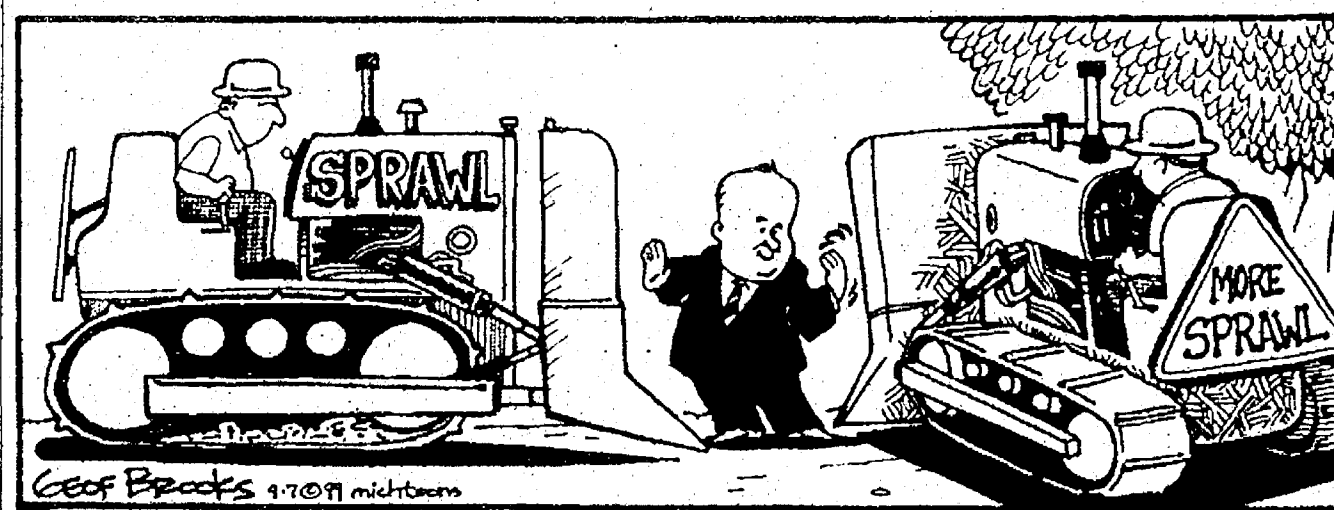
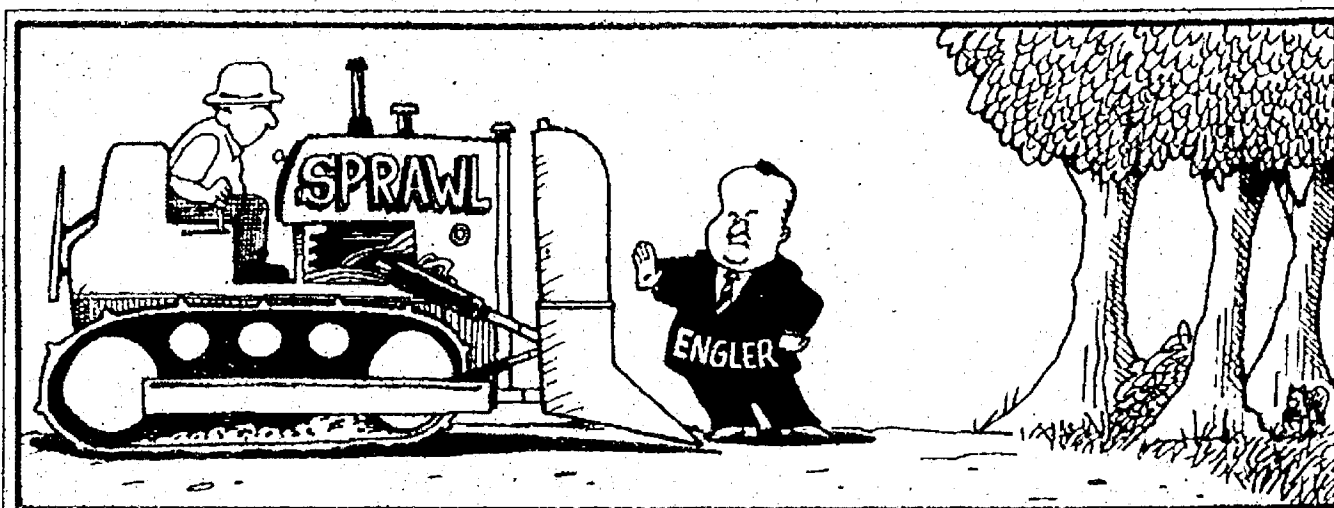
Broad is the only way to define what the bill attempts to cover, including employment compensation, liquor control code, state construction code, consumer protection, occupational health, public health and labor standards and relations.

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

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-year-plus 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

woman, who knows all the issues in the city of Westland. She has been a resident of Westland before it was Westland (Nankin Township). 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

Editor's note: The following letter 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

Supports Dorothy Smith

I 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

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
Are you looking forward to fall?



"Oh, yes, because I'm ready for the cooler weather."
Tonia Bazen
Riverview



"It comes, it comes."
Roger Kellogg
Canton



"I guess so, it's been a really hot summer."
Melanie Garrett
Ypsilanti



"I like the warm weather."
Pat Liendo
Westland

We asked this question of shoppers and staffers at Westland Center.

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- Philip Power



JACK GLADDEN

Miss America: What's the fuss?

This 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 all?"

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 troubled marriages.

Ride aims to save marriages

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Nick 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 meaning "rediscovery." The program has been in existence since 1977 and

was founded in Quebec. Programs are held locally six times a year.

After their involvement with Retrouvaille, Nick O'Shea and a few other participants sought ways to raise money and bring into the program other couples who couldn't afford to participate without some financial assistance. The group decided that bicycles held the answer.

This year, the O'Sheas have scaled-down the ride a bit. The 1999 Cycle-a-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.

O'Shea said the hardest part of the 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 ways around the hills and kept peddling toward their goal. More than

\$8,000 was raised for a Retrouvaille scholarship fund on that trip alone. O'Shea said if they raise at least that much this time around, the 1999 Cycle-a-thon will be another success story.

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 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 embarked on a Retrouvaille experi-

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 program.

For more information about Retrouvaille, 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 48150.

Ship's reunion has a woman's touch



STAFF PHOTO 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.

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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. Navy.

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 expected to attend the reunion, hosted 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 I've been to every one except

the one in Colorado."

Czadankiewicz 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, Greentown, 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 arranged 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 Engbretson before they head off to Windsor for some shop-

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 Ludington.

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



planned at St. Simon Catholic Church in Ludington.

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 officiated.

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



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 bearers.

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

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 fiancé 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 Center. He is currently completing his pediatric residency at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.



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.



Sherrie Coon and RaeAnn Sudek as bridesmaids.

The groom asked Paul Piotrowski 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.

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 Canton.

The bride-to-be is an 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 graduate of Plymouth Christian 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.



Gusfa-Kelly

James and Barbara Gusfa of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Allison, to Patrick Marc Kelly, the son of Patrick Kelly of Drummond Island and Carolyn Kelly of Rockford.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a masters of arts degree. She is employed with Dearborn Public Schools as a speech language pathologist.

Her fiancé is self-employed as the owner of Top to Bottom Building and Contracting.

An October wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Livonia.



Livonia.

Bourgeois-Darnell

Mr and Mrs William Bourgeois of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Molly Elise, to Chad Albert Darnell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Larson and Larry Darnell, all of Shepherd.

The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 1998 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed by the Oxford Community Schools.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Shepherd High School and a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed by Automated Benefit Services in Sterling Heights.

An October wedding is



planned.

Platter-Rudolph

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.

A September wedding is



planned at St. Thomas A' Becket Church in Canton.

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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 I-275.

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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 five-person) 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 Gutowski at (734) 427-0305.

VOLUNTEERS

ASSISTED LIVING

Marquette House assisted living facility, 36000 Campus Drive, Westland, seeks volunteers to spend time with residents to provide

an activity or a one-on-one visit. Call Peggy in the activities department, (734) 326-6537.

ANGEL CARE

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

VETERAN'S HAVEN

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

SCHOOLS

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

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-year-olds 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. Tot's class meets on Wednesday mornings, and 3- and 4-year-olds meet Mondays and Thursdays. Parental involvement is required. Call Kelli at (734) 513-7708.

ST. MEL PRESCHOOL

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

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

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

LITTLE LAMBS

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

GARFIELD CO-OP

Garfield Cooperative Preschool offers programs for children 18 months to 5 years. It is 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 3- and 4-year-olds. A prekindergarten readiness class for 5-year-olds and a parent/child toddler class for 2-year-olds are offered. Call (734) 421-7359 for registration information for the 1999-2000 school year.

FRANKLIN PTSA

The Franklin High PTSA is seeking members. Membership is open to those who care about the schools and

community. Members need not have a student in the school. Price is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. Checks should be made payable to Franklin PTSA and sent to 31000 Joy in Livonia 48150.

TUTORIAL PROGRAM

A free tutoring program for students is offered at the Salvation Army Wayne-Westland Corps Community Center, 2300 Venoy in Westland. The program, 4-5:30 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 Mom'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 co-op, with parents working once each month. Call (734) 422-0149.

HISTORIC

PERRINSVILLE

The historic Perrinsville one-room school opens to

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

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, bird-baths, 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., eat at Three Brothers

Restaurant at 6 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 non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages, dancing to big band music and door prizes. Call (734) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to elderly people who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, 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. Sign up at the front desk or call (734) 722-7632.

CLUBS IN ACTION

WESTLAND ROTARY

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

SWEET ADELINES

The County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is looking for women who love to sing. The group sings a cappella

music in barbershop style. Rehearsals are 7 p.m. Tuesdays at UAW Local 898 at 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, parent-based, volunteer organization whose aim is to better the lives of individuals with attention difficulties. Call (313) 438-3099.

T.O.P.S.

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

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. M153 meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at OptiEyes, 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) 326-5419.

BINGO

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 Democratic 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 FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schooner, 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:

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Conference looks at domestic violence

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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 resident.

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

To register, send a check,



Betty Lee Ongley



Carol Green

payable to Schoolcraft College, to the 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

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 Action team, Lyons is a clinical

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

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 because 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 Maryalce Smith, 23930 Cass, Farmington 48335-3405.

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Jaycees hold road rally

The Westland Jaycees will hold a Polaroid Road Rally Saturday, Sept. 25.

Registration will be at 5 p.m. at American Power Wash on Wayne Road in Westland, followed by the rally at 5:30 p.m. It will end at 7:30 p.m. at Barney Bay Pub on Warren Road in

Westland.

The entry is \$50 per team - two to five people - and includes two rolls of film, a bucket of wings, medium pizza and coupon book worth \$400.

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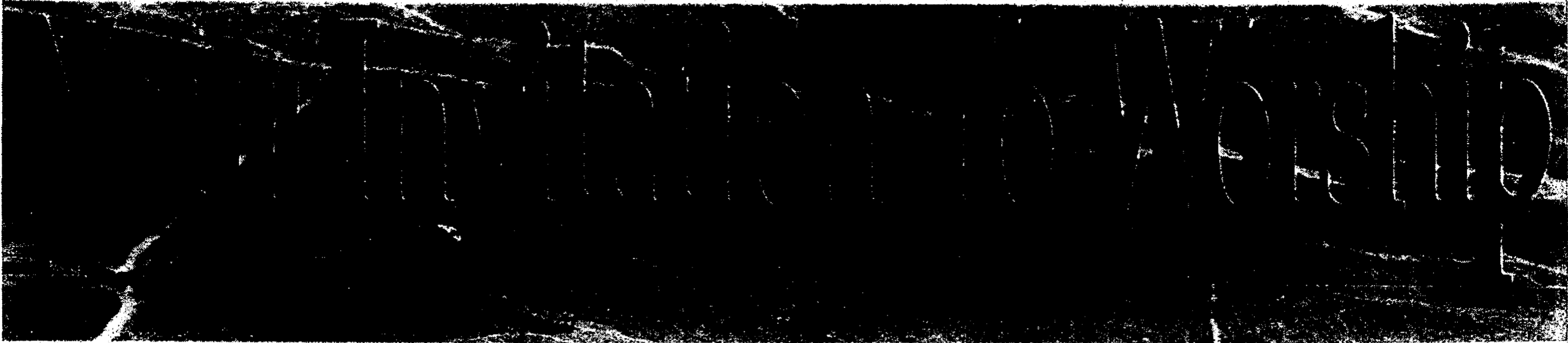
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SINGERS WANTED
St. Mary's Church at 18100 Merriman Road in Livonia is looking for new singers for its cappella church choir. All voices are encouraged to join. People interested in singing can contact Linda Lawson, choir director, at (734) 464-3786.

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. Warneke 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 separated 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.

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

year.
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 I-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.

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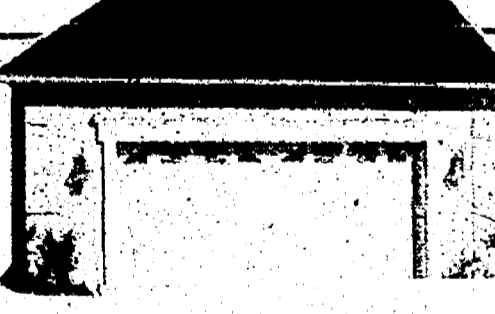
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TAI CHI CLASSES

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 Reifsnnyder at (734) 421-5406.

BIBLE STUDY

Join other women of fellowship and a Precept inductive study of the Book of Hebrews 9-11:15. 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 20, or 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 30, at Calvary Baptist Church on Joy Road between Lilley and Morton-Taylor roads in Canton. A workshop for beginners will be held at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, and 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23.

■ "Precept Upon Precept" Bible study, Spiritual Gifts, is being offered 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesdays, at Trinity Presbyterian 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 (734) 459-9550.

MOPS GROUP

Plymouth Baptist Church will resume its Mothers of Preschoolers meetings at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the church, 2021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Mothers with their children, 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, Livonia.

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/wywm.

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, call (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 Hibsby 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 Merriam 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'

The Student Ministries group of Trinity Church in Livonia is hosting a "Back to School Blowout" at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

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 CD, "Hallowed Boulevard," offers an "honest vision of human rela-

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 spirit-infused alternative country folk rock" and who are "becoming fixtures on the nascent Detroit music scene."

Spontaneous Combustion is an outrageously funny comedy improv team from Grand Rapids. Combustion is made up of eight

fully trained improvisational comedians. The troupe engages the audience in many "short-form" 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.

And in "Bucket of Water," one member holds their head in a

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-prepared.

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 14800 Middlebelt Road, south of Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Cherry Hill Presbyterian hosts Norwegian organist

Anyone may attend an organ 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-

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, Germany.

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

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

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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 CMU.

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 3-4.

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 in 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 told 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 Glen.

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. Doty Dady (Farmington Hills) was runner-up 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 team 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 Fil, Katie Fretz, Cassie Earle, Jamie Hartrick, Melissa Hoyer, Katharine Koch, Deanna Kowalkowski, Jennie Kupstas, Meghan Parnell, Rebecca Rogozan, Amy Sanders, Laura Shishkovsky, Emily Shollack, Eric Shoolke and Kristy Ward.

The team manager is Ann Hoyer.

Shamrocks stave off Rice, 14-10

State champions run streak to 24

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For all they do in Redford Catholic Central's offensive backfield, John Kava 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, 235-pound 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.

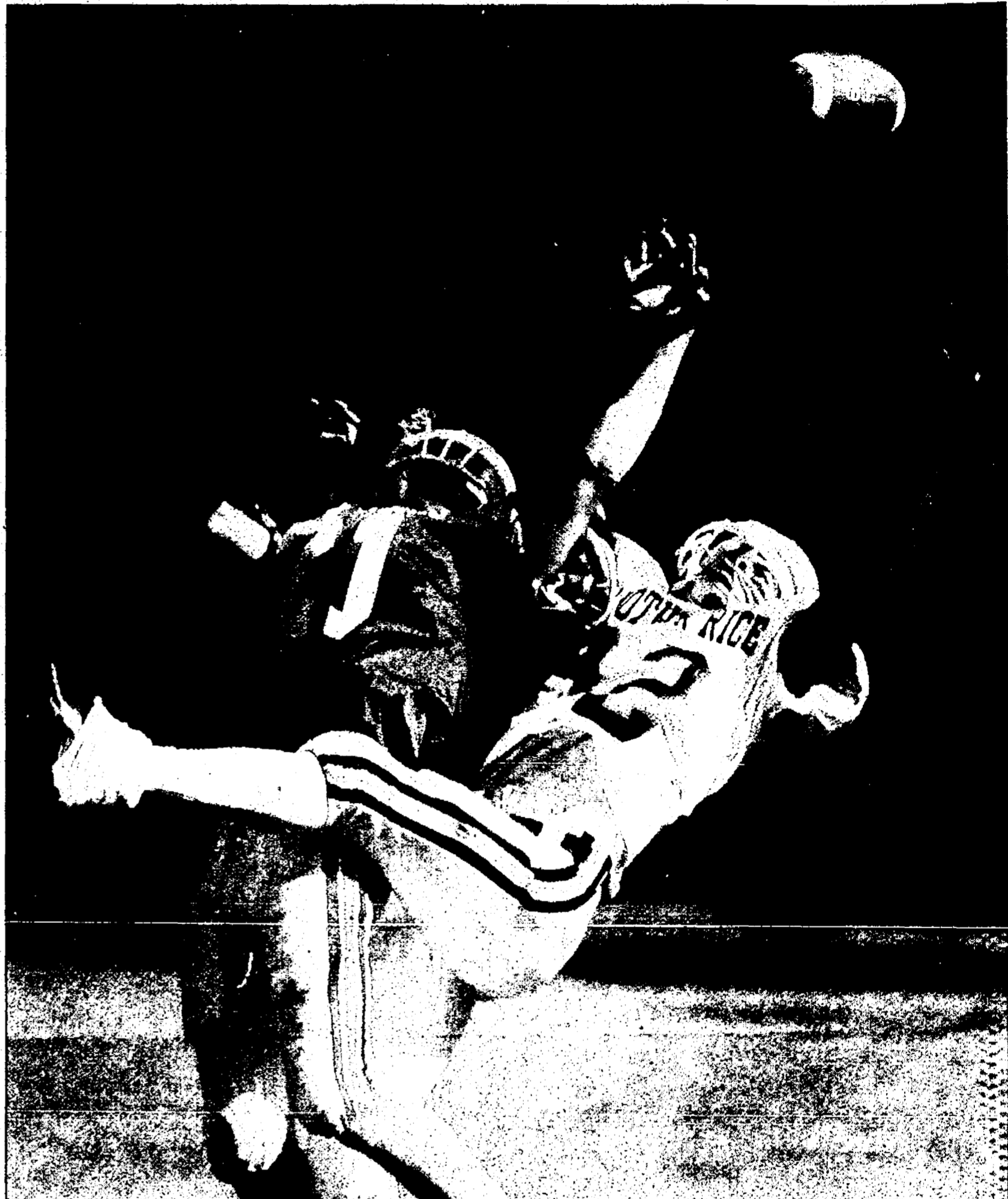
"There's beef all the way around," said CC nose guard Jeremiah Hicks, who at 5-11 and 260 hasn't passed up many meals, either.

The Shamrocks used a ball-control offense and opportunistic defense 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 hopes. 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.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Acrobatic play: Redford Catholic Central's Mark Willoughby (left) breaks up the pass intended for Lorrin 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 Colley 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 her husband Larry, and two children, along with parents Ron, Sr. and Nancy; three sisters (Amy, Mary and Sally), and two brothers (Rick and Ron, Jr.).

Ron and Nancy Rozman were in attendance for the award, along with



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 of a flak for criticizing the use of Clarenceville's football field for a state playoff game between Redford Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson.

What a difference a few years make.

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.

The home sidelines have been resodded and part of the fence replaced with patron boards. The Trojan logo has been stenciled at midfield. There are new lights bulbs. The 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 good crowd.

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 repainted.

"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 the school.

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

And for the first time in recent memory, Clarenceville has a freshman 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, along with good old fashion elbow 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

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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."

Ooooo! 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 night.

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 Marino 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 if 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 it's RU.

Dearborn (0-3, 0-2) at Wayne (0-3, 0-2), 7 p.m.: This game looks like 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 Panthers lost a lot 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 unbeaten.

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 losses, 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-

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, 20-14. 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 night.

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. DePorres (1-2, 0-0) at McCabe Field, 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, DePorres 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 arch-rival Brother Rice, 14-10. **PICKS:** There's no letdown for CC.

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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. Rice 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 for 89 yards. None of Rice's five second-half possessions began beyond its 20-yard line.

"Our backs were to the wall (in the second half)," Fracassa said. "We knew they would come out and try to bull us

over. They're big but I thought they were bigger last year."

Kava had 148 yards in 29 carries, including a nine yard run with 10:06 left in the game, to cap a nine-play, 38-yard 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," CC coach Tom Mach said. "Running the ball is the way we want to win or lose a game."

Lutheran Westland falls, 26-8

Lutheran High Westland is still looking for that elusive first victory.

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 season.

The Warriors' lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Charlie Hoeft scooted 20 yards and Josh Moldenhauer ran over the two extra points.

The Cranes led the Metro Conference game, 20-0, at halftime.

Despite the one-sidedness of the score, the statistics told a differ-

ent story as Lutheran Westland managed to outrush Cranbrook, 113-107. The difference was in passing, where the Cranes held a 71-15 edge.

Hoeft ran for 52 yards on 22 carries while Moldenhauer ran 15 times for 44 yards.

Defensively, defensive back Hoeft led the team with 10 tackles, with a team high seven assists.

Linebacker Moldenhauer was right behind with nine tackles. He and defensive tackle Sam Zuke led the team with four unassisted tackles. Richard Wilson 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."


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 Sergio 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 one team."



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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 Division 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 the winners.

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 Glesman won the battle of All-State goalkeepers, outshining Liggett's Dan Ferrin. Glesman, 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 Brock, Brian Wohlke, Carl Paulus, Bias, Nollar and Combs.

BOYS SOCCER WRAP

• **STEVENSON 9, W.L. WESTERN 0:** The tuneup was successful, now coach Lars Richters hopes the Livonia Stevenson engine was purring on Wednesday.

On Monday, Stevenson defeated Walled Lake Western to set up a match Wednesday against Plymouth Canton.

"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 while Mike White had a goal and three assists.

Ryan Drolet scored a goal and had two assists, Matt Koontz and Nik Djokic each scored a goal and added an assist while Brian Braun scored a lone goal.

It was 4-0 at the half, after which Richters replaced Joe Zawacki in goal with Brian Campbell.

Tommaso Mainella filled in for Jeff Budd at sweeper in the second half and did a good job for Stevenson, now 3-0-1.

• **FRANKLIN 3, JOHN GLÉNN 2:** Since being moved to forward, Ryan Kracht has notched four goals in two games.

He scored the game winner with three minutes remaining Monday to give Livonia Franklin (4-3) the win over host Westland John Glenn (2-2-1).

Matt Trusser 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 freshman Jeremy Horgan and Kracht, both on assists from Ross Bohler.

Jeff Ballard scored Glenn's first goal.

Franklin played without three starters and dressed only 12.

Livonia coach Dave Hebestreit also singled out the play of defender Ken Douglass, who marked Trusser.

• **NORTH FARMINGTON 2, CHURCHILL 1:** The Snake just keeps biting the Chargers.

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 score."

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 Langan and Joe Murray also scored for CC. Goalkeeper Eric Sullivan, who posted the shutout, also assisted on a goal.

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:** Tommaso Vitale scored three times Monday as host Taylor Kennedy (1-2) bounced Wayne Memorial (0-4) in a Mega Conference crossover.

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 inexperience, we just haven't put it together yet."

On Friday, Wayne was hammered by host Grosse Ile, 6-0.

• **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 Livonia 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 Franklin.

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 48, 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.

Fordson, 2-1 overall and 1-0 in league play, had the game's high scorer in Jackie Pingston, who had 24 points. Marlam Reda had 14.

• **PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 49, HURON VALLEY 43:** A sluggish defensive first 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 Valley (1-3) got 16 from Rachel Zehn and 15 from Stacie Graves.

• **LIGGETT 29, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 19:** 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 Gents 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 game.

Kissy Rose and Cristina Hilden paced Lutheran Westland with six points apiece. 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 Sherna Brown.

The Warriors were outrebounded, 2-1, and "could not finish anything," Gents said.

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 make a play.

• **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 Jarmowski, a 6-foot center, led visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East with 18 points.

Lady Crusaders boot WHAC opponent

Madonna University's women's soccer team got its first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Tuesday, knocking off host Cornerstone University, 3-1.

Madonna is now 4-1-1 overall, 1-0-1 in the WHAC. The Lady Crusaders have won more soccer games this season than last, their first year.

Jill Gibson got the first two Crusader goals. Jamie Scott assisting on both. Jessica Pidek scored the final goal. Lindsay Crawford assisting.

Jennifer Drumm was in goal for Madonna.

An overtime goal disappointed Madonna's women's soccer team Friday in the opening round of the Trinity Christian College Tournament in Palos Heights, Ill.

That goal gave Grace (Ind.) College a 1-0 victory and a berth in the title game. It also relegated the Lady Crusaders to Saturday's consolation game opposite

host Trinity Christian.

The results of that match were more satisfying, at least for Madonna. The Crusaders dominated play, outshooting Trinity 10-2 en route to a 3-1 victory.

The win allowed Madonna to equal the number of victories it had all of last season — three.

Melissa Jacobs (Livonia Stevenson), Megan Thiry and Shannon Wiley accounted for the Crusader goals. Lindsay Crawford had an assist.

Thiry's performance capped a strong week for the freshman forward from Waterford (Notre Dame Prep H.S.).

Thiry had four goals and an assist in the five games, including game-winning scores against Seton Hill (Pa.) and Findlay (Ohio) — which were her first two collegiate games.

Her play earned her Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week honors.

Jenny Barker (Stevenson) was in goal for Madonna in the win

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 10th in the NJCAA coaches' poll and 14th in the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America ranking.

"This is the recognition that we have worked very hard for," said SC coach Bill Tolsted of the rankings. "Our goal remains to win our district and advance to the National Tournament."

Last Thursday, SC put together a strong second half in bouncing St. Mary's College 5-1 at SC. The win pushed the Ocelots' record to 3-0.

Despite playing with a man advantage, the Ocelots were able to score just once in the first half — a goal by Shannon Konarski at the 10-minute mark. They could not hold that lead, however, allowing the tying goal just

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.

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CAPSULE PREVIEW OF AREA GIRLS TENNIS TEAMS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
Head coach: Denise Berg, seventh season.
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association.

Last year's dual meet record: 5-5-1 WLAA.
Notable losses to graduation: Jenny Stanick, Julia Arclero, Ashlee Mehl, Lindsay Joslin, Steffi Graber.

Leading returnees: Crystal Tomczyk, Sr.; Aditi Saxena, Sr.; Lauren Snabb, Jr.; Anne Piotek, 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 McCann, Jr.

Berg's '99 outlook: "We don't have a lineup set except Nos. 1-3 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 confidence."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN
Head coach: Kathy Ladd, fourth season.
League Affiliation: WLAA.

Last year's dual meet record: 1-10 in WLAA.
Notable losses to graduation: Cherie Berner, Laura Conrad, Karen Koleczko, Karen Savage, Lisa Wiklanski, Abby Wojtowicz, Christina Clutter.

Leading returnees: Elizabeth Zarb, Sr.; Daniela Gapp, Sr.; Michele Blair, Sr.; Lauren Kuzmanovich, Sr.; Michelle Lupu, So.; Laura Savage, Soph.

Promising newcomers: Alexis Gay, Sr. (transfer from Ohio); Jennifer Maxwell, So.; Sarah Garbutt, Fr.; Jenny Tocco, Fr.; Christina Mayorchak, So.; Andrea Mizeppa, 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."

"The new young players are stepping up to fill in the gaps left by the graduated seniors."
LIVONIA STEVENSON
Head coach: Frank Dotson, fourth season.
League affiliation: WLAA.

Last year's dual meet record: 10-1 WLAA.
Titles won: WLAA Lakes Division; qualified for regionals.

Notable losses to graduation: Sara Derefak (regional champion); Maria Mazzone; Stephanie Ladd; Marjan Paul; Marcelita Fedrigo.

Leading returnees: Laura Haddock, Sr. (Capt.); Janette Fershtman, Sr.; Julie Yambasky, Sr.; Kim Samsel, Jr.; Janice Tanzo, Sr.; Audrey Kline, Sr.; Carla Fedrigo, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Erin Mazzoni, Fr.; Maria Dinopoulos, Fr.; Jenny Jensen, Fr.; Jillian Bohm, Jr.

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 Canaan-Ainsworth and we've beaten Westland; John Glenn and Farmington."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Head coach: Jacquie Norton, 29th season.
League affiliation: WLAA.

Last year's dual meet record: 3-11 overall.
Notable loss to graduation: Jenny Huang.

Leading returnees: Megan Lyons, Jr.; Stephanie Feduchak, Jr.; Paula Kottyan, Sr.; Amy Bixwell, Sr.; Robin Rodriguez, Sr.; Maria Baldy, Jr.; Kiran Dashbhaiya, Jr.

Promising newcomers: Renee Durgon, So.; Kirby Thomas, So.; Jessica Parks, So.; 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 courts."

WAYNE MEMORIAL
Head coach: Cathy Stella, 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 losses to graduation: Sara Norden, Denise Daniels, Angela Spear, Cassandra Shirley.

Leading returnees: Andrea Bean, Sr.; Jenny Sheppard, Jr.; Toni Watson, Jr.; Alma Ibanez, Sr.; Melissa Jones, Sr.; Jenny Clark, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Christine Raupp, Sr.; Jodie Reed, Soph.; Amanda Wilson, Soph.; April Goodall, Jr.; Anna Rizkallah, Soph.; Sarah Bloss, Soph.; Caroline Hayes, Sr.; Heather Labate, Soph.; Allison Murphy, Jr.; Annie Phillips, Soph.; Erin Spry, Soph.; Megan Stachowski, Jr.

Stella'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 year."

LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Head coach: Jimi Slaughter, second season.
League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division).

This year's dual meet record: 2-3.
Titles won last year: Monroe Tournament.

Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Winchester, Emily Donelson.

Leading returnees: Melissa Buckshaw, Jr.; Amy Eischen, Sr.; Andrea Holowecki, So.; Molly Townsend, Sr.; Katie Olex, Sr.; Adrienne Mahr, Sr.; Gabriel Gugliemotti, Sr.; Maggie McGlinchy, Sr.; Monica Anderson, Jr.; Courtney Satko, Sr.; Andrea Lorence, Sr.

Promising newcomers: Colleen Mazure, Jr.

Slaughter's '99 outlook: "We're much, much more solid than last year. We have new seniors out of 12 in our lineup, so we have a lot of maturity and leadership."

WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 17
St. Agatha vs. Mooney at RU, 7 p.m.
Redford 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 Clarendonville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18
Luth. East at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 19
Redford CC vs. Det. DePores at McCabe Field, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Sept. 16
Luth. West at Clarendonville, 6 p.m.
Ladywood at Grosse Ile, 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.
Monroe 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.m.
Huron Valley at Aquinas, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17
Agape at Fairlane, 7 p.m.
BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Sept. 16
Luth. East at Clarendonville, 4:30 p.m.
Redford CC at Birm. Seaborn, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 17
Huron Valley at Fairlane, 4 p.m.
Thurston at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Bellville, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Aquinas, 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.
Canton at Monroe, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 18
Madonna vs. Concordia at Heritage Park, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 18
Madonna vs. Concordia at Livonia Ladywood, noon.
Toledo at Schoolcraft, 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
Madonna at Spring Arbor, 11 a.m.
Madonna vs. Huntington (Ind.) at Spring Arbor, 1 p.m.

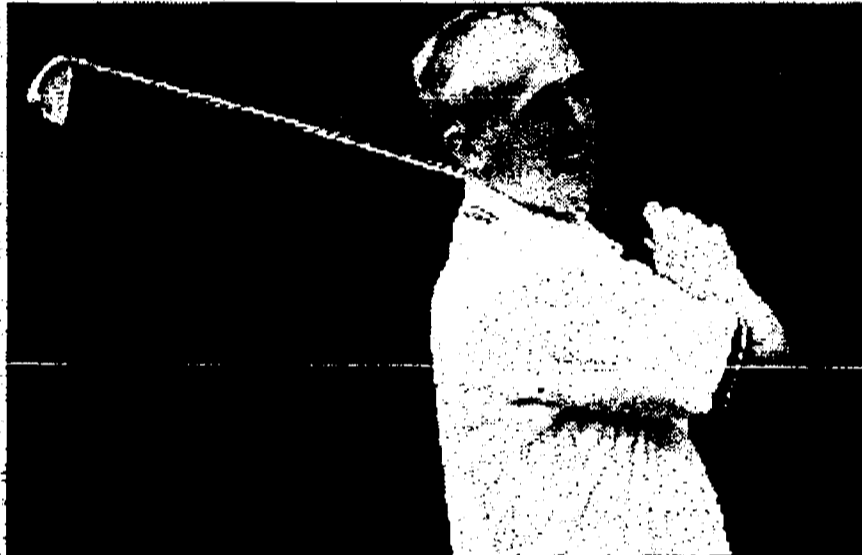


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Short game: Stevenson's Matt Bartnick fired a 34 to take medalist honors against Churchill.

PREP BOYS GOLF RESULTS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 162
SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 167
Sept. 14 at Cattanville
CC scorers: Evan Currie and Matt Davy, 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 Wolfe, 36; Mike Byberg and Zack McKenzie, 39 each; Chris Thomas, 41; Mike Blazek, 42.
Churchill scorers: Brad Bescoe, 38; Evan Chail, 39; Jeff Hunter, Lance Antro-



Taking aim: Randall Boboige of Churchill hits an iron shot at Idyl Wyld Golf Course. He shot a 39.

PREP GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 6
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2
Sept. 13 at Stevenson
No. 1 singles: Erin Mazzoni (LS) defeated Crystal Tomczyk, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Laura Haddock (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-Janice Tanzo (LS) def. Anne Piotek-Barb Grzenbaskim 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Audrey Kline-Stephanie Mucci (LS) def. Dayna Hillier-Sarah Tomasaitis, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Becky Ross-Lindsay Kantzler (LC) def. Kelly Mouchet-Missy Kushlak, 6-3, 6-4.
Dual meet records: Stevenson, 3-0; Churchill, 1-3-1.
NORTHVILLE 8
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
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 Hrovous (N) def. Daniela Gapp, 6-4, 6-2; No. 4: Gina

Halicki (N) def. Jennifer Maxwell, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Lauren Farris-Sarah Porrier (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 Goyar-Rebecca Hullman (N) def. Laura Savage-Andrea Mizeppa, 6-1, 6-2.
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 8
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Sept. 10 at Franklin
No. 1 singles: Katie Decker (WLC) def. Alexis Gay, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Kelly Henzie (WLC) def. Lauren Kuzmanovich, 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 Newman (WLC) def. Laura Savage-Andrea Mizeppa, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

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SEASON/DATES

BEAR
Bear season runs through Oct. 26 by special permit in designated areas of the state.
DEER
An early antlerless-only firearms season will be held Oct. 16-25 on

private land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only season will be held Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in DMU 452. A late antlerless-only 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 Manage-

ment 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.

TURKEY
The fall wild turkey season runs Oct. 4-Nov. 9 by special permit in designated areas of the state.

WOODCOCK

Woodcock season runs Sept. 25-Nov. 8 statewide.

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MORE HUNTER EDUCATION

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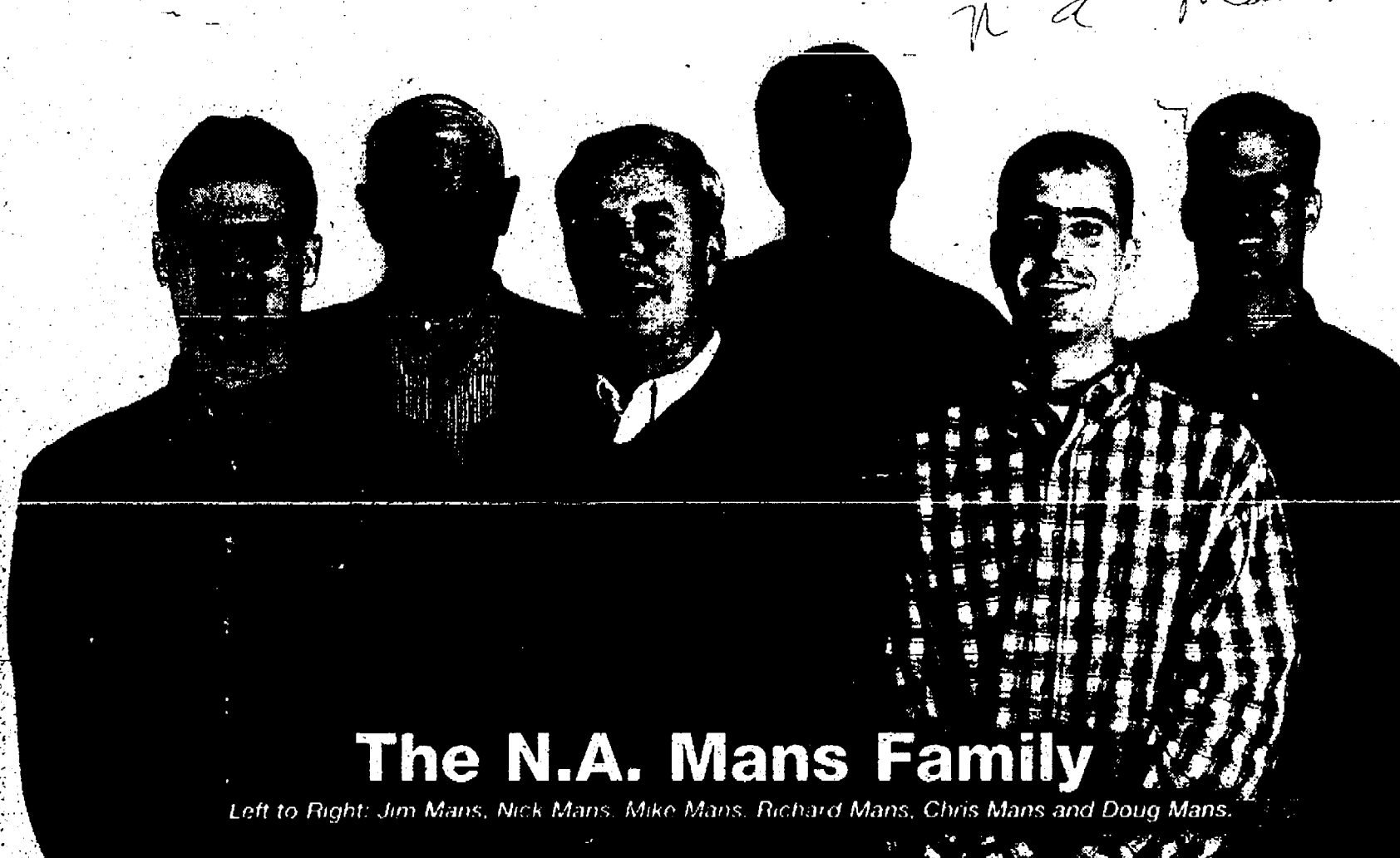
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

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 Tournament, 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 13.

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 digs.

Malooof 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 second.

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 Birkenhler 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 kills (7.6 per game).

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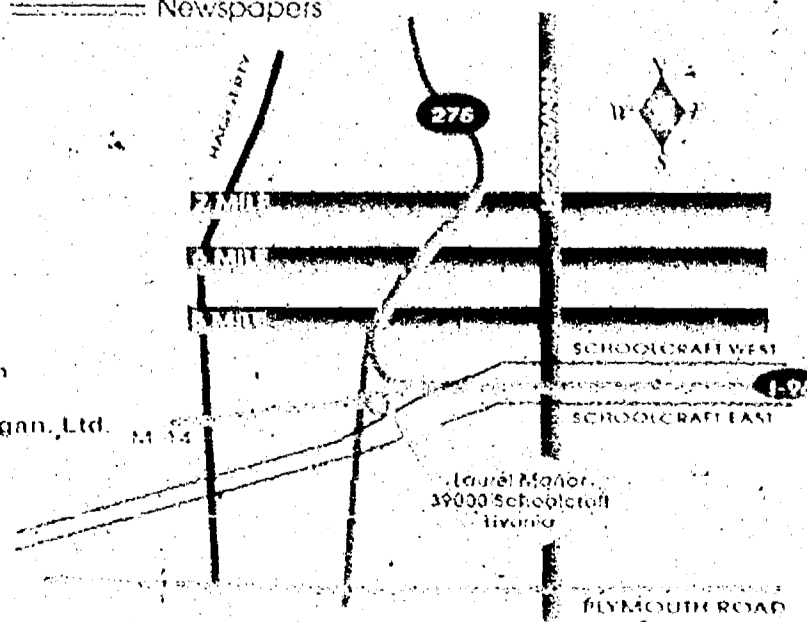
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SATURDAY



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.

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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."

The Odd Couple

MEADOW BROOK OPENS WITH LADY LEADS

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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During 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 few seasons of comfortably mainstream plays.

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 sports-writer, Oscar, there is the disheveled

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 campus

TICKETS: \$19.50-\$35; available at Ticketmaster outlets, or call (248) 377-3300.

Olive (Milicia 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 Seasons."

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 playwright's sense of irony.

"We've rehearsed it as a Chekov play," he said. "We pretended it wasn'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 stereotypical 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 plenty of laughs and sentimentality.

Please see ODD, E2

Actress lands role in thriller

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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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 eerie" 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 filming "Stir of 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 guy."

"Film work is very slow," said Cook. "The last ingredient is the actors. It's hurry up and wait — get your 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 lighting."

Cook was thrilled about working with director David Koopp, who also wrote the script, and Bacon, an actor with "Apollo 13," "Footloose" and more than 30 other films to his credit.

"I was really impressed with Kevin's ability to focus and get the job done," said Cook. "Making movies is not glamorous. 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

COMMUNITY THEATRE

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.

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 until Oct. 2.

"There will be a lot of recognizable music," said director Bev Dickinson. "It will be a lot of fun for people to hear."

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



STAFF PHOTO BY JERRY ZOVANNA

Rehearsing: The cast of "Back to Bacharach & David" rehearses with musical director John Dickinson (seated at piano).

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, respective-

ly. 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 class."

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 low-level 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. Stoker Frederick Barrett (Marcus Chait) clings to his girl's photo while proposing marriage over the wireless telegraph; Chait's voice is a marvel of engineering in itself.

Other standouts included Liz McConahay as Alice Beane, a second-class passenger who finally ways to rub elbows with the rich; Dick Beditz as her suffering husband Edgar; Dale Sandish as radioman Harold Bride, who

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. Smith.

Players from page E1

The show is about 90 minutes long.

"It's been just a very big challenge 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 p.m.," she said. "We introduce ourselves to the audience and sing some of our favorite Bacharach songs," she said. "We

sing a balance of ballads and fast-moving rock songs. People 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 Township is chairwoman of the play-reading committee that picked "Back to Bacharach & David," and the other shows in 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 26-27.

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 \$35. Subscribers also receive the Birmingham Best Card, which 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 arts," said McEwen, a Village Players member since 1985 and an accountant. "I'm enamored by the volunteers, who give their all 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 exclusively Birmingham. We're an entertainment alternative. We offer good entertainment at a 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 organization."

Call the number listed above if you would like information on becoming a member of the Village Players.

Odd 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 middle-class values in a manner that

today's audiences find comforting 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 audiences.

Even major theater critics are

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 wrong with a crowd pleaser."

Thriller from page E1

the Marquis Theatre in 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 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

of Detroit, and a tour of Greece with the theater department's "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 June, "Love 101," a film involving a love triangle between two college roommates and Cook, pre-

miered at the Chicago Alt film Fest.

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 theater-based town with other opportunities as well — commercials, voice-over work. I've been able to make a living as an actor. It's a steppingstone so I can get some experience before moving to New York or L.A."



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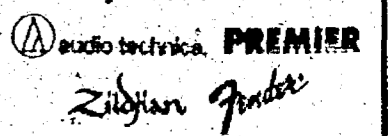


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BY CARRIE COOPER
SPECIAL WRITER

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

several traveling salesmen are 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 Winthrop 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 Winthrop 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 humor.

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 crew do a great job working with a large cast on a small



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN STORMAND

Musical: The Avon Players in a scene from their season opener, "The Music Man."

stage. Though, at times, it is difficult to understand what's being said, the music tells the story of

how love can change a man and help make a difference in other people's lives, as well as his own.

Ridgedale Players show 'hip nuns are heavenly'

The Ridgedale Players present "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.

BY JOHN O'DONNELL
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 know what to expect. One could 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 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 for stardom while squeezing every ounce of fun out of the convent life she stumbled upon as a child.

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 because of an air of spontaneity that MacIntire and director/choreographer Dan See bring to the scene. With perfect 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 performers.

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 years after its premiere. Hip nuns are heavenly.

'Murder by the Book' thrills audience

Clarkston Village Players presents "Murder by the Book," 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 16-18, Sept. 23-25, at the Depot Theatre, 4861 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 blasé attitude worked well most of the time, but he could have used more lev-

els and pace in his delivery, especially in the confrontational scenes. His line delivery regarding his actress wife's performance of Juliet was very funny.

Merriment is added to this show in the persona of Shaun Pittman, who portrays Peter Fletcher, Selwyn's eccentric next-door neighbor. Laughter began uproariously 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 engaging.

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

she would have shown more emotion, been more frantic and used more volume, especially in the play's ending scenes.

Making his directorial debut, John McCaffrey assembled a cast who worked well together. His staging is very natural, interesting and never hindered 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 well-aimed "shot" at one.

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MOVIES

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 is poor.

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



DANIELLE PIERRE

Special dog: Young Nello (Jesse James) and Michel (Jon Voight) star in "A Dog of Flanders."

playing at metro Detroit movie theaters. The movie is rated PG.

Charlie Nahra and his sister Sandy live in Plymouth Township. This is their first movie review for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas. Showcases: Auburn Hills 1-14, Dearborn 1-8, Pontiac 1-5, Pontiac 6-12, Quo Vadis. Lists movies like Love Stinks, White Boys, and The Sixth Sense.

INSPECTOR GADGET (PG) AMERICAN PIE (R). Showcases: Westland 1-8, Star Theatres, Star Great Lakes Crossing, Star John R. Lists movies like Stigmata, The 13th Warrior, and The Thomas Crown Affair.

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(R) NV RUNAWAY BRIDE (PG) NV. United Artists West River, United Artists Commerce Township 14, Main Art Theatre III, Birmingham Theatre, Star Winchester. Lists movies like NP Stir of Echoes, NP Love Stinks, NP Stigmata, and NP Chill Factor.

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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 really clichés 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.



INDEPENDENT ARTISTS

Comedy: Bridgette Wilson (left), Tyra Banks, Bill Belamy and French Stewart in a scene from "Love Stinks."

"Love Stinks" starts out with TV comedy writer Seth Winnick, played by French Stewart ("3rd Rock From the Sun"), meeting Chelsea Turner, played by Bridgette 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 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.

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 with a pair of diamond earrings 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 Elvis impersonation scene proves unforgettable. The theme of "The King" fits within the film's climax, which evokes laughter and disbelief. 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. 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 guy. 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 laughter and unforgettable scenes that caution you to be 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 dirty.

SCREEN SCENE Show takes multi-media approach



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One of the things I like best about hosting Detroit Public TV's "Backstage Pass" is the access it gives every viewer to the visual and performing arts. Hey, doesn't everybody own a 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 resource. One of the most appealing features of the "Backstage Pass" Web site, www.backstagepass.org, is a video vault, which puts on-line users just a few clicks away from dozens of performances by local and national recording artists.

While many bands have 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, and the Articles. Fans of folk, country and world music may want to sample tunes by Patty Griffin, Jill Jack or BR5-49. Each video vault artist also 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 computer. 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 limitations. If you choose to watch "Backstage Pass" on Detroit Public TV 5:30 p.m., Thursday, or Friday at midnight, you'll learn more about the arts on the Web with cyber artist Lowell Boileau. The possibilities are limitless. Remember. You saw it here first.

