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## James top spender in city race

Three candidates in the Westland City Council race, David James, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David Cox, are the top spenders. Amounts spent overall in the campaign range from \$1,520 to \$13,854.

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Three Westland City Council running mates have each spent more on their 1999 campaigns than the elected position pays for an entire year.

Novice council candidate David James has emerged as the top spender among eight hopefuls, shelling out

\$13,854, new campaign expense reports show.

His running mates - incumbent Charles "Trav" Griffin and council appointee David Cox - rank second and third, respectively, in spending.

Griffin has plunked down \$13,153; Cox, \$12,825.

New campaign expense reports filed at county offices in Detroit show that

Cox, Griffin and James have each spent more than they would earn for a one-year council salary of \$11,452.

They shelled out more than the \$12,592 they would receive even if chosen council president.

The trio has spent thousands more than their election rivals after receiving contributions from city administration officials, political committees, contractors, developers, business people and others.

"Having the financial resources to get your message out, I would say, is extremely important," Cox said Monday. "Westland is a bedroom community, and our housing turns over. There's

a significant number of new people from one election to the next."

Griffin conceded that his spending exceeds what he would typically spend on a council race.

"It's a very tough race," he said. "You've got a lot of good candidates."

### Spending differences

The new spending totals come from reports turned in before the latest filing deadline on Friday.

Rounding out the eight-way race in spending are:

- Political newcomer James Godbout, \$7,421.

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## Band director marches along

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When Andrew Wendt was in high school, he planned to become a lawyer or businessman - that is, until a music teacher forever changed his life.

"In my senior year, my band teacher directed me toward music," Wendt said. "He believed in me and taught me in one year to be a musician and encouraged me to go on to a college level. I took the information he gave me and ran with it and here I am."

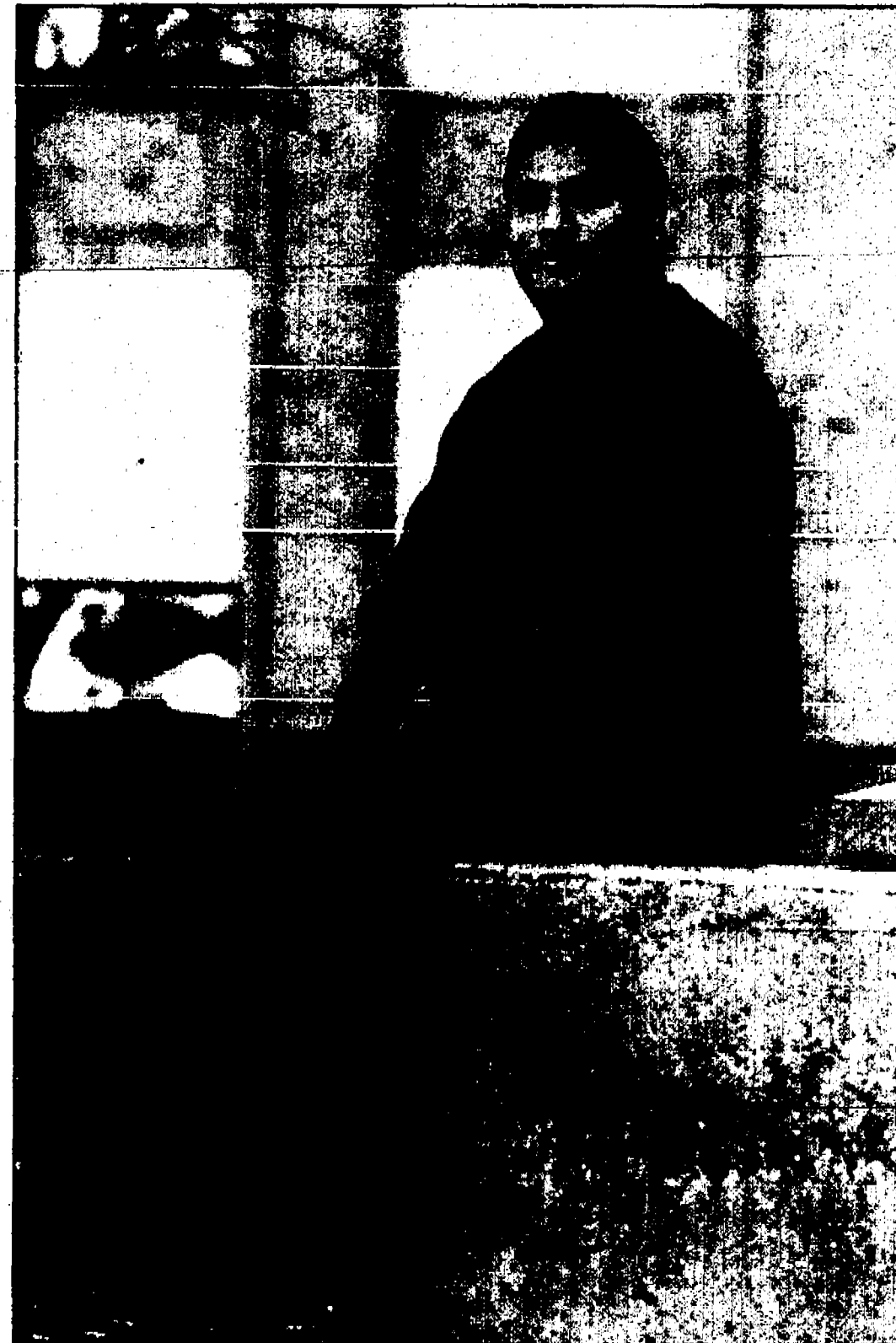
Wendt is in the midst of his first semester as director for concert band, symphony band, symphony orchestra and marching band at Wayne Memorial High School. He comes to the district at an opportune time in the history of the music department.

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools passed a \$108 million bond issue last year, with \$500,000 going for the district's secondary schools' music departments, according to William Camp, Wayne-Westland's executive director of secondary education. Each high school was allotted \$120,000 and each middle school got \$65,000.

"Our directors were able to buy new instruments that were sorely needed for years and years," Camp said.

Students are playing for the first full year on these instruments. Along with the new instruments, Wendt hopes to instill a love for music that might inspire some students to become professional musicians. He also realizes that most won't choose that path and for those

### Music man



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Newcomer: Wayne Memorial High band director Andrew Wendt is in his first year on the job. He hopes to give students a better understanding of music, along with a love of music.

students he hopes that their new music skills will enhance their lives.

"I hope I will be able to give them a better understanding on how to play their instrument, read music or interpret music at a festival or play and to be able to discriminate from

one aspect to another part of music.

"Music gives the students a chance to be creative," Wendt added. "It helps escape people from everything that goes on in their lives. They can

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## Election turnout estimate normal

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An estimated 14 percent of Westland registered voters on Tuesday will decide an eight-way council race for four seats, City Clerk Patricia Gibbons said.

That projection marks a significant increase over the 8 percent of voters who turned out for the Sept. 14 primary.

Voters casting their ballots from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. may choose up to four candidates.

Candidates include incumbents Glenn Anderson and Charles "Trav" Griffin; appointee David Cox; newcomers James Godbout, David James, Michael Kehrer and Michael Rintz; and nine-time hopeful Dorothy Smith.

The top three vote-getters will win four-year terms; the fourth-place fin-

isher will earn a two-year term.

■ Candidates include incumbents Glenn Anderson and Charles 'Trav' Griffin; appointee David Cox; newcomers James Godbout, David James, Michael Kehrer and Michael Rintz; and nine-time hopeful Dorothy Smith.

A 14 percent turnout among Westland's 58,262 registered voters would be normal for an election year that includes only a council race, Gibbons said.

Voter turnout reached 20 percent just two years ago, but a mayoral race

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## Arrests made in playscape vandalism case

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Three Westland teenagers were arrested Monday amid accusations that they spray-painted obscenities on the city's playscape - a large wooden play structure in Central City Park.

The arrests came as work crews this week continued their efforts to rid the playscape of stubborn graffiti.

Police arrested two 16-year-old boys

and a 15-year-old girl, who were later released to their parents' custody. Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

Police plan to file a petition with juvenile court that could result in charges such as malicious destruction of property over \$1,000, Stobbe said.

Two of the suspects are John Glenn High School students, and the third is suspended, Stobbe said.

Witnesses reported widespread playscape vandalism after taking chil-

dren to the popular play structure on Monday morning, Oct. 18. The destruction had occurred over the weekend.

One of the boys told police that he and his friends defaced the playscape because "they had nothing better to do," Stobbe said.

The suspects allegedly bought their paint at Meijer, defaced the play structure and then threw empty paint containers in a nearby pond, Stobbe said.

Police learned the suspects' names

during an aggressive investigation.

"We started talking to everybody at the high school and through the neighborhoods," Stobbe said. "Finally, we started getting tips after talking to a lot of people. We had a lot of kids' names, but we narrowed it down to three."

"All of their parents were very cooperative," he said. "They were very surprised, but they were cooperative."

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## City man dies in wreck

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A 48-year-old Westland man was killed Saturday after he drove his car into oncoming traffic on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill, police Officer Jack McIntosh said.

Bruce McGhie died of chest injuries after his 1986 Pontiac Grand Am slammed head-on into a 1991 Ford Escort driven by Farrah Martin, 21, of Inkster, McIntosh said.

Martin suffered broken bones in both legs and a lacerated liver, and she is recovering at University of Michigan

Hospital in Ann Arbor, McIntosh said. She attends Western Michigan University, McIntosh said.

The accident occurred at 5:41 p.m. Saturday, snarling traffic for more than three hours near the Wayne-Cherry Hill intersection.

An investigation has revealed that McGhie's vehicle, traveling north on Wayne, crossed the center line and hit Martin's southbound car in a head-on collision, McIntosh said.

No one else was in either car. Westland police suspect that alcohol

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### Boo!

Fun: Dressed as a flower, Shelby Rasmussen, 2, of Redford enjoyed Tigger, volunteer Andrea Galindo of Westland, at last weekend's "Spooky Fun in Hines Park." For more, please see Page A9.

STAFF PHOTO BY TIM RAVELY

# Smaller contributions add up in campaign

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Top-spending Westland City Council running mates David James, Charles "Trav" Griffin and David Cox share many campaign contributors, new finance reports show.

A review of their statements shows that each received contributions of \$100 to \$200 from Mayor Robert Thomas and many of his department heads.

Griffin, Cox and James are viewed as supportive of Thomas and some of his proposals, such as a multimillion-dollar recreation center.

Five other council candidates have had to pay for their campaigns without heavy administration support, depending more on grassroots contributions.

Here's a list of contributors to candidates, starting with top-spender David James and ending with the lowest-spending hopeful, Dorothy Smith

Candidate expenses will likely increase by the time final totals are tallied for the Tuesday election.

James' contributors include the mayor (\$100); Citizens for Thomas (\$100); Griffin (\$100); Cox (\$100); City Attorney Angelo Plakas (\$100); Fire Chief Mark Neal (\$100); Housing Director James Gilbert (\$100); Building Director Robert Fritz (\$200); Assessor James Elrod (\$100); Economic Development Director Scott Veldhuis (\$100); Parks and Recreation Director Robert Kosowski (\$100); Planning Director Tod Kilroy (\$100); Personnel Director Keith Madden (\$100); Plumbers Union Local 98 (\$100); Al Mattioli (\$500); Sheetmetal Workers Local 80 PAC (\$80); Registrar's PAC (\$100); Carol Giltentine (\$100); Wayne-Westland school board member Martha Pitsenbarger (\$100); school board President Robin Moore (\$100); Michigan Boilermakers Local 169 PAC (\$400); city cable consultant Diane Abbott (\$100); Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy (\$100); Westland District Judge C. Charles Bokos

((\$200); Assistant Fire Chief Patrick Harder (\$100); developer Marshall Kallen (\$200); Westland Firefighters Separate Segregated Fund PAC (\$500); developer Kathy Makino (\$400); Anthony Marocco, Westland Car Care (\$500); Councilwoman Sharon Scott (\$100); developer Glenn Shaw (\$500); Andy Spisak (\$100); and Citizens for Justice Barna (\$100), among others.

Griffin's contributors are similar and include Andy Spisak (\$50); Keith Madden (\$100); James Gilbert (\$200); James Elrod (\$100); Mayor Robert Thomas (\$100); Citizens for Thomas (\$100); Scott Veldhuis (\$100); Diane Abbott (\$100); Robert Fritz (\$200); Mark Neal (\$200); Boilermakers Local 169 (\$200); Registrar's PAC (\$200); Glenn Shaw (\$250); Westland Firefighters PAC (\$500); Angelo Plakas (\$200); Martha Pitsenbarger (\$100); Kathy Makino (\$200); Anthony Marocco (\$300); Greg Baracy (\$100); Robert Kosowski (\$100); Robin Moore (\$100); and Committee to Elect Barna (\$100).

Other contributors include Library Director Sandra Wilson (\$100); developer Daryl Williams (\$100); Public Services Director Richard Dittmar (\$100); Finance Director Tim McCurley (\$100); Purchasing Agent Jill Thomas (\$100); Deputy Mayor George Gillies (\$200); attorney Nevin Rose (\$100); Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Committee for Good Government (\$500); Westland Police Officers Association (\$300); Westland District Judge Gail McKnight (\$100); Metro Wayne Democratic Club (\$200); and the Committee To Elect Sharon Scott (\$100), among others.

Cox's contributors include Robin Moore (\$100); Westland Firefighters Separate Segregated Fund PAC (\$500); Friends of Kay Beard (\$100); Michigan Boilermakers Local 169 (\$200); Glenn Shaw (\$500); Nevin Rose (\$100); Anthony Marocco (\$500); Sheetmetal Workers Local 80 (\$200); Angelo Plakas (\$200); Mark Neal (\$100); Diane Abbott (\$100); Richard Dittmar (\$100); Keith Madden (\$100); Scott Veldhuis (\$100); Citizens for Thomas (\$100); Mayor Thomas (\$100); Andy Spisak (\$100); Gail McKnight (\$100); Martha Pitsenbarger (\$100); C. Charles Bokos (\$100); Robert Kosowski

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James Godbout's contributors, other than several thousand dollars of his own money, include Councilman Glenn Anderson (\$100); Thomas Schmansky (\$100); Stephen Morawa (\$50); Christopher Schulte (\$50); Roger Caldwell (\$50); Robert Meisner (\$100); Richard Roberts (\$100); Joel Bell (\$50); Helen Driscoll (\$25); Teresa Robbins (\$50); Paul Valovier (\$25); Diane Abbott (\$50); Howard and Georgia Becker (\$100); Robert Kosowski (\$50); George Gillies (\$50); and Councilman Richard LeBlanc (\$100), among others.

Glenn Anderson's contributors include Reator's PAC (\$150); Anthony Marocco (\$200); Diane Abbott (\$100); Victor Ansara (\$100); Howard Becker (\$100); Virginia Braun (\$25); Ernest

Johnson (\$50); Richard LeBlanc (\$100); George Marvaas (\$100); Al Mattioli (\$500); Philip McKenna (\$50); former Councilman Charles Pickering (\$100); Angelo Plakas (\$200); Barbara Polach (\$50); Teresa Robbins (\$50); Arnold Shapiro (\$100); and Scott Sherman (\$100), among others.

Michael Rintz's contributors include himself and Robert Beatty (\$500).

Michael Kehrer's contributors include Reator's PAC (\$150); Robert Bright (\$130); Al Mattioli (\$200); Westland Jaycees (\$499); Brook Bartolucci (\$45); Howard Becker (\$60); Donald Beesley (\$70); Shirley Bombalski (\$20); Council President Sandra Cicirelli (\$70); Sam Corrado (\$20); Marian Greenfield (\$25); Jo Ann Johnson (\$35); Richard LeBlanc (\$70); Deborah Lindquist (\$45); Teresa Robbins (\$35); Greg Roberts (\$90); Anthony Rosati (\$85); and Nicole Sigler (\$140), among others.

Dorothy Smith's contributors include herself and Gary Bulson (\$50).

## Race from page A1

Incumbent Glenn Anderson, \$5,707.

First-time hopeful Michael Rintz, \$4,987.

New candidate Michael Kehrer, \$4,933.

Nine-time candidate Dorothy Smith, \$1,520.

Candidates spend their money for yard signs, campaign literature, mailing costs, fund-raisers, voter labels and bumper stickers, among other items.

Rintz has stressed that virtually all of his money has come from his own pockets. He has repeatedly said that he wants to emerge from his campaign owing no one.

Smith has spent far less than her rivals, but she remains hopeful of grabbing one of four council seats at stake in Tuesday's election.

With a fifth-place finish in the Sept. 14 primary, she actually has received more votes for each dollar spent than any other candidate.

"I think the fact that I spent the lowest will help me. I always feel like my hard work for the citizens is what I have," Smith said. "I think I have a chance at winning. I know I've tried hard."

She criticized big-spending candidates whom she said "put out the slick literature and the slick pictures and tell all these lies."

Anderson, meanwhile, didn't seem concerned that James, Griffin and Cox have each spent more than twice what he has.

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*Dorothy Smith*

*—Westland City Council candidate*

Anderson finished first in the primary

"I think that is directly attributable to the message and the issues," he said. "Hopefully the people realize that I'm just trying to be a good representative for them on the council."

Anderson, who is supporting Godbout and Kehrer, predicted that spending levels of Cox, Griffin and James won't matter because "they are on the wrong side of issues with the voters."

"I don't think dollars will buy them the election," Anderson said.

Griffin said the \$13,153 he has spent isn't that much when spread over a two- or four-year council term.

He defended spending money for yard signs, literature, postage and other items that help him reach voters.

Griffin, Cox and James are sharing some campaign literature, but also sending out their own personal mailings.

Cox said he had to mount an effective campaign because he last ran for public office three years ago — and that was for Wayne-Westland school board, not city council.

Griffin welcomed the money that he, Cox and James have received from contributors such as city department heads.

"I don't think these people contribute to you unless they see you as a positive person," Griffin

said.

Despite Anderson's incumbency, he didn't receive the same level of administration contributions. His theory: The officials donate to candidates supported by their boss, Mayor Robert Thomas.

Anderson said he feels good about the money he has received. He said he has tried to maintain a high level of integrity.

Anderson said he returned one contribution from an attorney representing Walgreen Co., which still has a project pending with the city.

"I didn't feel right keeping the contribution," he said.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. If you're not sure where to vote, call the city clerk's office at (734) 467-3185.

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**Turnout from page A1**

also was decided that year, she said.

In all, 3,446 voters have requested absentee ballots, and 2,007 people have returned theirs, Gibbons said.

"They're still coming in," she said Tuesday.

Council candidates have made their pitch for votes in several ways:

- They appeared last Thursday for a Jaycees-sponsored candidates forum at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.
- They're still sending out literature and campaigning in neighborhoods.
- They introduced themselves during seven-minute segments allotted for each candidate on WLND, the city's cable station.

- Their opinions appeared in a question-and-answer format that was published in the Oct. 21 issue of the Observer.
- With the election looming, most candidates voiced hope that no 11th-hour mudslinging efforts will mar the final days of the campaign.
- Even so, some candidates have voiced fears of being unfairly targeted by their rivals between now and Tuesday.
- The 1999 campaign thus far has been described as alternately malicious and civil — depending on the week or even the day.
- In the end, voters will have their say Tuesday, and Gibbons offered some advice.
  - "Come out and vote," she said.
  - "Stake your claim in America and vote."

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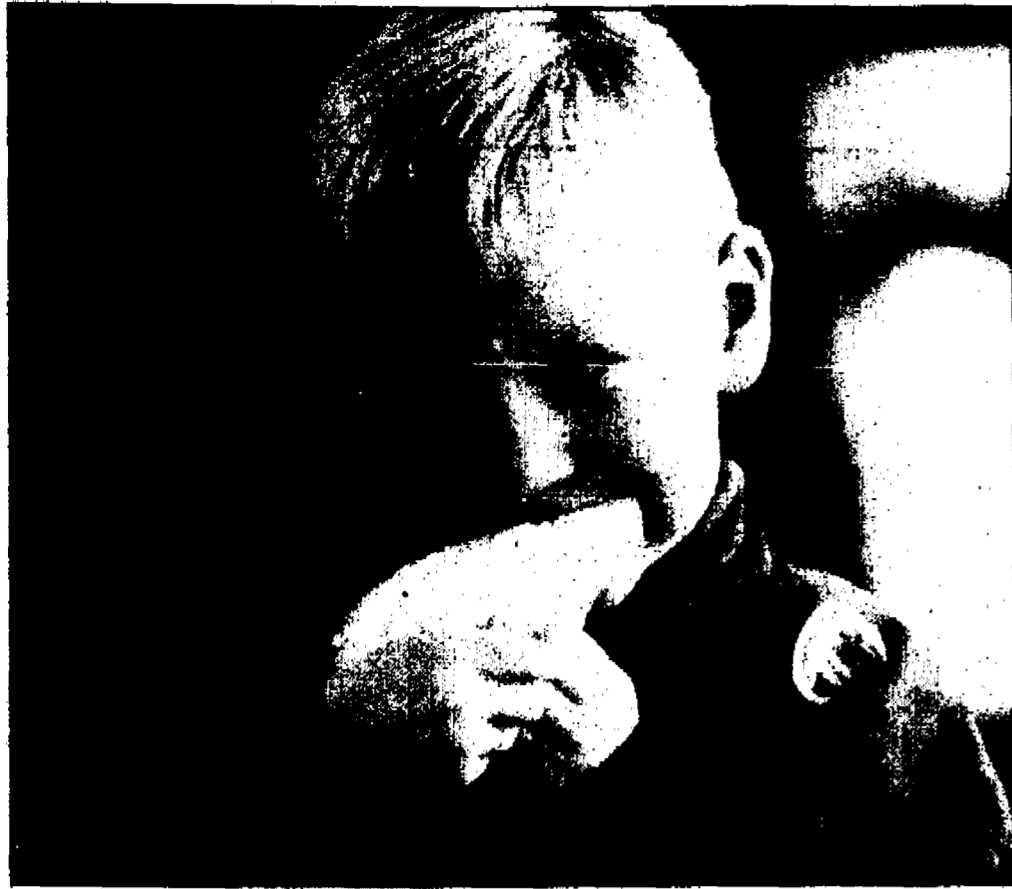
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Dig In!



**Chow time:** John Szymanski, 4, enjoys his meal at St. Damian's Fall Family Feast dinner last Friday. Below, people gather for the Fall Family Feast.



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# Patchin gets principal; Adams effort lauded

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Patchin Elementary's new principal, Robert VanValkenburg, is a family man.

That was evident at Monday's Wayne-Westland school board meeting, at which he was approved as new principal. VanValkenburg had a family commitment, requiring him to leave early.

"Dr. VanValkenburg comes with many years of experience," said Greg Baracy, superintendent. "He's an instructional leader."

The new principal earned bachelor's (accounting) and master's (educational administration and educational psychology) degrees from Eastern Michigan University. His Ph.D. in business administration is from the University of Toledo.

VanValkenburg has worked in education since 1968, most recently as principal of Palmer Elementary in the Melvindale/Allen Park district. "We're pleased to have Dr. VanValkenburg on staff," said Baracy. Approval by the board was unanimous, with President Robin Moore having an excused absence.

"Welcome aboard, welcome to Wayne-Westland," Baracy said. VanValkenburg replaces Dennis Genig, who took a job with the Southgate district.

The school board meeting also featured a number of students who had attended Adams Middle School. The students took third place nationally in Project Citizen competition for their project on reducing high school failures.

The Adams students took first place at state. "They were the top middle school in the nation," Baracy said, noting the top two schools were high schools. Principal Celestine Sanders and eighth-grade communication arts teacher Barbara Anderson described the students' effort.

"What you are looking at are the leaders of tomorrow," Anderson said. "They have this opportunity to make a difference."

The honored students are: Steven Antonchuk, Phillip Bliven, Jeremy Bowling, Emily Bowyer, Robin Campbell, Catrina Clark, Steven Cronen-

wett, Natalie Davis, Amanda Dewyer, Allyn Edwards, Nick Gallion, Tellie Gray, Corey Ingraham, Chris Johnston, Sheila King, Timothy Labean, Lauren Lipinski, Michael Manuel, Jon Morris, Analee Ochoa, Amie Papo, Maegan Riordan, Miranda Smith, Steven Wallace, Randy Woody and Crystal Wright.

The board also watched a science demonstration by Hicks Elementary students Justine and Jessica Easter, working with teacher Jodi Shields.

In addition, the board unanimously approved the 1998-99 audit report.

The report noted the district's general fund for the year ended June 30, 1999, had revenue of \$96,575,964 and expenditures of \$97,329,787, for a difference of \$753,823. Fund equity (surplus) for that date was \$13,509,834.

For that year, the district spent 86 percent on salaries and benefits, 7 percent on supplies and 5 percent on purchased services.

"I'm very confident this has met a lot of the requirements to receive that certificate of excellence," said Plante & Moran's Dianne Wells, who presented the report with colleague Jeff Higgins and the district's Gary Martin, assistant superintendent for business and finance.

She referred to the Association of School Business Officials' certificate.

Wells mentioned that the district also received more than \$7 million through federal programs.

"There are a lot of uncertainties in school finance," Higgins said. The district has been fortunate to have good economic times, he added, but should consider a plan for an eventual downturn.

"We did take note our fund equity is down from last year," Baracy said. Factors such as enrollment, cost containment, retirement contributions and others must be considered.

Baracy said he'd work with legislators to guarantee equitable funding for the district.

In other business, school board members voted unanimously to expel a student who had brought a knife to school. Several expressed their regret at having to do so; state law requires such a move.

## ACHIEVERS

Student Karen Niemiec of Westland was among Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine volunteers who spent four days this summer educating residents of northeastern Montana on pet health care issues.

The free clinic lasted nearly 16 hours each day at different locations on Sioux Assiniboine Indian reservations. During the clinic, volunteers spayed and neutered 708 cats and dogs. They also immunized several pets.

The trip was a part of efforts made by Remote Area Medical, a volunteer medical relief corps serving people and animals in remote and impoverished areas in the U.S. and abroad.

# Charge added in shooting case

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A charge of assault with intent to murder was added to the list of offenses leveled against a suspect in a June 25 Canton shooting.

Timothy Regan Boster, 22, was arraigned Oct. 20 on the charge at 35th District Court in Plymouth. He's already facing three counts of firearms discharge at a building and one count of felony firearm.

Zachary Scott Woodby, 21, is currently undergoing a forensic exam. He faces five felony charges including assault with

intent to murder, felony firearm and three counts of firearms discharge at a building.

Both will be in Wayne County Circuit Court Dec. 10 in front of Judge George W. Crockett III. A trial date should be set at the hearing.

"I don't see a trial starting until after the first of the year," said Plymouth-based attorney Gerald Conley, Boster's attorney.

Plymouth District Court Judge John MacDonald continued Boster's \$50,000 bond at a Monday preliminary exam. He's currently free on bail.


"I don't know why they waited this long to bring an additional

charge," Conley said.

Woodby, meanwhile, has been in the Wayne County Jail since the incident. Canton resident Dawn Davis was heading westbound on Palmer Road and stopped at the intersection of Sheldon. Township police said as many as 11 shots fired from an AK-47 military assault rifle hit Davis' Chrysler LeBaron.

Police originally thought Woodby was responsible for firing each of the shots. Conley said last week's charge against Boster indicates a change.

The attorney maintains that Boster fired one shotgun round into the air and not at Davis.



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What do you think? Arguments continue over whether the new millennium begins in 2000 or 2001. This sign at the Dairy Dan on Ford Road in Westland states "See you next millennium," surely a reference to the year 2000.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

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sit down and turn on the radio and put on their favorite music and think, or listen to the music and enjoy what's being played."

While Wendt can play all instruments, he focuses on the trombone. He loves to listen to classical music.

Wayne-Memorial is Wendt's second teaching assignment. He also taught kindergarten through fifth grade in the Lansing School District.

"I'm here to improve our musicianship and for the students to experience new genres of music," said Wendt, 25.

For instance, this holiday season the program will include a Jamaican folk song and Russian Christmas carols interspersed with American carols.

"They'll be exposed to different types of music that they probably wouldn't experience anywhere else in any other academic class," said Wendt, adding that students are also offered a chance to create and compose their own music.

Students' goals, standards and expectations are higher and will continue to expand, Wendt said. "I'm getting a positive response from all the students in terms of changing philosophies and

understanding why they have to do better on their instrument. They have worked on becoming musicians and worked on playing their instruments well. Students are receptive to change. They've grown in just six weeks."

Wendt knows firsthand how impressionable the students are. He was the age of his students now when he became intrigued with making music. He started playing music in his senior year of high school in his hometown, Deckerville. He went on to Michigan State University for 5 years.

Wendt said he hopes to teach his students that they have to be independent in terms of learning the music.

"Then they also have to be dependent on each other to play as a group and to play the music the way it's supposed to be played," Wendt said. "That's very hard to do when there's a lot of people in one group."

When he isn't making music or teaching others how, Wendt said he loves to play basketball and soccer and to watch football. He also feels compelled to be politically active in order to promote his philosophies of fairness in society.

Playscape from page A1

Even the suspects "truly looked like they were remorseful for what they did, but they're going to have to pay for it," Stobbe said.

There was no indication that the teens had used alcohol or drugs prior to the vandalism, he said.

Meanwhile, offenders involved in Westland 18th District Court's work program continued this week to try to clean graffiti

from the playscape, court administrator David Wiacek said.

Work crews had hoped to finish the job last weekend, but even a power-washer couldn't remove all of the paint, he said.

Work crews were trying to sand off some of the graffiti. Some areas of the playscape may have to be refinished, Wiacek said.

The playscape was built by volunteers in 1997.

Water woes close local elementary

Students at Hamilton Elementary, on Schuman near Avondale, got an unexpected vacation Tuesday. A water line break near the school closed its doors. The custodian found water on the city property, said Charlotte Sherman, Wayne-Westland

assistant superintendent for general administration. City officials were contacted, and the estimate was four-six hours to fix the problem.

"Once the kids are in school, we have to attempt to call every single home," she said. "We

made the decision to get it on TV and the radio immediately."

Tuesday morning, teachers were stationed outside the school and at the doors to alert parents bringing in children. Sherman said only two students' families needed to be called.

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"We were able to get it before all the children were dropped off," she said. The school reopened Wednesday.

Wreck from page A1

may have been a factor in the crash, although official results from the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office weren't yet available Tuesday.

"We could smell alcohol," McIntosh said. "Alcohol seems to be a factor."

McGhie was not wearing a seat belt.

"He died from blunt trauma to the chest. He pretty much obliterated the steering wheel," McIntosh said.

Martin was wearing her seat belt, he said.

The accident apparently happened so quickly that neither driver had time to try to avoid the collision.

"There was no evidence of braking," McIntosh said, "and there was extensive damage to both cars."

McIntosh had little personal information about McGhie except that he was believed to be married.

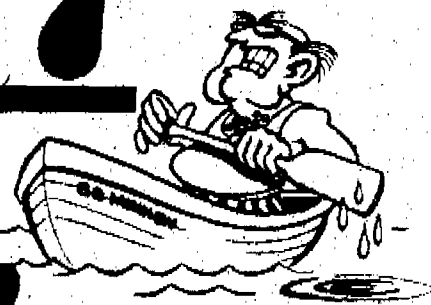
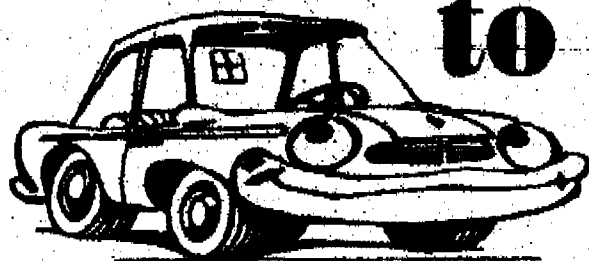
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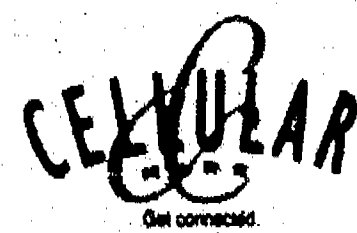
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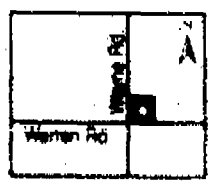
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# MEAP move to Treasury seen as Engler power play

BY TIM RICHARD  
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A politically-controlled board in the state Treasury Department will take charge of the MEAP tests under Gov. John Engler's latest executive order, alarmed members of the state board of education say.

Engler's order transfers administration and even approval of the tests, which allow students to earn up to \$3,000 a piece in scholarship money, from the Department of Education to Treasury. The governor also pulled adult education and public school vocational training out of Education and shifted them to the new Department of Career Development.

"No one has ever suggested lay people can write a test. We've got a test with credibility problems," said Sharon Gire, a Macomb County Democrat elected to the state board in 1998. "It's a disaster, illogical, irrational."

"Governors don't like it that there's one department (Education) they can't control," said board president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester. "but this (governor) is the only one who has gone after it."

Beardmore and board vice president Kathleen Straus, D-Detroit, referred to Engler's order as "dismantling" the Department of Education.

"I don't think it has enhanced public education," said Straus. "I can't make sense of this - removing assessment from Education to Treasury. It's beyond me. I'm terribly dismayed and distressed."

Board member Herb Moyer, D-Temperance, asked Superintendent of Public Instruction Art Ellis. "To what degree did the governor consult you, and what advice did you give?"

"I won't reveal my discussions with the governor," said Ellis, admitting only that he had known about the governor's plans for months. "There were other versions you would have liked less than this."

MEAP stands for Michigan Educational Assessment Program. There are three sets, the last administered in 11th grade covering reading, writing, math and science, with social studies to be added in the near future.

Students who pass all the high school tests can be awarded \$2,500 by Engler's new merit award board, beginning with the June 2000 graduating class. In later years, students who pass middle-grades tests can pick up an additional \$500.

The last paragraph of an Engler press release noted, "Because the law requires that the Michigan Merit Award Board review and approve the assessment tests before they may be used to determine eligibility under the scholarship program, the responsibility for the administration of MEAP is transferred to the Department of Treasury."

About 60 education employees are being transferred to the other two departments.

"The MEAP office is in a state of suspense," said Beardmore. "This all takes effect the first of the year."

Of the seven members of the merit board, six are Engler appointees: Mark Murray of Treasury; Barbara Bolin, director of career development; Kathleen Barclay, vice president of global human resources for General Motors; Clark Durant, recently resigned state board member who has openly advocated abolishing the state board; Isaiah (Ike) MacKinnon, former Detroit police chief who teaches part time at a private university, and one person yet to be named. None has any background in K-12 administration or trusteeship.

The seventh member is Ellis, who, though appointed by the state board, is considered an Engler loyalist because he once headed the Commerce Department.

In an interview, Beardmore quoted Ellis as saying, "I don't want to reign over the dismantling of the department." Straus told almost exactly the same anecdote.

Control of the MEAP tests amounts to control over most of public education and, likely, a strong influence over private education.

MEAP is an outcome-type set of tests that is supposed to drive the school curriculum. The state board of education learned at a recent meeting in Cadillac that MEAP tests are influencing teacher preparation in the 15

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state universities, too.

And there are signs that private and parochial school operators will either administer the MEAP tests to their students or send their students to public schools when the tests are administered so they can become eligible for the \$3,000 scholarships, good at any public or private college in Michigan and good for \$1,000 at a non-Michigan public or private college.

State board members have two ways - theoretically - to battle Engler's order. One is to get the Legislature to override it by a two-thirds vote in each chamber. That's unlikely given Republican control of both chambers by Engler loyalists.

The other method is a court challenge. That's even less likely to succeed, given that Democrat-controlled courts have upheld three challenges to his orders, the last by Straus and state board Democrats.

Moreover, the court as of Oct.

1 has a 5-2 majority of Republicans who are members of the Federalist Society and even less likely to agree with the governor who led two of them to victory and appointed three of them.

Michael David Warren Jr., R-Beverly Hills, Engler's appointee to replace Durant on the state board, didn't defend the executive order but noted the governor's order still "maintains policy-making authority" in the state board, as required by the Michigan Constitution.

"We ought to aggressively protect that power," Warren said.

"though it would be easier if the administrative authority were in the Education Department."

Easier said than done, said Straus. Education administration is now fragmented over three departments, and two of them "aren't used to reporting to a board."

Straus also noted that the Constitution and Open Meetings Act give the public access only to the elected state board, not to the heads of the Treasury and Career Development departments who report to Engler.



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# Rouge group wants county septic education programs

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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A Rouge River advisory group wants county health departments to develop an education program about septic systems for owners of homes with septic systems.

The group also recommended that such programs in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties should explore funding sources for residents who experience "financial hardship" when repairing septic systems or making sewer connections.

The Rouge River Remedial Action Plan advisory council approved a resolution Oct. 20 that contained language revisions to the ordinance was less restrictive for communities than a previous version. The resolution was forwarded to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The council advises MDEQ and federal agencies on plans to clean the Rouge River and serves as a public forum on the Rouge River restoration. It meets bimonthly and the meetings are open to the public.

Some representatives of communities were concerned earlier this year when the original version was interpreted by them as a minimum standard for septic inspection programs. Communities could not afford that program, they argued.

Oakland County has an estimated 75,000 houses with septic systems, and approximately 11,600 of those are within the Rouge subwatershed. Wayne County has just under 4,000.

The new version calls for the following recommendations for local health departments, which oversee septic tank systems:

- The counties should have programs in place requiring the inspection of onsite sewage disposal systems at the time of sale, as a minimum. Wayne County commissioners passed such an ordinance recently, effective Jan. 1, 2000. Washtenaw has one on the books, while Oakland County was considering an ordinance.

- The local health departments and communities should have a written agreement outlining management of on-site sewage disposal systems records, inspection standards, reporting, financing of the inspection program and enforcement.

- Education to owners of homes with septic systems must be part of the program.

- A database available to communities should be developed to manage septic system records and septic leakage, on a routine basis.

- An annual report including demographics, evaluations and problems should be submitted to the MDEQ.

- Minimum inspection standards must be developed.

- The health department, the community and the MDEQ should re-evaluate the program after a period of time, or before the renewal of the stormwater permit to see if the septic programs should be modified.

- Funding sources should be explored to help residents experiencing a financial hardship when having to repair the system or connect to sewers.

The only discussion on the new resolution centered around whether the resolution would be interpreted by some residents that RRAC was advocating a position that all septic systems should be connected to sewers.

Tom McNulty, RRAC's chairman of the onsite sewage disposal committee and a section chief of technical services with Wayne County's environmental health division, said sewer connections only make sense in "highly urbanized areas."

That would mean surrounding communities where the Detroit sewer system is already located, not in outlying areas, miles away from the system where it would be cost-prohibitive to connect the homes.

"No section will be in here that says that sewers make the most sense," added Rich Badics, RRAC chair.

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Leaves and yard waste can no longer be sent to landfills, but

there is a simple solution, according to the DEQ. Composting and mulching are easy, safe and environmentally sound ways of managing most yard waste.

Additional material is available from the DEQ Environmental Assistance Center at 1-800-662-9278, or the Michigan Compost Council at [www.mienv.org/mrc/page3.html](http://www.mienv.org/mrc/page3.html) or call (517) 371-7073.

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# Expect lots of (road construction) orange in the coming year

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Orange, the traditional color of fall, is likely to be the hue of spring and summer, too, next year in western Wayne County.

"Let your readers know we're going to be bringing plenty of orange their way next year," said Gary G. Naeyaert, Michigan Department of Transportation communications director.

He was referring to the orange trucks, paving equipment and orange-vested workers that will be seen by tens of thousands of motorists in over a half-dozen Observer communities as the state repairs or rebuilds deteriorating sections of four major roads.

The roads, part of the state's record-setting \$1.4-billion Build Michigan II road repair plan for the year 2000, are Plymouth and Ann Arbor roads, both also known as Old M-14; Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Owners of three businesses likely to be affected by the roadwork support the projects, but with reservations.

"The roads need to be fixed periodically — it's a fact of life," said Tom North, co-owner with brother, Doug, of North Brothers Ford Inc. on Ford Road in Westland.

But, he said, "We hope that they complete it as quickly as humanly possible and don't inconvenience our customers."



One way, he suggested, would be by doing as much as possible at night or on weekends. Ford Road carries 38,000 vehicles per day.

Julie Baechler, assistant manager of Pilgrim Motorsports on Ann Arbor Road in the City of Plymouth, echoed North when she said, "Just like anything" else in life, "the means to get to the end is not what you want, but the end result is going to benefit us."

However, Angelo Barile, owner of the Pizza Man Restaurant on Plymouth Road in Livonia, wondered why the road will be torn up after sprinklers have been installed between the sidewalks and the road.

He said the sprinklers, as well as new lampposts, are a Plymouth Road Development Authority project done in conjunction with the state.

"There are new lights and everything up on Plymouth Road. It looks nice," he said. "If such things

should be done, they should have been done the other way around."

## Not the best

He said the scraping and resurfacing, which he believes was done about eight years ago, isn't the best fix.

"The problem is, the base of the road is not solid. It doesn't matter how many times they patch it up, it doesn't last. But it does make it look better for five, six years," Barile said.

State Transportation Director James DeSana, vowed to "continue doing everything possible in order to minimize motorist inconvenience while repairing roads and bridges at a record pace" when the program was announced earlier this month.

He said MDOT would continue to spread out the construction season, award contracts based on price and timeliness, provide financial incentives for early completion and keep as many lanes open as possible throughout the year.

"Our strategy of fixing the worst roads first is working," DeSana said.

## Western Wayne projects:

- the milling and resurfacing of 3.01 miles of Plymouth Road between Inkster and Farmington Roads in Livonia (31,900 motorists affected per day).
- the reconstruction of 1.51 miles of Ann Arbor Road between Lilley and Canton Center roads

in Plymouth and Plymouth Township (31,700 motorists affected per day).

■ the milling and resurfacing of 1.26 miles of Ford Road between Venoy and Wayne roads in Garden City and Westland.

■ the reconstruction of 4.6 miles of Michigan Ave. (26,200 motorists affected per day) from its intersection with Canton Center and Belleville Roads west to the Wayne County line.

Exact dates and project costs won't be known until contracts are awarded each month between April 1 and November, Naeyaert said. He estimated the Old M-14 repair costs at \$10 million and said the Michigan Avenue project would be the most expensive, at around \$11 million.

Another Wayne County project includes the milling and resurfacing of Telegraph Road between Eight Mile Road and Grand River in Detroit. That project will run about \$4 million, Naeyaert said.

The \$1.379 billion total, a state-record investment, will repair and rebuild 1,400 miles of road and rehabilitate 265 bridges in the state highway system, according to Gov. John Engler.

"Our commitment to Michigan's motorists is to fix the right roads, with the right fix, at the right time, and we're delivering on that promise," he said when the project was announced.

"The aggressive pace of road and

bridgework we've seen these past few years will continue, and the (Year 2000) projects will bring us closer to having nine out of 10 roads and bridges in good condition by the year 2007."

He added that MDOT was able to deliver 93 percent of the 1999

road and bridge construction projects.

Naeyaert said "a big grouping of bridge projects" is planned throughout Wayne County, including a \$3 million asphalt overlay on the Telegraph Road bridge over the Rouge River.

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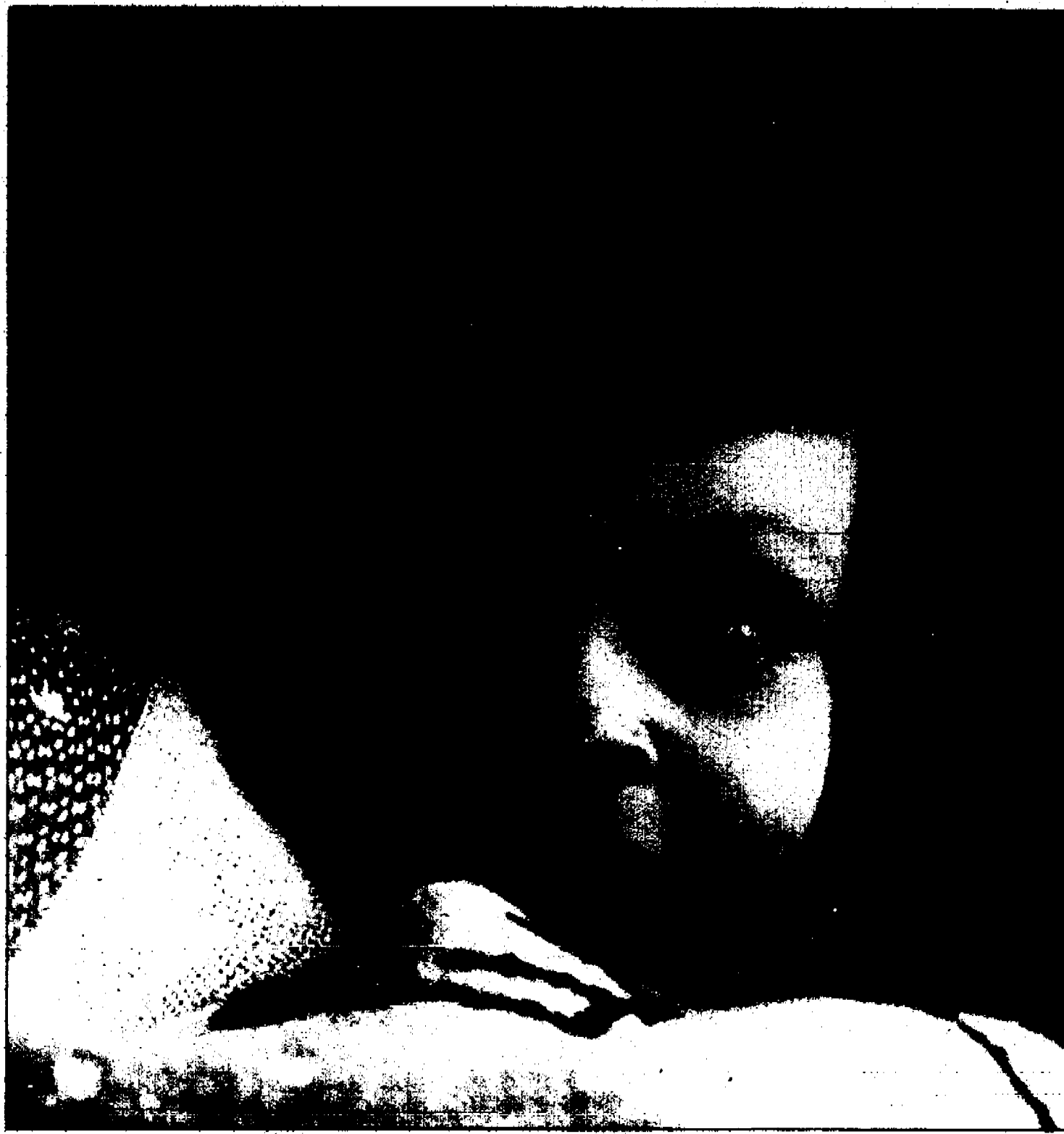
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**Witchy show:** The show "Witchy-Poo Revue" was performed for the children. Above, Jessica Suer, 3 1/2 of Livonia, participates with Witchy-Poo Elizabeth Wingert.



**Chilly scares:** "Little Devil," Brandon Dick, 12 months old from Dearborn, bundles up for the cold with his mother Heather. A few hundred children attended the spooky fun of games, activities, live entertainment and a hayride.



**Sign of the Z:** (Top photo) Zorro, Christopher Syros, 5 of Dearborn Heights, enjoys the hayrides. (Above) Clown Bear Stephanie Cameron, 3 1/2 of Canton, joined in the parade of costumes.

## Halloweenfest brings out pint-size goblins

The weather was frightfully cold for October, but youngsters braved the winds and rains Saturday at Wayne County Parks' Halloweenfest.

Despite temperatures in the 30s, nearly 300 people converged on Nankin Mills in Westland to enjoy live entertainment provided by Ben Spitzer and the Witchie-poo Revue. Youngsters lined up for trick-or-

treating at a tent, where the county parks staff distributed candy. The remainder of the 20 pounds of candy was donated to Highland Park.

Children enjoyed hay rides and played games put on by the county parks staff, including hoop shoot, bean bag toss, ring toss and pin the nose on the jack-o'-lantern. They also guessed how many pieces of candy were in a jar.

The Halloweenfest represents one of the last events of 1999 presented by the county parks staff. The third annual Wayne County LightFest 8K Fun Run is scheduled at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, along Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights, while the holiday LightFest is scheduled to open to the public two days later along that same road. County officials call the LightFest

the Midwest's largest holiday light show. It will be open through the holidays. LightFest runs nightly from 7-10 p.m., Nov. 18 through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day, along 4.5 miles of Hines Drive from Merriam Road in Westland to Dearborn Heights.

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## Who won Durant II school suit? It depends on who you talk to

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Who won the lawsuit known as Durant II - in which 255 school districts sued the State of Michigan claiming it had underfunded school lunch programs, special education and transportation - depends on whom you talk to.

In fact, when the Court of Appeals issued its ruling Tuesday, Oct. 19, the three-judge panel found in favor of the plaintiffs on some points and in favor of the state on others.

And the difference in interpretations of the ruling makes it likely the case will head to a higher court.

"The unanimous decision said that the state violated the funding guarantee of Proposal A ... by restricting the use of a portion of the schools' foundation allowance in order to cover for the underfunding of special education programs. The court granted the plaintiff school districts a declaratory judgment and costs of the lawsuit, including attorneys' fees," according to a statement issued by Dennis Pollard, the Bloomfield Hills attorney representing school districts.

He concluded that the decision in favor of the schools involves approximately \$375-\$400 million in underfunding for special education for the current school year alone. A small amount of the suit involved funding for school lunch programs. The state passed a supplemental appropriations bill this summer, adding \$7 million for schools. The districts failed on their claim that lunch programs are still underfunded.

"We have no idea what decision he was reading," John Truscott, spokesman for Gov. John Engler, said.

Truscott's interpretation of the ruling was that while the court agreed the state's allocation to school districts technically violated the constitution, because it failed to break out money for special education, the court agreed the state had actually paid the districts enough money. What the court ordered was a technical adjustment in the allocation, separating out that amount.

"What we did is roll in the student foundation grant and special education dollars as one line item," he said. "What the court said is that we have to separate

that back out ... It's just a technical change. It really doesn't affect the dollars at all."

Pollard has indicated that unless the state adds money to the state school aid fund, as a result of this decision, he'll be back in court.

"We are not going to add money to it," Truscott said. "He has done his clients a huge disservice because, with this decision, it will give school districts a lot less discretion about how they spend their money. What we said is, 'This is your money, but you have flexibility on how you spend it.' What the court said is, 'No, you don't have flexibility on how you spend it.' It is much more restrictive for the school districts. We were trying to help them out."

The court ruled in favor of school districts on the claim that allocations violated Proposal A in the state constitution. But the court disagreed with school districts about whether the foundation grants could be counted as covering the state's overall obligations.

Truscott said there will be no appeal of the decision by the state - "We won."

## Credit info theft now a felony

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Applying for a loan or credit in someone else's name - also known as identity fraud or credit info theft - will net perpetrators a felony charge worth up to four years in jail under legislation approved in Michigan.

No one is quite sure how often it is happening here. A legislative analysis said no data are available on how often credit applications are submitted in someone else's name in Michigan. The attorney general's office has declined to estimate the frequency of this crime in this state.

But it does happen. Rep. Bob Brown (D-Dearborn Heights) said a constituent in his district was a victim. After someone

applied for credit in her name and wracked up \$50,000 worth of debt, it took her many hours to clear her name.

And that is why he introduced House Bill 4413, increasing penalties for so-called identity theft.

"Criminals need very little information to secure credit using someone else's identity. Considering the amount of information we often provide in places of business or even through the Internet, it's easy for a person to get the information they need to apply for a credit card or get a loan using someone else's name."

Brown's bill increases the penalty for identity fraud to four years in prison or a \$2,500 fine. The Senate gave approval to the bill 37-0 on Thursday, Oct. 14. It was approved by the House in a

107-0 vote back in June.

Brown's bill was tie-barred to House Bill 4598, sponsored by Stephen Ehardt (R-Lexington) which makes it illegal to possess credit information with the intent of passing it on to another for the purpose of credit fraud. The bills also make it illegal to possess a credit application form filled out in another person's name, even if it has yet to be submitted.

"These types of crimes not only cause huge financial headaches, but they can mean a huge loss of time for the victim, who can dedicate hundreds of hours to clearing his or her name. Many people don't even realize how valuable their credit identity can be, so when it comes to punishment, we need to make sure the penalties match the seriousness of the crime," Brown said.

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# Liddane honored for founding HEAT

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The adult children of the late William V. Liddane, founder of Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (HEAT), were honored Oct. 19 in Detroit with an award in their father's memory.

On hand at the 14th HEAT anniversary celebration to accept the first Liddane Award were Matthew Liddane of Canton Township, Michael Liddane of Grosse Pointe Shores and Margaret Rose of Grosse Pointe Farms, who designed the award sculpture.

Liddane, who died in March, was a longtime Livonia resident. His Livonia-based program rewards providers of information - usually via telephone - whose tips lead to the arrest and prosecution of car thieves and carjackers.

In the future, the Liddane Award will be presented to "any individual making an outstanding commitment toward eliminating auto thefts," said Liddane's successor, HEAT Director Terri Miller of Brighton.

### Awards program

The awards program at the Hotel Pontchartrain, attended by 120 metro-Detroit law enforcement officials and insurance company investigators, heard Michigan Attorney Gener-

al Jennifer Granholm emphasize community and responsibility in her keynote address.

HEAT works because there's a notion of partnership between neighbors and police to fight crime in the first place rather than trying to place blame, Granholm said.

A return to community, neighborliness and family responsibility is needed to prevent youngsters from becoming thieves and carjackers, she emphasized.

HEAT offers up to \$10,000 for confidential tips that prove out. Informants are paid regardless of convictions.

Since 1985, when the program began during the height of car stealing in metro Detroit, HEAT has paid out \$1.9 million and recovered over \$30 million in stolen cars and parts.

It's amazing how money works to get people to talk, said Redford Township Detective Sgt. Peter Lulis, who specializes in auto theft investigations.

### Auto thefts down

Lulis, who joined his boss, Inspector Donald Mehall, at the breakfast, said township auto thefts are down 7 to 10 percent per year. "What has increased is our arrests - and dramatically," he said.

"We're learning more all the time" about how car thieves operate, he said. "The fact is, if

they don't have a source to unload it (the stolen car or parts), they won't steal it."

A case in point was Redford's helping Detroit smash an airbag theft ring that had stolen 3,700 bags worth \$2.5 million.

Redford police caught an airbag thief in the act and Lulis interviewed him. The thief became an informant and "rolled over" on C.J. Automotive, Lulis said, breaking the ring.

Lulis called HEAT "a really good program," although the three calls Redford got last year didn't quite pan out: Two were neighbor problems and the third was Detroit's.

He said HEAT's new TV public service announcements featuring Detroit Piston Grant Hill and Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon should boost public awareness.

Inkster police officer Jeff Twardzik, assigned to the Western Wayne Auto Theft unit of the Michigan State Police, said, "HEAT is a great program because it allows the citizens to actually get involved, but not get involved."

It provides an outlet for people who "still want to do something" about crime, who "want to make a difference in their community," he said. "I don't think money is the issue."

Redford, Garden City, Livonia, Wayne, Westland, Canton Town-

ship and the two Plymouths, along with Sumpter and Van Buren townships plus Detroit, all work with Western Wayne unit. Some, like Inkster, assign officers to it full-time; unit Officer Rich Harris is from Garden City.

State Police Lt. Ed Gerds, the Livonia resident heading the Livonia-based Western Wayne Criminal Investigations unit - of which the Western Wayne Auto Theft unit is part - called HEAT "probably one of the most successful campaigns going in law enforcement."

"We need help from the general public and being able to offer a reward" really helps, Gerds said.

Gerds agreed with Granholm's calling auto theft a property crime with far-reaching effects. "When a car is stolen, it affects the whole block," said Gerds. "People lie in their beds at night and wonder, 'Am I next?'"

Also working with the Western Wayne Auto Theft unit and the suburban police is Neal Wisner of Superior Township, senior special agent for the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

He said auto theft today is a \$7 billion a year "business" with "growth" in insurance fraud.

"I don't think anyone has a

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**Theft probe:** Detective Sgt. Peter Lulis, Redford Township police detective investigative specialist in vehicular thefts, examines a recovered 1985 Cadillac for clues about its theft.

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Area residents have been appointed to filled a number of state posts by Gov. John Engler, including:

■ Stephen M. Conley of Canton was appointed to the State Board of Accountancy, which provides for the certification and regulation of certified public accountants.

Conley is a manager of PricewaterhouseCoopers, L.L.P. He is appointed to replace Donald Dismuke of Plymouth and to represent public accountants for a term expiring June 30, 2002.

■ W. John O'Neil of Walled Lake; Walter Reckinger III of Dearborn; Gerald W. Richards of Mason; and Garry L. Sanchez of Westland, were appointed to the Board of Mechanical Rules, which makes recommendations for mechanical code rules, issues mechanical contractor's licenses and enforce state mechanic code rules. Terms expire Oct. 1, 2001.

O'Neil is president of the W.J. O'Neil Co. He is reappointed to represent hydronic, heating and cooling. Reckinger is president of Reckinger Heating and Cooling Co. He is reappointed to represent ductwork. Richards is a senior engineer for Consumers Energy. He is appointed to represent energy producing utilities. Sanchez is president of Motor City Ventilation Inc. He is reappointed to represent specialty work.

■ Alice Gustafson of Auburn Hills was appointed to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, which supervises all aeronautics within the state and is empowered to make rules about the location, design, building, equipping and operating of all airports within the state.

Gustafson is president of Hubert Distributors Inc. and has held a commercial pilot's license for more than 20 years. She is reappointed for a term ending May 27, 2003.

■ Henry E. Beckmeyer, D.O. of East Lansing; Sister Mary Giovanni Monge of Livonia; Vildan Mullin, M.D., of Whitmore Lake; Gregg K. VandeKieft, M.D., of Okemos; and Steven Weiner, M.D., of West Bloomfield, were appointed to the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management. The

committee is developing a model curriculum for doctors on pain and symptom management. It also develops recommendations on integrating pain and symptom management into health care. All terms expire July 1, 2001.

Beckmeyer is a professor of anesthesiology and pain management in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Michigan State University. He is appointed to represent the College of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU.

Sister Monge is president and CEO of Angela Hospice Home Care Inc. She is appointed to represent hospice organizations.

Mullin is director of the Multidisciplinary Pain Center at the University of Michigan Medical Center and an associate professor in the U-M School of Medicine. He is appointed to represent the U-M School of Medicine.

VandeKieft is an associate professor for the Department of Family Practice in the MSU College of Human Medicine and assistant director of program and palliative care for the MSU Cancer Service. He is appointed to represent the MSU College of Human Medicine.

Weiner is medical director of Huron Valley Pain Management. He is appointed to represent the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

■ Frank Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge was reappointed as commissioner of insurance in Michigan for a term expiring Oct. 11, 2003.

Fitzgerald served as a state representative from 1987 through 1998. He served as the speaker pro tem from 1992 to 1996, and served on the House Insurance Committee for a total of eight years.

**Bennett says union bill misrepresented**

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Bennett

State Sen. Loren Bennett (R-Canton) says he's frustrated with the way the opposition is playing his proposal to prohibit school building principals from joining unions.

"They can use the five-second one-liner to scare everybody into thinking their rights are being taken away," he said. "It would take me five minutes at the kitchen table to thoroughly explain what this bill is really going to do."

For example, some opponents say the bill would also bar school secretaries and janitors from unionization. Not so, according to Bennett. "Confidential assistants" would, under the verbiage of the bill, be blocked from joining unions, but not all secretaries could be given that title, he said.

For each staffer given that title — and therefore barred from

unionization under the legislation — a hearing would have to be held before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. And MERC would not allow all secretaries within a school district office to be given that title.

Janitors wouldn't be prohibited from unionizing just because they may occasionally oversee the work of fellow janitors on a given day. Only those with in a "truly supervisory capacity, with personnel decision-making authority" would be kept from unionization.

Bennett introduced Senate Bill 663 in reaction to the Detroit teacher strike where he said principals joined teachers on the picket lines.

His bill, he said, would amend Michigan law to follow federal

law, which makes a clear distinction between management and labor.

"This is a very simple concept," he said. "The federal government has said that organizations work best where there is a strong, definite distinction between management and labor. Where there is strong management and strong labor, that organization will be successful."

Among the opposition is Rep. Gerald Law (R-Plymouth), who said he sees the bill as overriding local control.

In many school districts, superintendents have encouraged building principals to bargain for pay and benefits as a group.

"If it is working for them, who are we to say they can't do," Law said. "I don't see that this is a problem in my district. It's not a problem in Northville. It's only a problem in Detroit, but then everything is a problem in Detroit. I think it is an ill-advised bill."

Although management is typically barred from unionization in the private sector, Law said public employees are different and have been treated differently as a tradition. There are other areas in the public sector where supervisory personnel are allowed to unionize, such as in police and fire departments.

"And I have no qualms about it in those areas, because it is working," Bennett said. "I only have qualms about it where it is not working."

Senate Bill 663 cleared the Senate in a 21-17 vote.

Sens. Loren Bennett (R-Canton), Bill Bullard (R-Highland), Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion), and Shirley Johnson (R-Royal Oak) voted yes.

Sens. John D. Cherry Jr. (D-Clio), George Z. Hart (D-Dearborn), Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia), and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield) voted no.

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handle on how big the fraud problem is," said Wisner, a one-time Ohio State Highway Patrol officer who handles southeastern Michigan and northwest Ohio. "In the last year we've seen a tremendous number of fraudulent stolen-vehicle claims on over-mileaged leased vehicles."

**Community concern**

Granholt, speaking both as attorney general and a mother of three, counseled halting auto thefts by teaching youngsters a sense of community and responsibility — and of remorse for wrongdoing.

If no remorse is taught a child very early for hitting or taking others' things, Granholt said, the youngster likely will continue without regret or shame.

"If we don't focus on that (child) level, we will spend \$30,000 on the backside" to maintain that person in jail each year, she said.

In the meantime, "Turn up the HEAT for another year," she urged the assembled professionals.

The Detroit Police Department's six-member Commercial Auto Theft Metro Squad repeated as HEAT Investigative Unit of the Year for populations over 500,000 while the Genesee County Auto Investigation Network team repeated for smaller areas.

HEAT, which is paid for by property and casualty insurance companies in Michigan, pays up to \$1,000 for the arrest and prosecution of individual suspected car thieves and up to \$10,000 for the arrest and binding over for trial of suspected theft-ring members and/or chop shop operators.

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Tipsters' identities are kept secret.

HEAT's Martin, who hopes to spread the program across the state, said she wants the public to know there is a problem and how they can avoid being victimized by it.

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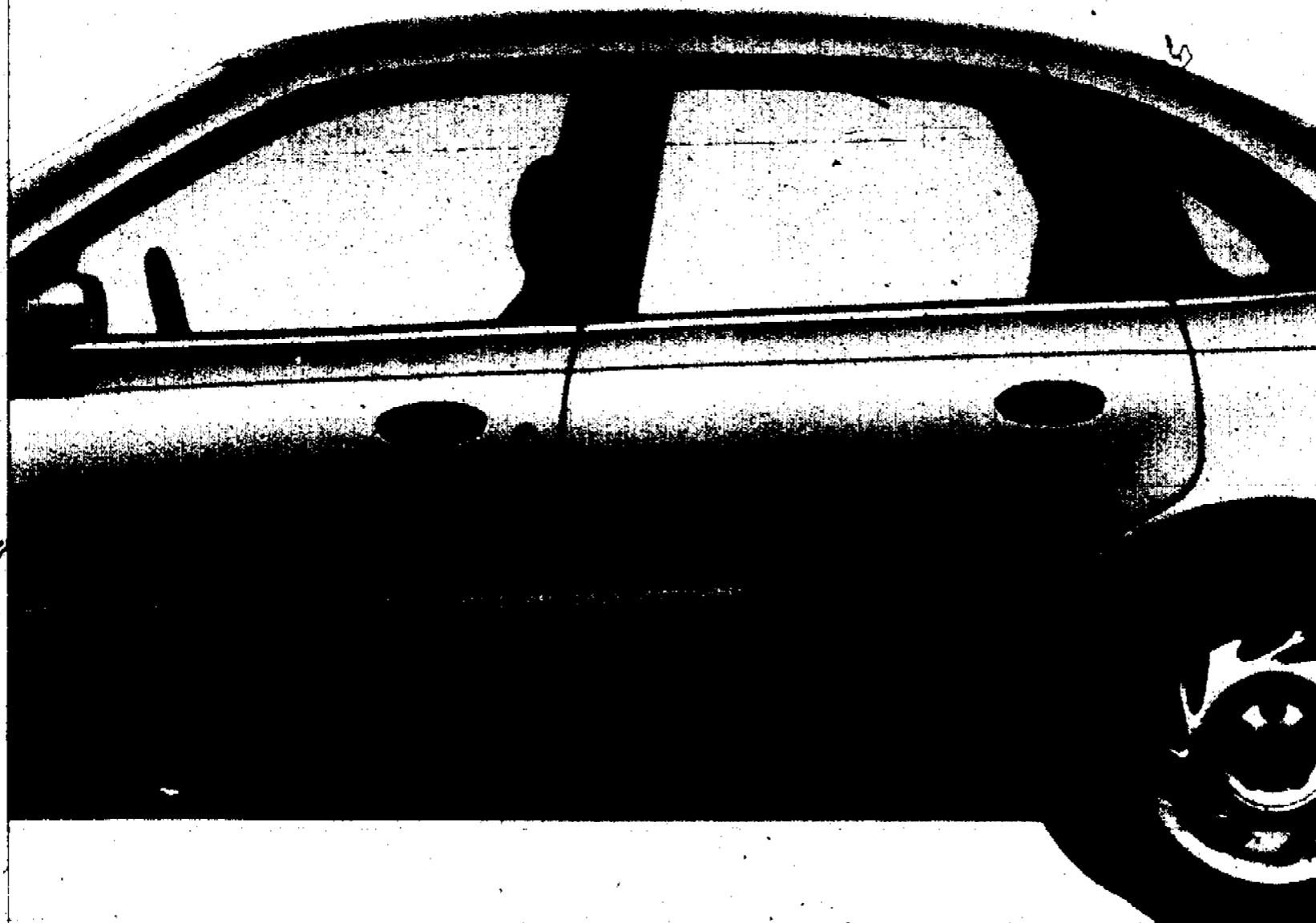
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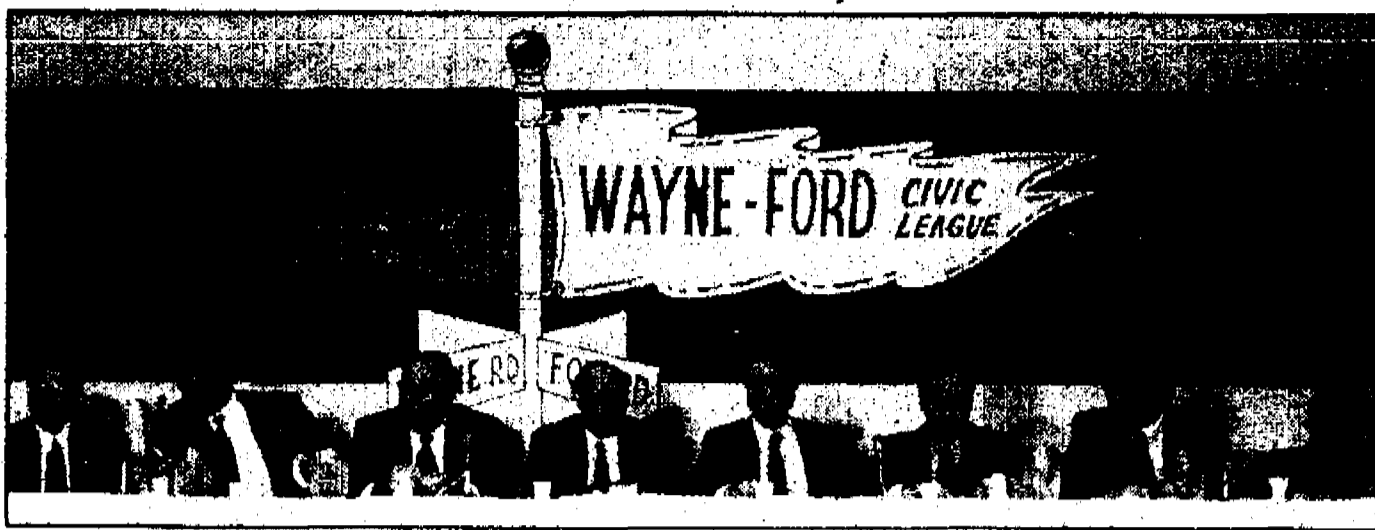
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Issues: City council candidates speak at Thursday's forum.

## Class act

### Candidates show right stuff

Let's give credit where credit is due. This year's Westland City Council race hasn't been without rancor, but last Thursday night, Oct. 21, was a shining moment. The Westland Jaycees sponsored a "Meet the Candidates" night at the Wayne-Ford Civic League.

All eight candidates showed up - incumbents Glenn Anderson and Charles "Trav" Griffin, appointee David Cox and challengers James Godbout, David James, Michael Kehrer, Michael Rintz and Dorothy Smith. Their willingness to meet together and with voters was a good start.

The candidates answered a series of questions posed by the Observer then took questions from the audience. The discussion was fair and professional, with the eight refraining from personal attacks.

The Jaycees deserve credit for taking on the task of a "Meet the Candidates" night. The evening ran smoothly thanks to their hard work. Additionally, candidate Kehrer, who has long been active with the Jaycees, received no special treatment, another point worth mentioning.

The only regret is that attendance was relatively low, with about 50 people taking time to attend. Certainly, work, family and other commitments take valuable time, but it's also important to take an interest in the workings of local government.

The Wayne-Ford Civic League facility seats

many more than 50, and it would have been nice to have a crowd of several hundred.

Election day dawns Tuesday, Nov. 2, with local polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Remember to get out and vote for the four council candidates of your choice.

The Observer has endorsed incumbent Glenn Anderson and challengers James Godbout, Michael Rintz and Dorothy Smith. Those are our picks, but perhaps you hold different views. Please remember to go to the polls on election day and make your voice heard.

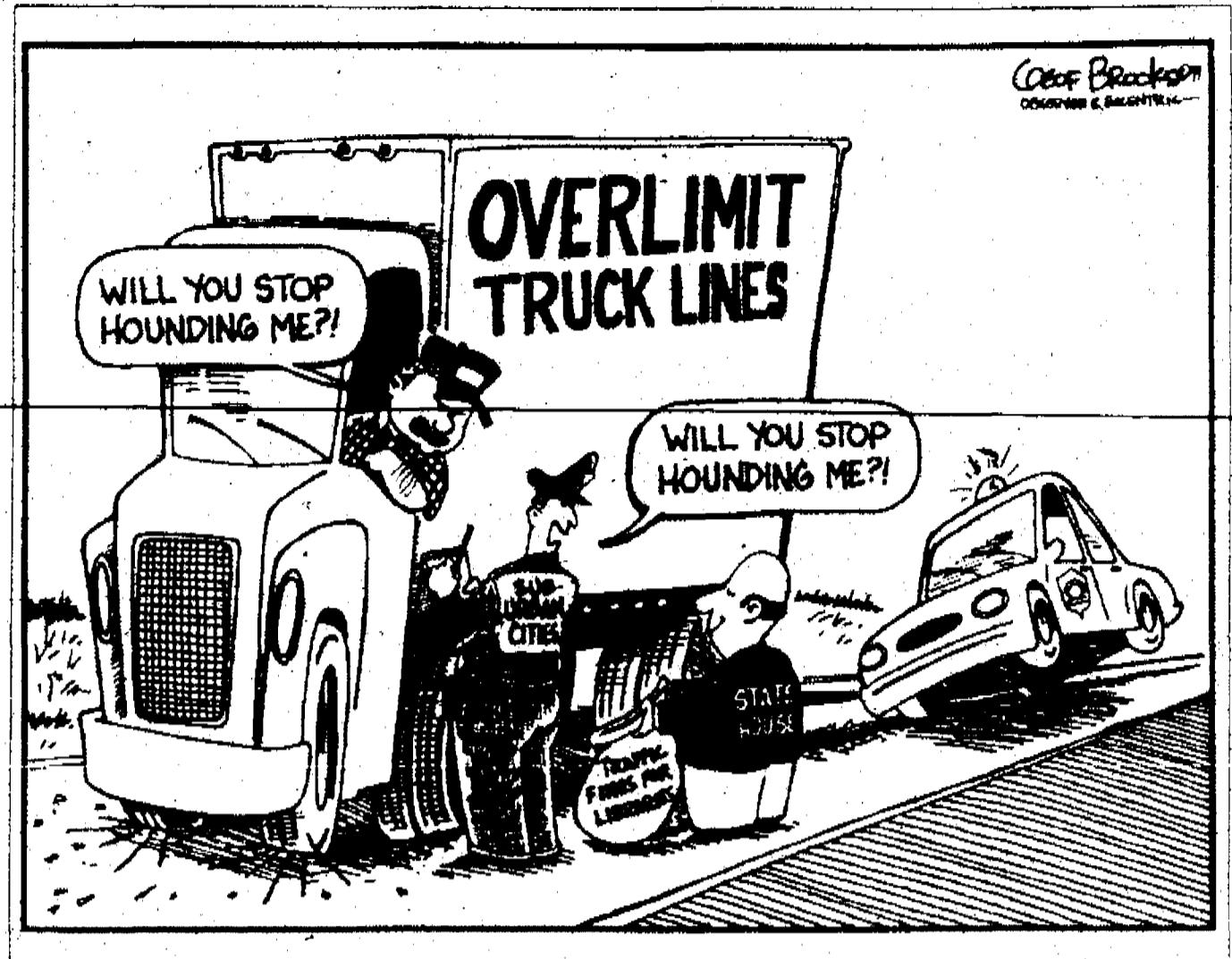
We're closing in on the Nov. 2 elections, and the Observer hopes no dirty tactics, such as biased campaign literature, emerge in these last few days. Certainly, candidates have every right to make their views, and themselves, known to voters.

At the Jaycees' forum, there were questions about the possibility of building a new City Hall and recreation center. Candidates hold different views and are entitled to express them. But that doesn't mean there should be underhanded attacks of political rivals.

Candidates all presented themselves well at the Jaycees' "Meet the Candidates" night. Let's work to see that that dignified approach is taken all the way through to election day, and beyond.

Westland voters deserve no less.

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## LETTERS

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### Cox response

A letter appeared recently in the Westland Observer indicating that because I distributed a piece of campaign literature that was not prepared by a union printer, I lack respect for labor unions.

In truth, I have been an ardent supporter of labor and am proud to have been endorsed by the Westland Firefighters, the Westland Police Officers, the Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, the United Auto Workers Region 1A CAP, UAW Local 900, the Greater Detroit Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO, AFSCME Local 1602 and even the letter writer's own union, the Michigan Education Association. These labor groups are well aware that I planned to prepare one piece of literature with a Westland printer and they are aware there are no union printers in Westland.

The real issue here is that the writer of this letter, Mr. Michael Chiumento, is the same individual who pressured the Wayne-Westland School District while I was president to include sexual orientation language in board policy. He is now the center of controversy in the Plymouth-Canton School District, where he teaches, for setting up a pro-gay and lesbian display in the display case at West Middle School, which is attended by 12-, 13- and 14-year-old children.

He is a member of the Gay-Lesbian Education Network, a supporter of the Triangle Foundation and a vocal proponent to schoolchildren for the normalcy of "alternative lifestyles." Though he might have you believe that his intent by his letter is to protect the interests of labor, it is actually to promote the normalcy of a gay-lesbian lifestyle in our schools and our society, and my failure to bend to his wishes made me his enemy.

I believe in equal rights for all people. I believe that no one should be persecuted, tormented or harassed for any reason whatever, including their sexual orientation. My decision to thwart Mr. Chiumento's efforts while I served as board president resulted from my belief that existing policy protected all people adequately, equally and fairly. I continue to feel that way today.

I will continue to work towards fairness and equality for all people everywhere as I feel bigotry and prejudice are hateful, damaging emotions that cannot be tolerated in a civilized society. I have often wondered why, given Mr. Chiumento's life experience, he hasn't arrived at the same conclusion.

Councilman David Cox  
Westland

### The Westland Address

One score and 13 years ago, our fathers brought forth in this township a democratic form of government based on division of power and authority between a mayor and a seven-member city council.

Now we are engaged in a great election testing whether this democratic division of power can long endure. Our present mayor is attempting to consolidate power in his office by handpicking his own city council. This is tantamount to giving the mayor dictatorial powers: truly an unhealthy situation.

The mayor's recent letter to voters supporting these candidates lists a number of accomplishments during the last decade that resulted from cooperation between council and mayor. Many of these occurred during his first term of office when the majority of council members were far from politically aligned with the mayor, proving that worthwhile programs can and will be implemented without a political coalition.

Although we have supported our mayor in the past and could possibly support him in the future, we feel strongly that a city council independent of the mayor's office brings about a diversity of opinions, reduces the possibility of special interest dealings and is essential for good government.

Whatever your feelings are, be sure to vote Nov. 2.

Jo and Ernie Johnson  
Westland

## Halloween's got a new look

No, those aren't orange Christmas lights you see adorning your neighbor's roof. And if some of your colleagues start looking like clowns or vampires, you're probably not hallucinating.

If you find yourself stumbling over bins of miniature chocolate bars at the neighborhood drugstore, or the aisles of the local supermarket are jammed with displays of Count Chocula cereal among the gourds and pumpkins, there's a reason for it.

It's Halloween. Or, at least, it's almost Halloween. And it isn't just for children anymore.

According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween has grown into a \$5 billion a year industry. Sales of those miniature chocolate bars rise 200 percent in the pre-Halloween weeks and the NRF predicts that total candy sales will reach \$1.8 billion, with costume sales amounting to \$1.5 billion.

Kraft Foods says that last year its sales of Tombstone Pizza increased by 32 percent during the last week of October.

Sales of home decorations, greeting cards, pumpkins and other seasonal items are

expected to reach \$2.5 billion.

The NRF thinks such spending is due in part to the newfound popularity of the holiday among adults. A poll conducted by the organization found that 52.2 percent of U.S. workers said their employers would allow them to celebrate Halloween in the workplace and 39.1 percent said they would consider wearing a costume to work to mark the event.

Whatever the reason for the spending surge, Halloween is now second only to Christmas in holiday-related sales.

Some consumer analysts credit (or blame) the transformation of what was once a children's holiday into an adult spending blitz on baby boomers feeling nostalgic. And when boomers get nostalgic, they spend money.

It may be good for the economy, but we sort of miss the days when the only Halloween decorations were witches cut out of black construction paper and adults stayed at home on Halloween night passing out Necco wafers and Tootsie Rolls to little goblins dressed in costumes made from pillow cases and old bed sheets.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:  
What are you really good at?



"Baking. I love to bake."  
Donna Etherington  
Westland



"I'm good at reading. I work here, a page here (at the library)."  
Anjel Holden  
Westland



"I'm a seasoned housewife and also an RN."  
Esther Labbe  
Livonia



"Sports, maybe. I think so."  
Tim Strass  
Westland

We asked this question of the Westland library.

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- Philip Power

LETTERS

Remember heroes

We would like to thank Westland City Council members Sandra Cicirelli, "Trav" Griffin, Glenn Anderson and Richard LeBlanc as well as Honorable Judge Gail McKnight for taking the time out of their busy schedules to participate in the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony in front of City Hall recently.

Also present was the family of Sgt. Refugio Thomas Teran, Westland's only POW/MIA from the Vietnam War. VFW's 4th District Color Guard, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 387's Ceremonial Firing Squad and the Churchill/Stevenson High School ROTC were also present to honor these missing patriots.

A black balloon was released at the reading of the names of each of Michigan's POWMIAs from the Vietnam War with Taps being played at the conclusion. As always, the program was very emotional and thought-provoking. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is always the third Friday of September. Please mark it on your calendars for next year and join us in front of City Hall; we owe these heroes that much.

**Rick Patrny**  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Westland Chapter No. 387

The good of citizens

On Nov. 2, the voters of Westland are going to make a decision. Do we want the status quo? Are we ready for some honest, uncorrupted politi-

cians?

The sad state of our city streets, questionable decisions by our current council (some). To make ordinance decisions that are not in concurrence with the written ordinance, but are determined by campaign contributions, is wrong.

Council agendas should be for the good of the citizens of Westland, not for "friends in high places" or campaign contributions.

Retain Glenn Anderson. He has proven his genuine concern for the welfare of Westland. Support Godbout, Kehrer and Smith. Let's get some sanity back to city council.

**Chuck Papineau**  
Westland

Voter woes

I wanted to make the Oct. 18 Westland City Council meeting so I could ask Councilwoman Justine Barns about the last-minute charge she had to make about council candidate Michael Kehrer and a \$1,000 contribution from the Jaycees even though \$501 was returned to the Jaycees, thus making it a last-ditch effort to throw some mud.

I wanted to ask Barns how did this so-called info get into her hot little hands?

And if she would name the so-called people who complained to her or taking a line from Councilman David Cox neither confirm nor deny their names?

... What it comes down to is trying to discourage people from coming out and voting Nov. 2 so the people better

buckle up and get ready for a massive dumping of garbage from now until the elections.

I hope the people see through this and do come out ... and no matter who wins or loses, the people will have voiced their opinion with their votes.

**James R. Davis**

Help kids learn

Drew Middle School Junior Beta Club needs and deserves your financial support. We have 35 members of this national honor club. All members must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or better. Our members want to go to Washington, D.C., on May 25, 2000, and return May 28.

This Washington trip will give our students the opportunity to see many educational sites as well as have an enjoyable time.

Most of our students come from low-income, single-parent homes. These parents know what an educational benefit this trip will have on their child; however, they are unable to pay the money to send them. The students will have car washes and other out-of-school activities to help raise the money. We are not allowed to do any school-based fund-raising for this particular trip.

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Helping hands

At Westland Convalescent Center, a nursing center for 230 residents, one of the laundry machines was broken down. The laundry staff worked extra long hours in order to meet the laundry needs of the residents.

To show appreciation to these dedicated hard workers, their supervisor Linda Walsh, called Toarmina's pizza to have a pizza delivered to them at 2 in the morning. Jack, at Toarmina's, said on that day they closed at 10 p.m., but he would be happy to go in and make them a pizza and deliver it at 2 in the morning, which he did, to the staff's delight.

I shared this story with a number of people, who felt as I do, that these people should be recognized for their dedication and caring.

**Peggy Ellenwood**  
Westland Convalescent Center

Let's return to the Bible

Judith Ellis asked in her letter to the Observer, "What does this say about us as a society?" referring to the sexual attacks at Woodstock '99. I'm sorry to say she is a few years too late to ask that question.

Mankind has been evil since the downfall in the Garden of Eden but unfortunately the evilness has increased geometrically since our government and the ACLU have determined that Christianity - the only stabilizing force in the world - is only to be practiced in the confines of the home or the church but never let it

influence our lives in society.

Hence, we no longer respect life in either the born or the unborn. Once we no longer respect life there is no longer any reason to respect our actions toward one another.

On more than one occasion in New York City, New Yorkers have watched people get robbed, raped and murdered and have done absolutely nothing about it to help. What does it say about us as a society? It says we are evil beyond our imagination and continuing to get worse.

Having said that, common sense has to come into play. Common sense dictates to the wise that people in expensive clothing wearing expensive jewelry do not walk in certain neighborhoods, recognizing that they neither want nor consent to be robbed.

By the same token, women who don't want or consent to be molested have to think about where they go, yes, and how they dress. You don't go into an area in which drugs and alcohol are being used, where the music is laced with lyrics dealing with sex and where the overall attitude of many is, as you say, "free love, nudity and anything goes." It's better to stay home and be safe and do without that "pleasure."

No, I don't condone it in any way, shape or form and would love to see the perpetrators all pay the penalty and shame on them who cheered them on. Unfortunately, those who cheered are only doing what has been done to those who still support Christian values and want to see both our government and our private lives come back to the support of those values. However, those in power, just like those who cheered the rapings, not only fight the Christian but ridicule them in their attempt to stop the spread of the evil which is sweeping our nation.

What does it say about our society? It says we need to return to Christ! It says we need to return to the Bible and its teachings!

**Charles K. Benton**  
Garden City

Granholm debacle reveals state politics at its worst

The sexiest story coming out of Lansing so far this fall was the attempt by the Republican-dominated Legislature to trim back the power of newly elected Attorney General, Democrat Jennifer Granholm.

L'affaire Granholm was clumsily handled in a very public way, leaving much egg on the collective faces of House Republicans, Gov. John Engler and his staff. Because the facts of the story have been the subject of endless spinning, I've spent some time working out what actually happened. It's a fascinating tale, revealing much about the inner dynamics of Michigan politics.

As with most stories, this one starts with a core of substance. It's by no means clear what precise authority Michigan's attorney general has over bills passed by the Legislature or over the workings of the executive branch. The Constitution is largely silent on this point, and during Frank Kelley's 37-year reign as the "Eternal General," nobody had the guts to raise the issue.

Enter John Engler, now in the middle of his third term as governor. An extremely able politician and competent manager of the executive branch, Engler is also, um, really into control.

Early on, he busted the Department of Natural Resources in two. He abolished the Labor Department and moved the Michigan Employment Security Commission first to the Jobs Commission and then to the newly-created Department of Career Development. He's been trying for years to do away with the independently elected State Board of Education; last week, he signed an executive order moving administration of the Michigan Education Assessment Program test to, of all places, the Department of Treasury.

But even a governor as into control as Engler didn't dare mess with Frank Kelley, at least not as long as he was in office. But when Granholm was elected in 1998, things changed.

Clearly, the governor's office - I suspect the governor himself, although I can't prove it - decided it was high time to clarify the powers of the attorney general and, conveniently, also trim the wings of Granholm, the only high-flying Democrat in Michigan.

Legal research on the project started as far back as mid-February, culminating in a four-page, July 21 memo from Engler's deputy legal counsel Lance Boldrey to chief counsel Lucille Taylor that concluded: "I submit that even making AG (attorney general) opinions binding on the requesting agency could undermine the governor's role as the head of the executive branch - here again, we would find the AG, an inferior executive officer, potentially trumping the governor."

Things moved rapidly thereafter. GOP lawmakers in late September introduced bills containing the devices proposed by the memo to cut back the attorney general's power. Freshman House Speaker Chuck Perricone pronounced the legislation on a fast track, at which point what had looked like a smoothly working scheme started to fall apart.



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The legislation was referred for hearing to the House Constitutional Law and Ethics committee, chaired by freshman Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester). The hearing turned out to be PR tragedy, played as political farce.

■ Although the hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5, Granholm's office wasn't informed about the details until late the previous Friday. She called it a violation of common courtesy; Democrats called it an "ambush."

■ Chairing the meeting, Bishop twice interrupted Granholm's passionate testament in opposition to the legislation (once going so far as to cut off her microphone) because it was too "political." At one point, evidently with a straight face, Bishop asked Granholm whether she was an attorney.

■ Bishop also made Frank Kelley sit around for two hours waiting to testify before announcing the hearing had three minutes to go before adjournment. An angry Kelley spluttered that he had served as AG for 37 years and deserved more than three minutes to make his point.

Watching things unravel in the Legislature and reading the near-universal criticism on editorial pages around the state, Engler spokesman John Truscott started distancing his boss from the mess. "We were kind of surprised. I had no idea they were doing anything," he was quoted in the Gongwer Michigan Report.

Sure. House Republicans were left to take the heat. Not surprisingly, it's virtually certain it was somebody in the GOP House caucus who leaked the memoranda from Engler's legal staff to The Detroit News. The page one headline read: "Engler aides led drive to limit Granholm. Memos show his office researched ways to erode attorney general's powers."

Talk about getting your hand caught in the cookie jar!

What are we to make of all this, other than the chorus of "yuks" from insider baseball fans? Just this. When you get the combination of an experienced, capable governor who is also a control freak and a term-limited, inexperienced and amateurish Legislature, something bad is almost certain to happen.

Phil Power is chairman of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at 734-953-2047. Ext. 1880 or by e-mail at ppower@hometown.net

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OBITUARIES

STEVE T. OPETT
Services for Steve T. Opett, 73, of Westland were Oct. 28 from St. Damian Church with burial at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Opett was born June 8, 1926, in Pennsylvania and died Oct. 24. He was a truck driver for a construction company.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys E.; son Steven T. (Joan); daughters Judy A. (Kenneth) Ziemann and Lynn C. (Douglas) Marlow; brother Peter; sister Margaret Alt; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

AGNES MCCOLLUM

Services for Agnes Ruth McCollum, 66, of Wayne were Oct. 4 at Glenwood Cemetery.

Miss McCollum was born March 26, 1933, and died Oct. 1.

Survivors include stepfather James Lantrip; brothers James Horn of Westland, Robert, John and Roger; and sister Rita Luhrson.

Uht Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

MILDRED MIDDLIN

Services for Mildred Ann Middlin, 67, of Wayne were Oct. 6 from Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Officiating was the Rev. Fred Cooley.

Mrs. Middlin was born Nov. 5, 1931, and died Oct. 3. She was a secretary.

Survivors include children William (Chato) Middlin and Julie Middlin; brother Charles Johnson of Westland; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding in death were her husbands, Willard Taylor and Glen Middlin; children Mark Middlin and Susan Taylor; and brother Frank Johnson Jr.

GENE E. SAMPEER

Services for Gene E. Sampeer, 75 of Westland were Oct. 11 from Uht Funeral Home with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Officiating was the

Rev. Fred Cooley. Mr. Sampeer was born May 13, 1924, and died Oct. 6. He was a steam fitter.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Sampeer; children Thomas Jr., Kimberly (Brian) Wilcock, Tamara (Jeffrey) Dean and Karen (Glen) Nausley; brother Robert L. Sampeer; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Arbor Hospice.

VIVIAN E. HARBISON

Services for Vivian E. Harbison, 80, of Dearborn Heights were Oct. 4 from Uht Funeral Home with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

Mrs. Harbison was born Sept. 27, 1919, and died Sept. 30. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are husband Leamon M.; daughters Virginia King, Loretta (Glenn) Brothers of Westland; sisters Althea Hollis, Thelma Bigos and Barbara York; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her brother, Walter Swaze.

Memorials may be sent to the National Hemophilia Foundation.

BRUCE MCGHIE

Services for Bruce Dale McGhie, 48, of Westland were Oct. 27 from the John N. Santeio & Son Funeral Home, Garden City with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Kurt R. Radke, Christus Victor Lutheran Church.

Mr. McGhie was born April 13, 1951, in Detroit and died Oct. 23 in Wayne. He was a machine operator.

Surviving are wife Carol McGhie; children Kellie (Chris) Ciesielski, Scott McGhie, Chad (Toni) McGhie and Tara McGhie; brother Gary McGhie; and one grandchild.

Treasurer situation status quo in Livonia Public Schools district

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
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Kirsten Galka tried Monday but failed to convince at least one more trustee that the Livonia school board should reconsider how the board treasurer is picked.

Right now, the treasurer is a district employee appointed by the board each July. Two weeks ago, Galka proposed that the treasurer be a trustee, elected each year to the post by fellow board members.

To keep the debate going and perhaps achieve a change, Galka needed the backing of another trustee. But at Monday's board committee meeting, the six other trustees made it clear they are satisfied with the way the board treasurer is now chosen.

"Is there a reason to change the way we do things?" asked trustee Frank Kokenakes. "We've had this precedent for

years. The majority of the board is happy. Why is this a better idea?"

Under the present system, board members hear about financial matters at the tail end of the budget process, Galka answered.

"You get info given to you; you're not involved with the process," said Galka. "It's done by Randy (Liepa) and given to us. When I ran (for trustee), one of the things I wanted was more accountability."

In 1988, the board adopted the policy of picking a treasurer that is still in effect. The policy states that the treasurer must be a district employee under contract to the board.

The policy spells out the duties of the employee-treasurer: Exercise care and custody of all money of the district; maintain the district's financial records in an orderly manner; and perform such duties as prescribed by the

board. Liepa, the district's assistant superintendent for business, is the appointed treasurer.

The trustees said board members could achieve Galka's goal of a more "hands-on" approach simply by meeting one-on-one with Liepa throughout the year and quizzing him about finances.

Trustee Ken Timmons said trustees don't have the professional expertise to take on the task of directly managing the district's budget.

"We're not accountants or CPAs," he said.

Superintendent Ken Watson reminded the seven board members that, as trustees, they are Liepa's boss and that they have the final say in financial matters.

"You have that prerogative," he said.

If Galka can sway one more trustee to her side, then the board will continue the debate.



Kirsten Galka

said trustee Diane Nay. Otherwise, "we have no interest in continuing this" dialogue, she said.

Fall fashion show assists children who have disabilities

The Redford Suburban League succeeded in hosting another fashionable festival for a good cause last Thursday.

Held at Burton Manor in Livonia, "An Afternoon in Paris" attracted just under 1,000 attendees for crafts, lunch and a fashion show.

Fashions were provided by Parisian. The 26th annual festival is the league's largest fund-raiser to benefit children

with disabilities in the southeast Michigan area.

Doris Biscoe and Rich Fisher acted as commentators again.

Salvation Army planning open house on Friday, Nov. 5

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army will hold an open house 2-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at 2300 Venoy in Westland. Included will be a display of Salvation Army memorabilia described as "second to none," including information about the organization's museum at Territorial Head-

quarters in Chicago. After the open house will be a 6 p.m. meeting featuring a slide presentation. The theme will be "Salvation Army History and Salvationism." For information, call (734) 722-3660.

WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG NO 20-10/18/99
Presiding: Council President Cicirelli
Present: Anderson, Barna, Cox, Griffin, LeBlanc, Scott
227: Approved: minutes of regular mtg held 10/4/99
- Request from Westland Goodfellows, Inc to conduct their annual newspaper fund-raiser on 11/26/99 & 11/27/99 at various locations within City
- Request from Wayne County Parks to host a 5 minute fireworks display at the opening of Wayne County Light Fest on 11/19/99 at 6:30 pm
- Adopted joint resolution supporting the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care for nursing home residents
- Adopted resolution to obtain permit for construction of a storm sewer connection, 35201 Hunter
- Adopted Ordinance 188-A-1 to clarify the definition of fireworks & set forth requirements for permitted use of illegal fireworks
- Bid for 2000 City Calendar to University Lithoprinters, amt \$63,694
- Introduced budget amendment 2000-05: For 2000 Westland City Calendar, amt \$14,700
- Bid for Inkster Pump Station electrical work to Lotus Electric, amt \$25,287.50
- Purchase of equipment, installation & wiring for Low-Wattage Radio Transmitter System to be used in emergency situations from Information Station Specialists, amt \$20,000
- Introduced budget amendment 2000-04: Purchase of low-wattage radio transmitter system, amt \$20,000
- 4 yr lease/purchase agreement with Motorola for mobile & portable radios for new Police & Fire 800.MHz system, amt \$952,185.17
- Traffic control sign; 99-07, install 1 "Speed Limit 25 MPH" on northbound Gilman 50 ft north of Warren & 1 "No Parking Here to Corner" on southbound Gilman, 30 ft north of Warren
- Adopted lot split resolution-splitting lot #609C of Supervisor's Nankin Plat #12
- Adopted lot split resolution-splitting lot #59 of J F Keys Wayne Acres Sub
- Adopted lot split resolution-splitting lot #250 of Wayne Highland Sub #8
- Request from Administration to go into closed study session following meeting to discuss pending litigation
228: Approved lease agreement between City & Nankin Transit Commission for office space at William J Engle Memorial Building, 37137 Marquette commencing 7/1/99-6/30/2004
229: Approved professional services contract with Global Electronics, Inc to assist various departments with Y2K compliance testing, amt \$31,800
230: Introduced budget amendment 2000-06: Y2K Assessment & Testing of Equipment, amt \$31,800
231: Granted the request from M Rosenhats to rezone from Two Family Residential to Shopping Center Commercial, Lot #9, Rex Subdivision
232: Granted the request from M Kallen to rezone from Garden Apartment Residential & General Commercial to Planned Unit Development, N of Van Born, W of Middlebelt
233: Granted Site Plan Approval for proposed Planned Unit Development Cherrywood Condos, N of Van Born, W of Middlebelt
234: Granted Site Plan Approval for proposed Coin Laundry, 5750 Wildwood Ave
235: Approved the request for Special Land Use Approval for proposed Elder Source Senior Assisted Living Facility, S of Nankin Blvd, W of Wayne Rd
236: Granted Site Plan Approval for proposed Elder Source Senior Assisted Living Facility, S of Nankin Blvd, W of Wayne Rd
237: Introduced Ordinance 248-A-13 to allow lot splits on existing unimproved private roads
238: Approved the withdrawal of property bids due to failure of original bidders to fulfill requirement of contract & make these properties available for bid to other interested parties
239: Approval Check List-#810,083.64 & Prepaid-\$2,565,065.91
Mtg adjourned at 9:05 pm
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STATE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Stevenson bracing for CC power attack

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PREVIEW

Deja vu all over again for coach Tim Gabel and his Livonia Stevenson football team?

In 1995, the Spartans finished the regular season 7-2 and had to face juggernaut Redford Catholic Central in the first round of the state football playoffs.

A huge underdog, Stevenson gave CC all it could handle before falling 14-6, one of the stiffest tests the state champion Shamrocks had in the tournament en route to the title.

Fast forward again to this Saturday at Redford Union's Kraft Field (Kickoff is at 1 p.m.)

Stevenson is again 7-2, while the two-time defending state champion Shamrocks are riding a 28-game winning streak.

David vs. Goliath II? "They have even more ability to run at you straight ahead," Gabel said of CC. "In 1995 that offensive line was big and powerful, and pretty darn good. But this offensive line is even better than that, and they're outrageously big."

CC's lightest player up front is 6-foot-2, 250-pound center Kevin McCarty, while the tackles are 6-3, 275-pound Mike Morris and 6-3, 265-pound Steve Dominguez.

"They can really knock you off the ball and they are much bigger and more physical than anybody we've played," Gabel said. "We're going to have to try to compensate for our lack of size."

Stevenson's defense, which has allowed just 50 points this season, will have to try and stop CC's ball carrying trio of John Kava (6-1, 225), who has 1,122 yards on the year; Mike Wilk (5-11, 235) and Dave Groth (6-0, 205).

Gabel may have to throw in a few wrinkles to stop the CC power attack.

"This is an awfully good defense and this one compares favorably to the one we had in 1994," Gabel said. "They play together as a unit and they hit well, even though they're not big. And they understand how to make adjustments."

The Spartans' 4-3 features senior tackle Dominic Freda (5-9, 210), the team's second leading tackler. Freda rotates at tackle along with junior Tim McCarthy (5-11, 200) and junior Matt Cieslak (5-8, 180).

The ends are senior Eric Puninski (5-11, 197) and junior Ronnie Williams (6-1, 190).

Three-year varsity starter John Van Buren

(6-0, 212) plays the middle linebacking spot. He is flanked leading tackler Brad Buckler (6-0, 181) and Tim Baugher (5-11, 184).

Buckler, who plays tight end, is also the Spartans' leading receiver.

Meanwhile, the secondary consists of safeties Nick Coffman (5-9, 171) and Joe Ordus (5-10, 170), both seniors. They are joined by cornerbacks Mike McClain (5-11, 170), a senior, and Shawn Casey (5-8, 144), a junior.

Special teams could also be a key for the Spartans.

Punter R.J. Colley, who also plays in the secondary, is close to the school record, averaging nearly 38 yards this season.

Dan Wilson handles field goals an extra points, but CC counters with the booming leg of Mike Sgroi.

"That kid (Sgroi) just kicks it consistently to the back of the end zone," Gabel said.

Before Fox Sports Detroit's Selection Sunday show, Gabel was convinced his first-round opponent was going to be a Lakes Division rematch with Westland John Glenn. As it turned out, the Spartans got the state's No. 1 team, just like 1995.

"The kids met together Sunday and they were just excited to see their names on the screen like anyone else," Gabel said.

Shamrocks rule Prep Bowl
Senior quarterback John Kava threw a season-high 10 passes for 81 yards. Sgroi kicked a 40-yard field goal. Rice's points came on touchdowns of 10 yards and 15 yards from quarterback Matt Sgroi to Brandon Hart, the second coming on the last play of the game.

Painters find common ground

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Redford Catholic Central two-way standout John Kava and Livonia Stevenson lineman John MacFarland are good friends, but don't expect them to paint the town together this week.

They did enough of that in the summer.

The two who grew up in the same Livonia subdivision and attended the same elementary school will be on opposite sides of the field when CC and Stevenson meet in the first round of the Division I state playoffs on Saturday at Hilbert Junior High in Redford. Kickoff is 1 p.m.

The two not only hung out last summer, they painted apartments for MacFarland's brother, who owns a painting company.

But the extent of their relationship this week was a brief visit by Kava to MacFarland's home Sunday, following the playoff pairings

show on television.

"I went over there and he said they're pretty pumped up to play us but we talked about other things, too," said Kava, CC's leading rusher the past two seasons who also plays linebacker. "We have a mutual respect for each other but I don't think we're talking the rest of the week. I'll see him on Saturday."

The two would take playful jabs at each other's team in-between strokes with their paint brushes over the summer. Mike Morris, Kava's teammate and a two-way lineman for CC, worked one day when another painter was needed.

"They were working but they'd slip in a comment here and there," said Morris, another Livonia resident who knows some of the Spartans. "We went to a Leadership Conference over the summer with some of them over the summer. We see them around and are always friendly when it's not football. We're always joking but now it's serious."

Glenn-Monroe from page C1

Gordon, making his 11th playoff appearance since 1985, may use two quarterbacks, junior Josh Hudson or freshman Brian Cechiewicz, again for the third consecutive week.

But it's a safe bet that 5-11, 190-pound Jones, closing in on Reggie Spearman's 1998 single-season rushing record of 1,664 yards, will be the focus of the Glenn offensive attack.

In his first year as a full-time tailback, Jones has rushed for 1,630 yards in 219 attempts, a 7.4 average. He has 17 touch-

downs and single-game high of 289 (versus Plymouth Canton, a school record).

After losses to Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem in weeks Nos. 6-7, Glenn's offensive line has regrouped under the direction of assistants Mike Henry and Tim Hardin.

"This is the most healthy they've been the last two or three weeks," Gordon said. "The continuity is getting better and the guys are working together."

Senior center Jim Doherty (5-11, 248) has "been very steady and always plays hard," according to Gordon.

"After watching him on film you see he makes very few mistakes," the Glenn coach said.

Senior guards Keith Luke (6-2, 220) and Jim Waller (5-10, 227) have also left their mark.

"Jim plays with a tremendous amount of pride," Gordon said. "He plays hard every play and

gives you everything he's got. He's good at both pass protection and the running game.

"Luke never makes mistakes and is very technique conscious. He plays the best game he can possibly play."

Senior tackle Jake Tharp (6-3, 265), an All-Observer first-team pick from a year ago, is coming off major reconstructive knee surgery (a torn ACL).

"Jake is a great one-on-one drive blocker," Gordon said. "When he gets locked in, he provides great movement. He has tremendous explosion."

The other tackle is 6-6, 260-pound junior Nick Samples, who is the team's most improved player.

"We always felt he had the potential," Gordon said of the All-Western Lakes Activities Association selection. "He's really taken off and gotten better and better each week."

Glenn returned two senior veterans at tight end from a year ago — Ben Harris (6-3, 215) and David Lewandowski (6-2, 235).

"There was a time when the play at that position was disappointing, but they responded in the right way and I believe we're back on track the last two games," Gordon said. "They've definitely stepped up their play."

Gordon has used two fullbacks to block for Jones, seniors Nick Paddock (5-10, 170) and Ryan Rattary (5-8, 180).

Monroe will counter Glenn's running game with a pair of steady senior linebackers, Jerry Cusumanó and Justin Barrier.

Meanwhile, Andrew Lieto and Walk have stood out in the secondary.

"Monroe runs a 4-3," Gordon said. "They all run well and they seem to come off the blocks well."

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# Trojans refocus

## 1st-round opponent Clinton faces C'ville

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

### PREP FOOTBALL

Way back before the start of the football season new Coach Greg Hudkins met with the first Livonia Clarenceville team he would be coaching.

"How," he asked his youngsters, "would you feel about practicing Thanksgiving morning?"

"The kids didn't know what I was talking about," Hudkins said the week his team began what it hoped would be a long and successful run in the Michigan High School Athletic Association football playoffs.

Undefeated Clarenceville hosted Clinton (5-4) Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in a Division VI playoff game.

The winner moved on to play the survivor of the game between Hudson and Erie-Mason.

What slowly dawned on the kids was that in order to be practicing Thanksgiving Day, the Trojans would have to be playing Saturday in the Silverdome. In the state championship game for their division.

"I told them that it's okay to talk about it," Hudkins said. "Don't be afraid to set those goals high. And there's a certain price to be paid."

"We talked about the playoffs, at least to the point where we said we expected to make the playoffs. If you don't talk about it, you may not make it."

"So we talked about it. It's not how good or bad you are. We're in the playoffs. We've got a shot." It's not a surprise that Livonia Clarenceville is in the playoffs. Yet again, it is.

The Trojans made the playoffs last season for the first time but got bombed out in their first game by Capac.

"Capac was a nice team," Hudkins said. "I've got the film of that game. But Capac and Montrose, those teams are up in Division V this year."

Clarenceville not only lost the game to Capac, it lost its coach, Chuck Donaldson, who got fired.

The Trojans also graduated their All-Everything running back, Walter Ragland.

Athletic Director Chuck Sorrentino hired Hudkins from the staff at Monroe, a very successful Class A high school football program.

Given those facts and no others, it might be reasonable to assume Clarenceville would struggle this season going through a period of adjustment. But the cupboard wasn't bare.

Paired with Ragland last year was a back who gave his team a glimpse of its future from time to time — freshman Tim Shaw.

This year Shaw, who runs about 6-foot-2 and 200, routinely ran for anywhere between 150-300 yards per game. He ended the regular season with 1,777 yards and 25 touchdowns.

"I had seen his work ethic, all summer and in the weight room," Hudkins said. "So I saw how he developed."

"I'm looking at the kid and comparing him to what I was used to in Monroe. He's pretty good. He's a tough kid."

"I have no idea what Walt's record was. But I think he passed it."

Quarterback Tim Riedl did more than hand off to Shaw. Riedl did a nice job throwing and utilized wingback Scott Wien, a junior who returns to the lineup after miss a game and a half with an ankle injury.

Getting the versatile Wien back will help because it gives Clinton one more thing to worry about.

"Everybody's so excited," Hudkins said. "All they've wanted to talk about the last couple of weeks, ever since we beat Grosse Pointe University. Liggett, is playoffs, playoffs, playoffs."

"Nobody wanted to talk about (playing Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook and (Macomb Lutheran) North.

"We had a big meeting Monday about starting a new season. Refocusing. Going over our plans and everything. I told them I'm not so sure what they expected."

Clarenceville outscored Cranbrook, but gave up more points than it had all season, and struggled to defeat Lutheran North.

"We were struggling with our focus, I think," the rookie coach said. "All this stuff was new to the kids. Being undefeated, league champions... this was all new to us."

"Going into the North game we were 8-0, had our league championship wrapped up, and were in the playoffs. Those were all goals of ours."

"It was like we were playing not to lose instead of playing to win. We had three fumbles, and that's not like us."

Shaw made All-Metro Conference but was beaten out for Offensive Player of the Year by Aaron Brock of Hamtramck, who rushed for 2,000 yards, but only got 50 of it against Clarenceville.

"The difference between this year's team and last year," Hudkins said, "is that we were shutting teams down this year. So he (Shaw) was always playing two quarters or so."

The Trojans' defense is anchored by middle linebacker Kalen McPherson, the Metro Defensive Player of the Year.

"That's a good compliment to our defensive coordinator, Shane Richard. I coached him at Mon-

roe on our semifinal team in 1995."

The Trojans' defense will be going against a Clinton team that runs multiple formations and features four effective running backs. It's a team with only four seniors.

McPherson missed the Cranbrook game but returned the following week. At one point against the Cranes the Trojans were using sophomore running back Steve Meadows at middle linebacker and strong safety Joe Fioretti at strong-side linebacker.

"What's helped," Hudkins said, "is that we only had five players go both ways this year. And we've been able to spell them."

"We improved every week up until the last couple of weeks. I was more proud of that than anything."

"As a coaching staff, going into the season we thought we had the talent to win games."

"The kids jelled offensively pretty fast. Defensively, you get kids to run around and hit people, it usually doesn't take quite as long."

Things came together well enough that it's okay to dare to think about practicing football on Thanksgiving Day.

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# Chargers hold off stubborn Patriots on Scott's late goal

Eric Scott got loose on a breakaway with just under eight minutes remaining and scored the game-winning goal, lifting Livonia Churchill to a 1-0 Division I district semifinal boys soccer win Wednesday over host Livonia Franklin.

Churchill, now 10-10 overall, will meet rival Livonia Stevenson (15-2-1) for the district championship, 11 a.m. Saturday at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

Shaun Murray assisted on the game-winner by Scott, the latter whom had been tightly marked throughout the night by Franklin's Ken Douglass.

"Franklin played a tough first half and we had trouble passing out to the wing, or for that matter, getting the ball onto anyone's foot with any type of consistency," said Churchill first-year coach Reid Friedrichs, whose team snapped a two-game losing skid. "Before the second half we asked somebody to step up. We had chances and finally Eric was the guy."

For Franklin, which bowed out at 9-11 overall, it was the final game for seniors Ryan Kracht and Ross Bohler.

"Jeremy Bruckner was solid in goal and we were solid defensively with Jon Nettles back there," Franklin coach Dave Hebestreit said. "It's hard to single anybody out. All my guys stepped up. It was a great match, very entertaining, one of the best of the year."

## DISTRICT BOYS SOCCER

"I think we took Churchill out of its rhythm." Churchill, the Western Division champion of the Western Lakes Activities Association, will try and avenge a 4-1 loss to the Spartans on Sept. 8.

"It's a Livonia-Livonia final. I guess you can't ask for anything better," Friedrichs said.

**GARDEN CITY 2, JOHN GLENN 0:** Garden City (15-2), seeking its first-ever district title, got unassisted first-half goals from Jeff Szypala and Brian Kisc on Wednesday to beat host Westland John Glenn (5-13-2) in a Division I semifinal match.

The win for Garden City averaged a 3-2 loss to the Rockets in the regular season.

"We won the first half," Garden City coach Bill Torni said. "The second half was pretty even. With a one game knockout they were going to go all out. They wanted a goal real bad, but our defense played real strong."

**DEARBORN 8, WAYNE 2:** Mohammed Mroueh scored a pair of goals Wednesday to power the Pioneers past host Wayne Memorial (3-12-2) in a Division I semifinal match.

Dearborn, second in the Mega Conference's Red Division behind Monroe, led 4-1 at the half and added four goals in the second half, including two late goals.

Shane Nowak had both Wayne goals, including the game's first. Justin Smoes added an assist.

Dearborn and Garden City square off the district title, 4 p.m. Friday at Wayne.



Bouncing ball: Huron Valley's Joshua King (left) makes pass in front of Lutheran Westland's John DeVries in Tuesday's Division IV district opener.

# Lutheran Westland rolls in lopsided win over Hawks

Lutheran Westland's soccer team is off to a good start in the district high school tournament.

The Warriors drilled Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 9-0, Tuesday in their district opener and will host the Southfield Franklin Road Christian, 4:30 today. Franklin Road eliminated Livonia Clarenceville, 4-2.

Junior Derek Bias scored four goals to lead visiting Lutheran High School Westland's attack. Andy Giesman recorded his 12th shutout of the season and

39th of his varsity career.

Freshman Shaun Lebeau added two goals for the Warriors (14-2-1 overall), defender Jason Davis, sophomore forward Jeff Broge and sophomore Carl Paulus had the other three goals.

Bias and Lebeau also had assists against the Hawks (3-12-1).

**STEVENSON 5, U-D JESUIT 3:** Tom Elier scored twice, including an insurance goal with three minutes remaining Monday to give host Livonia Stevenson (14-2-1) a Division I district triumph

## 1ST ROUND

over University of Detroit-Jesuit (8-7-2).

"It was a game of momentum, it was up-and-down with both teams going aggressive to the goal," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "It was a track meet."

"Our guys did well to find a way to win. U-D was very athletic and they caused us problems."

Stevenson led 2-1 at intermission as midfielder Brian Braun scored from Mike Thomas followed by Elier's direct free kick.

In the second half, Mike White broke a 2-2 tie on an assist from J.T. Katkos. Dan Lipon made it 4-2 from Braun, but the Cubs pulled within one on a goal with five minutes remaining.

Richters also singled out the play of defender Matt Koontz, who helped hold U-D All-Stater Michael Turpin scoreless.

**CHURCHILL 3, NORTHVILLE 1:** The Chargers repulsed a strong threat Monday by the host Mustangs to take their first-round state tournament Division I district soccer match.

Eric Scott scored a pair of first half goals to get Livonia Churchill started. Jamie Shooks got the assist off corner kick on the first goal.

On the second, Scott knocked home the rebound after a shot by Paul Karolak hit the crossbar and bounded back.

Northville played inspired soccer after that, though, and was rewarded when Brandon Bethel scored to shave the lead to 2-1 some 10 minutes before halftime.

"They were kicking our behinds at the end of the first half," Coach Reid Friedrichs said. "But we made it ours in the second half."

"That was a big thing. We came out and showed that we wanted to win. I thought we played a great second half, a nice hard second half."

The Chargers (9-10) got their reward for effort when Shooks played a ball to Karolak on a breakaway and he scored some 15 mins into the second half.

Eric Sicilia made seven saves in goal for Churchill.

**JOHN GLENN 2, FORDSON 0:** On Monday, Westland John Glenn (5-12-2) scored a goal in each half Monday to turn back visiting Dearborn Fordson in a Division I district opener.

Glenn was awarded the win when the game was prematurely halted with just over three minutes left because of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Jeff Shelby scored from Derek Gismond to make it 1-0 with eight minutes to go in the first half.

Matt Trussler then put it away with 10 minutes remaining from Nick Sharioian.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Ballard, who made 10 saves, turned in the shutout.

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Kuehne paces Lady Warriors to Metro crown

The girls cross country team of Lutheran High School Westland confirmed its status as the top team in the Metro Conference at the annual league meet.

The Warriors took the top two spots — with Tess Kuehne setting a new course record — and breezed to a 26-61 victory Saturday over runner-up Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood at Vernier Park in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Macomb Lutheran North took third with 75 points, followed by Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 118; Grosse Pointe University-Liggett and Harper Woods Lutheran East, 132; and Harper Woods, 186.

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Beyond limits from page C1

is a severe communication and learning disorder. Many individuals with autism have little or no communication. They are in their own world.

With Scott, even proper social exchanges such as "hello" have to be taught and consistently reinforced.

"The real race started when he was an infant," Wright said. "It's so rewarding to know of his athletic improvement and to see his accomplishments surpass the limits set by society."

"It's very satisfying to see that he can do things independently. It's a credit to all the different people who believed in him, along with their faith and church. It was a privilege to be with Scott and his family."

With the help of the internationally-renowned Burger School for the Autistic in Garden City, Scott received the needed assistance from teachers and therapists to promote him to public school.

Despite his eccentricities, Scott appears to have the potential to fit nicely into the mainstream of life.

"Although he may not have the social graces, he needs to be treated like everyone else," Ken Howse said. "You need the same expectations, and don't lower them because of his disability."

Running seems to bring Scott "out of his world."

At the middle school meet, his grandparents, three younger brothers (Timothy, Shawn and Franklin), along with his parents, were there to support him. Of course, Ken darted around the course to make sure Scott was staying on course.

Scott seemed genuinely excited about his win. When he passed the crowd lined up at the end of the first loop, Scott picked up his pace.

"He seems to thrive on competition," his dad said. "It really brings him along and it helps him with academics."

"The night before he had to get to bed early and get his homework done."

Wright remembers one day before a cross country meet when Scott "would focus in on the clouds."

"He was checking the wind and letting his teammates know about it so it would help them in the race," Wright said. "With Scott it's a learning process. He wasn't just a runner or a kid with a disability who was unable to communicate."

Ken Howse realizes there are many more challenges ahead. The plan is to run cross country and track at the high school level.

"It's going to be a rude awakening for him. I'm sure he'll be starting from the bottom," Ken said. "But I think he's up to it."

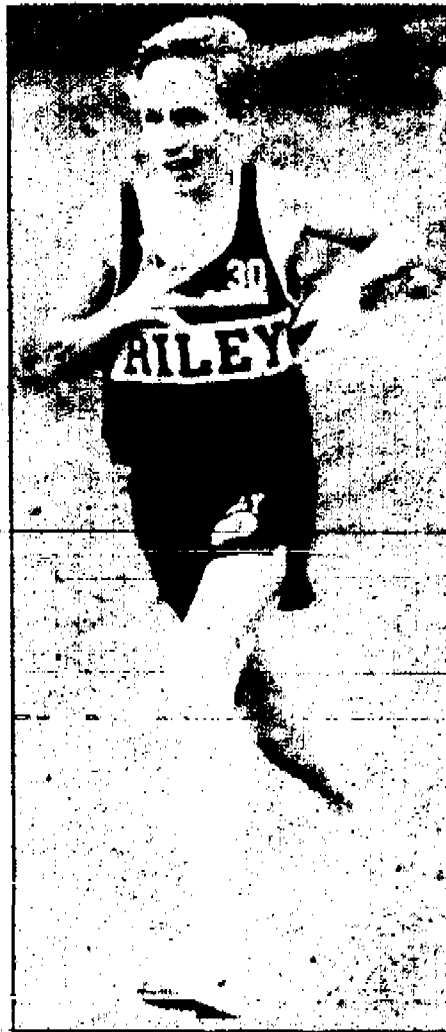
Slowly, but surely, Scott may fool people at the next level once again.

"We've spent hours and hours of time," Ken Howse said. "But if you bring a child into the world, the Good Lord says you're responsible to love and nurture him."

Connie Howse, said the family's faith continues to be their foundation.

"We've prayed and prayed, we've prayed every day," she said.

This story is still evolving, slowly, but surely.



On pace: Scott Howse pulls away from the field.

RUN RESULTS

HERITAGE PARK FALL BK RUN Oct. 20 in Farmington Hills. Table with columns for Place, Name, Age, and Time. Lists results for Male Overall Winner, Female Overall Winner, Male Age Groups (1-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & Up), and Female Age Groups (1-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60 & Up).

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY MEET Oct. 23 at Stony Creek Park. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn Divine Child, 31 points; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 85; 3. Birmingham Marian, 87; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 87. Ladywood finishers: 9. Anna Plagany, 21:20; 10. Catharine, 21:34; 11. Stefanie Stachura, 21:42; 12. All-Catholic, 17; Jennifer Koterba, 23:00; 20. Stacey Swancutt, 22:16; 28. Brianny O'Keefe, 27:38; 36. Stacey Schroeder, 23:40; 43. Rachel Andersen, 24:01. OPERATIONAL-FRIENDSHIP MEET Oct. 27 at Southgate Aquinas. Ladywood finishers: 25. Swancutt, 22:41; 28. Plagany, 22:42; 31. Andersen, 23:01; 32. Michelle Taylor, 23:51; 33. Christie, 23:51; 42. Jodi Lamb, 23:33.

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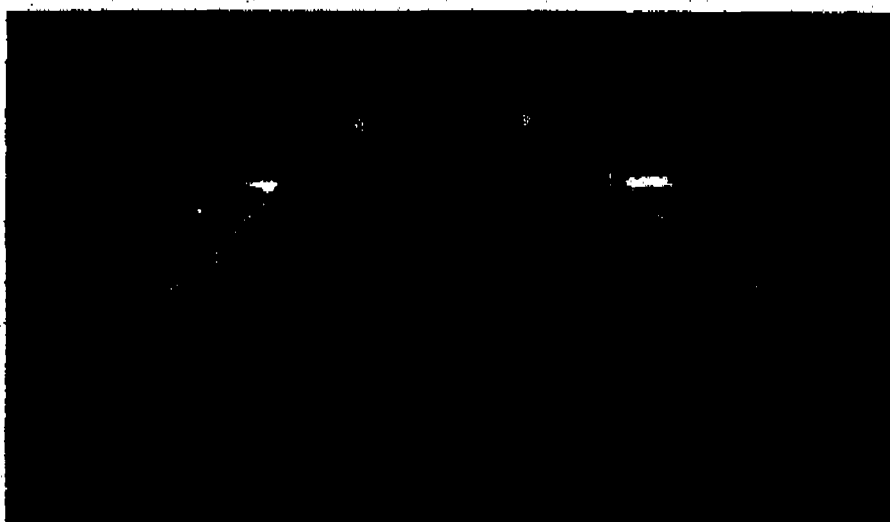
"I did it!" First Place, Best Feature Picture, Jim Jagdfeld, Southfield Eccentric



"Up and over" Best Sports Picture First Place, Redford Observer, Bryan Mitchell



"Partners"—First Place, Best Feature Picture, Tom Hawley, Garden City Observer



"Dirty Dandy" Second Place, Best Sports Picture, Clarkston Eccentric, Lawrence McKee



"A Day in the life of Danielle Hartsell" Best Picture Story First Place, Westland Observer, Tom Hawley

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"Freeway Noise" by Larry O'Connor-----Honorable Mention

##### Best Enterprise Feature

Farmington Observer:

"Education Under Fire" by Tim Smith-----Honorable Mention

##### Observer Newspapers:

"A River's Revival" by Ken Abramczyk-----Honorable Mention

##### Best Editorial Page or Pages

Lake Orion Eccentric, Gerald Frawley-----First Place

Clarkston Eccentric, Karen Hermes Smith-----Second Place

##### Best Editorial Writing

West Bloomfield Eccentric, Greg Kowalski-----Third Place

##### Best Local Columns

Livonia Observer, Renee Skoglund-----First Place

##### Best Spot News Pictures

Bill Bresler, Farmington Observer-----First Place

"Grief Stricken"

Jim Jagdfeld, Southfield Eccentric-----First Place

"Everyone needs a hand sometimes"

Lawrence McKee, Oxford Eccentric-----Second Place

"Eeek"

West Bloomfield Eccentric, Tom Hoffmeyer-----Honorable Mention

##### Best Sports Picture

Bryan Mitchell, Redford Observer-----First Place

"Up and Over"

Clarkston Eccentric, Lawrence McKee-----Second Place

"Dirty Dandy"

Farmington Observer, Elizabeth Carnegie-----Third Place

#### Best Sports Writing

Farmington Observer, Dan O'Meara-----Second Place

#### Best Sports Section

Oxford Eccentric, Brad Kadrich-----First Place

#### Best Lifestyle Section

Livonia Observer, Sue Mason-----Third Place

#### Best Special Section

West Bloomfield Eccentric:

FineLine, Suzy Parker, Joe Bauman-----First Place

#### General Excellence

Westland Observer-----First Place

#### Best Spot News Story

"Neighbors mourn death of boy"

Garden City Observer, Richard Pearl-----Third Place

#### Best Enterprise Feature

"School bus safety"

Plymouth Observer, Tony Bruscato-----First Place

#### Best Editorial Page or Pages

Plymouth Observer, Val Olander-----First Place

#### Best Feature Picture

"Partners"

Garden City Observer, Tom Hawley-----First Place

#### Best Sports Picture

"Up and over"

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#### Best Picture Story

"A Day in the Life of Danielle Hartsell"

Westland Observer, Tom Hawley-----First Place

Plymouth Observer, Paul Hurschmann-----Third Place

#### Best Sports Column

Redford Observer, Steve Kowalski-----Second Place

#### Best Sports Section

Plymouth Observer, C.J. Risak-----First Place

#### General Excellence

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Stark Hickey Ford-----Third Place

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Stark Hickey Ford-----Third Place

##### Best Recruitment Idea

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New Home Directory-----First Place

All the Best to You-----Second Place

##### Best In-House Promotion Idea

Signs of Spring-----First Place

Want to Get Rid?-----Second Place

##### Best Overall Classified Section

New Homes-----Second Place

Real Estate-----Third Place

##### Best Spot Color Ad

Observer Shop Locally-----Second Place

##### Best Multi-Color Ad

Observer Computerize Inc-----First Place

##### Best Special Section

Observer Women in Business-----First Place

Observer High School Football-----Third Place

##### Best Newspaper Promotion

Commitment to Excellence-----First Place/O&E

Entries were submitted based on circulation class. Therefore there may be overlapping second, third, and honorable mention winners in the same category.



## HOOKED ON HISTORY



VIRGINIA BAILEY PARKER

## Halloween ... kids are up to old tricks

When I was a kid, the youthful prank of TP-ing houses was not considered mischief. Adults slid right past that category and labeled it "juvenile delinquency."

It must have been to prevent that and other such apparently reprehensible acts at Halloween that we had an annual fair at Covington Grade School.

The funny thing is, no one in my family can remember rampant misdeeds being reported in local newspapers that necessitated having to "keep us off the streets," as adults were fond of saying.

The kids really didn't care why we were treated to this great yearly event. We just looked forward to it with relish. We bobbed for apples and, with a little help from the adults, hooked trinkets on the end of a fishing-pole line that we cast over a bedsheet-draped booth.

Lucky at the cakewalk, my sister, Regina, and I would bring home three cakes for our father's birthday.

Every year my mother made Regina, who was older, promise she would not let me go in the spook house - the boys' locker room, which glowed with eerie lights - because it scared the dickens out of me.

And just as predictably, I begged each year until Regina relented. I'd get no farther than the kid in the wet gorilla suit jumping out at me, and the fishbowl of painted, peeled grapes said to be witches' eyes before I was clamoring to get out.

### Their youthful pranks

It only occurred to me in later years that it probably wasn't any great mischief on our part that made the adults nervous enough to host the Halloween fair. It was more likely memories of their own youthful pranks that worried them.

Over the years, I've collected stories from folks who grew up in the early decades of the century. It seems that, whether in the city or country, these kids had their favorite tricks.

According to many now-responsible citizens, turning over outhouses was, indeed, common in farming communities - with or without an occupant. And high roofs of a one-room school or grange hall were popular places to relocate farmers' wagons.

Of course, I had to be long past my childhood to discover pranks my own parents played. My mother's favorite play was sticking pins in doorbells and taking off lickety-split.

"We'd go tearing through the neighborhood with a secret yell - a shriek, really," she recalls with glee. "The boys were really good at it because they could whistle better. People came to the door pretending they didn't know what it was. They did, of course, because we did it every year."

### Parents' mischief

I find from my mother that my late father wasn't above Halloween mischief in the 1920s, either. He'd take a coarse sack filled with flour, slam it against a door and ring the bell. When the person answered the door, a feathery white cloud billowed in the air before settling as a fine powder.

No doubt it was while having to sprint from the scene that he discovered skills which later earned him track medals.

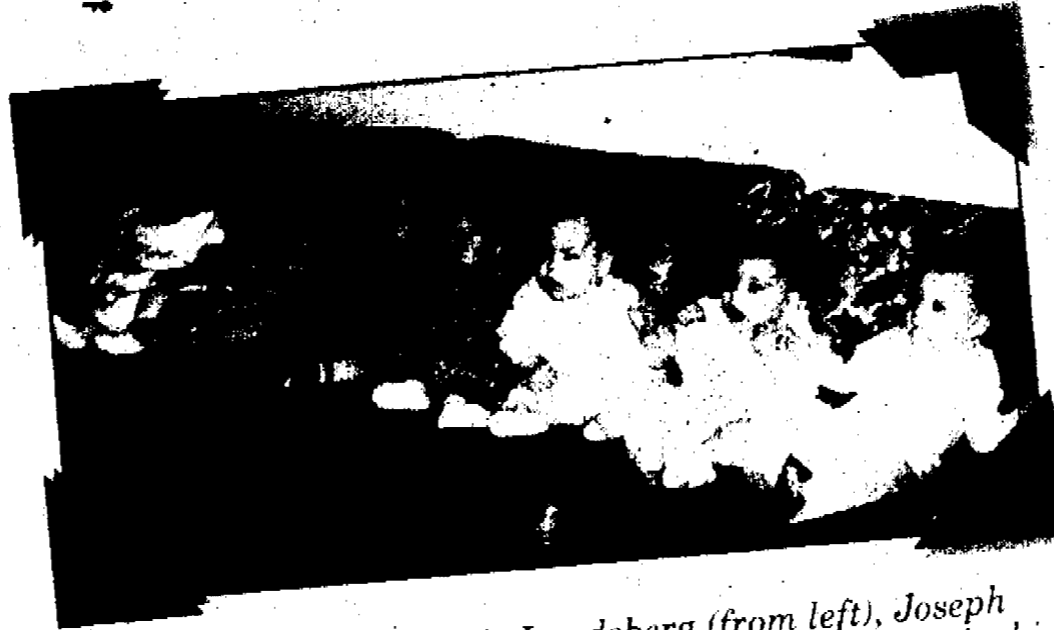
He and his friends had an affinity for aerial antics, too. If the homeowner was foolish enough to leave something out, up it went on the roof.

The boys roamed the neighborhood for whatever was handy - a rocking chair from the porch, a wheelbarrow from the garden.

Interestingly, my parents did not grow up around here. They were raised far away in northern Quebec - a rare example of "kids will be kids."

As we look at traditions - which ones linger and which ones change - we notice new variations on old themes. The spook house of my childhood was reinvented in my children's

Please see HALLOWEEN, B3



Oh baby, baby, baby: Katie Landsberg (from left), Joseph Reimann, Josh Dunaitis, Drew Crisan, Lauren Wozniacki, Lindsay Drewes and Erin Sterling are pictured in January of 1984 not long after the "Make Room for Baby" group was initiated.



Sweet 16: All grown up, six of the original nine baby group babies gather for a reunion this past Labor Day - Josh Prusakiewicz (from left), Josh Dunaitis, Joseph Reimann, Douglas Pallister, Lindsay Drewes and Lauren Wozniacki.

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON  
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In 1983 nine women - all first time moms - gathered together to lend an ear and offer support to each other as they collectively entered into parenthood.

Sixteen years later the same group of women, a little older and a lot wiser, met again for a reunion of Providence Hospital: Southfield's "Make Room for Baby" group.

Unlike most post-partum support groups for new mothers, the original group continued to meet beyond the six weeks the formal hospital group did - gathering at homes, restaurants, gymnastic meets - anywhere they could to compare notes, share stories and offer one another the confidence they needed that they were "succeeding."

"Most of us were stay-at-home moms," said Sue Drewes, one of two moms responsible for the 16th birthday party/reunion of the baby group. "This was the first child for all of us and we needed the reassurance that

we were normal and that we weren't cracking up."

"Not only that but it was a chance for us to meet other women and to gain confidence. We were really doubtful of our abilities."

The nine original moms and their children were Vanessa Milligan (formerly Vanessa Prusakiewicz) and son, Josh Prusakiewicz; Marilyn Wozniacki and daughter, Lauren; Paula Reimann and son, Joe; Drewes and daughter, Lindsay; Cora Sterling and daughter, Erin; Thelma Dunaitis and son, Josh; Kathy Wight-Pallister and son, Doug; Serena Crisan and son, Drew; and Mary Kay Landsberg and daughter, Katie.

### Getting together

According to Drewes, the nine moms met frequently until 1988 when the addition of siblings and other activities made it too hard to coordinate schedules.

Get-togethers sometimes included the participants spouses and consisted of dinners, birthday parties and holiday functions, said the Rochester Hills mom.

"We stayed in touch through Christmas cards and letters, but those eventually trailed off," said Wozniacki, a Livonia resident.

Wozniacki joined the baby group in the fall of 1983 after her daughter was born in August. After the first six-week support group ended, she signed up again and met the remainder of the original nine members.

"We were a unique group," said Wozniacki. "We came from different age groups and economic backgrounds, but we all had the same ideas about raising kids. When we got back together in September it was nice to know we were all still on the same page about things from cars to dating."

"It was like we never stopped meeting even though 10 years had passed."

Drewes said six of the nine women and their families were able to get together for a boathouse party on Lake Angelus near Pontiac over the Labor Day weekend. Drewes, who, in addition to Lindsay, has a daughter Marcy, 14, organized the reunion with Paula Reimann, mother of Joe,

Patrick, 14, Maureen, 11, and Michael, 8.

Ironically, Lindsay and Joe, two of the original "Make Room for Baby" babies are lab partners at Rochester Adams High School in Rochester Hills.

"I was so excited to re-meet people I knew a while back," said Joe. "I told most of my friends not to bother calling me on that Sunday because I had this awesome baby reunion to go to. They hadn't heard of anything like it before."

The 11th grader said he has some vague memories of the baby group and wasn't nervous to get back together with people who may have seemed like strangers after such a long absence.

"I wasn't nervous or anything. I mean, after all, I had known these people before and I'm not the kind of person that likes to sit around," he said. "It didn't take long for us to re-introduce each other. All of us had something to say and tell about what they are doing in life."

Please see REUNION, B2

## Sweet 16



'Tis the season: Getting bigger, the group met at Christmas in 1995 and posed for this picture - Lauren Wozniacki (from left from the top), Erin Sterling, Joseph Reimann, Katie Landsberg, Josh Dunaitis, Douglas Pallister, Lindsay Drewes and Drew Crisan.

## 1st-time moms keep sharing milestones

## Son continues dad's legacy at Leo's Den

Clip Job: When it comes to getting a haircut, even family members like Zachary Favazza know where to go - to see John Favazza at Leo's Den in Livonia.



BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

When John Favazza isn't snipping hair he's singing hymns.

"I enjoy serving people any way that I can," Favazza said.

He spends his days cutting hair at Leo's Lion's Den in Livonia, established 30 years ago by his father and mentor, Leo. Customers looking for flat tops, brush cuts and tapered styles have bolstered business despite the urban hair salons that have threatened to gobble up all the old time barber shops.

"The barber shops are kind of a vanishing thing," Favazza said. "I think mainly because the guys are getting into beauty schools and styling schools."

One of the main differences between hair salons and barber shops is that barbers tend to rely heavily on clippers and stylists often prefer scissors, Favazza said.

"I call myself a barber stylist," said Favazza, an Inkster resident who looks 28 instead of 38. "I like to take a head of hair that's out of shape and I like to shape it and make it look good. That brings me a lot of satisfaction."

Keeping some of his father's customers and honing his own, Favazza said he isn't intimidated by a Fantastic Sam's across the street and a BoRies within stone's throw from his front door, which sets him

STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITHRELL

Please see HAIRCUT, B2

## Haircut from page B1

apart from the rest with an airbrush painting of a lion by Canton artist John Dunayski.

Inside, it looks a lot like it might have 30 years ago when Leo Favazza opened the shop at Five Mile and Newburgh at a time when the area was considered country.

One recent afternoon, John Favazza was accompanied by the buzzing sound of his razor as he made small talk with a gray-haired man while a young boy and his mother waited. The man in the chair had been a long-time customer of Favazza's uncle, Nazim H. Hally, also known as "The Turk." In fact, The Turk still works limited hours at Leo's Lion's Den.

An appreciation for music and cutting must be an inherited trait, because Favazza also has an aunt, another uncle and a couple of cousins who also cut hair.

Once the elderly man in the chair was perfectly coiffed, Favazza invited the second grader to hop up, and he began talking just as easily with the ele-

## 'My dad had a great influence on my life, making music and barbering.'

**John Favazza**  
*Leo's Lion's Den*

mentary school student.

Despite his religious devotion, Favazza isn't holding a razor in one hand and preaching gospel to a literally captive audience. Only customers who probe a little will hear some heartfelt preaching.

He was trained in the early 1980s at the Detroit Barber College in Dearborn and worked at a beauty salon where he learned how to color, perm and style hair. In fact, he still offers those services by appointment, which is something his father never did.

### A 'great influence'

So much of the son's life followed the father who in his spare time sang and played saxophone, performing mostly at weddings and anniversaries in a band called "Four of a Kind."

"My dad had a great influence on my life, making music and barbering," said Favazza, becoming misty eyed as he recalled Leo's death nearly six years ago.

Besides buying the family business, Favazza sings in the choir at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton. He also plays bass and sings with his three brothers in their band, "The Favazza Brothers," specializing in Christian music.

"The No. 1 thing in my life is my relationship with Jesus," Favazza said. "I want my customers to know that I'm praying for them and that they come to know the Lord. I have everyone coming in here from Catholic priests to accountants and stock brokers to the handicapped to senior citizens and preschoolers."

He doesn't have a lot of teenage customers, he added,

because they often prefer salons.

Favazza's interest in barbering started to bloom even as a kid growing up in the City of Wayne when he practiced styles on his five brothers and sisters. His interest in music developed around the same time.

"When kids in the '70s would listen to the rock group Kiss, we would grab our tennis rackets and pretend we were musicians," Favazza said.

"The Favazza Brothers" started out as a neighborhood band, called themselves "Black Ace." They did so well they won first place in the City of Wayne's annual battle of the bands contest in the early 1980s.

Favazza laughs when he describes how the band returned the next year as a Christian band and didn't do nearly as well.

"We went and played and we took last place, but the great thing that came out of that was that the lead singer's mother converted that night."

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

### ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church will have a Gift-A-Rama 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 31 at the church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. There will be vendors, food and a raffle. For more information, call (734) 422-0010.

### PRCUA SYRENA

The PRCUA Syrena Parents Club will hold its holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 271-0201 or (313) 563-1761.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

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

### FROST

The Frost Middle School PTSA will present its 23rd annual holiday craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 6 at the school, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia. There will be more than 150 crafters, a lunch room and bake sale. Admission will be \$2. No strollers permitted.

### ST. SABINA

Applications are being accepted from crafters for the St. Sabina School craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6, at the school, 8147 Arnold, Dearborn Heights. The fee is \$27 for an 8-foot table or space (a limited number are available) and \$25 for a 6-foot table or space. For more information, call Jane Palmer at (734) 953-5914.

### MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University is accepting applications from crafters for its 15th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Showcase 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6-7 in the Activities Center of its Livonia campus.

For more information, call (734) 432-5603.

### GARDEN CITY PRESBYTERIAN

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have its annual bazaar 4-8 p.m. Nov. 12 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 13 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City. A turkey dinner will be served 4:30-7 p.m. Nov. 12 and lunch on Nov. 13. There will be arts and crafts, silent auction, cookie walk, white elephant room and bake sale.

### ST. EDITH

St. Edith School will have its fall craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the school, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call Diana at (734) 462-6037 or Jo Ann at (734) 464-9370.

### CLARENCEVILLE

The Clarenceville High School Athletic Booster Club will have its annual holiday boutique 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the high school, Middlebelt between Seven and Eight Mile roads, Livonia. There will be more than 150 juried crafters, bake sale and raffle. Admission will be \$2 and baby-sitting will be available. No strollers permitted.

### GOOD SHEPHERD

Crafters are needed for a craft show and bazaar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne at Hunter roads, Westland. Table space is available - \$20 for a 5-foot round table or \$25 for an 8-foot-long table. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (734) 722-7225.

### HARRIS-KEHRER VFW

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 is looking for crafters for its annual craft bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 13 at the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Rentals are \$20 for an 8-foot table and two chairs. For more information, call Pam at (734) 724-6304.

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

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

## Halloween from page B1

youth as the haunted house, often set up in homes slated for demolition. They draw crowds from far and wide, and profits from admission fees often benefit the sponsoring nonprofit organizations.

When I was in college, hayrides were a popular autumn pastime. Less in vogue now, they are being replaced by mazes in haunted cornfields.

As for TP-ing houses... it's inconvenient to clean up, especially after rain. However, it's a far cry from the vandalism of egging cars and blowing out windows on parked vehicles, which we rightly should condemn.

And depositing equipment and porch furniture on rooftops certainly pushed the envelope, given the potentially dangerous ramifications of that prank.

But those aren't shenanigans we can blame on today's kids; our sometimes-selectively forgetful adult population owns those stories.

As far as harmless pranks go, the day after Halloween some poor grownups will undoubtedly be saddled with the lamentable task of cleaning soap off windows. An old trick? You bet.

"Oh yeah," my mother says,

without remorse, "we soaped windows."

One thing is clear. We may be on the brink of a new millennium, but, when it comes to Halloween, we can probably expect the same old tricks.

Historian and author Virginia Bailey Parker has a bachelor's degree in historic preservation. She lives in Canton Township.

## Reunion from page B1

"Of course, the mothers remembered us. It's been a while since they had seen us, but it didn't take long for the, 'Oh, how you've grown,' and the, 'I remember when you...' phrases were being heard."

### Parties remembered

Lauren Wozniacki, a junior at Stevenson High School in Livonia, remembers having birthday parties and going to the beach

with the baby group.

"I did have fun when I got there," said Lauren who was somewhat apprehensive about the reunion.

"I told her everyone would only be strangers for a few minutes," said her mother. "And I was right. The kids just sort of gravitated to each other like the adults."

The reunion on the lake

included a variety of water sport activities, lunch and a birthday cake for the 16-year-olds.

The group as a whole has intentions of meeting again next year for a similar gathering, but the "babies" have plans of their own.

"Many of the kids exchanged phone numbers and e-mail addresses," said Reimann. "I expect now that many of them are driving, they'll be seeing

each other again soon.

"I think what made our group so different and what brought us together beyond that six-week program was the confidence we gained from each other," she added. "We became fast friends and really valued each other's advice. I don't know who I would have asked those questions to if it weren't for the group."

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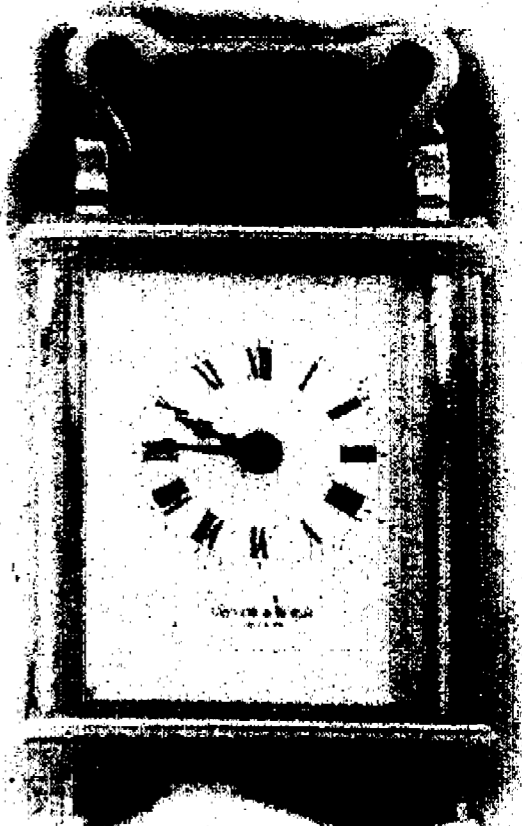
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**WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

**Kunec-Szydowski**

Ann and Richard Kunec of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Traci Ann, to Andrew Michael Szydowski, the son of Denise and Conrad Szydowski of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and Grand Valley State University. She is employed as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and Western Michigan University. He is employed as a mechanical engineer.

A November wedding is planned at Ceremony Resurrection Catholic Church.



**Walters-Smith**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walters of Charleston, S.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Ann, to Shawn William Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Smith of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of the College of Charleston. She is a manager with Limited Corp.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of the College of Charleston. He is employed by Prudential Real Estate.



A November wedding is planned in Charleston.

**Marion-Porterfield**

Todd Andrew Marion and Laura Jean Porterfield were married at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville by the Rev. John Quigley.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porterfield of Plymouth. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Marion of Durham, N.C.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed as a manager at Delphi Automotive Systems in Troy.

The groom also is a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and the University of Michigan. He is employed at the Orchard's Children's Services in Southfield.

The bride asked Stephanie Asmus to serve as matron of honor with Christine Bardelli, Jill Miller, Katie Prokop, Kristi Matuszewski and Laurel Ream as the bridesmaids.

Edward Bardelli served as best man with Brian Marion,



Robert J. Porterfield, Toby Brzozowski, Robert Files and Alex Gagin as the groomsmen and Brandon Marion as ring bearer.

The couple received guests at a reception at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Following a honeymoon trip to Sandals Resort in Jamaica, the couple is residing in Birmingham.

**Meadows-Sellers**

Harry and Delores Meadows of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaime Lynn, to Robert Donald Sellers, the son of Bill and Ginny Sellers of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School. He teaches pre-kindergarten while attending Schoolcraft College.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School. He also attended William D. Ford Vocational Center in Westland to receive certification as a certified auto body technician. He is currently working in that field.

An October 2001 wedding is planned.



**Ferrell-Gresham**

Stephen and Suzan Ferrell of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Joel Gresham, the son of Jerry and Margaret Gresham of Coldwater.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is majoring in theater at Hillsdale College where she will graduate in May 2000.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Columbia Central High School in Brooklyn, Mich. He is an accounting major at International Business College and will graduate in February 2001.

A June wedding is planned at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton.



**Jutte-Dominic**

Theodore and Linda Jutte of Coldwater, Ohio, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lynne Marie Anne, to Anthony Louis Dominic, the son of Carl and Suzanne Jiovani of Canton.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Celina Senior High School, a 1993 graduate of Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a 1997 graduate of Wright with a master of science degree in student affairs counseling in higher education. She was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer from the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School in 1998. She is a personnel officer, assigned as section commander to the 5th Munitions Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

Her fiancé is a graduate of John Glenn High School. He was commissioned as a U.S. Air Force officer with a bachelor of science degree in astronautical engineer-



ing from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1998. He is a security forces officer, assigned as flight commander to the 5th security forces squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

A November wedding is planned at St. Thomas A' Becket Church in Canton.

**Taratuta-Winquist**

Leonard Taratuta of Cheboygan and Arvella Winquist of Mackinaw Township, formerly of Livonia, were married Aug. 14. The Rev. Charles Hastie of Mackinaw City officiated.

The bride's and groom's attendants were Jacquie and Frank Tolstyka of Alaha, Mullett Lake.

The outdoor ceremony and reception was held at the couple's home on the Straits of Mackinac.



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# 19th-century women leave their mark on American art

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Artist Marion Wachtel exhibited her work in watercolors even though her oils were much better.

Impressionist artist Donna Schuster could have doubled the price of her work had she been a man.

Agnes Pelton didn't make a great living as an abstract artist, so she had a survival job painting portraits and landscapes.

Their artwork and that of other female artists of the late 1800s and 1900s was the topic of conversation at the first of the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center's three-part fall luncheon series.

Chris Melikan of Melvindale, a professional artist, art critic and lecturer, introduced his audience to American women artists who delved into impressionism, abstraction and realism but took a back seat to their male counterparts.

While the 20th century woman has aimed at equal status with her male counterpart, some of the artists chose a different route.

Marion Wachtel exhibited in watercolors because her oils were much better than her husband's," he explained. "And critics knew she would overshadow him."

Born in 1876, Wachtel joined with other artists from California in doing plein air — or outdoor — painting. A part of the California impressionist movement, her work had "a poetic feeling that set her apart" from others, Melikan said.

Another impressionist painter was Donna Schuster. Born in 1883, she graduated with honors from the Art Institute of Chicago and also studied at the Boston Museum School and with



**Brush strokes:** A professional artist, art critic and lecturer, Chris Melikan poses in front of his painting of a tiger in his studio.

William Merritt Chase, the father of American impressionism.

"She was a very, very good artist, one of my favorites," said Melikan. "She could find beauty in three red peppers on a table. She found the beauty of light touching a mundane scene. 'My Front Steps' is more about light than about her front porch."

Schuster didn't make a great living as an artist and "could have doubled the price of her work if she had been a man," according to Melikan. She died in 1953, killed in a brush fire while trying to save her dogs.

Born two years before Schuster, Agnes Pelton saw art in a different way. She favored abstracts that were "very radical and very full of symbolism."

"She was the lady who didn't get the recognition that Georgia O'Keeffe got," Melikan said. "Her oil paintings were such that they almost looked like they were air-

brushed."

Somewhat peculiar, Pelton moved into the Hayground windmill on Long Island and made it into her studio. It was "her mystical house that reached into heaven," Melikan said.

Like Schuster, she didn't make a great living doing abstracts, so she had a survival job doing portraits and landscapes.

A contemporary of Schuster and Pelton, Jesse Arms Botke is the artist who influenced Melikan's work.

"I like her use of animals in her work," he said. "They are a bit stylized, but what I like about her work is that the animals are elevated to a higher status. They're realistic up to a point."

Melikan also praised her "tremendous technical skill," pointing to one her paintings that included 50 accurately depicted flowers in a vase.

Another student of Chase was

Kate Freeman Clark, who did so well her artwork was among the 9,000 pieces exhibited at the Columbia Exposition in 1893.

Born in 1875, she found she had to market her work as Freeman Clark to make a living, but gave up her entire career to care for her grandmother.

"She could have made a lot of money," said Melikan. "They found 1,000 paintings that never were exhibited after her grandmother died. She had painted on cigar boxes, cardboard."

Melikan contrasted his 19th century artists with 20th century artist Janet Monafe. Born in 1940 in Boston, Monafe deals with realism, creating 6 to 8-foot-tall pieces in pastels.

A lot of her still life deals with people's ability to recycle what they make, Melikan said. She also likes to contrast that with natural things and deal with the gaudiness of today's products, Melikan said.

Of one Monafe's works, a self-portrait, Melikan noted that "it has a lot to say about women and about women's role in society. She doesn't look like she'd take a back seat to her husband."

In looking at the artists, Melikan also gave his audience a short introduction to art:

■ The better way to display art is in a rectangular format. The picture tends to be presented in thirds — one-third ground and two-thirds sky or vice-versa.

A square format has half sky, half ground and tends to be more static. It also puts the focus of interest in the center of the picture, making it confrontational.

■ There is no white paint in watercolors. Artists must conceive color in reverse, painting darks around lights.

■ Pastels paints are pure pigment packed into chalk. While working in pastels is quick,

they're more fragile and tend to smudge. They also need to be displayed behind glass and sprayed with a fixative.

The luncheon series continues on Friday, Nov. 12, when Carroll Jackson of the Upshaw Institute of the Blind and his dog, Jack, will give an overview of vision loss services, new technology to overcome vision loss, the mobility issue and white canes.

The series concludes on Dec. 3

with Mary Lee O'Bryan of the Detroit Institute of Arts. O'Bryan will present a slide show on "Angels and Their Counterparts."

The luncheon is held in the Waterman Campus Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$14 each and can be reserved through Nov. 9 by calling the Women's Resource Center at (734) 462-4443.

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Listings for the Religious News should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

FAITH CELEBRATION

The father-and-son team of Tommy Oats and J.T. Oats will lead Memorial Church of Christ's Faith Celebration Friday-Sunday, Oct. 29-31.

The celebration will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, with a dinner theater production of "Star Queen."

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Detroit Area Catholic Singles will have a Halloween dance 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at St. Edith Parish.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Looking for a safe party alternative to Halloween? Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church will have a fall harvest festival.

ANGELS NIGHT

The third annual Angels Night for children in Redford will be Saturday, Oct. 30, beginning at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church.

FAMILY HARVEST PARTY

Calvary Baptist Church will host a family harvest party 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the church.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. There will be vendors, food and a raffle.

THE GATHERING

Bonniebell and Smiggins the Clowns will be the special guests at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at The Gathering at Clarenceville United Methodist Church.

The mother-and-daughter team will present a Christian message for young and old alike. Children can come dressed in Bible-character costumes.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling the church office at (248) 474-3444.

UNICEF COLLECTION

The children of Newburg United Methodist Church will carry the orange UNICEF boxes when trick or treating on Sunday, Oct. 31.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Square dance classes will be offered at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 6 and 15, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.



New members: The Rev. Lawrence Wit (center), pastor of Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford, welcomes new congregation members.

\$3 donation per class. There also will be dinner and square dancing at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. The donation is \$15 per person.

MOPS GROUP The Plymouth Baptist Church holds Mothers of Preschoolers meetings 9:15-11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the

month at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Mothers with their children, kindergarten age and younger, may attend. Child care is provided.

SPIRIT OF THE CROSS

St. Theodore Church's prayer group, Spirit of the Cross, will have Deacon Bruce Simpson, an evangelist from Florida, as a

guest speaker at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the church social hall, 8200 Wayne, Westland. The theme of the evening is "Thanksgiving and Praise Rally."

ST. THERESE RELICS

The relics of St. Therese of Lisieux, the French Carmelite nun, will come to the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak for a one-day visit Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Masses, confessions, veneration, a holy hour and veepers have been scheduled throughout the day at the church, northeast corner of Woodward Avenue and 11 Mile.

The relics are encased in a box of jacaranda wood and gilded silver. The stop at the Shrine of the Little Flower is the only visit to the Detroit area in a world tour.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" when New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

For more information, call the church office at (734) 422-6088, Marilyn Wilkinson at (248) 380-7903, or Rosemary Kline at (734) 482-3770.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will observe World Community Day on Friday, Nov. 5, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16380 Hubbard, Livonia.

MILLENNIUM SUPPER-DANCE

The Irish Pallottine Fathers will hold a Millennium Mission dinner-dance Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, Westland.

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CREATION CELEBRATION

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## THE WEEKEND

### FRIDAY



See Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The King & I" 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets \$15 to \$45, (248) 433-1515.

### SATURDAY



The Marquis Theatre children present "Halloween Soup," a comical melodrama with music, 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the theater, 135 E. Main St. in downtown Northville. Tickets \$6, (248) 349-8110.

### SUNDAY



Guitarist Kenny Burrell joins Ray Barretto and his ensemble New World Spirit for a Latin jazz tribute to Duke Ellington, 7:30 p.m. at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. Tickets \$15 to \$50, (313) 576-5111.



**Hot Tix:** The high-energy dance musical "Footloose" continues at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit through Sunday, Nov. 14. Performances 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$25 to \$57.50, (248) 645-6666.



## Sandra Bernhard offers no excuses for being 'nice'

BY FRANK PROVENZANO  
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Interviewing Sandra Bernhard isn't anything like advertised.

Rather, it's like preparing to fight Mike Tyson, then climbing into the ring and finding his proud mother. Go ahead, try taking a swing.

Then again, if Bernhard's in-your-face, no-b.s. attitude has revealed anything, it's to expect the unexpected. Want to spar with that vicious, raging on-stage persona that Bernhard whips out to incite and entertain? Not so much.

Her, about finding a warm, friendly and polite — yes, polite — mid-40s mother, who sits in her New York City home and splits her time talking about her upcoming one-person show at the Music Hall, "I'm Still Here ... Damn It!" and listening to the coos of her 15-month-old.

Definitely unsettling.

### Save rage for the stage

For an actress-author-comedienne who has been described by the New York press, no less, as "mean, bitter, jealous and cruel," a cordial conversation isn't supposed to be in the cards.

Please see **ENTERTAINMENT**, E2

What: "Sandra Bernhard's 'I'm Still Here ... Damn It!'"

When: 7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Nov. 1-Nov. 4;

8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5;

9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6;

7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7

Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit

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## THEATER

# Schoolcraft College updates Shakespeare's 'Merchant'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Ray Vaghtbeck made a riveting Shylock, mesmerizing the audience as he talked about loaning 3,000 ducats to the merchant Antonio. The Canton actor nearly salivated over the idea of taking a pound of flesh from the merchant if the money was not repaid on time.

The dress rehearsal was one of the last run-throughs before the newly-edited production of "The Merchant of Venice" opens Friday, Oct. 29, in the Liberal Arts Theatre on the Schoolcraft College Livonia campus.

Shakespeare probably would have been grateful to James R. Hartman for updating the language in the play. Hartman, a professor at Schoolcraft and the director of its theater program, spent two years breaking down lengthy

sentences and incorporating footnotes into this comedy that's slightly on the dark side.

"Doing Shakespeare is totally different than doing anything else," said Hartman, who's headed up the theater program at Schoolcraft since 1987. Hartman originally came to Michigan to work at Meadow Brook Theatre as an actor when Schoolcraft approached him to direct plays.

"The language — it's been 400 years since Shakespeare wrote the plays. That sometimes discourages people from seeing it. I have not made it modern speech but more understandable for modern audiences."

Hartman edited his first Shakespeare play, "Macbeth," four years ago. It took two years to edit the "Merchant."

"The Merchant of Venice" is as dynamic as characters and as exciting as plays get," said Hartman. "I was intrigued with the characterizations. Shylock, along with Othello, are two of the best villains ever written. The Merchant is also a good example of having double plots. It's fast-paced because all scenes are relatively short and is classified as a comedy, but is dark as well."

Jerri Doll, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School who plays Portia in the production, thanks Hartman makes Shakespeare palatable. Doll,



STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

**Dark comedy:** John H. Abair, Jr. (left), Jerri Doll and Colleen Greenwell take to the stage for a Schoolcraft College production of "The Merchant of Venice."

who graduated in 1993 from Schoolcraft with an associate's degree in theater and went on to earn a bachelor's in theater from Eastern Michigan University, has worked in professional theater playing such venues as The Purple Rose Theatre and the Tibbets Opera House. This is the first full Shakespeare play she's done.

"For your common layperson who doesn't know Shakespeare, it will be easier and in keeping with the beauty of the language," said Doll, an Ann Arbor resident. "What always brings me back to work at Schoolcraft College

is that professor Hartman brings such truth to his staging. I really feel I grow. I always thought Shakespeare was the toughest. But Shakespeare's also very funny, very bawdy with a good sense of humor."

Doll plays the love interest in "The Merchant of Venice." Like all of Shakespeare's 38 plays, "Merchant" is viable more than 400 years later because of its universality.

Portia's a free spirit, independent for her time and not afraid to speak her

Please see **MERCHANT**, E2



**The cast:** The Farmington Players, Stacey Duford of Bloomfield Hills (left to right, back row), Jacquie Pouillon, Lisa Currey of Waterford, Mary Ann Tweedie, Margaret Gilkes of Farmington Hills; Ellen Akins of Farmington Hills (middle row, left to right), Sue Rogers of West Bloomfield, and Marge Wetzel of Farmington Hills (front) star in "The Women."

## Farmington Players present benefit for 'The Women'

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The Farmington Players have been in a serious fund-raising mode, intent on raising enough money to build a new theater.

"We plan to break ground in June/July," said organization president Cynthia Tupper. With their dream close to becoming a reality, the group is beginning its 1999-2000 season Friday, Nov. 5 with a benefit for the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center.

"It's a way of giving back to the community," explained Tupper. "We've been in this 'give us money, give us money' mode. It's time for us to think about what's important to the people who

Please see **BENEFIT**, E2

### On Stage

What: Farmington Players presents "The Women" by Clare Booth Luce.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Show dates are Nov. 6-7; Nov. 12-14; Nov. 18-21; and Nov. 25-27.

Where: Farmington Players Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills.

Tickets: \$12. Season tickets for three shows, \$36. Call (248) 553-2955 for more information.

Highlight: Benefit performance of "The Women" 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the Farmington Players Theatre, afterglow reception at 10 p.m. Event proceeds benefit the breast cancer program at Henry Ford Health System's Josephine Ford Cancer Center. Tickets \$50, which includes admission to the play and afterglow reception; \$100 includes priority seating, admission to the afterglow reception, recognition in the program and a breast cancer awareness pin. Call (313) 876-9259 for more information.

### Season schedule:

■ "Of Mice and Men" by Joseph Steinbeck opens Friday, Feb. 4. Show dates are Feb. 4-6; Feb. 11-13; Feb. 18-20; and Feb. 24-26.

■ "Kiss Me Kate" by Sam and Bella Spewack, music and lyrics by Cole Porter, opens May 5. Show dates May 5-7; May 11-14; May 18-21 and May 25-27.

# Sandra from page E1

Outrageous is the norm. Edgy is the sensibility. And irreverent is the aim.

"I love to turn on an audience," said Bernhard, who was born and lived until age 9 in Flint. "I save that rage for the stage."

That may sound a bit calculating for someone who has built a reputation for her blistering comments about celebrities such as Madonna, Tom Cruise, Mari-ah Carey, and Princess Di.

Her current show, which opened at the Booth Theater on Broadway last November, is apparently a reconstructive attempt to back away from her own celebrity status and move toward being more of a wicked ironist.

In "I'm Still Here ... Damn It," Bernhard offers an eclectic blend of music, parodies and bitter -

sometimes raunchy - observations about sexuality, pop culture and Far Right attitudes on religion and propriety.

Think the male-bashing, icon-rattling, mean-spirited viper has mellowed since becoming a mother?

"No way," said Bernhard from her New York City home amid a hectic schedule of 10 interviews over two-days with the local Detroit media.

"Let's just say that motherhood has expanded my capacity for affection."

That doesn't mean she's softened her barbs that hit with the force of a machete, slicing apart the male ego. Nor has she backed away from her less-than-subtle reminder to shovel back the crap that's being pushed along as American culture.

"I don't have to push buttons," she said. "I'm just trying to get people to realize that every button is being pushed their way, and they don't have to take it."

But try to provoke the provocateur and you'll be surprised at what you get.

Q: If you were a fine artist, what kind of art would you create with elephant dung?

Bernhard: I'm not a fine artist. I don't want to get into any of that.

Q: If you were consulting Monica Lewinsky during the impeachment trial, what would you have said to her?

Bernhard: I boycotted the whole thing. We have to take responsibility for all that nonsense. I won't even address it.

Q: What's the difference between a New York City and a

Midwestern audience?

Bernhard: Midwestern audiences aren't as self-indulgent. You have to be hardy to make it in the Midwest.

Self-indulgent? Hardy? Hmmm. What happened to the snarling, lips-flapping-in-the-wind Sandra Bernhard who wise-cracked that her mother's an abstract artist and her father's a proctologist, and that's how she looks at the world?

For a comedienne who claims to be following in the stinging satirical tradition of Lenny Bruce, not commenting on the state of American politics seems like a missed opportunity. Perhaps a sign that politics has descended so far that not even humor can resuscitate it. Or that

when it comes to anything deeper than the superficial subject of celebrities, maybe Bernhard has met her match.

Of course, Bernhard's element isn't polemics. It's abrasive put-downs. Her brand of humor is more like overhearing petty gossip among friends than the shrewd proclamations of Bruce, Lilly Tomlin or even Dennis Miller and Chris Rock-type comedians.

"My stuff comes from conversations with friends and from observing people," said Bernhard, whose friends include the famous and not so famous.

"I don't come from any point of view," she said. "I just want to get beyond the crap that's shoved our way."

Fair enough. But at times, it seems that Bernhard doesn't know the difference between "getting beyond the crap" and just moving around the piles.

Fifteen minutes after she called right on time, Bernhard notes that the allotted time is up. No time to ask about if the tiff with Madonna is still raging. No time to ask the actress who played on "Roseanne" about why she doesn't hide from being a lesbian but won't get involved in gay rights issues. And no time to ask where the real Sandra Bernhard is hiding.

Then just like that, she hangs up with an abrupt, "Nice talking to you."

Amazing. She didn't even take a swing.

# Benefit from page E1

come to our theater. We're also looking to get ourselves in front of new audiences - so many people have heard about us, but never seen us."

They picked "The Women" to open their season because it has a large cast - 18 women who play 32 different roles. "We've done all-female shows, (but) not this big," said Tupper. "There aren't many shows written for women. We have more women than men in our group. There's a broad range of roles, everything from early 20s to 50s."

In casting the show, the group did attract some new members, which was one of its goals.

Suzanne Rogers, who plays Sylvia Fowler in the show and works as a social worker for Henry Ford Health Systems, suggested doing the benefit performance. The group supported her idea.

"It's a show that's all about women," said Tupper. "It's a fairly light show, it's good for them and good for us. Henry Ford Health Systems was thrilled about it. It's what community collaboration is all about. By presenting the benefit we're exposing new people to our theater."

Written by Clare Boothe Luce, "The Women" opened in New York in 1936. In "The Women,"

Luce satirizes Park Avenue ladies who wasted their lives with affairs, malicious gossip and beauty salons, while having no empathy for women trapped in low-paying jobs.

Although there's some serious material in "The Women," Rogers said it's also funny and many people will see themselves and people they know in the characters. "It's going to be fun, a lot of laughs," she said. "Some people will think it's dated, but in a lot of ways things aren't so different. Women are still the ones who keep home and family going. Men will get a kick out of it."

# Merchant from page E1

mind," said Doll. "She's very much who I am. It's really been a fascination to connect with someone who found the independence and confidence when women were so suppressed."

This is also Jeremy Hargis' first time doing Shakespeare. At first, it was a little daunting for the 19-year old Garden City student to play Old Gobbo. Hargis, who began acting in third grade, has appeared in Plymouth Theatre Guild productions.

"I have to play this older man physically and mentally so I

watched a couple of old English films," said Hargis. "Because it was Shakespeare, I was kind of intimidated to try out. But it's not as bad as I expected."

VanHoeck drew upon his "many experiences witnessing theater" to create the villainous Shylock.

"The language was a challenge and the Jewish accent, but I gained an appreciation for Shakespeare," said VanHoeck. "I had little involvement with Shakespeare and a great deal of understanding was lacking

before." Hartman thinks the audience will love "Merchant" because of the drama and the intriguing way Portia directs her questioning and presents her case on behalf of Antonio while dressed as a man.

Until Hartman took over the theater program, all of the actors had to be students. Hartman opened it up to the community as well. "Now we have the young inexperienced work alongside experienced professionals," said Hartman. "The only thing we still need is a technical director.

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# JET's 'Immigrant' lovely comedy based on true story

"The Immigrant" by Mark Harelik is playing at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre and continues through Nov. 7. Show dates are Oct. 28-31, and Nov. 3-7. Performances 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday; Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$15-\$25. (248) 788-2900.

BY JON KATZ  
SPECIAL WRITER

Talk about your stranger in a strange land. Russian Jew Haskell Harelik was one of the millions of Europeans who arrived on these shores in the opening decade of the century, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. Somehow he made a left turn at the Statue of Liberty and ended up at the Port of Galveston, Texas. And that's where we meet him: "The Immigrant."

wheelbarrow to survive, he's taken in by a couple in nearby Hamilton (population 1,200). He not only survives but thrives.

He brings his wife over, starts a family and 80 years later his grandson writes a play about them. The "Roots"-like light comedy would be too improbable were it not for the fact that it's all true, and JET shows you the photos from Grandma's album to prove it.

Indeed, the subtitle of the play is "A Hamilton County Album," but we have some others we offer author Mark Harelik free of charge. How about "The Immigrant: Peddler on the Hoof?" Or "The Immigrant: Lone Jew in the Lone Star State." Or our personal favorite, "The Immigrant: Living La Vida Meshugga."

And crazy it is, this transplanted life Haskell has opted for. Looked on with suspicion and bewilderment, he meekly explains how his race came to be the chosen people: "There were a lot fewer people then, it was an easier choice."

JET and director John Michael Manfredi present an easy choice for a most delightful evening of warm smiles and personal reflection.

Greg Trzaskoma reaches right into each of our own photo albums for his Haskell, and his characterization is sensational. Spouting incomprehensible Yiddish as he meets banker Milton Perry (Paul Hopper) and his wife Ima (Mary Bremer), Haskell seems to them like he's from Mars, not Minsk. Ima tries to make him feel at ease: "I'm nothin' to be scared of. I'm a Christian."

Some comfort that is. Throughout the 33-year storyline, Trzaskoma never loses his lovability or his reality. As he becomes Americanized, wife Leah (Jodie Kuhn Ellison) takes him to task for not adhering to their religious laws regarding food and such (keeping Kosher). She thinks perhaps they should be with their own kind. The Jews have been wandering for thousands of years, he tells her: this

Jew has wandered enough. The play is a series of these cherished moments.

In their wonderful portrayals of the strong-willed Perrys, Hopper and Bremer evoke several sitcom comparisons. George and Louise Jefferson wouldn't be far off base, and if you close your eyes, you'll swear that Bremer's been inhabited by Mr. Haney from "Green Acres."

But that's just a grinning observation. More to the point, they are among our most honored actors in town and in these roles you won't wonder why.

It's Jodie Kuhn Ellison's job to hold onto the old ways and worry about the American citizen she's about to give birth to.

She makes us remember that those frail-looking waifs coming off the boat were nothing to take lightly, and that four of every 10 Americans today are direct descendants of people like Haskell and Leah, the tired and poor seeking a new life in this strange land.



On the move: Greg Trzaskoma and Mary Bremer star in the JET Theatre's rendition of "The Immigrant."

## Restoring the work of local artists shows heart

BACKSTAGE PASS



ANN DELISI

The excitement surrounding the Detroit Institute of Arts presentation of a coveted exhibit by Rembrandt to close out the 1900s, along with the much anticipated Van Gogh: Face to Face, in March 2000, is easy to understand.

Many of us become awestruck at the prospect of being exposed to treasures that have been revered for centuries. Viewing the works of artists we learned about as kids in an art appreciation class has an appeal that is undeniable.

vides a true measure of the DIA's heart. Miles and miles and miles of heart.

As impressive as it is to feature works from the finest collections around the globe, I consider it downright noble to exhibit the mode of transportation that also served as the neighborhood art of James "Slim" Thompson.

Until his death several years ago, Slim was a mainstay of Detroit's Cass Corridor, where he treated neighborhood residents and visitors to daily exhibitions of his body of work. It consisted solely of the ongoing artistic modifications of his bicycle, which became a traveling art show.

This fall, the DIA presented an unheralded installation that paid homage to his mobile art by displaying the bike that has been restored with the care worthy of a great master. His bike may never have the lure or value of a Rembrandt or Van Gogh, but the story behind Slim's art leaves a lasting impression on those who

take the time to hear it.

Detroit Public TV peddles down Woodward to share the DIA's tribute with viewers in a BACKSTAGE PASS edition airing 5:30 p.m. Thursday and midnight on Friday.

While Slim's legion of admirers was concentrated in the Cass Corridor, the glass works of Jim Kahle have been appreciated in public and private collections in Europe, the Far East, and throughout North America. Jim probably worries about airline turbulence the way Slim worried about a flat tire. Sometimes, preservation of the arts is very precarious.

"We've learned to be very good packers," he says with a laugh when describing the method of international air transport of his prized glass works.

When traveling by land, Kahle's wheels remind me a bit of Slim's approach.

"We bought an old school bus to carry our works to each exhibit.

There's no mistaking us when we hit town because we've added plenty of artistic touches."

Kahle's appreciation for glass art goes all the way back to his days as an altar boy in Ohio, when the chalice used during the Mass was made of glass, not the usual precious metal. Years later, a trip to Colonial Williamsburg exposed him to more exceptional pieces, which eventually prompted him to take a class at the Toledo Museum of Art. Glass art became his full-time occupation in 1988.

Kahle's works will come to Detroit for an exhibition at Pangborn Design Gallery, with a grand opening event Nov. 10 to benefit Detroit Public TV. For tickets and information, call (313) 259-3400.

So, if you see an unusual vehicle on Detroit streets in early November, remember, that's Jim Kahle, not the Partridge Family on tour. C'mon, get happy ... and support the arts.

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# Motor City's Doll Rods set to demolish on Devil's Night

Remember how The Ramones shared the same last name even though they weren't really related? Those tricky punk rockers.

**STEPHANIE A. CASOLA**

Well, in at least one way, Detroit's own Demolition Doll Rods have followed in the footsteps of those punks who came before them.

Margaret, Danny and Christine Doll Rod aren't all blood-related, but their souls are purely rock 'n' roll. Calling from their tour bus in Pittsburgh, Pa., the Doll Rods were entering their sixth week of touring and looking forward to the CD release party set for Devil's Night in their hometown.

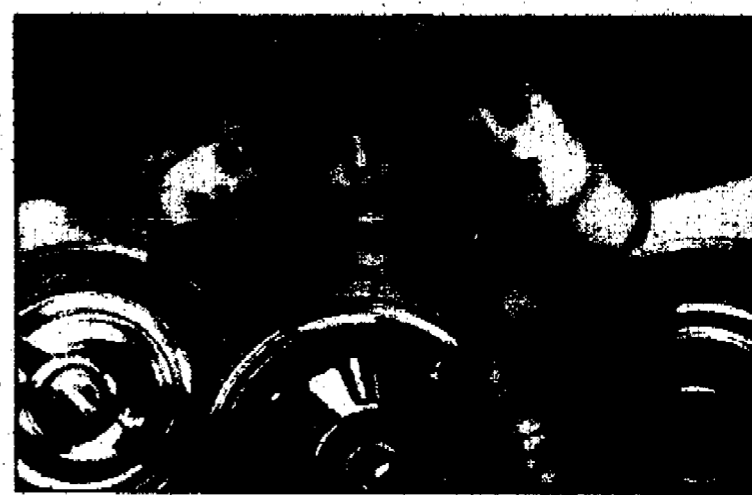
"We like playing there," Danny said of the Magic Bag in Ferndale, where the party will be held. "They have good sound and we know the people."

## Being a Doll Rod

Embarking on their seventh year together, the Demolition Doll Rods say these days they're sounding better and playing better than ever before. How do they sound? Danny and Margaret describe the Doll Rods as stripped-down, rockin', soul-bending musicians. And the latest disc proves they're right on. "We love the latest CD," said Margaret. "We're one of those bands that go in front of you. We don't go off into a practice space. And the audience can grow with us." The album is a mix of in-your-face vocals, crunchy guitar riffs and tracks that make you want to scream along. Doll Rods' friend Don Jones played saxophone on two tracks, "Feast" and "U Look Good." "U Look Good" happens to be Danny's favorite track. Christine - or Thumper as she's come to be known - said she really likes "Foolin' Around." And Margaret's favorite is easily "Hey You." Listen for those at the show. Margaret (singer and guitarist) and her sister Christine (drummer) hail from Rockford,

while Danny (guitar) is a Detroit native. The band signed with Matador Records (home to Pavement) last spring, proving itself a worthy competitor in the world of raunchy punk rock. "They were interested in a band I used to be in a long time ago," said Danny of the label. "We were looking for a label and asked them if they were interested. They had already seen the band and really liked it." Some of the benefits of being part of the Matador family, he said, include better distribution and publicity. Speaking of family, Margaret and Christine said they're getting along better than ever on tour. Well, at least Margaret thinks so: "We used to get pretty irritated by each other but now Christine cuts in from the back of the bus, 'Five days a week is a lot for me to tolerate.'" "At first it was pretty tough," Margaret continued. Now, we think each other is funny." Sisters. Don't ask the Doll Rods to name musical influences. Margaret admitted she doesn't even know who Eminem is, forget that

he's a fellow Detroit. "It's important to have our own sound," she said, adding that she's not really into any certain bands. "I'm really into myself, into ourselves. We can develop our own sound. I don't even know a lot of bands." You can take a girl off the road, but... "I love touring and I really appreciate this time to spend together," said Margaret. "I love going from town to town, picking out what things are different from one place to another. We're going to Europe soon." One thing's for sure, fans are guaranteed a show when the Doll Rods hit town. The three-piece threatens to make audiences wonder whether clothes are really a necessary component to performing on stage. "We're not actually naked on-stage, we don't wear a lot of clothes," said Margaret. "When we first started playing, we did wear full outfits. When you're on-stage it's not really very practical. We wear costumes. It's more of a comfort thing, for us to be comfortable and for our audience



Ready to rock in Ferndale: Detroit's own glam-punk-rock threesome recently signed with Matador records.

to be comfortable seeing us. We are who we are. We're giving you every bit of ourselves on stage." After almost seven years, the band mates are more comfortable performing, Margaret said she's finally able to move around when she plays and sings. And Christine's developed a rather vocal fan base. Look for her to be wearing some of her own designs on-stage, as well. "We're excited to come home and play a little Devil's Night party," said Margaret. "We don't really make plans. We're really into living for the moment. Hopefully, everyone will be sur-

prised." Join Demolition Doll Rods as they celebrate the release of their first album with Matador Records. Performing with Bantam Rooster and Gore Gore Girls, doors open at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. \$8 cover. Call (248) 544-3030 for more information. Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about popular music for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers. She can be reached at (734) 953-2130 or e-mail at scasola@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax dial (734) 591-7279.

## 12 years later...Chain Reaction keeps on rollin' in Detroit

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For more than a decade, Chain Reaction has been a mainstay on the Motor City music scene. Over the past 12 years, singer Eric Harabadian has seen bands and clubs come and go but has always stayed true to his work. "I'd say we're an eclectic rock band. By that I mean we build on a lot of different styles - reggae, harder rock, some ballads." The former Westland resident and the band continue to rock their way around the town. Chain Reaction formed in 1987 and has been performing in local venues like Westland's Studio Lounge, Garden City's J.D.'s Pub and Grub, Canton's Center Stage and Borders Books and Music in Farmington Hills. What keeps them rolling? It all comes down to a passion for the music.

Despite personnel changes we've kept a focus." Drozdowski also handles a lot of the business aspects of the band, and organizes their Web site. Some might refer to him as the band's technical advisor. "Every band needs one of those," said Harabadian. He also engineered most of Chain Reaction's recordings, with the exception of last year's "In the Dark," which was recorded at Talent Live Studio in Canton. Harabadian does most of the songwriting in the band. He gathers inspiration from day-to-day life. In "Daily Grind," he writes about his experience in a Royal Oak coffee house, which he considers the bars of the nineties. Watching the people around him playing instruments, talking and writing, he put the scene together as a play and made it into a song. He said there are a lot of different influences in his songs. Drummers and keyboardists have come and gone in the band, but Chain Reaction seems to be set with its current line-up. It includes energetic bassist Larry Fritzley - who's been in the band for 7 years - and percussionist Sam Bonanni - who joined after reading a drummer-

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*Eric Harabadian*  
Chain Reaction

wanted ad just over six months ago. Harabadian calls Bonanni a "stabilizing force" and an "open-minded" musician. But the line-up isn't the only change Harabadian has wit-

nessed over the last decade. "I've seen a lot of clubs come and go, a lot of club turnover with new management." With the rise of dance or disc jockey-oriented clubs in the Metro area, Harabadian said it's more challenging for musicians to find places to perform. "I think it's starting to get a little better again," he said. Harabadian's reflections on the Detroit of the past and the rebirth that's occurring today can be heard in the lyrics of "Tale of Two Cities." The Charles Dickens title is an analogy he affixed to his perception of the city. His outlook on today's music isn't as bright. "When we were listening to the radio in the late '70s, early '80s, radio was a little looser in terms of format. There was more of a variety being exposed. Now I feel music has been taken hostage. You gotta seek it out for yourself."

Harabadian said he listens to music from all different genres. It's not unusual to hear a variety of cover songs like Smashmouth's "Walking on the Sun" and The Smithereens "Behind the Wall of Sleep," mixed in with a healthy dose of originals during a Chain Reaction live set.

"I think that's what separates us from a lot of other bands. If you come and see us, we're gonna give a show." See Chain Reaction 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Scali's Underground Lounge, 6650 Allen Road in Allen Park. Wear a costume and expect the band to be dressed up, too. There will be a cover charge and the show is 21 and over. Call 313-448-0029 for information. Or check the Web: <http://homepages.msn.com/stagest/chairreact>

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# PRICE GOUGING

Cost of eating prime escalates as Y2K nears

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
SPECIAL WRITER

A new form of Y2K bug has hit restaurants. If your taste preferences lead to prime cuts of beef or top-of-the-line seafoods such as Alaskan king crab and lobster, you may be in for new millennium sticker shock at your favorite restaurant.

This spring, Alaskan King Crab was \$6 per pound at the wholesale level noted Matt Prentice, president of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, the area's largest restaurant group. It is now \$11. Forecasts for the wholesale price of warm water lobster tails in December are \$20 per pound. Today, cold water tails are \$29 per pound.

Two months ago, prime beef filets were \$16 per pound wholesale. Four weeks ago, it shot to \$21. This week it's almost \$30. Even prime New York strip steak has gone through the roof from \$9 per pound to \$16.62 whole.

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These costs are a full 50 percent above the peak holiday season last year.

"It's obscene," Prentice remarked.

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"Daily, the electronic and print media offer a millennium countdown," said Greg Goodman, chef/proprietor of Café Bon Homme in Plymouth. "I think

this has generated a frenzy attitude. It's cascading down and suppliers are taking advantage by raising prices two months before the peak holiday season. They're cleaning up and restaurateurs are being manipulated.

"It's pathetic and catastrophic. We have no choice, but to pass costs along to diners. We've told suppliers that this is not tolerable and their attitude is 'that's the price.' We realize that when diners pay the bill, the restaurant appears to be overcharging, but we're at the mercy of suppliers. There is no viable alternative."

"The market could correct before the New Year, but we have no way of knowing. Right now, restaurants have to raise prices on prime beef cuts, veal, and seafood."

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**■ Fox Hills Country Club** — RJO Productions presents "Fox's Liar Dinner Theater" Saturdays through Nov. 13, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, followed by show, at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$29.95 per person, call (734) 453-7272.

**■ Taste of the Arts** — The Westland Chamber of Commerce is seeking restaurants to participate in the Taste of the Arts event scheduled 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 at the Hellenic Culture Center on Joy Road near Churchill High School. There is no charge for restaurants to participate. At least 600 guests are expected to attend, paying \$20 a person for the chance to sample the best of area restaurant food. Tickets will cost \$25 at the door if you wait until the day of the event. Participating restaurants will be able to pass out coupons and promotional materials at their tables.

The Taste festival will raise funds for the Chamber and for the Family Resource Center in Westland. A silent auction of art will also be held. A drawing will be held for prizes which include a trip for two to Las Vegas. Contact Lori Brist at the chamber office, (313) 326-7222 for tickets or information on how to participate. Major sponsors are North Brothers Ford, the Hellenic Cen-

ter, International Minute Press, Maui Travel and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

**■ SoupCity** — Fund-raising event for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28 at the State Theater in Detroit. Thirty metro Detroit restaurants including Zoup!, Pike Street, Five Lakes Grill, and Union Street will prepare their signature soups and finger foods for the all-you-can-eat event. Cash bar, live music of Mud Puppy. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call (248) 645-6666.

**■ Detroit International Wine Auction** — 18th annual event sponsored by General Motors, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center Ballroom. To launch this year's event, Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills will host an intimate Winemaker Dinner 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 with honorary guests Jean-Michel Cazes of Chateau Lynch-Bages, Bordeaux, France and Sotherby's auctioneers, Serena Sutcliffe and Michael Davis. Limited seating available. Call (248) 664-7464 for ticket information.

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The Professor's Pantry offers fresh bread, pastries, soups, pasta and salads prepared by students, 11-30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Schoolcraft College is hosting a **Gourmet Wine Tasting** 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 in the Waterman Center on the Livonia campus. The event features fine wines from Spain, complemented by gourmet cuisine. The cost is \$35 per person. Call (734) 462-4422 for information/reservations.

**Annual Madrigal Dinners** 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11 in the Waterman Center. The cost is \$35 per person, call (734) 462-4417 for information/reservations.

**■ Save A Heart, A Celebration of Wine and Food:** 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12 — at the Michigan League, 911 North University at Fletcher, Ann Arbor, to benefit the Michigan Congenital Heart Center at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Over 300 different wines will be available for

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**■ Epoch Restaurant Group's Millennium Celebration** — Guests dining at any of four Epoch restaurants (Tribute, Farmington Hills, Forte, Birmingham; Too Chez, Novi; and Latitude, Bay Harbor) between now and Nov. 24 will receive an entry form each time they dine, or simply upon request. A random drawing on Nov. 30 will determine the winner of a six-day gastronomic package for six beginning Dec. 28 and ending Jan. 2. The winner and guests will dine at each of Epoch's metro-area restaurants on successive evenings and be flown by private plane from Detroit to Harbor Springs on Dec. 31 for a new millennium celebration that includes two nights lodging in a three bedroom suite at the Inn

at Bay Harbor and dinner at Latitude.

**■ Chef Superstar comes to MotorCity Casino** — Michael Russell, one of only two Certified Master Chefs still active in the Michigan restaurant business, has left the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club to take the position of Executive Chef of the yet-to-open MotorCity Casino in Detroit. There he will oversee MotorCity's six food-service personnel, including 11 sous chefs and nearly 200 cooks — a far cry from the staff of 17 he headed at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. Russell won't be pinned down on his food style except to say it's primarily American with Asian accents. His biggest challenge will be at the casino's signature restaurant Iridescence, scheduled to open when MotorCity casino opens. Inaugural menu items include a dish such as rack of wild boar with cider-pepper glaze, braised red cabbage, root vegetable puree, cinnamon-glazed apples and vanilla scented

ed sweet potato puree.

**■ Andiamo Italia West** — The Platters featuring vocalist Sonny Turner and Sam Butera perform Thursday Saturday, Nov. 4-6 at the Andiamo Celebrity Showroom, 7066 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren. Tickets \$30-\$35, call (810) 268-3200.

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