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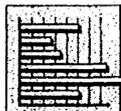
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Sears opening set for October



A Sears store at Westland Center is scheduled to open in late October. Kohl's has expanded its Westland site, and other changes are under way at the center, situated at Wayne and Warren roads.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A new Sears store that will create 350 to 400 new jobs and boost tax revenues by an estimated \$200,000 a year will open in late October at Westland Center, officials said.

"We are very excited about having the Sears store open," mall general manager Ed McHale said. "It's going to

have a positive impact on sales."

The \$21 million, 188,000-square-foot Sears project will become the first major new-store mall expansion in a decade, signaling new vitality for Westland's anchor shopping center.

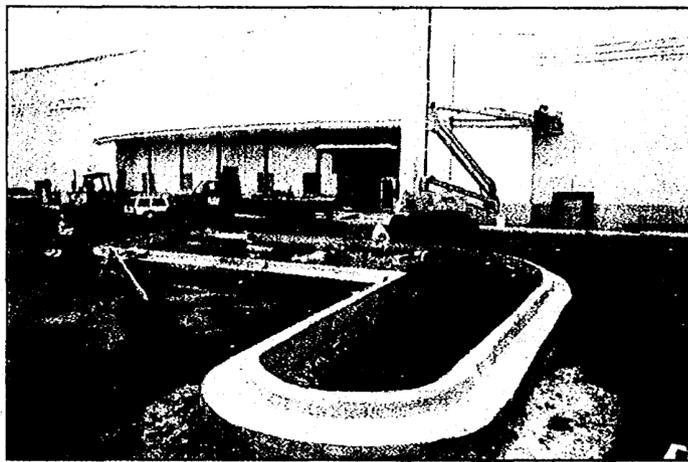
"Everything is on target as far as I know," said Andrew Wiggers, Atlanta-based project manager for ERE Yarmouth, Westland Center's mall management company. "The end of October is when the store is scheduled to open."

That should come as welcome news to area residents, according to a 1995 survey of the local retail market by The Green Group, consultants hired by the city.

Scott Veldhuis, Westland economic development director, said Sears emerged as a favorite among shoppers surveyed by the group.

"The one store that shoppers said they really wanted was Sears," he said. "It was at the top of the list."

The Sears project also means an economic boost for Westland, Veldhuis



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

At work: The construction work at Sears will soon end. Officials are confident the store will be open by this fall.

said. Consider:

■ The store will hire 350 to 400 full- and part-time employees.

■ An estimated 100,000 additional shoppers will be drawn to Westland Center each year because of Sears.

■ An additional \$200,000 in tax revenues for the city, schools and other taxing jurisdictions will come from the Sears store.

"That's why the city was very supportive of the project," Veldhuis said.

City officials decided early on to provide as much as \$1.5 million in local Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) dollars to boost the project.

City dollars, which came from a spe-

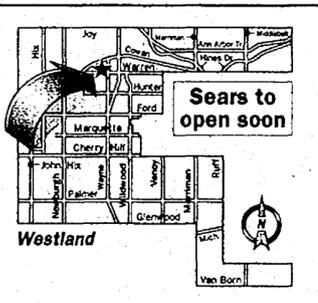
cial central-city taxing district, helped pay for such measures as relocating utilities and realigning parking areas.

The money wasn't used on the Sears building itself, Veldhuis said, although some critics said the city should have avoided any spending measures to boost the project.

McHale said the 188,000-square-foot project includes the main Sears department store and a separate automotive center.

City officials have said the Sears store will play a crucial role in helping Westland Center to retain its customer

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Reading: Opening a world of imagination

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Picking up a book yourself can go a long way in encouraging your kids to read, "because children learn a lot by example," said Meaghan Battle, head of children's services for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

Reading to children is also essential in developing a lifelong love of learning.

"You can read to children from birth," Battle said. "We have Toddlers 18 months old coming in to storytime."

Toddlers may not appear to be paying attention, but they do hear stories. "Then maybe three hours later you'll hear them talking about it."

Westland's new library, which opened last November, offers a variety of programs for young readers. The current storytime sessions will end the week of Sept. 21, with a new session slated for the week of Oct. 12 through the week of Nov. 16.

Programs include:

■ Toddler Tales, for those ages 18-36 months.

■ Just for Me Preschool Time, for children ages 3-5.

■ Sleepytime Storytime, for families.

■ Creation Station, for all ages

■ Beginning Bookies, for kindergartners through third-graders.

Children benefit from coming to the library, either for organized activities or family visits, Battle said. In fact, the library in Westland has no minimum age for a library card.



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Sharing: Library staffer Theresa Weiss reads to a group of eager listeners at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. The Just for Me Preschool Time is for youngsters ages 3-5.

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"That's another way of advocating you're never too young to start reading." She sees families enjoying their time together at the library, which is at 6123 Central City Parkway, between Warren and Ford.

"It's good time spent together. It has proven to help early language skills."

There's no shortage of material to challenge young minds at the library. "We have a huge assortment, and we have a wonderful picture book collection."

Some books are available to help kids with their ABCs and numbers; there are also board books for young children.

"It's a different environment than a school," Battle said of the library. The library functions as an education sup-

port center to reinforce what's learned in school.

Library staffers do school visits to encourage kids to sign up for the summer reading program. Classes visit the library to learn about what's available, reinforcing the importance of reading and language.

"I think they learn a lot."

Battle doesn't have children of her own, but is aunt to 18 nieces and nephews. "I do storytelling to my nieces and nephews and they ask for it."

Older children benefit from storytelling and reading aloud, she has found. Battle remembers reading aloud in high school.

"It never needs to stop. As long as you have an exciting story, something that interests them."

For information on Westland library programs, call (313) 326-6123.



Clerk predicts light turnout for Tuesday election

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Westland City Clerk Diane Fritz estimates that less than 20 percent of the city's 55,400 registered voters will cast ballots in the Tuesday, Sept. 9, mayoral primary.

The race includes incumbent Mayor Robert Thomas and challengers Kenneth Mehl and Dixie Johnson McNa. No other issues appear on the Sept. 9 ballot.

Fritz was somewhat reluctant to assign a specific number to turnout in the election.

"That's always a difficult question. Usually in a primary you don't have as big of a turnout as you do in a general."

■ She hasn't found the weather to be a major reason for high or low turnout; people come out to vote in November when it's often snowing.

Her office had issued more than 2,700 absentee ballots as of Tuesday, with more than 2,000 of those returned.

Saturday at 2 p.m. is the deadline for an absentee ballot by mail, Fritz said. On the Monday before the election, a voter can vote absentee up to 4 p.m. at the city clerk's office.

"The ballot cannot leave the (clerk's) office. It has

to be in person," she said of absentee voting on Monday before 4 p.m.

The number of absentee ballots requested doesn't necessarily indicate turnout in the election, she has found. Some of the ballots go to people who are in college or in the military and customarily request an absentee ballot.

"Usually, the turnout on the absentees is very, very good," Fritz said.

"A lot of people don't vote in the primary, they only vote in the general," she said in explaining low voter turnout.

She hasn't found the weather to be a major reason for high or low turnout; people come out to vote in November when it's often snowing.

"I don't think weather is much of a factor."

This wedding's different, but festive as well

BY RICHARD PEARL
STAFF WRITER

Call it "The Scottish-Irish Time-Warp Frontier Wedding."

On Saturday afternoon, Mollie McElheran married Ian Irvine in a ceremony that looked like it happened 200 years ago.

For one thing, the 20-year-old bride wore an authentic period gown in tartan-plaid that looked like Madeleine Stowe's in the movie "The Last of The Mohicans."

Second, the 24-year-old groom wore a tartan-plaid kilt — but his head was shaved clean except for a American Indian-style scalp lock. A knife in a scabbard hung on a chain from his waist.

Bridal party members also were dressed in 18th-century garb, and ceremonial music was provided by kilt-wearing bagpipers. Some male guests wore fur-trader buckskins and one man wore a loincloth and painted face.

A color-guard carried muzzle-loading muskets, to which they

affixed 16-inch bayonets held aloft to form a canopy for the bride and groom.

The wedding ceremony, conducted by a minister in a long black frock, was on the front porch of a wooden, two-story blockhouse in an outdoor clearing surrounded by teepees and white-cloth tents. The couple and their guests then dined on spit-roasted pig and top round of beef.

There were no cellular phones or beepers — the disc jockey playing recorded music was about the only thing identifying this as 1997 and not 1797.

Annual Rendezvous

The Aug. 29 wedding of the two Livonians was held during the 16th annual WWCC Rendezvous on the campgrounds of the Western Wayne Conservation Club at Five Mile and Napier Roads, just west of Plymouth Township. It's an annual Labor Day weekend get-together that draws hundreds of history and outdoors buffs for an historically authentic, summer-ending campout.

"It's the largest totally primitive rendezvous in the state of Michigan," said Kathy McElheran, Mollie's mother and also a Livonia resident.

Mollie and Ian, who have grown up at these rustic outdoor family weekends, met at a Rendezvous seven years ago, became engaged in 1995 and decided to have their wedding in period attire among their Rendezvous friends.

"We figured, we're having our Labor Day weekend" in rustic style, "it's where all our friends are going to be, it's where we met, so why not?" said Mollie, a



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Preceding the bride: Elizabeth Darnell of Westland was the maid of honor.

Clarenceville High School graduate who works for Jo-Ann Fabrics.

In fact, Mollie's mother had taken her to a bridal shop in Dearborn, but Mollie said, "This is not me. I'm not a 'white-lace princess'."

"I wanted to do a buckskin wedding," she said, because she knew she'd be wearing the period gown to future camping events and "it would remind me each time of my wedding. With a white wedding gown, you wear it once and put it in the closet, except to cut a piece for the baby's christening gown."

The young couple and her parents, Mick and Kathy, also of Livonia, belong to the Tonquish Muzzleloaders of Western Wayne — "one of those small subcultures of society you hear about," said Mick. The group shares a passion for authentic recreations of muzzleloading, black-powder-firing flintlocks.

Mick, a steelworker who makes the antique firearms as a

hobby; said the group is so steeped in early American history — roughly from the French and Indian War around the 1750s to about 1840 — that its target-shoots use period targets, not bullseyes. Members also hunt with the weapons.

Back in time

In fact, most of what's worn or used by the families at the Rendezvous are authentic recreations of early American items, from "period-authentic attire," as Kathy describes it, to the guns, pots, pans, kettles and teepees and tents.

Besides the loincloths, buckskins and pioneer dresses, there are weekend competitions in firearms and bow-and-arrow shooting and tomahawk-throwing for both men and women.

Many Tonquish members — the group is named for a American Indian chief from this area — use American Indian names. Kathy, who sews period clothing, is "Thimble Woman" and Mick is

known as "Sleeps A Lot" because he slept all day at their first Rendezvous 14 years ago after working a double shift.

Ian, who goes by "Four Toes," specializes in Indian-style porcupine-quill embroidery. Mollie is just Mollie — for now.

Recessional canopy

The recessional canopy of eight plug bayonets were fashioned out of General Motors coil springs by the group's blacksmith, nicknamed "Firestarter."

To date, Ian's parents, Andy and Kathy Irvine, have not joined the muzzleloaders, "but we're working on them," said

find authentic tartan colors for the bridal party dresses and the men's kilts, all of which she made.

The research turned up Mick McElheran's Irish and Scottish heritage. Kathy is Scottish and the Irvines are Scottish and English.

Ian, a graduate of Lutheran High School North, works in his family's painting-contractor business.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Mackinac City, visiting as many historic sites as possible.

They recently purchased a home in Livonia.

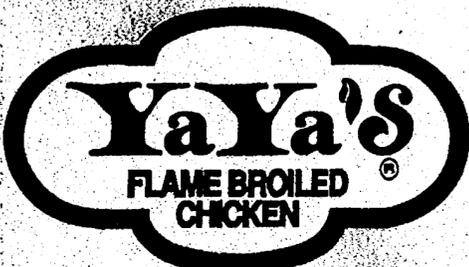


Down the aisle: Mollie McElheran walks with her father, Mike, through the honor guard.



Playing: George Tait of White Lake plays the bagpipes after the couple took their vows.

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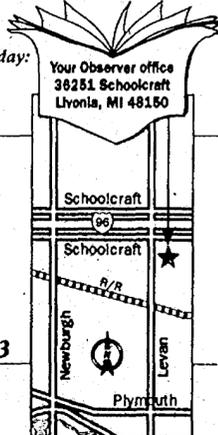
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Racing's anything but a drag for Glenn grad

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Four years ago, Jason Fuller was helping Westland John Glenn score points on a gridiron to win football games.

Today, he scores points as a drag racer at Milan Dragway to win competitions.

In fact, the 21-year-old won a points competition this summer in only his second year of racing to advance him to a regional competition on Sept. 11, pitting him against drivers of nearly 300 cars from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio.

Fuller is continuing a tradition initiated by his father, Mike, who has raced with the National Hot Rod Association for 15 years, and his mother, Janice, an ardent racing fan who knows the sport and engines from her employment for the last three years at the Michigan Motor Exchange.

Fuller graduated from Westland John Glenn in 1994 and received a football scholarship to Grand Valley State University, where he played defensive tackle. Fuller eventually quit playing football there because he didn't like the "politics" at that level. He eventually transferred to Michigan State University, where Fuller expects to study sports physiology.

After he left football, Fuller discovered that he still needed to cut his teeth on a competitive sport. So he found another hobby — drag racing and now spends his summer racing every Friday night and Sunday morning.

Fuller was raised in a household of race car buffs. Janice's place of employment soon became an integral part of a family sport.

"When he came home from school, his engine blew up," Janice Fuller said. Janice's boss at Michigan Motor Exchange, Ken Navarre, supplied Jason with a new engine. Navarre sells rebuilt engines for all American-made cars and models generally in the range of \$1,200 to \$2,400.

"Ken is a real good guy," said Janice. "He always is helpful in the community by donating or raising money, and always tries to support the local community (business) before going outside."

Fuller won two meets, but more importantly, won a points competition in the "street" bracket in his 1986 Buick LeSabre with a 231-cubic-inch engine. Cars run 14 seconds or slower per quarter mile to compete at this level. Other classes at higher speeds are the Pro Eliminator and Super Pro races.

He once even used his girl-

Behind the wheel: Jason Fuller enjoys competing at Milan Dragway. Fuller, 21, has the enthusiastic support of his parents, including father Mike, who has raced with the National Hot Rod Association.

friend's Jeep, a \$35,000 vehicle. Fuller asked to borrow the vehicle for Sunday, not mentioning until later when he returned with the Jeep that he was using it for his Sunday races.

Of course, Fuller cut his reaction times that day and fared well.

"Ever since then, I've made a name for myself," Fuller said. "If racers are feeling good, they'll try to get me out."

In seven final rounds, Fuller has won three times. He kept several of this time slips and explains the various statistics.

The first line cites his "reaction" time, or the amount of time it takes to leave the starting lights. "You try to get a feel with the time to leave," Fuller said.

He likens it to getting accustomed to 2/100ths of a second. One of his scores is a 23/1,000ths of a second or about the blink of an eye. Five of his scores vary between 16/1,000ths to 49/1,000ths.

"That's the kind of reaction time you want to have," Fuller said. "The better it is, the more races you will win."

But winning races isn't all of it. Racers want to win points in the total competition.

Fuller believes his race category is more "honorable" than the other categories because drivers can't "play around" with the start time. "You have to be within 15-20/1,000ths of a second. That's a difficult thing to do. Doing that is harder and different than the button coming on." That button makes it easier for drivers to time the light.

Jason isn't the only family champion. His father, Mike, won the Spring Nationals in 1993 in Columbus, Ohio.

It is an expensive hobby for the family.

"Jason wants to continue to race, but he can't do it on his own," Janice said. Each race for him costs \$100, plus \$30 a week for entry, plus the usual college tuition costs for any 21-year-old.

The Fullers also spend money on Mike's racing career, so they are looking for a sponsor for Jason.



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Public Library of Westland

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will offer information regularly in this column about events and programs at the library. The library is at 6123 Central City Parkway, south of Warren. For more information about library services, call (313) 326-6123.

FALL HOURS
 Fall hours have begun at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland. They will be effective through Memorial Day 1998. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

■ **Saturday, Sept. 6**
Creation Station, 2 p.m.
 Drop in and get creative at 2 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room. The library will offer a Make-and-Take Craft Project for the kids to do.

■ **Monday, Sept. 8**
Sleepy Storytime, 7 p.m.
 Join library staffers for this fun family storytime. Gather around as participants get ready for bed with good stories, singable songs and loads of fun. Lots of opportunity for imagination and active participation! No registration required. Children's Activity Room.

■ **Tuesday, Sept. 9**
Hello, Homeschoolers Tour 10:30 a.m.
 A thorough tour of the library and overview of the collections, technology and services offered by the library will be provided to any interested homeschoolers. Library staffers strive to support educa-

tion in the community and want to make home educators aware of the services available that may aid their efforts. No registration required. Community Meeting Room B.

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 10**
Toddler Tales, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 Enjoy this 20-minute storytime with your active 18-36-month-old. This activity time will include age-appropriate stories, songs, finger-plays, flannelboards, puppets and more that will capture the attention of the young ones. Each toddler must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required. Community Meeting Room A. There are two sessions, one at 10 a.m. and one at 11:30 a.m.

Just for Me Preschool Time, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 This "Grand" storytime will celebrate grandparents in honor of Grandparents' Day. Each preschooler is invited to bring a grandparent with him or her to this special storytime about grandparents. The program will involve both grandparents and preschoolers in the world of stories through the use of visual, audio and interactive techniques. Participants will sing, read stories, perform action rhymes, watch flannelboard stories and have a great time. No registration is required. Children's Activity Room. There are two sessions to choose from, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Fairy Tales and Folklore
 Gingerbread men and golden geese... queens and princes... dragons and unicorns... don't forget to check out the fabulous folklore collection in the Children's Services area. You'll be transported to a different time and place through the amazing tales and breathtaking pictures.

PLACES & FACES

Club honors
 The Westland Civitan Club was named the top club of Civitan International for 1995-96. The club was recognized with the Founder's Award at the opening ceremonies of the 77th annual Civitan International Convention in Nashville, Tenn., in early July.

The Founder's Award is presented in memory of the founder and first president of Civitan International, Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire. The award recognizes outstanding service and fund-raising projects of the local Civitan Club, as well as excellence in educational club meetings and outstanding social events.

The club's 42 members put in 5,955 hours of community service work in nearly 70 projects and grabbed top honors for their dedication. Each week, club members visited residents at Hope Care Convalescent Center, providing a travel series on video. For Christmas, they provided punch and small gifts for nursing home residents.

At Valentine's Day, members gathered at the center, visiting every room and spreading cheer.

During October and November, Civitans sponsored a preschool-age story hour at Westland Center. Ambassador Junior Civitans helped with this project by providing peer identification, manpower and energy.

In February and March, Civitans worked with Westland Parks and Recreation to organize three evenings for a story hour with a well-known citizen, such as the mayor or fire chief. In July, they sponsored a story hour at Westland Center, providing a story, craft project and treat for children.

The local club provides a variety of other projects for those of all ages.

Let's dance
 A dance for senior citizens will be held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, in the lower level auditorium of Westland Center, Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. Coffee and refreshments will be served 12:30 p.m.

Chamber to host variety of events

The Westland Chamber of Commerce will have a busy September.

Ron Peterson of Adrian and Peterson Inc. will be the speaker for the Tuesday, Sept. 9, Business Luncheon. His expertise is in high-technology public relations.

As president of the chamber's Leads Club, he has seen how public relations can work. His topic will be "Practical Public Relations Tips."

Lunch is \$13 and includes a free EXPO table. Reservations should be made by calling 326-7222 by Friday, Sept. 5.

A WakeUp Westland breakfast seminar will be offered 8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, between Middlebelt and Inkster in Westland. State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, will discuss the "Transportation Package and School Funding."

The event will be sponsored by Sharon's Heating & Cooling and Foundry Products. The program and breakfast are free to chamber members, and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required and should be made by calling 326-7222.

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Membership Committee will host the chamber's 35th Anniversary Reception 5-8 p.m. at Joy Manor. Tickets are \$10 each and will include a light buffet, cake and beverages.

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To make reservations, call 326-7222. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required.

The chamber will sponsor a Community Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the City Hall parking lot on Ford. Spaces are available for \$20-\$25. For information, call 326-7222.

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One of the advantages of entrusting your hearing health to an audiologist, rather than a hearing aid salesperson, is the wealth of information your audiologist can provide. Educating the community about hearing health is as much a part of an audiologist's mission as testing hearing or selling hearing aids. Personalized Hearing Care's monthly seminars at MedMax enable us to inform you about a wide range of topics—information that in some cases can profoundly affect your hearing. Our September seminar on "Otoxic Drugs" is one such example.

Otoxic medications are drugs that have the potential to cause damage to the inner ear structures, resulting in temporary or permanent loss of hearing, or aggravation of an existing hearing loss. A number of common over-the-counter and prescription drugs have been found to be ototoxic—*aspirin* and *Neomycin*, for example. But quite amazingly, very little is being done today by physicians, the FDA or drug companies to communicate this information to consumers.

Whether or not you have a hearing loss, the medications you take could be putting your hearing at risk. For more information on this important topic, please attend our free seminars—Sept. 17 at Westland MedMax, Sept. 23 at the new MedMax in Taylor.

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Genealogists plan to meet in area

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at the Livonia Senior Citizen Activity Center, 15128 Farmington Road (the southeast corner of Five Mile and Farmington roads) in Livonia.

Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month; all are open to the public at no charge.

A Beginning Genealogy Class meets at 6:30 p.m. For more information on any meeting or class, call (313) 425-8832 or (313) 455-1122.

The schedule for 1997-98 includes:

■ Sept. 17 - Upper Canada, Canada West, Ontario Genealogy Research - Ruth McMahon is a volunteer at the Westland LDS and an accredited genealogist. She was born and raised in Canada and has been interested in genealogy for many years.

■ Oct. 17 - Using the Westland Family History Center - Joel Tapley, director of the Family History Center, will speak.

■ Nov. 19 - How To Use PERSI, an index of hundreds of genealogical publications - Dave Porumba, a librarian at the Burton Historical Collection, graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in library science and a certificate of Archives Administration. He has been employed by the Detroit Public Library for eight years.

■ Dec. 17 - Christmas Dinner at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Details to follow.

■ Jan. 21 - Beginner Computer and Genealogy - Kathy Petlewski from Schoolcraft College will speak.

■ Feb. 21 - President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln will visit - Fred Priebe and Bonnie Priebe are teachers who are fascinated by "Lincoln" history.

■ March 18 - How To Use Funeral Home Records - David Cash from the GR & RG Funeral Home of Livonia will speak.

■ April 15 - The "Mother of all Research Centers: Salt Lake City - Marge Najarian is a member of WWCSS who has recently visited this research facility and has valuable advice for your trip.

■ May 20 - More About Computers. Details to follow.

GROUPS

base and to draw new shoppers. Sears will open in time to capitalize on the 1997 holiday shopping season.

The Sears project follows an expansion of Kohl's department store from 65,773 square feet to 90,773 square feet. But even more changes are planned at Westland's shopping hub, McHale said.

Among those:

- Braun's Fashions, a women's apparel store new to this market, is slated to open in mid-September.
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Mental health services move to Reuther, Hawthorn centers

Mental health services at the now-closed Detroit Psychiatric Institute will be consolidated at the Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital in Westland and Hawthorn Center in Northville Township, state officials announced.

DPI's adult patient census is 75, who will be transferred to the Reuther Center. DPI children's unit serves seven, who will be transferred to Hawthorn.

Gov. John Engler vetoed further funding of DPI as well as Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac and Pheasant Ridge hospital in Kalamazoo.

Department of Community Health Director James K. Haveman, Jr. and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services CEO William Allen said transfer plans won't harm patients.

"Our number one priority has always been, and continues to be, the care of patients. I will not allow people who don't see patient care as a priority to create confusion and chaos for patients and their families," said Haveman.

"We are proceeding in order for patient transfers to be implemented in a safe, orderly and sensitive manner.

"We are providing services to over 60 percent more persons with mental illness than in 1991, and our budget for mental health services has increased 30 percent since 1991," said Haveman.

This year more than 200,000 people will receive mental health services in the community, compared to 143,000 in 1991.

Other plans include:

■ Services at Clinton Valley Center (CVC) will be consolidated with the Caro Center. Patient census at CVC is 167.

■ Children's services at Pheasant Ridge Center in Kalamazoo will consolidate with Hawthorn Center. There are no patients at Pheasant Ridge.

■ Caro Center Services for Persons With Developmental Disabilities, with a census of 78, will be consolidated with the Mount Pleasant Center.

To implement a smooth transition, the hospitals and centers developed individual placement and transfer plans for current patients. These plans, developed with Community Mental Health Services Programs, were presented to the Legislature in June.

The state currently has more than 1,200 state-operated psychiatric hospital beds for children and adults. But more than 95 percent of persons needing mental health services are served in community-based programs.

Haveman said Michigan's 77 private hospitals have the capacity to serve 590 children and adolescents and 2,849 adults. Average occupancy is approximately 54 percent, leaving 46 percent available capacity.

The 51 Community Mental Health Services Programs are providing the vast majority of services to persons who have long term mental health needs.

"Now that we have a budget, and the facilities identified for closure will have no appropriation as of Oct. 1, we are con-

cerned we will lose staff to other employers," said Allen. "We will maintain the continuity of care in our receiving hospitals by following the plan we have in place regarding the hiring of additional staff and the orderly transfer of patients."

When the Court of Appeals stayed Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Callahan's temporary injunction against the department, Haveman authorized the Mt. Pleasant Center to begin recruiting and interviewing for an additional 140 prospective employees.

Hiring at Mt. Pleasant Center is important so patients can transfer from the Caro Center Program for Persons With Developmental Disabilities. Then patients from the 119-year-old Clinton Valley Center can transfer to the Caro Center.

"We are still hopeful that the House Appropriations Committee will approve our legislative transfer request that the Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously passed months ago," Haveman said. "However, right now we are forced to overspend at receiving facilities in order to implement a smooth transition in the best interest of the patients."

Staff at closing facilities will be eligible for transfer to other departmental facilities under Civil Service procedures and union contracts. If staff leaving the closing facilities do not wish to transfer, new hires from Civil Service registers will be required.

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New teachers join the ranks in Livonia district

BY MARIE CHESTNEY
STAFF WRITER

After last year's huge crop of new teachers in Livonia Public Schools, this year's 70 new hires might seem like a significant drop.

However, 70 is closer to the norm, with last year's 107 new teachers more a reflection of a larger-than-usual number of retirees, said Ed Navoy, the district's director of personnel. Thirty-nine teachers retired then, he said.

"In the years I've worked here, this is more of a typical year," Navoy said.

More unusual this year is the large number of math teachers the district has both interviewed and snagged. Math applicants have had the upper hand this year because of intense lobby-

ing by many Michigan school districts.

"We've hired more math teachers than I can recall and there's been unusually keen competition in recruiting them," Navoy said. "We've had difficulty filling these positions. We've had lots of interviews and then when we call, we find they've already accepted a job elsewhere."

Cleveland Elementary School principal Gloria Parrello wound up with an unexpected problem when 22 extra students enrolled. On school opening day Aug. 25, a substitute teacher began teaching a class of second-graders until a new teacher is hired.

"The increase at Cleveland was not unusual, some schools had more," said Kent Gage, assistant superintendent for

■ 'When parents sign the papers to move into a house they should then enroll their child in school, not wait until school starts.'

Kent Gage

—assistant superintendent

elementary education. "We had an unexpected increase in enrollment after Aug. 11. Just before school opened, the principal realized student counts were up and there were not enough teachers to go around."

Families who moved into the Cleve-

land area apparently waited until the last minute to enroll their child, he said. If the district knew more students were coming, it would have hired the extra teacher in June, he said.

"When parents sign the papers to move into a house they should then enroll their child in school, not wait until school starts," he said.

Sixteen new elementary teachers have taken their posts. But, unlike last year when the new hires were sent to certain targeted schools, this year's group of elementary teachers have been sent to where student counts mandate more help, Navoy said.

"No schools were targeted; they just went where there were vacancies," he said.

Ten of the 18 elementary teachers hired last year went to seven elementaries deemed to need extra academic help: Adams, Cleveland, Cooper, Hayes, Johnson, Nankin Mills and Roosevelt.

One of the district's goals has been to lower class size in grades 1-3.

"Research has shown that grades one-three, plus kindergarten, are critical," said Livonia Superintendent Ken Watson. "This will pay long-range benefits as the students go through the program."

The 18 new elementary teachers hired last year reduced class size in first and second grades in the seven elementaries to an average of 20.

Residents speak out in favor of regional incinerator

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A regional incinerator, located in Dearborn Heights and serving Westland and other nearby communities, got some support at Tuesday's Westland City Council meeting.

Area residents spoke in support of the incinerator.

"We don't know what my next-door neighbor puts out in his trash bag," said John Miller of Westland, who grew up in Dear-

born Heights. He cited Westland's low percentage of recyclers, adding that it's not so much a cost factor as it is extra work for reluctant recyclers.

It's tough to measure groundwater contamination over time, Miller said. "Dumping it into a landfill, you have no idea of what's coming down in five or eight years."

Miller attended a recent meeting in Inkster concerning the incinerator. The meeting was

also attended by Greenpeace and Sierra Club representatives, whose views he didn't share. "I hope you people who voted on this incinerator will follow your first vote."

Frank Kavanaugh of Westland concurred. "I believe the council made the proper decision in the past." He added that he has obstructive breathing disease, and wants to take responsibility for his own trash.

Winfield Vernier of Westland

said the incinerator is better than a landfill. He urged those listening to cut down on trash by reusing plastic bags and cutting paper towels and napkins into smaller pieces.

Councilwoman Sharon Scott echoed her support for recycling during the meeting. Council members didn't discuss the incinerator.

Residents of other communities came to Westland City Hall Tuesday night to share their

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views on the incinerator. Cliff Johnson of Wayne got the ball rolling.

Bob Johnson of Westland had several other concerns, including community policing.

"I still rarely see a police vehicle," said Johnson. "I don't see any in our neighborhood."

Police Chief Emery Price said

a lack of manpower makes it difficult for officers to go door to door.

"I can tell you without a doubt we have been on your street. The officers are there, and they are working under that philosophy" of community policing, the police chief said.

OBITUARIES

LORETTA M. MAY

Funeral services and a Mass for Loretta M. May, 86, of Westland were in St. Richard Catholic Church with burial at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Officiating was the Rev. John F. Hall. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made in the form of Mass offerings, St. Richard Catholic Church, 35851 Cherry Hill, Westland 48186, or American Lung Association, 18860 W. 10 Mile Road, Southfield 48075.

Mrs. May, who died Aug. 27 in Livonia, was born in Canada. She was a laborer with General

Motors Manufacturing

Surviving are: sons, Donald, Edwin; daughter, Judith June of Sterling Heights; brother, Valentine Diehl of Florida; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. May was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin, in 1976.

EDWARD J. REDMOND

Funeral services for Edward Redmond, 75, of Westland were held in John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. Michael Markulike from St. Dunstan Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan and

Alzheimer's research.

Mr. Redmond, who died Aug. 29 in Farmington Hills, was born in Detroit. He was a supervisor for the Street Department and Michcon Gas Co.

Surviving are: son, Dale; daughter, Donna Whittaker; sisters, Margaret Figiel and Eleanor Gierada; and one granddaughter, Tracy Whittaker. Mr. Redmond was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley.

WILLIAM A. TINDALL

Funeral services for William A. Tindall, 71, of Mims, Fla., were in Sims Funeral Home Chapel in Douglas, Ga., with burial at Old Valley Grove Cemetery near Ocilla, Ga. Officiating was the

Rev. Melvin Stringer and the Rev. John Cook.

Mr. Tindall, who died Aug. 14 at his residence following an extended illness, was a native of Aiken, S.C. He was a retired carpenter and lived in Mims, Fla., the past 25 years. He was a member of Temples Baptist Church in Titusville, Fla. He was a veteran of the United States military.

Surviving are: wife, Louise; sons, John of Cocoa, Fla., Bill of Westland, Virgil of Livonia, Charles of Novi, Carl of Warren; daughter, Faye Scott of Oxford, Mich.; brothers, James Tindall of Titusville, Fla., Johnny Tindall of Aiken, S.C.; 13 grandchildren;

six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

MARY A. NAVIN

Funeral services for Mary A. Navin, 90, of Livonia were Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Ziomek Funeral Home with a Mass following at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

Mrs. Navin, who died Aug. 28, was born in Letterkenny, Donegal, Ireland.

Surviving are: son, James of Amherstburg, Ontario; daughters, Cathleen Charnawskas of Livonia, and Anne Posler of Union City; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Economic conference targets small business

Representatives from the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, Northwest Airlines and Wayne County will be sharing information at a conference on Monday, Sept. 15 with the goal of opening doors for small, minority and women-owned businesses in the impending major construction projects.

The conference is slated for 9 a.m. to noon at the University of Detroit/Mercy Ward Conference Center, located at 8200 W. Outer Drive at Southfield.

The aim of the conference is to get small, minority and women-owned businesses aware of the planned projects and also give information on how to bid their services.

David Potts, vice president

and general counsel, for the Detroit Lions and Al Johnson, regional director of airport affairs for Northwest Airlines are confirmed speakers. Hurley Coleman, director of parks for Wayne County, also will speak, talking about the park improvements planned and paid for by a voter-approved millage.

Speaking about the bidding process will be several representatives from Wayne County, including Frank Ross, director of the Jobs and Economic Development Department, and James Murray, director of the Department of the Environment.

"This is an exciting program that should be very helpful to our small, minority and women-owned businesses," said Wayne

County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon. "All the information they need will be in one room." The conference is sponsored by the Wayne County Commission.

The auditorium is being set up to accommodate comments and questions from the guests. Guests will be able to ask questions or any of the representatives and the Wayne County Commissioners present.

Brochures on the conference have been mailed to known contractors, trade associations and chambers of commerce but Solomon said that anyone who might benefit from the conference is invited to attend. There is a reservation deadline of Sept.

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"Total Quality Management in Service and Non-Profit Organizations" is offered 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays now through Dec. 9. The non-credit fee is \$285. Students earn 4.5 continuing education credits.

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Local residents to help plan special day for senior citizens

State Reps. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, have named five local senior citizens to an advisory council to organize the Livonia-Plymouth-Northville Senior Celebration Day.

The lawmakers named Mary Carter, Ruth Kade, Clara Karr, Dorothy Tilney and Dorothy Watters to the panel. All have served in a similar capacity for previous senior celebration days. The group held its first meeting in August at the Livonia Senior Center.

"The advisory panel plays an integral role in the event's planning process," said Law. "With the group to guide us, the celebration day can accurately reflect the range of interests and activities of today's seniors."

The Friday, Oct. 17 celebration day takes place at Burton Manor in Livonia. The 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. event features consumer and health fairs, entertainment and raffles geared toward senior citizens. It also includes food, gifts and informal discussion with several local officials.

"Advisory panel members continue to provide valuable ideas and suggestions to make this day the best possible," said Bankes. "I appreciate the time and effort these women are providing to ensure a successful and informative event."

Carter, a 25-year Livonia resident, has one daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and Clements Circle Civic Association. Carter also is involved with Friends of Livonia Library, the local Wheelchair Olympics and Friends of Wilson Barn.

Kade has volunteered at the Civic Park Senior Center since 1979. She has four children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-granddaughters. She is president of Livonia's senior women's golf league and president of Harmony Unit Senior Citizens Club for the last 10 years. She also is chairwoman of the Heritage Newsletter and president of St. Colette's Leisure Club.

Tilney is a former executive secretary for the director of psychology at the Michigan Department of Health and served on the Northville Senior Citizen Advisory Council. She is a member of Daughters of American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 4012 and Northville Women's Club. Tilney also serves as district coordinator for Law.

Watters is involved in many activities in the Livonia area. She is past president of the Livonia Town Club and a member of the board of directors for the Livonia Goodfellows. She also serves on the board of the Northville Town Hall and Livonia Town Hall and is vice president of Tau Alpha Gamma, an area business women's society.

Tickets for the celebration day are available only by preregistering and limited to the first 1,000 sold. No tickets will be sold at the door. Registration deadline is Oct. 3.

For more information on the celebration day and tickets, call Mary Carter at (313) 421-4513. For details on sponsorships and booths, call Sandy Nash in Bankes' office at (517) 373-3998.

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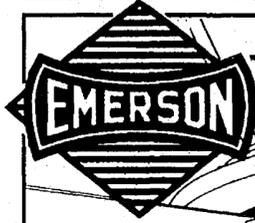
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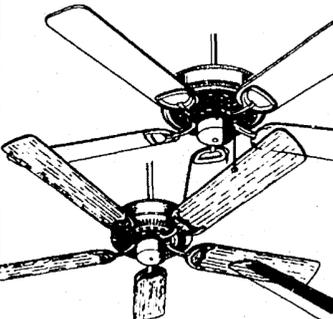
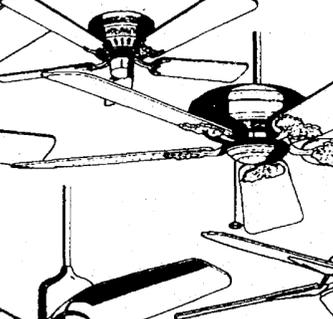
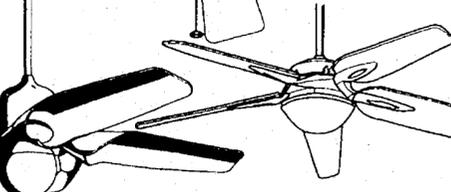


Award-winning art: The Livonia Family Y recently took first place in the character development poster contest sponsored by the Detroit Metropolitan YMCA. The contest, championed by the YMCA of the USA is designed to teach youngsters about the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Viewing their award-winning creations are, left to right, Kristen Burton, 8, of Livonia; Jessica Michael, 9, of Livonia, and Casaundra, 7, of Canton Township. Each metro area branch was challenged to produce pictures demonstrating the four values. Judging — done by the Metro Y corporate staff — was based on creativity and use of color. "The kids and staff were very enthusiastic about the contest," said Denise Felix, senior program director at the Livonia branch. "The parents of the day campers were very excited and proud of their kids. They like the fact that the kids were learning about these values. It was fun and the counselors made it fun for the kids." A special banner pronouncing the branch champs will be on display soon in the lobby of the local branch on Stark, just north of Schoolcraft.

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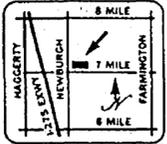
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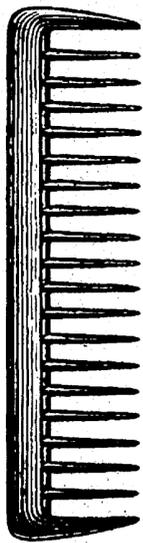


Fig. A. Comb.

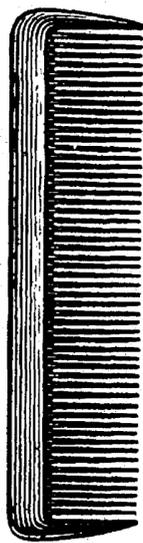


Fig. B. Fine tooth comb.

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TOOLS NEEDED

People can lend tools to help build the Westland Playscape Sept. 9-14 in Central City Park. The city needs drills, saws and extension cords. All tools will be checked into a semi-trailer which will be locked and guarded. All tools will be returned in good condition; if a tool is broken, it will be replaced. Tool dropoff dates are: 4-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 4 and 5; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7. Pick-up times are 4-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 15 and 17, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

CONSTRUCTION WEEK

The Playscape will be built by volunteers from Sept. 9-14. People are needed for skilled jobs, such as operating a circular saw, and unskilled construction, such as carrying and assembling construction. Shifts are from 8 a.m. to noon, 12:30-5 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. to dark. Volunteers are needed for shifts from Tuesday through Sunday. For information, call 467-3198.

BAND INVITATIONAL

The 12th Annual John Glenn High School Marching Band Invitational is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at John Glenn High School, 38105 Marquette. About 15 bands from across the state will compete and will be judged on marching, winds, percussion, execution and color guard. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, under 5 free, and a family price of \$15.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

A Halloween Festival '97 will be hosted by Wayne County Parks. At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, songstress/puppeteer Maureen Schiffman and her puppet pal Coco will present "Coco's Halloween Show." The performance will be at Nankin Park, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. There is no charge. There will be hayrides and family activities. For information, call (313) 261-1990.

RECREATION

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

The public is invited to a country-western dance scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh. Tickets are \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. Music by DJ Steppin' Time. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. Refreshments will be sold (no carry-ins). It is a fundraiser for the facility's new addition.

SQUARE DANCE

Beginner square dance classes held 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays starting Sept. 9 in Bailey Recreation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person weekly. Mike Brennan, (313) 274-3394.

POOL OPEN

The Bailey pool and water slide will be open weekends only, weather permitting, this month. Call Debbie Lindquist at (313) 722-7620 for information.

YMCA CLASSES

The Wayne/Westland YMCA will offer fall swimming classes. Participants will learn swimming techniques, gain confidence and have fun. Mom/Tot, preschool, youth and adult classes are offered. Classes start Sept. 8 and meet once a week. The Sting Ray

Swim Team is also available. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. For information, call (313) 721-7044.

RECREATION AND FUN

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. (313) 722-7620.

BOATING CLASSES

Classes on safe boating will be offered in September in Westland by the United States Power Squadron. It is a free, six-week course to prepare new boaters for survival and fun on the water. An optional student kit is available for \$28 that contains a comprehensive manual and plotting equipment. Courses will be offered 7-9 p.m. Sept. 16 from 7-9 p.m. at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, and 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Tinkham Center, 450 South Venoy, in Westland. No pre-registration is required. Call (313) 278-1734 for more information.

BALLROOM DANCE

Redford Parks and Recreation offers a 10-week dance class, starting 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Arthur Vanderberg Elementary School, Redford. Price is \$22. Singles or couples are welcome. For registration information, call (248) 471-4168.

FIGURE SKATING

The Westland Figure Skating Club is forming an Adult Introductory Precision Team. The team is for those who want to have fun with other skating adults and get good exercise. Practices are 6-6:50 a.m. Saturdays. All levels are welcome. For information, call (313) 722-1091.

AT THE LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The next storytime session will run for six weeks with Session I running through Sept. 21 and Session II from Oct. 12 through Nov. 16. Sleepy Storytime will be 7 p.m. Mondays. Toddler tales (18-36 months) and Just for Me Preschool Time (3-5 years) will be held 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

AUTHORS VISIT

The staff at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland has announced a panel discussion in the library's community meeting room 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, with authors William Kienzle, Tom Grace, Lee Meadows and S.E. Schenkel. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Murder, Mystery and Mayhem, a mystery bookstore in Farmington. Free tickets will be available at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway, starting Tuesday, Sept. 2. Seating space is limited and a ticket is required for admission.

SCHOOLS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne/Westland Community Schools has ongoing registration for the preschool programs at Stottemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette between Wayne and Wildwood. Programs include an Early Intervention Program, Head Start, Kids/Plus Preschool, a Pre-Primary Impaired program and Sparkey Preschool. Registration is ongoing from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call (313) 595-2660 for information.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has

openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. (313) 728-3559.

PLUS PRESCHOOL

Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus Program is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half-days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify. Call (313) 595-2688.

YWCA READINESS

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

CHARTER SCHOOL

The Academy of Detroit - Westland, an entrepreneurial and business charter school, serves kindergarten through seventh grade. The school emphasizes a good, basic education with business and entrepreneurial skills. The school offers a foreign language class, music and art, a dress code and a computer lab with Internet. Call (313) 722-1465 or (248) 569-7787.

COOPERATIVE NURSERY

Livonia Cooperative Nursery at 9601 W. Chicago in Livonia will hold its fall open house 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Openings are still available for both 3- and 4-year-olds. For information, call 422-6210.

HISTORY ON VIEW

WESTLAND MUSEUM

The Westland Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, at 857 N. Wayne Road between Marquette and Cherry Hill. (313) 326-1110.

FRIENDS MEET

Friends of the Westland Historical Museum meet on the second Tuesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 p.m. at the Westland Meeting House, 37091 Marquette between Newburgh and Wayne roads. Information, president Jim Franklin, (313) 721-0136. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SENIORS

NEW CLASS

Orientation for the new class of Creative Photo Albums will begin 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 22. Sign up at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Westland, or call 722-7632.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE

Let's dance



Fancy footwork: Josie and Jacob Pfeiffer dance at a recent community event. The public is invited to a country-western dance scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh. Tickets are \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members.

Grandma's Attic Sale will be at the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland, daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also included in this sale are hundreds of ceramic molds and hundreds of pieces of greenware and a kiln. For information, call 722-7632.

GREENWOOD VILLA

The Greenwood Villa Seniors will have their Grandma's Attic Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 5-6, at 7600 Nankin Ct., west of Wayne Road and north of Warren Road, Westland. Household articles, including furniture, will be featured.

TRAVEL GROUP

The Travel Group meets 12:45 p.m. every Friday in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, unless a trip or program is planned. Programs include speakers, films, celebration of birthdays and weekly door prizes. There is a \$3 membership fee for residents, \$12.50 for non-residents. (313) 722-7632.

CARD GROUP

The Friday Variety Card Group at the Westland Friendship Center meets at 2 p.m. Players enjoy euchre, pinochle, bridge, Uno, rummy and poker. Light refreshments are served. Call (313) 722-7632 for information or just show up to play cards. The Friendship Center is located at 1119 N. Newburgh Road.

DYER CLUB

The Dyer Seniors' Center Travel Club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the center, on Marquette between Wayne Road and New-

burgh.

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. (313) 728-5010.

DANCE FUN

Westland Shopping Center hosts a senior citizen dance 11 a.m. the first Monday of each month in the lower level auditorium, Wayne and Warren roads. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. The dance will end 2 p.m. The dance is held on the first Monday, with the exception of holidays.

SENIOR DANCE

Senior dances will be noon to 4 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Wayne Ford Civic Center, 1651 N. Wayne Road, Westland. There will be dinner, a live band, beer and pop. Members \$5, non-members \$7. (313) 728-5010.

WORK REFERRAL

Information Center Inc. refers workers to seniors who need help. The program is for people interested in providing transportation, yard work, house work, etc. Workers can specify the type of work they are willing to do and the communities they want to serve. Chore Worker Program, (313) 422-1052.

DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland School District's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday-Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m.; bingo at 1 p.m.; Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.; a Hawaiian dance exercise class will be held at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kamino Oris. Sign up at the front desk or call (313) 722-7632.

VOLUNTEERS

FAMILIES SOUGHT

Organizers from the Youth for Understanding group in this area are seeking families from Westland and Wayne to serve as host families for some 60 foreign exchange students visiting this country. Program fees are paid by students and their parents raised through community projects or funded by scholarships. Students have their own medical insurance and bring their own spending money. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and usually live here for about 11 months, starting

in mid-August. Some six-month hosting opportunities are also available. For more information or to host a student, call Jeffrey Meyer at (313) 467-9762.

DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport area residents to meetings of the Western Wayne Parkinson's Disease Support Group. Meetings are held from 7-9 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road just south of Five Mile. Drivers may be offered a stipend. Call 459-0216 or 421-4208 for information. The support group serves residents of Westland, Plymouth and Livonia and surrounding communities.

FOSTER CARE

Youth Living Centers are looking for people to open their homes and hearts to children who need foster care. Training and supportive services provided. To learn more about becoming part of the Foster Care Team, call Gina Velez, (313) 728-3400.

FOOD DELIVERY

Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. (313) 326-4444.

VEGAS NIGHT

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Notre Dame Knights of Columbus, 35100 Van Born, in Wayne, presents Las Vegas Night 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 6. Cash bar and kitchen. Admission \$2. Cash prizes not to exceed \$500 per person. (313) 728-3020.

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The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. (313) 728-3020.

MONDAY BINGO

The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. (313) 728-3020.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League Hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEMS' BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. (313) 422-5025 or (313) 729-8681.

DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. (313) 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and hosts bingo at 1 p.m. every Sunday in the post hall, 1055 S. Wayne Road at Avondale. Doors open 9 a.m. (313) 326-3323.

SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. (313) 728-3020.

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

"No smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. (313) 722-7632.

JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. Call the Jaycee Information Hotline at (313) 480-4984.

PUP TENT BINGO

The MOC pup tent 18 bingo will be held 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the VFW Post Hall, 1055 S. Wayne, Westland. A snack bar is available. Doors open at 2 p.m. (313) 326-3323.

CLUBS IN ACTION

VFW AUXILIARY

Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Ladies Auxiliary Grand River Post 1519, is open. Relationship to a veteran of combat on foreign soil will insure eligibility. Make reservations by calling membership recruiter Dolores M. Griffin, (313) 427-2791. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 27555 Grantland, Livonia. Current Post 1519 Ladies Auxiliary members include individuals from Westland, Livonia and Redford.

WEEKENDERS

The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. (313) 531-2993.

FREE CLASSES

The Showman's Dog Training Organization sponsors free junior showmanship classes for dog owners ages 7-17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m. the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. Call (313) 729-7580.

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Denny's Restaurant, Wayne Road across from the Westland Center. Learn the art of speaking in public. Cost is \$24 for six months and includes monthly magazine and learning manuals. Call (313) 326-5419 for information.

HOT LIONS

The Westland Hot Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Mary's Family Restaurant. Information, (313) 326-2607.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, (313) 326-1466.

CALENDAR FORM

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Preventing AIDS

County offers free testing, counseling

The Wayne County Health Department's AIDS prevention program provides free, anonymous AIDS counseling and testing to persons in need. Trained HIV counselors try to reduce anxieties, provide information on where to go for treatment and offer ways to help AIDS victims inform friends and family.

The Health Department offers AIDS services by appointment between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at clinic sites in Dearborn, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Taylor and Westland. Call the Wayne County Health Department's Disease Control Division at (313) 467-3325 or 467-3326 during regular business hours.

The Wayne County Health Department also works to help citizens to keep pace with the ever-changing treatment of AIDS and HIV.

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved three

Michigan still has more than 8,800 cases of AIDS reported, not including the thousands of people who are infected and may not even know it.

new compounds in a class of drugs called protease inhibitors that treat HIV infection. These drugs, when taken in combination with previously approved drugs such as AZT (zidovudine) and 3TC (lamivudine), can reduce the level of HIV particles circulating in the blood to very low levels in many individuals.

"While we don't administer these drugs at our clinic, we do try to hook people up with providers who have these drugs available," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Wayne County medical director.

Lawrenchuk stresses there is

no medical evidence that these new therapies provide any protection against HIV transmission. "People taking these drugs are still potentially infectious and can spread the virus when engaged in high-risk behaviors," Lawrenchuk said.

Michigan still has more than 8,800 cases of AIDS reported, and that's not including the thousands of people who are infected and may not even know it, according to Keith Tait, Wayne County Health Department director of disease control.

"Until a cure is developed for AIDS, our best strategy in public health is still working to educate the public on how to avoid becoming infected and to counsel people to change their at-risk behaviors," Tait said.

Studies show that the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS can be transmitted through sexual contact and by sharing needles with an infected person.

Schoolcraft adds Arabic to schedule of fall language class offerings

Schoolcraft College has added conversational Arabic to its list of language offerings this fall.

Most language classes last for 12 weeks and focus on phrases and situations students will use in everyday setting. Fees range from \$72 to \$87.

The Arabic class begins Monday, Sept. 15 and will include information on the culture of the Arab world, money standards and Arabic writing as well as simple Arabic. The course fee is \$73.

Other language classes and their starting dates are:

- Thursday, Sept. 11 - Conversational French I and II.
- Monday, Sept. 15 - Conversational Italian I and II.
- Tuesday, Sept. 16 - Conversational Polish I and II, Conversational Spanish I, Conversational Russian I and Conversational Japanese I.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 17 - Conversational Mandarin Chinese I, Conversational Spanish II and Conversational Japanese II.

■ Thursday, Sept. 18 - Conversational Italian III.

■ Friday, Sept. 19 - Conversational German I and II.

Schoolcraft offers "Pronunciation of English Consonants," a class aimed at the non-native speaker, beginning Monday, Sept. 8 for a \$39 fee and "English as a Second Language" on Thursday, Oct. 2 for a \$74 fee.

Students can enroll in "Basic Sign Language I and II" for an

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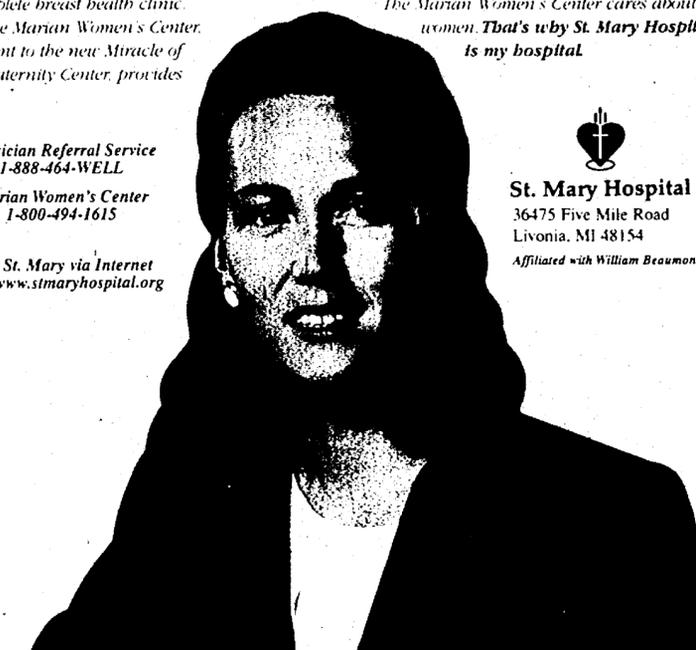
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Fieger lashes out at area Democrats

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Geoffrey Fieger's speech before 11th District Democrats last week wasn't expected to go down too well with people who are:

- Fond of Gov. John Engler;
- Members of the state Supreme Court; and
- not used to expletive-filled rants.

The surprise is how the blustery Southfield-based attorney and gubernatorial candidate lit into his audience, which shares the same party affiliation. While listing the power brokers, Fieger reminded those in attendance at the Botsford Inn where they rank.

"You are so far down on the list," Fieger said. "I think the YMCA and the Humane Society are above you in influence."

"I'm not being critical; It's a fact."

Fieger accused them of "sitting on their hands" during Engler's term as governor as he made questionable appointments to the state Supreme Court and put caps on liability claims on traffic accidents involving rented cars. Most of all, Fieger wondered where his party mates had been during his and Dr. Jack Kevorkian's continuing legal battle over assisted suicide.

"What are you guys doing? I'm serious, what are you doing?" Fieger asked repeatedly of his Democratic brethren. "Do you really want to kick ass and win?"

"Because I'll tell you when I started representing Kevorkian, the one thing I wasn't going to do is lose. If you want me to act like a used car salesman, lying politician, then tough luck. I refuse."

His campaign for governor is not as pronounced. He's running by default.

Fieger said he doesn't need the job; he can't afford the pay cut, he said.

The reason behind his speculative gubernatorial bid is that Fieger doesn't see a Democrat who can beat Engler next year.

Fieger doesn't hold out hope for the Democratic challengers, including frontrunner Larry Owen who has already received an endorsement from the United Auto Workers.

"And it's not that the man can't be beaten," Fieger said. "I don't see anybody willing to stand up and really say what really needs to be said, folks."

"The reason I'm doing this is he's got to go."

The reason Engler is running again is that "he's fishing" for a job after he retires, Fieger said.

"The man couldn't make a living," Fieger said. "As governor of the state of Michigan what could he do in life unless some fat-cat Republican literally pays his way."

His jabs into Engler turned into roundhouses. At one point, Fieger asked his wife to stand. "She's prettier than Michelle Engler. She'll be the most beautiful first lady in Michigan ever," Fieger said.

On the state Supreme Court: "We have an elephant's graveyard for PAC politicians. They are the worst Supreme Court in the entire country."

On insurance reform legislation: "Do you know if you lend your car to some... drunk and that drunk kills somebody, you can be sued. But if some lunatic rents a car from Hertz and kills you while drunk, Hertz can only be sued for \$20,000 in this state. Did you know that? ... It should be called the O.J. Simpson law. Engler did it to you."

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Election Day

Thomas, Mehl primary picks

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, Westland voters will go to the polls for the city's mayoral primary election. The top two vote-getters will advance to the Tuesday, Nov. 4, general election.



Thomas



Mehl

City Council to keep city business running smoothly.

Criticism aside, Thomas and Mehl clearly are more experienced and should advance to the general election. Both candidates, in information provided to the Observer, listed their top priorities for the position of mayor.

Thomas listed service as his top priority, including police protection, fire and ambulance service, and road and right-of-way maintenance. He also cited projecting a good image for the community, along with providing recreational opportunities for youth and adults.

Mehl cited a sound financial plan for the city to insure stability, repair and maintenance of subdivision streets, and year-round programs for young people.

McNa, 53, cited stopping unnecessary spending, expansion of Advanced Life Support to the city's south end, and no tax increases. These suggestions certainly have merit, but McNa lacks the experience in government that Thomas and Mehl have. Nonetheless, she has raised valid concerns which should be addressed following the election. Moreover, we would encourage McNa to seek appointments to local boards or commissions to gain some experience that could further her goals. She has been impressive as a newcomer.

Thomas and Mehl, longtime political rivals, are dissimilar candidates who would give voters a clear choice at the polls, should they emerge victorious in the Sept. 9 primary.

The Observer believes that **Robert Thomas** and **Kenneth Mehl** should advance to the general election.

The Observer recommends incumbent Mayor **Robert Thomas** and former Councilman **Kenneth Mehl** for the primary. The third candidate in the race is Dixie Johnson McNa, who has some good ideas but needs more experience before running a city.

Thomas, 47, has worked for the city of Westland for 27 years, rising from an hourly position in the public services department to his election as mayor in November 1989.

Mehl, 50, served on the Westland City Council in 1982-93 and on the Westland Planning Commission in 1976-81.

Both candidates have experience, but both also receive their share of criticism.

As Thomas seeks a third four-year term, some critics say that he has become greedy by accepting recent double-digit earning increases and that he stumbled politically by appointing his live-in companion from executive secretary to purchasing agent, boosting her salary by several thousand dollars. Some say he has been in office too long and that he has lost touch with his constituents. Regardless, it's hard to argue with Thomas when he says he has provided a high level of services for residents.

Mehl has his baggage, too. He is widely seen as confrontational, and some fear that he wouldn't be able to work with the Westland

Government secrecy harmful

Woodrow Wilson, the academic-turned-president who founded the modern study of political science, said it best: "Open covenants, openly arrived at."

Wilson was calling for an end to secret deals between national officials — deals which led to millions of deaths in World War I. But his words apply today to local government in western Wayne County.

Since 1976, we have had a state law called the Open Meetings Act. It mandates that all meetings of councils, boards, commissions, committees and subcommittees post their meetings in advance; discuss all public business before the public; keep public records; and vote in public. There are only narrow exceptions.

More than even Wilson asked, the Open Meetings Act protects the public's right to sound off at these public meetings about what the government intends to do before the government does it to them.

Wilson's critics scoffed that he was an idealist and rejected his proposal to join a public League of Nations. Big mistake. The business of secret deals continued; so did the practice of world war.

Almost 80 years later, the critics are alive and well. They have changed their tune a bit. No longer do they scoff at "idealists." They have a long list of other alibis:

■ "We need to meet outside the glare of publicity." Sure, just like the czar of Russia, the king of Germany, the emperor of Austria-Hungary.

■ "We didn't vote on anything." Doesn't matter. A deliberation of public business must

be conducted in public, whether the panel votes or not.

■ "It was just a subcommittee meeting." Committees and subcommittees are clearly covered by the Open Meetings Act. Even where the final decision is up to the city council or school board, the subcommittee and committee are where the problems are pondered and the policy produced. Committees often are where the real action is.

■ "We didn't have a quorum." Then they should have adjourned and walked out on the spot. It's a great ploy for a board to call a committee a "sub-quorum group" that isn't subject to the Open Meetings Act. Don't be fooled.

■ "It's just the press that wants this open." We in the press protest when we find out about closed meetings, but the truth is that the Open Meetings Act isn't a "press" law. It's a law to protect the public.

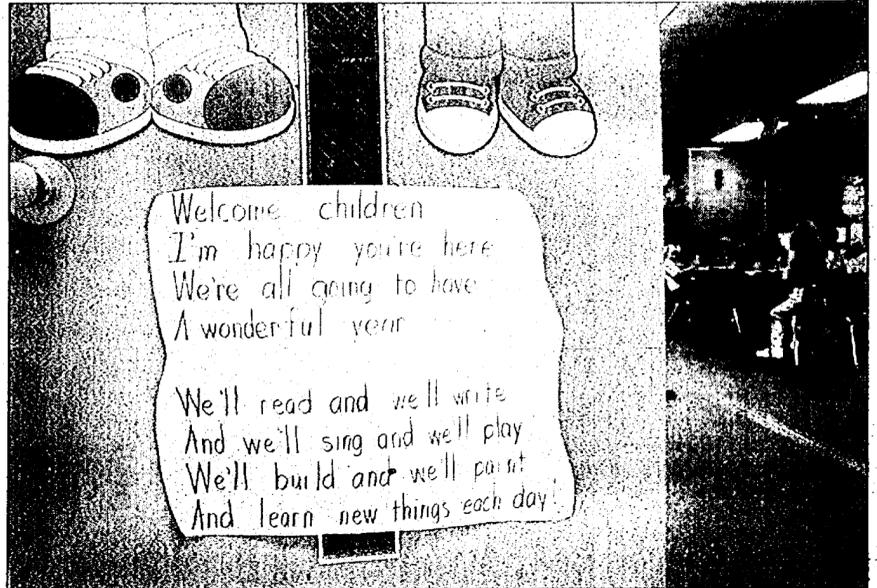
Court suits against secretive councils are filed as often by private individuals as by the press. So what can you do if you suspect a governmental body is meeting in illegal secrecy?

Warn the body politely. Often, they make an honest mistake — and even their attorneys fail to check the law.

If the board is defiant, you may complain to the attorney general (whose staff has been decimated and won't be much help), complain to the Wayne County prosecutor (who's more helpful) or hire your own attorney to file a circuit court suit.

Better yet, check on candidates' attitudes before they are elected. Ask them at "Candidates' Nights" if they believe in open board, committee and subcommittee meetings.

Back in school



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Hello: A welcome sign for first-graders in this classroom at P.D. Graham Elementary on John Hix in Westland is a cheerful addition. Let's hope it's a great school year for all area students and educators!

LETTERS

Blaming God?

Did you hear? God came to Westland last February and saw a cemented-in sewer chamber. Oops! He tried to find the culprits.

He challenged the contractors. "We're innocent. We haven't done anything wrong. Really!" He called on the mayor. "Don't bother me."

He spoke to the council. "Not us. We have day jobs." He stood before the court. "You! Keep quiet! Oh, sorry, God."

Looking over the politicians and bureaucrats sitting around, He heard "We're not involved!" He discovered the insurance companies hiding behind a large-print book on Michigan Common Law.

"Do we know the law or what?" Then He spotted a group of people covered with feces. "We're the victims. Can't you tell?" Finally, God saw a few lawyers near the bank. "We'll handle this, God. Count on us. But don't be insulted if we end up blaming you. That often happens whenever there's an oops, you know."

So the "oops!" has become a true mystery. Just who was it that damaged over 400 homes by a raw sewage backup in Boulevard Gardens subdivision? Maybe it was God. But who's going to pay for the full damage? The people covered with the feces, that's who. Victimized again!

Beatrice Scalise
Westland

Out of control

I bought a home in the Wayne-Westland School District in 1995 when the district was recovering from some difficult times. I thought I had made a good investment in a school system that was improving. Now, after reading your stories about the board's lack of respect for the public's input on matters as important as hiring a superintendent, I wish I would have moved elsewhere.

The lady who is president of the board, Mrs. Debra Fowlkes, seems to be out of control. She has absolutely no respect for the citizens of our community. I grew up in this district and just recently moved back. I can remember some strange things happening, but never anything like what I have read in the last few months.

I noticed how your newspaper covered the election of Mrs. Debra Fowlkes as the first black woman president of the board. You would think that a black woman would have a greater understanding of people's rights and civil rights. Then I read that she led the charge to have a policy overturned that protects the rights of all students from discrimination and sexual harassment, specifically the portion dealing with sexual orientation.

The same board just voted last winter to approve these policies. I'm afraid Debra Fowlkes is taking civil rights back 100 years. She should be ashamed of herself.

What kind of example is she setting other than announcing that it is "Open Season on Gay Kids" in the Wayne-Westland School District? I hope she doesn't have a gay child, but I'm sure if she did, she would make sure her child got special privileges.

Is this really the kind of leadership we need setting examples for our children? Debra Fowlkes is up for re-election; I think we should all send her a message loud and clear next June. I know I will.

V. Robertson
Wayne

Recycling problems

Well, I see the city of Westland is having a problem with rubbish and recycling.

I recently moved from Redford Township, which had the same problem, and the township officials got the government out of the rubbish business.

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Redford used to pick up its own rubbish and take it to a dumping area, run by BFI.

When the recycling program was started by the township — it didn't work out — so officials made a deal with BFI and both programs are working well.

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People of Westland, get out of the rubbish business.

N.A. Wayne
Westland

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"No, not really, because I am a nurse. I know a little bit about the precautions."
Deborah Grlebel
Westland



"Oh, no. I work in the restaurant industry and I'm a certified sanitarian."
Scott Kudilneki
Westland



"Yeah, I'm concerned. Sure."
Frank Pollack
Canton



"I'd be afraid to eat something that I don't know if it's going to put me in the hospital."
Renee Rucinski
Westland

We asked this question at the Westland post office.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Goodwill inspires cleaning of closets

My daughter and her husband are way ahead of me. They used the Labor Day weekend to clean out their closets and cupboards for fall.

They'll donate their out-of-date, ill-fitting or otherwise unwanted goods to a couple of charities, including carting some to the Goodwill Industries store in Waterford, about a 15-minute drive from their West Bloomfield home.

Frankly I had pretty much forgotten about Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, which celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1996. Its phone number is not in my kitchen drawer address book the way it was in my grandmother's or mother's. Come fall — and spring — they routinely called Goodwill to take away their used clothing and furnishings.

Goodwill, in my grandmother's time, employed men and women who couldn't find jobs to repair and refurbish used and abused items for resale. Goodwill, in my mom's era, also

offered that kind of restorative work to people who were elderly or physically disabled. In all cases, income from the resold goods paid the workers' wages, helping them to become self-supporting.

But life has become more complicated. Goodwill responded by taking on the training of others who face barriers to employment — the economically disadvantaged, people with developmental disabilities or chronic mental illness, those recovering from substance abuse, displaced homemakers and some who lost their jobs to downsizing.

Plus, Detroit's Goodwill Industries has expanded its vocational focus to training in modern technologies. Nowadays, it has three divisions:

■ Employment/training for the private sector job market. Businesses can call Goodwill for a variety of employees. Goodwill placed 401 disabled and disadvantaged people into community jobs in 1996. The most



JUDITH DONER BERNE

common occupations: sales, clerical, janitorial and housekeeping, food service, packaging and materials handling.

■ Industrial operations which contracts with the Big Three automakers, Detroit Edison and others for packaging and assembly, mainly out of its expanding Detroit plant. These contracts provide opportunities for work to disabled and disadvantaged people who aren't readily employable elsewhere and are Goodwill's main source of income.

■ Retail, an extension of the concept that started it all. Six metro-Detroit stores sell used goods to help fund Goodwill's vocational services — and more are planned.

In defense of my forgetting about Goodwill, all stores closed in the 1970s in response to changes in the retail climate and the high cost of collecting goods. Goodwill only began reopening them in 1988, as the public turned on to recycling and resale shopping. Now, you must bring your donations to the store and "only the best that come in are on the shelves," reports Goodwill Industries Foundation president and board vice president Brad Host of Birmingham.

Recently, more than 20 artists from the Laurence Street Gallery in Pontiac scoured the 12,000-square-foot Waterford store for used clothing, furnishings and interesting items they could turn into art. Some also drove to the 20,000-square-foot superstore on Telegraph in Redford that cele-

brated its grand opening in May.

Members of the gallery will host a benefit for the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit Foundation from 6-9:30 p.m. Friday. It will feature a silent auction of the art they created from "found" objects purchased at Goodwill.

In a way, Goodwill has come full circle. This time around artists, like those early men and women who repaired used goods, are turning discarded items into something you would want to own. Both then and now, funds raised further Goodwill's mission of helping people with disabilities or other special needs to become self-supporting citizens.

This is definitely inspiring me to clean my closets.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*. For patron preview tickets at \$25 to Goodwill's "Gallimaufry at the Gallery" Friday, call 313-964-3900, Ext. 305.

Indian history should include dirty laundry

"The only good Huron Indian is a dead Huron Indian." — Iroquois foreign policy.

They never used those words. But summer visitors to St. Ignace, on Lake Huron in our Upper Peninsula, learn the story.

Until the 1640s, some 40,000 Huron dwelt in Ontario. The Iroquois, their relatives from upstate New York, attacked and annihilated village after village, 15 in all. In one case, the Hurons and their priest were slaughtered in their church during mass.

Survivors fled north, but many fell to disease. The Huron nation was virtually wiped out. Stragglers tried Minnesota but were kicked out. At St. Ignace, they found a friend and minister in Father Jacques Marquette, whose mission site has been excavated.

However bad the white man was to the red man, Indians treated each

other even worse. The Hurons' tale is told in many history books with varying degrees of gory detail. In one, the Jesuits found the body of Father Brebut with hot coals in the eye sockets.

The Erie Indians are harder to find in the books. They lived in Ohio and also fell to the Iroquois. The Erie tribe disintegrated.

Indian activists throw the "Trail of Tears" story at us whites, and it's true enough. President Andy Jackson forced several tribes out of the South, and many perished on the way to Oklahoma.

What they won't tell you is the story of the Cheyennes, who lived in Ontario and Quebec until 1650 when the Iroquois shoved them out. The Iroquois didn't bother setting up reservations for the displaced people. So the Cheyennes settled in Montana and the Dakotas and are famed in Hollywood movies as a tough Great Plains tribe.



TIM RICHARD

Indian activists remind us that in the late 19th Century our federal government put Indian kids in white-type schools. This is portrayed as a gross violation of their culture, and it's true.

What you won't hear about is how the Chippewas in the 1660s moved from the upper Great Lakes region, with the Iroquois on their tails, and invaded Sioux territory in Minnesota. Did the Sioux complain? Nope. They gave up horticulture of the woodlands

and adopted a totally new culture, buffalo hunting from horses, on the plains, with no annuities from their conquerors.

During the Civil War-era in western Minnesota, the Sioux, under Little Crow, attacked white settlements, killing many women and children. Nothing spectacular about that; warriors of every race, including ours, kill women and children; even in the 20th Century; even this week.

The white man learned much from the red man — corn, the caucus, and so on. But the red man learned something from white liberals — the alibi of "victimization." You never are responsible for your own sins, however revolting. The white Euro-American male always is to blame.

And so when the Hurons ran into a fatal decade of bad luck, who got the blame? "The black robes" who tried to woo them to Christianity.

There is a book, first published in

Ypsilanti in 1887, titled "History of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians" by Andrew J. Blackbird. Murders were "exceedingly few" — until the whites came, he wrote. "But these cases of murders occurred sometime after they came in contact with the white races in their country... brought on through the bad influence of white men..."

Nor were there immorality and illegitimate births until the white man came, Blackbird wrote with apparent seriousness.

I bring out the red man's dirty laundry because, among our charter schools, we see academies devoted to "Native American" culture, including one chartered by Oakland University. One wonders what historical bias will be taught there.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

School-to-work opponents spark sense of amazement

The facts are unassailable. The opposition leaves me, literally, shaking my head in amazement.

■ Jobs — any kind of jobs — are requiring more and more skills. Nationwide, 63 percent of workers held unskilled jobs in 1963. By 1993, this fell to 35 percent, and best estimates indicate it will plummet to 15 percent by the year 2000.

■ Incomes of workers with good job skills have remained ahead of inflation. Wages for unskilled workers started falling behind the inflation rate in the late 1970s, and the gap has widened ever since.

■ In today's near-full employment economy, there is an absolute labor shortage for skilled workers. Want proof? Look at the help wanted columns in the classified advertising section of this newspaper.

Even the rhetoric is compelling, says Chrysler Corp. President Robert Lutz: "The vast majority of Americans do not know that they do not have the skills to earn a living in our increasingly technological society and international workplace. Business and industry no longer simply require a strong back and a good attitude."

This kind of logic is behind the drive to reform our schools to meet or beat international competition by establishing core curriculum standards and requiring regular performance testing. And this is the logic behind the school-to-work movement, a program that seeks to make sure that what kids learn in school helps prepare them for actual jobs when they join the labor force.

Not surprisingly, a lot of serious folks are behind the program, including Gov. John Engler and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, neither notable advocates of big government.

But some people absolutely foam at the mouth when school-to-work comes up.

Some claim that the thinking behind school-to-work comes directly from the Soviet school system or even the Marx-Engels "Communist Manifesto." (I've read the "Manifesto"; you won't find anything in it about school-to-work or even labor force skills.)

Others say the whole thing is just another piece of Big Brotherism from the hated federal government. Henry Hyde, a conservative congressman from Illinois, says that under the



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plan, "the economy will be controlled by the federal government by controlling our workplace and our schools."

In an op-ed piece last month, a fellow from Livonia, John Puza, recites the right-wing suspicion that "The plan was drawn up by Bill and Hillary Clinton, Ira Magaziner and Marc Tucker, president of the National Center of Education & Economy, funded by the Carnegie Corporation."

I happen to know something about all this, since I serve on the board of the National Association for Education and the Economy (correct title). I also served on the National Commission on Skills in the American Workplace, chaired by Magaziner, whose research conclusively demonstrated the changing skills needs of American business.

I even reviewed the letter that Tucker wrote to the Clintons suggesting that the new administration had an opportunity to "remold the entire American system..."

Nobody in this group was visiting Moscow to see how the Russians were training kids. Nobody was reading the "Manifesto." All we were doing was listening to a whole lot of big American employers who were telling us in no uncertain terms that our international competitors would win the economic competition unless we started improving skills in the workplace.

Watching folks on the fringe of American politics trying to turn school-to-work into a conspiracy hatched by Big Brother illuminates my sense of amazement.

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Plymouth man is finalist for county auditor position

The search for a new Wayne County Commission auditor general has narrowed a field of eight candidates to two finalists.

Brendan Dunleavy, an employee in the auditor general's office who lives in Plymouth Township, and Donna Wells, an independent consultant from Bloomfield Township, are the finalists for the job, which was vacated when Ramona Pearson

resigned last year.

"Either of the two candidates would serve Wayne County well," said Ricardo Solomon, chairman of the Wayne County Commission. "We were looking for someone who had a strong financial background and was familiar with governmental auditing procedures. Even with our nationwide search, the two finalists are from Michigan."

Eight candidates from Michigan, Ohio and Georgia were interviewed on Aug. 28 by Solomon and a subcommittee composed of Vice Chair Kay Beard, who represents Westland and Garden City; Vice Chair Pro Tem Edna Bell, D-Detroit; Commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park; and Commissioner George Cushingberry, D-Detroit.

Dunleavy has spent the last six years in the auditor general's department. A certified public accountant since 1987, he has more than 10 years of experience in governmental auditing and holds a master's degree in finance from Walsh College.

Before becoming the financial audit administrator for the commission in 1991, he was an audit manager with Ernst & Young in

Detroit.

Wells earned her certified public accountant status in 1976. She served in three management positions at Unisys in Detroit and began her career with Coopers & Lybrand in Detroit. Wells holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University.

Although hired by the commis-

ion to serve a 10-year term, the auditor general is independent of the commission in policing the county's \$1.9 billion budget. The auditor general cannot be reappointed after that one term. In 1996, Wayne County voters granted the authority of a more independent auditor general and corporation counsel to guarantee unbiased financial and legal investigations.

Foster care program needs area volunteers

Youth Living Centers' Foster Care Program is looking for caring people to open their hearts and homes to very special children who need a safe haven.

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For more information, call Noreen Green at (313) 728-3400.

Fieger

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"If a doctor kills you (while) drunk on the operating table, it's only worth \$250,000. . . Your life is so sacred, it should be a crime to have a doctor recognize your autonomy and freedom, but if you really want to live, and a doctor kills you drunk on the operating table, your life is only worth \$250,000 in Michigan."

"And you sat here and you took it. How could you?"

Fieger's criticism continued. On Right-to-Life: ". . . I've stood up to them for seven years, for seven years. That's three years longer than World War II and I'm still watching 'Combat' on TV. . . Where have you guys been?"

While laying into the Democrats, Fieger stressed he is on their side.

Fieger's father and mother were ardent Democrats and Civil Rights supporters during the McCarthy era.

"I'm one of you; I was sprung from the loins of Democrats," he said.

One audience member felt Fieger sounded more like Ross Perot.

"He didn't give us any good reasons to support him for governor," said Debbie Goldberg, a Farmington resident. "He certainly stirred the pot, though."

Added Ilene Singer, a West Bloomfield resident: "I think his heart is in the right place. I don't think you get very far tearing people apart. I think you accomplish more by attacking the problem and not the people involved."

Singer's mother, who sat next to her, didn't like the expletives used by the attorney.

"She's not used to that kind of language," Singer said.



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So where has civility gone?

Have you been noticing how disrespectful and discourteous people have become in recent years? Is it something in the water, or what? From clerks to drivers, the way people treat each other has created an atmosphere of distrust and immediate defensiveness.

It's scary enough when unfriendly neighbors growl and threaten your kids for walking across their lawn, but when two drivers have a duel on the expressway after one flips up the wrong finger or tailgates, you'd better not be in the car in back of them.

Recently, a colleague witnessed an accident in front of him, where two business men took their anger a step further, pulled over and duked it out on the side of the highway.

What's become of manners and civility? Have we lost them for good? Are we born angry?

In the environment

Nobody is born with an angry disposition? But two kinds of home environment can influence the way children will behave as adults. The first home is commonly referred to as an *angry house*. If a child came from a home where tempers flared frequently, and he heard out-of-control language or saw physical abuse, the likelihood of replicating those behaviors is greatly magnified.

Kevin's kindergarten teacher called to tell his mother about Kevin's school behavior. His mother winced when she heard that he had jabbed another child in the eye with the scissors. When the teacher asked the mom if she could think of any explanation for the behavior, the mom didn't dare share with her about her husband.

She thought about her husband's lack of control when he became angered and how he would either verbally or physically assault the offender, most often her. The connection between his violent nature and her son's school behaviors was no coincidence.

The second environment is often called *humiliation house*. In this home, the attitudes and actions are more subtle but equally as damaging. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The secret to education lies in respecting the pupil." Shaming, belittling or using sarcasm to get our children to do what we want them to can be done with words such as dummy, idiot, brat, no-good, klutz or more subtly with comments such as, "If it weren't for you, we'd ..." or "This is another example of your brain being in another place." Children love comment like these because they make them feel so lovable and capable.

The symptoms of the more permanent damage from these two types of homes start to become visible when the parents see the emergence of an angry teenager. More than one parent has speculated that "this couldn't be my child" when this kind of child hits adolescence. And more than one parent has said, "She doesn't listen to anything I say anymore and is out of control."

Why the turn-about? Simply put, they're fed up with being treated like second-class citizens. They're sick of the dog getting more respect than they do. They snap. They don't often care who they hurt and will probably lash out at their parents first. And watch out, they're ruthless. Their mean spirit carries them right into adulthood with a false sense of power.

Finding the answer

So where's the answer here. How do we preclude ending up with adults whose fuses are the length of a match? There's an old Chinese adage that says, "Control your emotions or they will control you."

First, we must start with ourselves. Every time we are tempted to berate, ridicule or humiliate, put up the STOP SIGN in your head. Ask yourself: "Is this going to help the other person?" "Is this the only way to teach them a lesson?"

Remember, your feelings have no

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Home grown

Farmers' markets offer fresh produce and more

Fans of fresh fruit and vegetables are spicing up their meals with fresh fruits, vegetables and even muffins that they find at local farmers' markets.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Picking through ears of corn at the Plymouth farmers' market, Westland residents Inge and Lou Singleman feel safe buying fresh and locally grown produce there.

"We definitely don't like foreign products," Lou Singleman explained. "Being that we do a lot of traveling, we're very much afraid of foreign products because we see how they're treated."

His wife agreed, adding that she knows the items at the market are fresh.

"I know the produce was just picked within the last couple of days. I prefer Michigan products and at the grocery store it doesn't always say Michigan homegrown," Inge Singleman added.

The couple is one of many people who prefer farmers' markets to the upscale produce stores popping up throughout the area. The Plymouth and Livonia farmers' markets are the only two in the area that have survived the fierce competition of the stores, the closure of farms and red tape. Canton Township-area farmers occasionally sell their goods in the parking lot of Kmart at Ford and Sheldon roads.

The Plymouth Farmers' Market has been pitted against the new supermarkets and ripped-up roads. The construction of the new library has limited its parking, and although the competition is stiff and the construction areas sometimes a challenge to navigate, Fran Toney of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce said it's hard to resist the market.

"People do love to come to our beautiful farmers' market which is so hometown and small town U.S.A.," Toney said. "On a beautiful Saturday morning there are people all around the fountain (in Kellogg Park). There's beautiful muffins and bagels."

"It's a nice way to start the morning. You can come down and have coffee and a bagel and sit in the sun. You can



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER

Stocking up: Zofia Samborski had cucumbers, corn and other home-grown vegetables to choose from while shopping Harold Sullivan's stand at a recent Livonia Farmers' Market.

pick up beautiful vegetables and produce, flowers and eggs."

Plymouth resident Bea Laible and her husband ride their bikes to the market every Saturday morning to buy pastries from Mary Carey. Afterward, they walk across the street to Kellogg

Park to socialize with friends.

"She makes the very best muffins in the country," said Laible while eating one of Carey's Sunshine Muffins made of carrots, walnuts and raisins.

Pizza rolls, muffins and breads have been the key to the future of Carey's

children. For 14 years, Carey has been selling tables and tables of baked goods at the Plymouth farmers' market. Her profits have allowed her to put her three children through college.

Changing crowds

Linda Vanden Bossche, owner of Vanden Bossche Greenhouses of Livonia, tries to stay a step ahead of mega markets by offering unique plants. She has sold annuals, perennials, flowers, vegetable plants and herb plants for about 10 years. During that time, she has seen the crowds become younger.

"The populations changing," she said. "A lot of young families are moving into the area."

The chamber's Toney said the farmers' market is "doing fine."

"You always hope for bigger crowds and more people. But it seems to thrive. Often when we might lose a stall - which does not happen that often - the farmer next to it will buy that stall," she said. "One reason, I believe, is we do have the same farmers every year. It's somewhat of a family. The farmers have grown to know each other. Because of that, the customers get to know the farmers."

The price of the stall is \$325 for the year which runs from May through Oct. 25. The money, which amounts to \$13 a week, goes toward the upkeep of the Gathering. For more information, call the chamber at (313) 453-1540.

Livonia's farmers' market was founded approximately 11 years ago by Christine Sickels and the late Carl Sickels, according to Sharon Sabat of Livonia's Community Resource Department.

After moving from Civic Center Park and Ford Field, the city's farmers' market has been held at Wilson Barn on the corner of Middlebelt and West Chicago roads since 1993. It is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 27. Sabat attributed its success to a common real estate term and to its informality.

"I guess it's just location, location, location," she said. "It's amazing. Every year I sweat the bullet and I think, 'Oh, my God, are we going to get vendors? So many of the farms in the area have closed for whatever reason.'"

Laid-back atmosphere

The atmosphere is "not very business like," according to Sabat, and the city gains nothing from it financially; maybe a couple thousand dollars for the season.

"We charge only \$10 a week for the rental space," she said. "Some of the markets mark off the space and everything. If you're an inch over, they're charging you for another 10 feet. If you take up to three or four spaces (at the Livonia market), oh well. At least it looks busy to me."

Eric Langenderfer of Langenderfer Farms in Monroe explained that he too enjoys the laid-back atmosphere. During a recent rainy Saturday, he and Jeremy Langenderfer stuffed ears of corn in bags to steady a fellow vendor's tent.

Mary Alice Smith of Farmington stopped by Langenderfer's stand on a rainy day because "you can't get this (quality) stuff at supermarkets."

Sabat said that's another reason why farmers' markets remain popular.

"What you see at the supermarket is very deceptive," Sabat said. "A lot of the produce and vegetables are inject

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How about a dozen?: Inge and Lou Singleman traveled from Westland to Plymouth to purchase sweet corn at the community's weekend Farmers' Market.



Book mixes recipes and history

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Lennie Bowser's 9-year-old grandson has always been fond of her cooking, so last year the Canton resident decided to put together a recipe book to give to him for Christmas. What started out as a simple project has evolved into Bowser's first book.

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook," published by Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor, intertwines recipes from Bowser, her family, and local residents, with snippets of history about Plymouth. Ernesto's, The Cozy Cafe, Cafe Bon Homme, the Plymouth Landing and the Lower Town Grill, all in Plymouth, have donated recipes.

The Plymouth Historical Museum has submitted recipes, dating back to the 1890s, including handwritten recipes for Dandelion and Elder Blossom Wines.

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" will be available, beginning this weekend at area bookstores, as well as Gabriela's, 322 S. Main St., the Cozy Cafe, 15 Forest Place, the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., all in Plymouth. Profits from "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" will go toward several organizations, including the Plymouth Historical Society.

"I expect it to be beautiful; I thought I better make it

impressive. I know the people of Plymouth, when they do something they want it done right," Bowser said with a laugh.

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" includes recipes for dips, sauces, beverages and main dishes, such as country-fried chicken, and a boiled dinner.

"The boiled dinner is vegetable soup, really, that's made with beef shanks, good vegetables and a hearty broth," Bowser explained. "The recipes that have been contributed from the residents as well as my family and friends are simplified in the instructions and they're the types of food that people like to eat. It's the standard stuff."

Her daughter, Char Briggs, an assistant manager at Help-U-Sell in Canton, warned this is "not a health food book."

"She has made an art of making gravy; she's very famous for her gravy," said Briggs with a laugh about her mother.

A unique book

Bowser calls "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" unique because it includes anecdotes about the city's history. She described it as a condensed history of Plymouth and its surrounding areas since 1924.

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STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Cookin': Lennie Bowser has spiced up her cookbook with historical anecdotes.

Cookbook from page B1

"The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" highlight notable contributions to the city, state, and the country. Thirty-five photos trace Plymouth's history.

"It will include the earlier days of Plymouth history, and some of the Plymouth history as I know it from the '40s," Bowser said.

Bowser, 67, grew up in Detroit and moved to Livonia with her family in 1947. A year later she became a homeowner in Plymouth.

An avid roller skater at Riverside Arena, Bowser was named Miss Minerva, in honor of Minerva's Dress Shop in Plymouth, in 1952. As part of her reign, she represented the shop as part of the Fourth of July celebration.

She and her former spouse

were owners of the Mayflower Skating Rink in Romulus. It was there that she taught her son, Jim Bowser, 45, of Huntsville, Ala., to skate. Subsequently, he and his partner, Nancy Berkoff, won the world professional ice dancing championships in Spain in the 1980s.

From Romulus, she and her children - Char, Jim and Lori, 34, of Pittsfield Township - moved to Livonia and then to Westland. She now resides in Canton.

"I'm convinced that my mother was an undiscovered gifted child; she is an amazing woman," Briggs said. "Sears wouldn't give her a charge card but she bought a house, which was rare back then."

She also owned Lennie's Delta Queen, a bar and grill on Schoolcraft Road. After she lost her lease, she moved the restaurant to Joy Road, near Burt Road, and offered a full kitchen and piano bar, specializing in Dixieland music. Vandalism scared

■ 'Over time I fixed something, my older grandson would say, 'Grandma this is good; give my mom the recipe.'

Lennie Bowser

— cookbook author

her out of business.

She retired in 1994 due to health problems. Bowser saw retirement as an opportunity to "do all the things I wanted to do. I thought about writing a children's book or an autobiography," said Bowser who belonged to the Young Writer's Club as a student.

New direction

Like most grandparents, Bowser enjoys the opportunities she spends with her grandchildren. Her son Jim and wife Dita are both ice skating coaches and are frequently out of town. While watching their children in June 1996, Bowser's then 8-year-old grandson was impressed with

her cooking.

"Overtime I fixed something, my older grandson would say, 'Grandma this is good; give my mom the recipe,'" Bowser recalled.

Instead, she started putting together a recipe book as a Christmas gift. Then the ball started rolling when her sister suggested that she compile a family cookbook.

"Everybody started giving me recipes," Bowser said. "I had a lot of recipes from through the years from communities like Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, and Northville. Then I decided to put together a history of the cities in which we lived."

In between stories of her life,

Bowser shares tidbits of information about Plymouth history. Besides spending hours at local libraries, Bowser learned about the city's past from local historians, including Jack Wilcox who owns the Wilcox House.

For example, The Mayflower Hotel is putting a several million dollars into its restoration, but it took only six hours to raise enough money to build the original hotel.

As her research continued, she considered publishing the book. She was referred to Proctor Publishing in Ann Arbor.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Hazel Proctor, owner of Proctor Publishing. "She has a lot of imagination. She's also an excellent cook. The recipes are wonderful. I have quite a connection with the historical aspect of it and she's done a very good job."

"It's not a definitive work, but it's very commendable."

Bowser said she has spent "hours and hours" working on "The Plymouth Heritage Cook-

book."

"I'm sometimes writing at 3 o'clock in the morning," Bowser said. "My neighbors must wonder what's going on. If I'm full of ideas, I just get up and get the computer going."

Besides her publisher, Bowser has shown her manuscript only to her children.

"They think it's really neat," she said. "When my son was up here about three or four weeks ago for a skating championship at the Detroit Skating Club, that was the first time he saw it. He said, 'Mom, this is really a good book.'"

For more information about "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook," write to Proctor Publications, LLC, P.O. Box 2498, Ann Arbor 48106, or call (313) 480-9900 or (800) 343-3034.

Market from page B1

ed with coloring to make it red. Oranges aren't really orange. They don't come off the tree all nice and shiny like that.

"When you come to the market you see what the produce is really like. A lot of the time the ven-

dors will come down in their price. If you want one tomato, you can buy one tomato and you won't spend a fortune."

The focus of the Livonia farmers' market has changed within the last 10 years, Sabat

explained. A few of the vendors at Wilson Barn sell produce that they grow on a garden plot at Greenmead as part of the Community Gardens program.

Sal Rubbo uses his Greenmead garden to grow unique vegetables and those that reflect his Italian heritage. Lined with bright, fresh produce, Rubbo's stand holds Italian squash called cucuzzii and white cucumbers which he grows from seeds he brought back from North Carolina.

Sabat has also noticed that many produce vendors are beginning to sell flowers and plants to make ends meet.

"More than 75 percent of our vendors were selling vegetables and fruits and that type of

thing," she said. "Now it's more or less half. They've changed their focus to growing flowers, perennials, annuals. It (produce) just doesn't pay for them. If you even spend a day on the farm, I can tell from what they've told me over the years, that's hard work."

One thing that will remain constant - at least for awhile - is the location.

"I think that the barn lends itself to that setting, and the vendors absolutely love it," Sabat said. "We thought about moving it to the Civic Center Park because it's more centrally located. The vendors said, 'We're not moving. You can, but we're not.' I don't think we're moving. It's a nice setting."

Sensors from page B1

I.Q., so operate from your intellect. Furthermore, your intelligent side is much calmer.

Second, ask yourself why the other person might upset you. Are they trying to get your attention? Seek power? Revenge? Are they frustrated? Did they do it accidentally? Are they having a rotten day? If you can come at the situation from their point of view, it may help you to make an attitude adjustment.

The desk clerk at the hotel seemed surly and unfriendly. His curt comments about the unavailability of a non-smoking room didn't bode well with Ann. Before Ann "got in his face" and gave him a piece of her mind, she looked around to see what might be triggering the clerk's attitude.

It didn't take more than a second to figure out that not only was he the only one "clerking," he was also the only one to answer the phone. The long line of guests behind Ann probably rattled the clerk as he knew there was no respite for him.

Instead of countering the clerk's ugly attitude with her own, Ann started to empathize with the dilemma, saying, "Not the day for your fellow employees to leave early, was it?"

"Boy, you can say that again,"

the clerk retorted. "I'm overwhelmed here." His temperament and mood softened as he appreciated someone empathizing with him. And with that, a non-smoking room became available. Once again, controlling our emotions goes a long way.

If you have a question or comment for Jacque Martin-Downs, a prevention specialist and the director of Hegira Prevention Programs, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Stop and smell ... : Jenny Stevens sells flower arrangements at the Livonia Farmers' Market and invites shoppers to stop and take a sniff.

WCC takes time to help

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

The Westland Convalescent Center does more than provide quality care for its patients and their families, it has committed itself to raising funds for local charities.

Since January the convalescent center has been hosting monthly fund-raising benefits for local organizations, including the Michigan Humane Society, Community Hospice Services and American Heart Association, according to Kathy Sobkowiak, secretary of United Health Care

Alliance.

The events have raised more than \$2,000 for charities and has allowed the Westland Convalescent Center to purchase a keyboard for its activity center.

"The people that work here, the patients, and their families have contributed generously since we began fund raising earlier this year," Sobkowiak said.

The idea for the monthly charity events was spawned from the Westland facility's employee appreciation activities, such as luncheons, freezer rentals for ice cream and casual attire days.

"Our administrator Judith Caroselli thought it would be a great opportunity to help out local charities by raffling off handmade crafts and selling shamrocks for (Community) Hospice and hearts at Valentine's Day for the American Heart Association," said Sobkowiak. "It would be difficult to name everyone involved because everyone participated."

Sobkowiak said the staff's efforts speak to the high level of care the facility fosters and the family-oriented environment they strive to maintain.

"Our hearts are so big we want to help other people," said Sobkowiak. "We work as a team here and everyone cares for one another, so it's only natural we look to help outside the center."

While the majority of their work has focused on local charities, the Westland center recently came to the aid of one of their own after an employee was the victim of a house fire.

All of the convalescent center's approximately 240 employees rallied together and overwhelmed their co-worker with furniture, clothing, bedding, household items and money.

"She didn't have insurance and tragically lost everything," Sobkowiak said. "It was a group effort and everyone contributed to help her out."

The Westland Convalescent Center (WCC) has established a team of employees who meet regularly to select the charity of the month. Sobkowiak said they are seeking a Westland facility for homeless persons to benefit from its summer fund-raiser.

More than \$600 was raised to benefit homeless families through the sale of ice cream at the care facility. Residents, staffers and visiting family members all contributed to the consumption of ice cream and the donation of funds to get people back on their feet again.

Westland Convalescent Center at 36137 W. Warren Road, Westland, and has been providing sub-acute and long-term care since 1969. For more information, call (313) 728-6100.

Target store hosts Baby Day

An informational Baby Day for new and expectant parents will be held at Target Sunday, Sept. 7.

New parents registering for the Lullaby Club will receive a free gift bag, filled with useful items for the new arrival, on a first come-first served basis.

There also will be displays and demonstrations, including demonstration of the Lullaby Club baby gift registry from Target, throughout the day.

Target is at 36401 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the Westland store at (313) 728-4444.

CITY OF GARDEN CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 18, 1997

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M.

Present were Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge. Absent none.

Solicitation of Public Comments on the Proposed Amendment to Section 161.212 of the Zoning Code regarding increasing the maximum allowable Front Yard Parking from 25% to 35%.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:25 P.M.

Present were Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge. Absent none.

Solicitation of Public Comments on the Extension of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cablevision.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.

Present were Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez, and Dodge. Absent none. Also present were City Manager Bayless, City Clerk-Treasurer Showalter, and City Attorney Cummings.

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Dodge: 8-97-316 RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 4, 1997, as presented. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 8-97-317 RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as presented. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Barker: 8-97-318 RESOLVED: To appoint Ms. Jacqueline Schatz to the Downtown Development Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2000. YEAS: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, and Dodge. NAYS: Councilmembers Leclercq, Ryall, and Juarez. Appointment failed due to Section 13.01(A) of the Charter requiring five votes to appoint spouses.

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Barker: 8-97-319 RESOLVED: To approve the proposed amendment to Section 161.212 of the Zoning Code regarding increasing Front Yard Parking from 25% to 35%, as recommended by the Planning Commission and the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Barker; supported by Leclercq: 8-97-320 RESOLVED: To approve the extension of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cablevision until January 31, 1998, as recommended by the Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 8-97-321 RESOLVED: To approve the Progress Payment #4 to Rink Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$93,632.00, as recommended by Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Juarez; supported by Dodge: 8-97-322 RESOLVED: To approve the Resolution and Special Assessment Contract for Facade Improvements at 5637 Middlebelt Road in Garden City as executed by the Downtown Development Authority, and owners Jerry E. Thomas and Thomas M. Poole. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Juarez: 8-97-323 RESOLVED: To approve the transfer of up to 25% of Major Street Revenues to the Local Street Fund, as per Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Ryall: 8-97-324 RESOLVED: To award the bid for Building Signage at City Hall to Superline Co., the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$1,894.20, and to include an additional \$185.00 for the north door entrance directory, as recommended by Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Leclercq: 8-97-325 RESOLVED: To award the bid for Asbestos Abatement at Maplewood Center Boiler Room to Dependent Insulation Co., the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$5,265.00, as recommended by Administration. YEAS: Unanimous

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 8-97-326 RESOLVED: To award the bid for the handicapped ramp and steps at City Hall to Sheridan Construction Co., the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$38,295.00, as recommended by Administration. YEAS: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, Juarez and Dodge. NAYS: Councilmember Barker. Motion passed.

Moved by Dodge; supported by Wiacek: 8-97-327 RESOLVED: To award the bid for the supply and installation of two (2) overhead doors/openers at the DPS building to Taylor Doors and Builders, the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$6,856.00, as recommended by Administration. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Juarez; supported by Dodge: 8-97-328 RESOLVED: To approve the partial pay estimate, in the amount of \$94,320.00, to D'Agostini and Sons, Inc., for the period ending June 30, 1997, as recommended by the Administration. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Wiacek; supported by Dodge: 8-97-329 RESOLVED: To award the contract for General Engineering Services to Wade-Trim Associates, as recommended by the Administration. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Barker; supported by Leclercq: 8-97-330 RESOLVED: To grant permission to the Kiwanis Club to conduct their annual on-street Peanut Sale on September 4, 5, and 6, 1997, as recommended by the Administration. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Ryall; supported by Leclercq: 8-97-331 RESOLVED: That Garden City agrees to assume jurisdiction of the storm water system at 120 Middlebelt and the associated connections and maintenance thereof, contingent upon the owner furnishing a statement that the obligation to maintain will run with the property and further authorize Jack D. Barnes to execute the required permit of Wayne County. AYES: Unanimous

Moved by Leclercq; supported by Barker: 8-97-332 RESOLVED: To appoint Councilmember Dodge to the Festival Committee. AYES: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Leclercq, Ryall, and Dodge. NAYS: Councilmember Juarez. Motion passed.

Moved by Barker; supported by Dodge: 8-97-333 RESOLVED: To go into closed session to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation. YEAS: Mayor Breen, Councilmembers Barker, Wiacek, Juarez, and Dodge. NAYS: Councilmember Leclercq and Ryall. Motion passed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

RONALD D. SHOWALTER,
City Clerk-Treasurer

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Artero-Crawford

George and Linda Artero of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Gerald Lee Crawford, the son of Russell Crawford and Alice Crawford, both of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Redford Union High School. She is employed at Virginia Tile Company in Farmington Hills.

Her fiance also is a graduate of Redford Union High School. He is employed by BASF Corp. in Livonia.

A September wedding is planned at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.



DeMouille-Colby

Gail Marion Colby and Jeffrey Jay DeMouille were married on Aug. 1 at the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village.

The bride is the daughter of Carl and Leean Colby of Westland. The groom is the son of O.L. and Meda McQuay of Dallas, Texas.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1991 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry. She received her medical degree from Wayne State in 1995 and is completing her final year of residency in family practice at Texas Technological University.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. He received his bachelor of business administration



degree from Texas Technological University. He is pursuing a master's degree at Texas Tech.

Foxwell-Malone

Linda Roberts of Warren and John Foxwell of Arlington, Texas, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Catherine Lynn Foxwell, to John Matthew Malone, the son of Richard and Christine Malone of Livonia.

A 1987 graduate of Troy High School, the bride-to-be is a financial services representative with Old Kent Bank.

Her fiance is a 1985 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1990 graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute. He is employed as an electrical engineer by the Ford Motor Co.

A September wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton.



Belaire-Schultz

Richard and Karlane Belaire of Whitmore Lake, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alyssa, to Michael D. Schultz the son of Charles Schultz of Utica and Sandra Feole of Skandia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Northern Michigan University and the University of Michigan. She is employed as a research associate at the University of Michigan Health Management Research Center.

Her fiance also is a graduate of Northern Michigan University. He is employed as the inter-company steel sales coordinator at MNP Corporation in Utica.

An October wedding is planned.



Brown-Bristow

Richard and Robin Dunn of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Joli Ann Brown, to Jeffrey James Bristow, the son of James and Elaine Bristow, also of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Sears in the human resources department, and is continuing her education at Wayne State University.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Lawrence Technological University. He is employed by J.S. Alberici Construction as a project engineer.

A November wedding is planned at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



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Klavinger-Klene

Donald James Klavinger Jr. and Kelly Lynn Klene were married May 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne by the Rev. Raymond Bucon.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Carolyn Klene of Canton. The groom is the son of Donald and Judy Klavinger Sr. of Woodville, Ohio.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Westland from John Glenn High School. She is employed as the manager of Lane Bryant clothing store in Killeen, Texas.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Gibsonburg High School in Gibsonburg, Ohio. He is currently serving in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

The bride asked Kimberly Smeyers to be her maid of honor, with Jessica Klavinger, Peggy Revez, Abigail Klene and Andrea Major as bridesmaids. Stacey Klene was flower girl.

Jamie Klavinger served as the best man with David Heath,



Jeremy Karteczka, Todd Smeyers and Marshall Klavinger as groomsmen. David Klene Jr. was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Bailey Center in Westland. The couple is making their home in Killeen, Texas.

Babut-Cygan

Russ Babut of Brooklyn, Mich., and Theresa Deahl of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Michael Patrick Cygan, the son of Martin and Linda Cygan of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School. She also graduated from University of Michigan with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is employed in marketing and sales in the Ford Motor Company's Lincoln-Mercury Division.

Her fiance is a 1990 Plymouth-Salem High School graduate. He also graduated from University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in construction engineering. He is employed by Engineering Testing Services as a geotechnical engineer.



A November wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Jess-Isenegger

Andre and Barbara Jess of Dearborn Heights announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann, to Robert William Isenegger Jr. of Redford, the son of Bob and Gail Isenegger of New Hudson.

The bride-to-be received her bachelor of arts degree with honors in elementary education from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Her fiance received a bachelor of science degree with honors from Madonna University, where he majored in criminal justice.

An October wedding is planned for Faith Lutheran Church in Livonia.



Zivny-Arney

Steven Douglas Zivny and Sara Kay Arney were married May 10 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Omaha, Neb.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Gwen Arney of Redford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Vacek, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zivny, both of the Omaha area.

The bride earned degrees in elementary and early childhood education degrees from Michigan State and Madonna universities. She is employed as a substitute teacher in Bellevue and Papillion, Neb.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Nebraska in Lin-

coln. He is employed as a contracts manager by World Com of Omaha.

The bride asked Julie Engle Nelson of Redford to serve as matron of honor, with Diane Arney-Walrod, Julie Arney-White and Doreen Gobbing as bridesmaids. Jacey Walrod was the flower girl.

The groom asked Keith Krockner to serve as best man, with groomsmen Brent Arney, Jeff Arney and Bob Zivny. Tim Gobbing was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at the Livestock Exchange Building in Omaha. Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple is making their home in Papillion, Neb.

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WRC offers divorce support group

The Divorce Support Group, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, beginning Sept. 9.

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

The discussion group meets on the second Tuesday of the month and is facilitated by a professional counselor Doreen Lightner.

The speaker's session takes place in the fourth Tuesday. The sessions address the legal, financial and emotional concerns that arise during the divorce process.

The topics to be covered include:

- The Divorce Process with

attorneys Pauline Woll and Jessica Woll on Sept. 23. The mother-daughter partnership will present and an overview of the process of filing for divorce and what to expect. The Wolls specialize in women's and children's cases.

- Mediation with Barbara Johannessen of Mediation Specialists Inc. on Oct. 28. An attorney she has set aside her practice of law in order to assist separating or divorcing couples in negotiating their own settlements in divorce or post divorce matters.

- Getting through the Holidays with Cynthia Koppin on Nov. 25. Dealing with anxiety, depression and anger that is often triggered by the holidays and other special events can be very difficult. Koppin will discuss these feelings and offer helpful skills for coping with and resolving them.

Beginning Sept. 15, the Divorce Support Group will offer "Ask an Attorney" 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Women's Resource Center in the college's McDowell Center. Attorneys from the firm of Woll & Woll are available free of charge to serve clients on a first come, first served basis. The service will be available through May 18.

There is no fee to participate in the group and registration isn't required. The group meets in Room 225 of the McDowell Center, Haggerty Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

For more information, call the Women's Resource Center at (313) 462-4443.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

Listings for the Crafts Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army's Home League will hold a rummage and craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 6 in the parking lot of its Westland facility, 2300 Venoy Road. Table rental is \$10. For more information, call (313) 722-3660.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its 26th annual artists and craftsmen show 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 6 and noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 7 at Central Middle School, Church and Main Streets, Plymouth. Donation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and students and free for children under age 12. For more information, call (313) 416-4ART.

ST. THEODORE
St. Theodore's Confraternity of Christian Women will hold their annual Busy Bee Boutique craft show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. Table rental is \$20. For information, call (313) 425-4421 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

GARDEN CITY AFOTC
Crafters are needed for the Garden City High School AFOTC craft show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 11 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. For space information, call Jerry at (313) 427-2540.

MARSHALL ELEMENTARY
Space is available for Marshall Elementary School's 12th annual craft fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11 at the school, 33901 Curtis Road, west of Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Admission will be \$1. There will be a bake sale and lunch counter. For more information, call (248) 476-6234 or (248) 478-6421.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER
Crafters are needed for the

Senior Resources Department and Superior Arts sponsored arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 18 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. For information, call the department at (313) 722-7632, Doris at (313) 326-0146 or Donna at (313) 453-5719.

ST. AIDAN'S
Crafters are needed for St. Aidan's Church's 14th annual craft show Oct. 18 at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Applications are available by calling (248) 477-8942 or (313) 427-1457.

REDFORD SUBURBAN
Crafters are needed for the Redford Suburban League's annual Fall Festival of Fashion show, beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 22, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. For an application or more information, call Peggy at (810) 477-8902 or Margaret at (313) 261-3737.

ST. JUDE CIRCLE
The St. Jude Circle of St. Robert Bellarmine Church will have a craft show Oct. 25 at the church, 271010 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. For more information, call Joann at (313) 937-0226 or Josie at (313) 522-2963.

ABUNDANT LIFE
The Abundant Life Church of God is accepting applications for table rental for its annual Angelic Boutique from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 25. For more information, call Elaine Chambers at (313) 595-0011 or (313) 595-8062, or Theresa Weaver at (313) 467-9046.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY
Crafters are needed for Wildwood Elementary School's annual arts and crafts show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the school, 500 N. Wildwood, Westland. Admission will be \$1. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information, call (313) 721-3454.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL
The Livonia Churchill High School PTSA will have its sixth annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 25 at the

school, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 523-0022 or (313) 523-9200.

ST. MEL'S
Crafters are needed for St. Mel's annual fall arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 in the school gymnasium, 7520 Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights. There also will be a bake sale, raffles and lunch. For table information or an application, call (313) 261-6881 or (313) 274-6270.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY
Madonna University will hold its 13th annual holiday arts and crafts showcase 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1-2 in the Activities Center on campus, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Admission will be \$2 for adults and children under age 12 free. Special features include handmade arts and crafts, bake sale, photos with Santa Claus and a \$1,000 raffle. For more information, call (313) 432-5603.

LIVONIA YMCA
The deadline for the 13th annual Livonia Family YMCA's Mulberry Holiday Market has been extended to Sept. 15. The market will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 1 at the YMCA, 14255 Stark Road, Livonia. Cost is \$70 for a 10-foot by 8-foot booth. Tables can be rented for an additional \$12. For more information and for applications, call the Y at (313) 261-2161, Ext. 310.

LIVONIA STEVENSON
Crafters are wanted for Livonia Stevenson High School's Holiday Happening craft show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the school, 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. 10- by 10-foot or 6- by 16-foot spaces are available for \$55. Chairs (no tables) are available on request and a limited number of spaces with electricity are available at no additional charge. Bake sale and concessions foods will be available throughout the day and admission will be \$1. For more information, call (313) 464-1041 or (248) 478-2395.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE
The Mother Cabrini Guild of Ss. Simon and Jude Church will sponsor its 15th annual arts and crafts boutique 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 at the church, 32500 Palmer Road, west of Merriman Road, Westland. There will be crafts, a free raffle every hour, snack food, bake sale and 50/50 raffle. Table space (8 feet by 2 1/2 feet) costs \$25. For table rental, call Winnie at (313) 722-8098 or (313) 722-1343.

KETTERING ELEMENTARY
The Kettering PTA will have its 11th annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 8 at the school, 1200 S. Hubbard, Westland. For more information, call Kathy at 722-7433 or Jamie at 467-8085.

GOOD SHEPHERD
Crafters are needed for Good Shepherd Reformed Church's craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15 at the church, Wayne and Hunter roads, Westland. Round tables cost \$20; long tables are \$25. For an application, call Ray or Jackie Gagnon at (313) 722-7225.

GRACE LUTHERAN
Exhibitors are wanted for Grace Lutheran Church's annual art and craft show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 15. Booth sizes are 6 by 9 feet and 8 by 10 feet. Call Tina Greniewicki at (313) 591-3099 or (313) 464-2727 for more information.

ST. AGATHA
Table rental is available for St. Agatha's Fall Boutique, set for Nov. 22 at the school, Beech Daly, Redford. For more information, call Marion at (313) 534-0914.

ST. VALENTINE
Applications are being accepted for St. Valentine Parent/Teacher Club's sixth annual holiday craft shoppe, slated for Nov. 22. For an application and more information, call (313) 255-6825.

Club to hold semi-annual 'whale sale'

The Farmington Area Mothers of Twins' semi-annual Whale of a Sale will be 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the William Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt.

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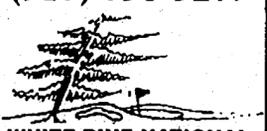


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Four area residents are among 23 Girl Scout volunteers to receive Appreciation Pins from the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council.

Sue Bellows, Diane Hackman and Nancy Rucker, all of Garden City, and Cheryl Williams of Livonia received the Appreciation Pin, presented to volunteers who have performed outstanding service above and beyond the expectations of their position and have contributed positively to the council's goals and objectives.

The volunteers received their awards from council president Jackie Polk and executive director Penny Bailer at the council's recent Volunteer Recognition reception.

Bellows has been an adult member for six years and currently is a troop leader and day camp director. She also has

served as a troop co-leader, day camp volunteer, troop camp consultant, troop committee member, workshop facilitator and unit leader for The Great Escape and co-organizer of the Neighborhood Multi-cultural Night.

She is the recipient of the Green Angel Award, Outstanding Service Award and Outstanding Leader Award.

Hackman, an adult for 10 years, currently is a troop leader, troop camp consultant, first aider, naturalist, neighborhood service unit cookie manager and troop cookie and troop calendar/nut manager.

A recipient of the Green Angel Award, she also has served as chaperone for a ride and slide event, chair of the neighborhood service unit service project, workshop facilitator, and neighborhood service unit calendar/nut manager.

Rucker has been an adult member for eight years. She currently is a neighborhood service unit director, troop leader, day camp director, troop camp consultant and first aider.

She is a former troop leader and co-leader, day camp director, council delegate, neighborhood service unit registrar, Wider Opps chaperone and outdoor aide trainer.

She is a recipient of the Green Angel Award and Outstanding Service Award.

Williams, a four-year adult member, currently is a group leader, troop services director, product sales manager, calendar/nut booth coordinator, chair of neighborhood events.

She also has served as a troop leader and co-leader, cookie booth co-chair, neighborhood events chair, organizer of a roller skating event and neighborhood



Diane Hackman

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Paja

Stanley and Elenore Paja of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary during Mass at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and with family and friends at a dinner-dance at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The couple exchanged vows on June 21, 1947, at St. Hedwig Church in Detroit. She is the former Elenore Kudla.

The Pajas have five children - Stanley and wife Edith of Livonia, Ronald and wife Kim of Las Vegas, Nev., Gary and wife Nancy of Utica, Brian of Westland, and Maryann Kiltyka and husband Robert of Garden City. They also have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He worked for Ward Foods and Yellow Freight, while she worked for Total. They have been retired for 11 years.



They are active in the American Legion and the Msgr. Hunt Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Hurt

Norman and Violet Hurt of Redford recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Forty-seven-year residents of Redford, they exchanged vows on July 26, 1947, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak. She is the former Violet Churcher.

The Hurts have three children, Michael, Nelson and Allison, all of Redford. They also have six grandchildren.

He is a Ford Motor Company retiree, while she worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. They are members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Fayroian

Arthur and Melina Fayroian are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a vacation in Europe.

Forty-three-year residents of Livonia, they were married May 18, 1947, at St. John's Armenian Church in Detroit. She is the former Melina Krikorian.

The Fayroians have five children - Cynthia Watson and husband Robert of Farmington, Deborah Fayroian Jacobs and husband Wesley of Troy, Sherry Fayroian of Birmingham, Barbara Fayroian Roth and husband Roger of Chelmsford, Mass., and Peter of Pebble Beach, Calif. - and six grandchildren.

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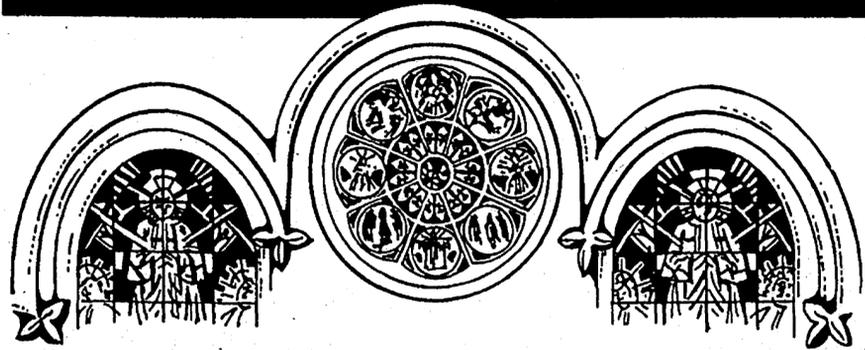
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RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Warren Gilbert will discuss "Managing Memories" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, as part of "New Beginnings," a grief support group held at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. There is no fee for the discussion. Free resources are available and related books may be purchased at cost. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Edith Catholic Church's Prayer Group, Disciples of Love, is sponsoring a five-week "Life in the Spirit" seminar 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 4, in celebration of the 1998 Year of the Spirit. The seminar will be at the church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call Paul and Jan Teraut at (313) 462-9648 or (313) 522-4766.

SINGLE POINT

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will have Cynthia Clawson in concert in Knox Hall at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, for its First Friday Night Live. She is a remarkable singer with a four-octave range. A free will offering will be accepted and child care will be provided.

Single Point members also will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, to bicycle around Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark. Riders should gather at the boat launch and bring a bathing suit.

A fall divorce recovery workshop also will be offered for seven weeks at 7 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Sept. 18, in Knox Hall. Cost will be \$25 in advance, \$30 for those who register the first night of the workshop and \$15 for those repeating the program. Registration can be completed by mail or at the Single Point office.

For more information, call Single Point Ministries at (313) 422-1854. Ward Presbyterian Church is at 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia.

FAMILY FEST

Memorial Church of Christ will have a Family Fest 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at the church, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. There will be refreshments, games, prizes, a dunk tank, moon walk, farm animals, pony rides, gymnastics demonstration,

fire engine and police department exhibit. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-6722.

'POWER OF SILENCE'

"The Power of Silence," a guided healing retreat into the heart of God with shaman spiritual teacher Winged Wolf, will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Brighton Recreational Area: Organizational Campground in Brighton. The cost is \$55 and each participant will receive a free workbook, designed by Winged Wolf, as well as a free discourse, "The Practice of Shamanism." For more information, call (800) 336-6015.

NEWBURG SINGLES

The Newburg United Methodist Church Singles will meet at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Thomas's Family Dining, 33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 663-0014.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and support assistance divorced and separated Christians, will have a singles dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Cost will be \$8 and includes refreshments. For more information, call Rose at (313) 464-3325 or Nita at (313) 261-9123.

The group also gathers on Sundays for breakfast and Mass - 10 a.m. at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford, and at 11:15 a.m. at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road north of Six Mile Road, Livonia - call Val at (313) 729-1974; and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Archie's Restaurant, Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia, and for pinocle at 7 p.m. every other Friday - call Rose at (313) 464-3325.

ENCOUNTER CONCERT

Some of the region's most talented Christian musicians will be performing in The Encounter Concert, a special 6-hour outreach event, 4:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville.

The four-piece rock band Faces of Adam, will perform at 4:30 p.m., followed by Messenger, a contemporary rock/inspirational group at 6 p.m. After a half hour intermission, Herbie Russ, described as having the voice of Michael Bolton and playing the saxophone like Kenny G, will perform at 8 p.m.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$5 each and are available at the door. For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

FREE CONCERT

The Church of Today West will host a free concert by Grammy Award winner Karen Taylor Good at the 9 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Sept. 7. Good will be performing some of her well-known hits like "How Can I Help You to Say Good-Bye," "Not That Different" and "Still Small Voice."

Church of Today meets at the Village Oaks Elementary School on Willowbrook between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, south of 10 Mile Road, Novi. For more information, call (248) 449-8900.

REMARIED COUPLES

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church will present a 17-week seminar for remarried couples at 9:15 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 7 through Dec. 28, at the church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The intensive seminar will cover such topics as the realities of remarriage, blending children and adult children into one family, effective communication skills, the past versus the present and conflict resolution.

Attendance is by reservation only. To register or for more information, call the Remarried

Ministry Office at (313) 542-7747.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series, "What is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" is being broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Sundays of WQBH-AM 1400. The topic will be "Faith healing or something more?" on Sept. 7, "Bible healings today" on Sept. 14, "Why don't you go to doctors?" on Sept. 21 and "Basic Christian Science feelings about the Bible, Christ Jesus, 'Science and Health' and Mary Baker Eddy" on Sept. 28.

"The Christian Science Sentinel-Radio Edition" also can be heard at 9:30 a.m. Sundays on WAAM-AM 1600. The conversational program discusses current public topics as well as shares healing through prayer from people all over the world.

CHURCH MEETING

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold a meeting of the congregation following the 9:30 a.m. worship Sunday, Sept. 7, at the church, 13542 Mercedes Ave., Redford.

The congregation will consider an extension of Rev. William Mock's pastoral call beyond the current Nov. 30, 1997, term and issues pertaining to the sale of Luther Vista Church Camp near brighton and vote on a proposal to buy carpeting for the church.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 538-2660.

BIBLE STUDY

The Plymouth-Canton Daytime Women's Class of BSF International will begin its year with an introduction class for interested women 9:10-11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The class will meet on a weekly basis through the middle of May.

The study this year will be the Acts of the Apostles. There is no fee for the class. For more information, call Joyce at (313) 453-1361.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries will present an open forum on "Why Do People Choose to Live Together Rather Than Get Married," facilitated by Tony Valenti, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Cost will be \$4.

The ministry also is offering a three-part workshop, "Finding Your Compatible Partner," with Dr. Richard Matheny, at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, in the church's Youth Room. Cost is \$26 in advance and \$29 at the door.

The group also will gather on Saturday, Sept. 6, for dinner at

Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth Road, Livonia, followed by a dance at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford (cost will be \$8); and for a picnic at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Possum Hollow in Kensington Metropark. Participants should bring their own food, beverage and a dish to pass.

For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

IN CONCERT

Jeanne Cotter will bring her gift of music to Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Cotter will share her all-original piano pieces and songs and share her stories of a spiritually rich life. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults and \$5 for children 7-12 years old.

Cotter also will conduct the Way of the Woman Workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the church. The workshop is a chance for women to reflect on their truest self, reconnecting with their inner voice of wisdom.

Through story, music, ritual and reflection, she will challenge women to ponder what it means to have been given "my song."

The \$15 registration fee includes lunch. To register or for more information, call the church at (313) 459-9842.

Holy Trinity dedicates new facility

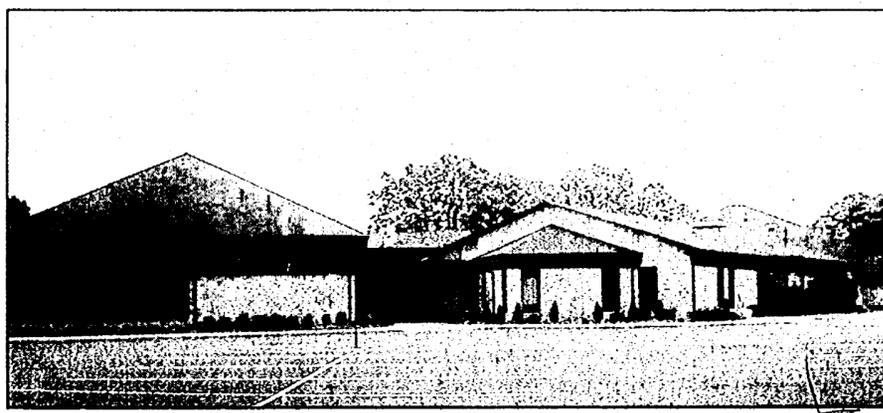
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia will dedicate its new church facilities to the glory of God and to the ministry of the gospel of Christ on Sunday, Sept. 7.

The dedication will start with an 11 a.m. worship service and conclude with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Refreshments also will be served and tours of the facilities will be given by the congregation's building committee.

The new facilities are the result of a two-year building expansion program and include a fellowship hall, a music practice room, new classroom, including two preschool nurseries and new administrative offices.

Regular worship services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sundays, with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. The church also house the Tiny Tots preschool nursery.

Over the last 10 years, the congregation of Holy Trinity has been growing steadily, both in



Meeting the need: The new facilities at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church include administrative offices (on the right) and a fellowship hall (on the left).

terms of congregation size and programs offered. The congregation adopted a mission statement of "Building for the Vision" to help focus the expansion efforts.

"We needed to grow our physical size to match our growing spiritual mission," said Pastor Robert Seltz. "The completion of our building program is truly a major step in serving our congregation and the community," added Pastor

Dennis Bux. The community is invited to attending the celebration. Holy Trinity Church is at 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 464-0211.

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OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Pro baseball note

•Mark Rutherford (Livonia Churchill) recently completed his first professional season for the Piedmont Bollweevils, a Class A team affiliated with the Philadelphia Phillies, finished the summer with a 1-4 record with a 2.47 earned run average.

The Eastern Michigan University MVP and All-Mid-American Conference pick struck out 47 in 56.1 innings with only nine walks. He gave up 42 hits.

Rutherford, a 12th round draft pick last June, reportedly threw consistently in the 89-91 MPH range.

Collegiate note

•Angie Pandoff (Livonia Stevenson), a sophomore midfielder, assisted on both goals Sunday as the Western Michigan University women's soccer team defeated Wisconsin-Green Bay, 2-0.

The Lady Broncos are off to a 2-0 start.

Youth soccer champs

•The two-time defending champion Michigan Hawks 84, a girls soccer team sponsored by the Livonia YMCA, defeated the Troy Dynamics, 2-1, to win the championship last weekend at the Troy Soccer City Classic XII.

The Little Caesars Premier Soccer League Division I team, coached by Deepak Shrivaram of Farmington, also downed the BSFC Blazers 84 (6-0), Ann Arbor Arsenal (7-0), USL United (4-0) and the Rochester Falcons (2-0).

Members of the Hawks included Megan Callahan and Julie Goettlicher, both of Farmington Hills; Sarah Phillips, Livonia; goalkeeper Stefani Szczechowski, Plymouth; Maureen Griffith, Canton; Erin Kohheim, West Bloomfield; Linsey Laskowski and Megan Poole, Troy; Jocelyn Daniel, Shelby Township; Lorni Ealba, Grosse Pointe Farms; Kendall Enmark, Sterling Heights; Katie Kramer, Highland; Jennifer Peters, Trisha Roberts and Lisa Witt, Trenton; Robyn Vince, Holt.

The assistant coach is former Farmington High and Michigan State University player Maggie Martin.

The Hawks will compete in the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup Sept. 13-14 with three preliminary games before traveling next month to the Washington, D.C. Area Girls Soccer Tournament.

•The Livonia Meteors, a under 11-boys soccer team, outscored their opponents 27-3 en route to the Silver Division title at the Troy City Soccer Classic XII title.

Members of the Meteors, who defeated LaForza of Fenton in the finals, 5-0, include: Kevin Barton, Shawn Bush, Andrew Carpenter, Nickolas Dordepski, Jason Gillow, Mike Jewell, Andrew Klebba, David Kotowski, Gregory Nagle, Billy Sanders, Mark Schubert, Mark Silvestri, Brad Steiwachs, Ken Turner, Philip Watkins and Spencer Williams.

The Meteors are coached by Larry Silvestri, Bill Jewell and Paul Klebba.

•The under-10 boys Livonia Meteors went undefeated in their division Aug. 30 at the 16th annual Romeo Peachfest Soccer Tournament.

The team, coached by Steve Barnas, scored victories over the Genesee Stars (5-3), Eagles (2-1) and Troy Tremors (2-1).

Members of the Meteors include Alex Bokas, Jason Clemens, Ben Czerniawski, Joshua Ferraro, Brian Gassen, Ray Gonzalez, Chris Hoepner, Luke Knochel, Steve Minicilli, Ryan Muzzell and Nick Reed, all of Livonia; Nick Biskelonis, Plymouth; Peter Barilovich, Dearborn.

Youth baseball tryouts

•The Michigan Lake Area Rams Baseball Club, an 11-12 year-old Federation division travel team in the NOBF, will be holding tryouts for the 1998 season.

For more information, call George Lilley at (248) 853-7082.

•The WACO Wolves, a 10-and-under travel baseball team which will play out of the Little Caesars League and compete in five or six tournaments (45-50 game schedule) will hold tryouts from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 and 21 at Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights (Beech Daly and Ford roads).

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (313) 662-4667.

Rivals play to scoreless deadlock

Churchill earns 3rd straight tie versus Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Nothing gained, nothing lost. That was the outcome Wednesday night as two of the area's boys soccer powers — host Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill — battled to a scoreless draw before 825 paid customers.

Stevenson, the defending state Class A champion, is now 1-1-1 on the young season, while Churchill is 0-0-3. (The two teams met last year in the state quarterfinals with Stevenson prevailing, 2-0.)

Churchill, which hasn't beaten Stevenson since the 1990 season, gave a good account of itself despite settling for the tie.

"We didn't have a tie all last year and now we're 0-0-3 to start this season, how do you figure?" Churchill coach Chad Campau said. "But we're still undefeated."

Churchill certainly looked like a different team than week's edition. The Chargers opened the 1997 season sluggishly with ties against Novi (1-1) and Rochester Adams (3-3).

"Some of the intensity was back," Campau said. "The adrenalin was flowing. I was pleased with the effort compared to our first-game effort (vs. Novi). Some of the guys who played the entire game tonight had been pulling themselves out the first two games."

It also helped that first-team All-Observer defender David George was back in the lineup. The senior missed the Chargers' first two games because of pulled quadriceps muscle.

"Dave organizes things so well and he makes sure things are balanced, and he communicates so well," Campau said. "I thought he played great for practicing only four times. But he's so well conditioned."

Ironically, George, Rob Bartoletti and George Kithas all played this summer for the under-17 Birmingham Blazers, a club team which reached the Snickers U.S. Youth Soccer Nationals



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL

Stretching out: Livonia Stevenson's Steve Roy (right) and Churchill's Tom Pichler converge on the ball during Wednesday's Western Lakes crossover battle. The two teams played to a 0-0 draw.

Final Four in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Blazers are coached by Stevenson's own Walt Barrett.

"They lifted the level of the game tactically," Barrett said of the Churchill trio. "They played the ball to the weak side a lot and countered to the other side, which got them a lot more opportunities."

"They have a lot of seniors here who were trying to take a game from us. Churchill has a new style of play. They're playing at a higher level, but I also felt we got something out of it and could have won it. Both teams felt they could sneak one in. That was a tie if

there ever was one."

Barrett was particularly pleased with his team's defensive play. Stevenson goalie Joe Suchara also stood out, snatching away a first-half header from Kithas.

"I thought (Steve) Roy and (Adam) Coulter also played excellent in the back," said Barrett, who has led Stevenson to two state crowns and one runner-up finish in seven seasons. "Our defense has settled down and our midfield is coming together. And obviously, now it's a matter of getting our outside-midfielders and our forwards working together."

"I felt we were more dangerous at times than Churchill. But both teams came up empty on their finishes."

Campau, meanwhile, was happy that the Spartans couldn't score on free kicks or corner kicks.

"Stevenson has always been successful on restarts and I get nervous when they're taking one, but we did a nice job of playing tight and clearing the ball and not messing around with it," the Churchill coach said. "Bartoletti was working hard in the midfield and Matt Wysocki did a nice job on (Tom) Eller. And our goalie Mike Skolnik came up with some huge saves."

Zebras ponder life without Lorenzo

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There was a No. 5 on the football practice field Tuesday at Wayne Memorial — albeit on the JV side — but it wasn't Lorenzo Guess.

The guy who threw for nearly 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns during his four-year high school career, is finally gone.

After 36 straight starts as a varsity quarterback, Guess is now playing for Michigan State.

"He was like coach on the field," said Wayne head coach Chuck Howton, now in his 12th season. "The whole thing is different. Lorenzo had a great career and for four years was a leader."

"But with the new kids it's going to be a challenge, not only for the coaching staff, but a challenge for the kids as well."

Also lost to graduation was first-team All-Observer wide receiver LaVelle Guess, who had 28 catches for 466 yards and 10 touchdowns; second-team All-Area defensive back Richard Rashad; nose tackle Ron Pennington and tailback Dwayne Jackson.

With only 12 seniors on 41-man roster, Howton will be relying on a slew of newcomers.

Last year Wayne started out 4-0, but then went into a tailspin, losing four of its final five games to finish 5-4.

"I believe this team really has something good waiting to happen," Howton said. "We're like a garden. We're waiting for the vegetables to ripen and we're almost there. The great thing about this team is that we have a lot of talented juniors. But it may take a few games to get going."

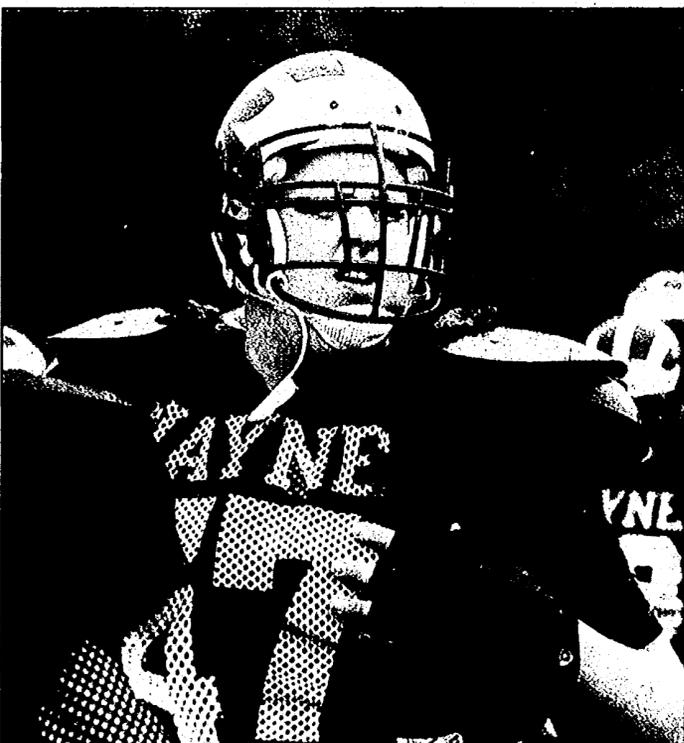
Who will open at quarterback?

There are two candidates for the job.

Terry Turner, a 6-foot, 185-pound junior, and Shane Nowak, a 5-8, 150-pound sophomore, are competing for the position.

"Both exhibit good leadership," Howton said. "We've been working on throwing the ball and both have improved tremendously the last three to four weeks. They're getting some completions."

Without Guess, who had the ability to scramble and pass, the Zebras will have a slightly different offensive



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Big fella: Offensive tackle Steve Barber, a junior, looms large for Wayne Memorial at a scant 6 feet, 8 inches and 350 pounds.

approach.

"We'll run some Wing-T plays" Howton said. "We'll try to be more deceptive with running and faking. More of our backs will be getting the ball. We're going to get more people involved."

Tailback appears to be a position of strength with the return of senior Charlie Leverenz (6-0, 180) and junior Cameron Mingo (5-8, 170), the latter whom sat out last season after transferring from Livonia Churchill.

Mingo, however, has been slowed during the preseason by a twisted knee.

"Charlie has good speed, he's about a

4.5 in the 40 (yard dash)," Howton said. "He has some breakaway ability. And Cameron also has good breakaway ability."

"We've got some speed. I think we have better runners than we've had in the past few years. Our running game is ahead of where it's been."

Third-year varsity performer Karl Calloway (6-0, 200), who started at tight end last season, will move to flanker. He is one of the team's leaders.

Meanwhile, the fullbacks will be senior Jawaunte Dawson (5-10, 210) and junior Eric Wojie (5-11, 175).

Junior Jamal Simmons (6-0, 180)

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moves to tight end while juniors Tony McCarthy (5-9, 155) and Craig Curry (5-9, 140) replace Rashad and LaVelle Guess at wide receiver.

The offensive line has two returnees. Senior Jim Colaianne (6-0, 225) moves from guard to tackle, while massive junior Steve Barber (6-8, 350) returns at the other tackle spot.

Juniors Ryan Czyzak (6-0, 225) and Phillip Beckert (5-10, 175) take over at guard with sophomore Mike Shaw (6-2, 220) starting at center.

"Steve (Barber) is rounding himself into shape and starting to do some things halfway decent," Howton said. "He's starting to put the shoulder on people."

"And Mike (Shaw) is only a sophomore, but by the time he graduates he will become a pretty good player."

Defensively, Wayne will rely on its 5-2 scheme.

Two starters return including third-year varsity player William Laramie (6-0, 270) at tackle and end David Bell (6-0, 170). Both are seniors.

Dawson will play nose guard, while Czyzak and senior Jonathan Venigoni (6-0, 170) set to start at tackle and end, respectively.

The linebackers will be Wojie and junior Mike Cunningham (5-10, 190).

In the secondary, Leverenz returns as the starting free safety, while Calloway will play the strong side. The corners will be Turner, McCarthy and junior Tim Minfield (out currently with a dislocated finger).

Wojie, meanwhile is the punter and will do extra points. Mingo and Leverenz will return kicks.

All in all, there will be a lot of new faces and a lot of questions to be answered as Wayne opens its season Friday at Adrian.

"Coaching is funny," Howton said. "There are times when teams you don't think have a chance, and then kids pop up and play a great game. They arise to the occasion and leaders arise."

It would be nice if another Lorenzo Guess was lurking around, but Howton and his staff know it's time to move on.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

CC on eve of new offense? See Adam

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central senior Adam Tubaro started at safety last season and will remain there despite also earning the starting quarterback job during the 1997 preseason.

CC coach Tom Mach jokes that playing both sides of the ball won't be much of a burden on the 6-foot-2, 198 pound Tubaro.

"With the offense we run, all he has to do is hand the ball off most of the time," Mach said.

With the running game their strength, the Shamrocks have won four state championships, including the Class AA title three of the last seven seasons. They lost a great deal to graduation from a team that finished 7-3 and lost to Westland John Glenn in the first round of the Class AA state playoffs.

But could this be the year Mach dumps his "three yards and a cloud of dust" playbook?

Tubaro, who possesses a strong arm and escapability, says he'll do whatever it takes to get the Shamrocks back to the Pontiac Silverdome.

He replaces Greg Call, a three-year starter who passed for 384 yards and rushed for another 278 more last year.

"I've had two years to prepare myself," said Tubaro, a three-year varsity member. "It was just a matter of getting in there, getting the starting nod. We run pretty basic stuff, go with whatever works. If running works, we'll go with that, if passing works, we'll go with that."

Greg was great. I knew I was behind him and now it's my chance. All of us just want to win the state. That's what it's all about. We're going to be just as good as the last two varsity teams I've played on."

Only five starters return but



Shamrock captains: Leading the way for Redford Catholic Central are (from left) Adam Tubaro, Joe Sgroi, Chris Dueweke and Ben Herman.

the Shamrocks also add players from an undefeated junior varsity team.

"This is an exciting group that works hard and listens well," Mach said. "We're young but best of all we're not ranked as high and have great incentive to move up."

When the Shamrocks have thrown in the past, they've usually been passes of the safe variety. What else would explain senior fullback Chris Dueweke being the leading pass receiver last season with 10?

The Shamrocks have a pair of

bookend tight ends, 6-foot-4, 225-pound senior Don Slankster and 6-4, 210-pound junior Nick Brzezinski, who are formidable blockers and capable receivers. Speedy Joe Saah (5-10, 170) returns for his senior year at wide receiver and kick returner and senior Joe Jonna (6-0, 180) also lends experience. Another promising receiver is senior Sean Brattin (6-3, 200).

"We like Adam's leadership, he brings a real positive attitude to the team," Mach said. "He has a real good arm, can throw it short or long. We're not afraid to run the option with him. We'll do a little bit of a lot of things but not a lot of one thing - except run."

So much for that passing idea. The 6-2, 225-pound Dueweke is the No. 1 option at fullback.

A two-year starter, he gained 529 yards (4.1 average) and led the Shamrocks with 10 touchdowns as a junior.

"Dueweke is a real good football player for us," Mach said. "He ran well for us last year and he's that much more experienced. When he hits the hole he hits with a lot of power. He's

going to get the ball 15 to 20 times a game."

The tailback is 6-1, 190-pound senior Josh Christenson, who played some on the varsity near the end of last season, and the wing-back is shared by seniors Joe Sgroi (6-0, 215) and Matt Smylie (5-10, 215).

The Shamrocks have an inexperienced offensive line, led by senior guard Chuck Spolsky (5-11, 215) and senior tackle Ben Herman (6-0, 240), both part-time starters.

Earning their first varsity start in Saturday's season opener against Detroit Pershing are senior center Mike Davidson (6-0, 215), junior right guard Brocc Naysmith (6-0, 220) and junior tackle Brian Parent (5-11, 225).

The only sophomore on the roster, 6-1 230-pound Mike Morris, was in line to start but an illness has kept him out most of preseason practice.

Key reserves include senior guard/center Ken Matthews (6-0, 230), junior center Miguel Martinez (5-7, 200), junior tackle Aaron Griffin (6-1, 235), junior guard Lou Willoughby (6-0, 230)

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and junior tackle Tom Lutka (6-3, 275).

"Our offensive line is all unproven, we're still piecing it together, but the guys that played in the four-way scrimmage did a real good job," Mach said. "They opened a lot of good holes, showed a lot of promise."

The defense is anchored by Sgroi and junior Casey Rogowski, whom Mach says together form one of the best inside linebacker tandems the Shamrocks have had. Sgroi was one of the Shamrocks leading tacklers last year and Rogowski is perhaps their best athlete, excelling also in baseball and wrestling.

Rogowski also backs up Dueweke at fullback and may get some time at tailback.

"They're two of the better we've had together," Mach said. "They're intelligent, call the defenses and like to hit. Casey is potentially a big-timer down the road."

The Shamrocks won't have any fierce pass rushers like Gino DiGiandomenico, who graduated and signed with Miami (Ohio), but down lineman Spolsky, Chris Ronpodek (a 6-2, 240-pound senior) and Willoughby are more than adequate.

"Chuck has great movement, gets after the ball and never gives up," Mach said. "He shows great example."

Junior Brian Beardsley (6-3, 185) and senior Mike Carroll (6-1, 215) have earned the defensive end jobs.

Joining Tubaro in the defensive backfield are Jonna, junior Dave Lusky (6-2, 195) and junior Justin Cessante (6-0, 185).

Lusky also is the Shamrocks' backup quarterback.

Mach is worried about Tubaro wearing himself out on defense only if the rest of the players miss their assignments. His primary job is to break up passes and he does it well, according to Mach.

"He doesn't (have to) make a lot of hits (as a defensive back) - only if everyone else doesn't," Mach said.

The kicking game appears solid with the return of punter Jason Hamilton and Aaron Rock, both seniors.

WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 5
Borgess at Ecorse, 4:30 p.m.
Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Dearborn at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Mackenzie at John Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Canton at Monroe, 7:30 p.m.
Belleville at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne at Adrian, 7:30 p.m.
Crestwood at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Liggett at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Holy Redeemer at Hamtramck Keyworth, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Taylor Kennedy at Thurston, noon.
Luth. W'sid at Harper Wds., 1 p.m.
Novi at Farmington, 1 p.m.
Hartland at N. Farmington, 1 p.m.
Oxford at Harrison, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Det. Pershing at Pontiac Silverdome, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Sept. 4
Clarenceville at Flat Rock, 5 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Warren, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Warren Zee, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Farmington at S. Lyon, 7 p.m.
Brighton at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Novi, 7 p.m.
Taylor Truman at Wayne, 7 p.m.
(Mercy Hoops Classic)
St. Joseph vs. Canton, 5:30 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer vs. Mercy, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Ply. Christ. at Det. Academy, 6 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Mount Carmel at Marshall Jr. High, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Borgess at Salem, 6 p.m.
Wayne at Romulus Tip-Off, 7 p.m.
Mercy Hoops Classic, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 4
Agape at Macomb Preseason, TBA.
Ply. Christian vs. Baptist Park at Haggerty Field, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Agape at Macomb Preseason, TBA.
U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 4 p.m.
Canton at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.
Belleville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wayne at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.
C'ville at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Crestwood at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Macomb at Agape Preseason, TBA.
Churchill at Rochester, 11 a.m.
N. Farm. at W. Bloom., 12:30 p.m.
Brighton at Canton, 1 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Friday, Sept. 5
Madonna vs. Michigan Club Team at Ladywood H.S., 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
Schoolcraft at Lakeland, 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Sept. 6
(College of DuPage III. Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Meramec, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 7
(College of DuPage Tourney)
S'craft vs. Florissant Valley, 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-6
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Ocelots 0-2 on Illinois swing

Schoolcraft College left for Springfield, Ill., for a men's soccer tournament short on players — and came back short of victories.

"We used everybody," Coach Van Dimitriou of Schoolcraft said after his team absorbed two losses in two games. "We wanted everybody to play and get in condition."

"The boys really got some good workouts both days. It was good experience and will help us."

"Nobody likes losing, but sometimes circumstances dictate you have to accept it." The Ocelots, 1-2, left last year's leading scorer home for disciplinary reasons and had two starting fullbacks left behind because they were injured. A third fullback and team MVP from last season played only sparingly in the opener and was just rounding into shape.

"We got there," Dimitriou said, "and the competition was pretty much as we suspected — very good. All three teams were in the top eight in the country last year."

In the opener, Aug. 29, Forest Park of St. Louis hung a 3-0 defeat on Schoolcraft and the next day host Springfield (Ill.) drilled the Ocelots, 5-0.

Dimitriou's team trailed Forest Park 2-0 after a half and hit a crossbar in the second half. But subbing out the final few minutes cost the Ocelots a goal.

Schoolcraft's replacement fullbacks came up hurting for the Springfield game and one was beaten for a goal on a shot into the upper left-hand corner 10 minutes into the game.

Then, with the score 2-0, a crossed ball from the right side was put in by Billy Krips just as the goalie was making contact with his hand. It was ruled no goal and things went downhill from there.

Sweeper Chris Jaskowski, the team's most consistent player thus far, went out with a little less than 12 minutes to play to tape his ankles. While he was gone, Spring-

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field scored three goals. "With a little luck," Dimitriou said, "we could have at least tied, possibly won the first game. The kids gave it the best they could."

Dimitriou got more bad news Tuesday in practice when nine of his players were unable to work out due to injury.

"It's a good thing we don't have a match until Saturday," he said. "Hopefully we'll be healing up by Friday and ready to go Saturday (in a regional match in Lakeland, OH)."

Madonna falls on coast

Two matches, two losses — both by 2-1 scores.

Think there's a number the Fighting Crusaders don't much care for?

On Monday, they played the second game of their west-coast trip, this one against Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego. The match went overtime, but the result — and the score — was the same as Madonna's first match, against U.S. International University Saturday.

In the loss to Point Loma, the Crusaders scored first, getting a goal from Scott Emert at the 68-minute mark, on an assist from Eric Stoocklein (from Plymouth Salem/Schoolcraft College).

It didn't last. A minute later, Point Loma knotted it at 1-1 on a goal by Vince Paccione. It remained that way through regulation, forcing OT.

Which was short-lived. Eric Pfeiffer netted the game-winning goal just a minute into the sudden death session to drop Madonna to 0-2.

The Crusaders concluded their three-game trip with a game at UC-San Diego Tuesday. They open the home portion of their schedule Friday with a game against University of Michigan's club team at Ladywood HS.

Here's the weekend football forecast

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

One game separated your fearless high school football prognosticators last year.

My victorious counterpart, the lucky Irishman Dan O'Meara, has a 7-3 record against me during the past 10 years.

That was almost as good as Lou Holtz's won-lost percentage during his term at Notre Dame. But Lou is gone and now it's time for the Bob Davie era.

So my hopes are up substantially as we enter the 1998 season.

Who knows, Mr. O'Meara may suddenly go into the tank and pull a Gerry Faust.

You know, these things run in cycles.

I'm not going to apologize for going 107-27 last year, but when your partner goes 108-26, then it's definitely the luck of the

Here is a sneak preview of this weekend's action.

And just remember, when it's Friday night, it's high school football time (not soccer, not girls basketball as some athletic directors insist it's becoming).

And from 10-11 p.m. each Friday, your knowledgeable Observer sports staff will talk prep football, reporting and analyzing weekly action, with the Ike Griffin, the "Mega Man," on WXYT-1270 (AM).

FRIDAY'S GAMES (all 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

Borgess (4-5) at Ecorse (2-6), 4:30 p.m.: The Spartans have a new head coach in Werner Blakely, who was a defensive coordinator at Detroit Henry Ford. The Spartans also won half of their games last year against independent Red Raiders. PICKS: Ecorse needs more than Archie Clark to win this one.

Liv. Churchill (0-9) at Redford Union (0-9), 7 p.m.: This is the first encounter ever between the two schools. RU is banking on an undefeated JV team to improve things, while Churchill, under new coach John Filiaut, hopes the Wing-T will break a 28-game losing skid. PICKS: The Western Lakes factor looms large, take Churchill.

Lincoln Park (1-8) at Liv. Franklin (6-3): The Railsplitters should be much improved in the Mega Conference's White Division. Franklin, which played a brutal schedule last year, is banking on the talented backfield trio of quarterback Brian Facione, tailback Anthony Grech and fullback John Kopchak, along

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with standout tackle Matt Lawson. PICKS: The lights warm up for Franklin.

Dearborn (7-2) at Liv. Stevenson (6-3): Could be the best matchup of the night. Stevenson has a young team, while Dearborn is banking on a tough defense and the quarterbacking of another Kreger. PICKS: Emons and O'Meara like Dearborn to win this one.

Det. Mackenzie (3-6) at Westland Glenn (11-1): Jerome Bettis, Pepper Johnson, Gilbert Brown... they used to play for Bob Dozier at Mackenzie. Glenn, a state Class AA semifinalist, was hard hit by graduation, but the reinforcements are on the way, led by General Justin Berent, one of the state's top QBs. PICKS: No cracks in the Mir, Glenn is ready to quit.

Ply. Canton (4-5) at Monroe (7-3): The Canton Chiefs lost quarterback Rob Johnson (Northwestern), while the Monroe Trojans will miss bruising 245-pound fullback Jovan Johnson (Toledo), but Monroe is a favorite to win the Red Division in the Mega after making the playoffs last year. PICKS: No shocks here. General Custer and Monroe are riding high.

Belleville (4-5) at Ply. Salem (6-3): Rumors are running rampant that Belleville's Tigers have a powerhouse team this year and should be the team to beat in the Mega-Red. Last year, Salem stunned the Tigers, 20-7, but where is quarterback Nate Gray (Hope College) when you need him? PICKS: Salem coach Tom Moshier did it with mirrors last year, but don't ask him to do it again in this one. Belleville prevails.

Wayne (5-4) at Adrian (2-7): The Maples slipped last season, but don't expect them to be down for long. Bill Kohn, who was 30-5 in three seasons at Morenci, including a Class C runner-up finish last year, replaces Al Romano as head coach. Wayne, meanwhile, can't

keep teams guessing this year because Lorenzo and LaVelle are gone. PICKS: Pass out the syrup, the Maples win.

D.H. Crestwood (3-6) at Garden City (1-8): The Cougars are under new leadership with the naming of Mike Salter as head coach, who replaces Bob Eisminger. Running back Mike Wrobel gives GC reason for hope. Crestwood, however, won this opener last year. PICKS: Flip a coin, both sides come up Crestwood.

G.P. Liggitt (2-7) at Clarenceville (4-5): Liggitt is expected to be vastly improved while Clarenceville will miss running back Donahue Fulton. The Trojans will rely on running of Junior Walter Ragland and the passing of Craig Rose. PICKS: Clarenceville in a squeaker. Emons says, but O'Meara feels preppie and takes Liggitt.

St. Agatha (1-8) vs. Det. Holy Redeemer (9-1) at Hamtramck's Keyworth Stadium: Holy Redeemer, expected to be ranked again this year, went undefeated during the regular season before losing in the first round of the Class DD playoffs to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Agatha's big gun is tailback Wesley Shaw, who is hopeful for Friday after suffering an ankle sprain. PICKS: Redeemer runs past the Aggies.

SATURDAY'S GAMES (all at 1 p.m. unless noted)

Taylor Kennedy (4-5) at Red. Thurston (6-3), noon: With Taylor Center closing its doors, Kennedy should pick up some decent football players. Thurston will miss tight end Matt Kukus, but veteran quarterback Nick Dedeluk returns. We'll see which division is better, the White or the Blue. PICKS: Emons goes with Kennedy, but O'Meara likes Thurston.

Lutheran Westland (8-1) at Harper Woods (8-2): In last year's opener, Harper Woods ruined the Warriors' bid for a perfect season with a 16-14 triumph. Woods went on to make the Class C playoffs before losing to Southgate

Aquinas, 41-16. Lutheran Westland is under new management, as defensive coordinator Gary Kamin takes over for Scott Wiener, left for Dearborn Heights Annapolis after being name Observerland Coach of the Year. PICKS: Metro Conference favorite Harper Woods notches the victory.

Novi (6-3) at Farmington (3-6): Wide receiver Dave Viane is a threat for the Farmington Falcons. Novi, a member of the Kensington Valley Conference, won last year's meeting, 28-7. The Wildcats will miss tailback Jason Witherspoon, who was lost to graduation. PICKS: Go with Novi.

Hartland (4-5) at N. Farmington (1-8): The Hawks Raiders hope to reverse four straight losing seasons (3-6, 4-5, 2-7 and 1-8). North has a talented trio tailback Kirk Moundros, tight end Carter Campbell and linebacker Sean Clark. Hartland won last year's meeting, 35-6. PICKS: Hartland makes it two straight for the KVC.

Oxford (4-5) at F.H. Harrison (11-2): The Hawks Class A runner-up a year ago, appear to be bigger and strong this year. They are led by two talented linemen in Brian Lewis and Mike Fisher. Jared Hopkins takes over as the starting quarterback for the departed Kevin Bam-benek. Harrison has won the last three meetings against the Wildcats, who have been to the playoffs six times. Harrison, meanwhile, has been to the playoffs 15 times, winning seven state crowns and three runner-up finishes. PICKS: Harrison rocks and rolls.

Redford CC (7-3) vs. Det. Pershing (6-3), 7 p.m. at Pontiac Silverdome: Remember last year's momentous meeting? Pershing, ranked No. 16 in the nation by USA Today, went down to a 24-6 loss. CC, which earned its eighth playoff berth last year, has another talented club led by captains Adam Tubaro, Joe Sgroi, Chris Deweke and Ben Herman. Pershing will rely on one of the state's top wide receivers and defensive backs, Larry Foote. PICKS: Pershing gets the boot.

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Ladywood, Clarenceville earn 1st victories of year

Halftime adjustments that work can be a beautiful thing.

Livonia Ladywood earned a hard-fought 59-56 girls basketball victory over Flint Northwestern thanks to some minor halftime changes Tuesday night that resulted in a 14-3 third quarter.

"We shut them down in the third quarter," Blazers' coach Andrea Gorski said, "mostly with our press."

"We got some easy buckets and held them to one shot per possession. It was mainly our defense."

Visiting Northwestern, playing its season opener, held a 19-18 lead after one quarter and expanded it to 37-28 at the half.

Much of it came because the Wildcats got 12 of their 17 offensive rebounds in the first half and because they released a player early on offense to get easy layups.

But the Cherry Picking Festival ended at halftime.

"We pressed the whole game," Gorski said, "but they broke our traps easier in the first half."

"In the second half they didn't. We only give up but one or two (easy baskets)."

"We were a little more conservative with our traps. They were sending someone long, so we sent both guards back."

Sarah Poglits led the way for the Blazers with 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Blazers. Sheryl Wroblewski scored 12.

Tyra Gay paced Northwestern with 18 points and three Wildcats had nine apiece.

Ladywood's Jenny LaChapelle contributed nine points, seven rebounds and 5-of-6 free throws. Erin Hayden had seven assists and freshman Melissa Harakas scored eight points and made three of her four steals in the third quarter as the Blazers evened their record at 1-1.

Despite giving up all those offensive rebounds, Ladywood was only beaten 31-28 on the boards. Ladywood made 11-of-

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23 free throws while Northwestern sank 20-of-32.

CLARENCEVILLE 38, ECORSE 33: Good balance helped the Trojans upend the Red Raiders and earn their first victory of the young season.

Sophomore guard Rachel Sundberg scored 14 points Tuesday night and senior center Michelle Berry added 12 along with nine rebounds and two steals as host Clarenceville squared its record at 1-1.

Senior Melissa Berry hauled down 12 rebounds and junior guard Danielle Sledz sparked the defense with five steals and six rebounds.

"We were aggressive on defense, showed hustle and desire," Coach Rosie Marano said.

Ecorse, playing its first game, got 12 points from Jorjae Jarrells.

Clarenceville jumped out to a lead of 11-6 after the first quarter and increased it to 24-13 at the half. The Trojans made only 7-of-16 free throws but the Red Raiders were 2-for-9.

LAKELAND 65, STEVENSON 45: The Spartans suffered their first loss of the season when Milford Lakeland capitalized in Stevenson mistakes.

"We played as hard as we did in our two games last week," Coach Wayne Henry said, "but we didn't play as smart."

"Things didn't go our way. We missed a lot of easy shots — and while the game was still close —

"We never quit playing hard but any mistakes we made defensively they capitalized on. And when they made a mistake, we didn't capitalize on it."

Host Lakeland, 2-1 like Stevenson, opened with a 12-9 lead after the first quarter and improved it to 31-21 at the half.

Lakeland had three players in double figures led by junior guard Dawn Houck, who had 18.

Senior guard Melissa Backus paced the Spartans with 13 while freshman guard Lindsay Geisick scored 11 and added eight steals.

Stevenson made 11-of-20 free throws to 15-of-22 shooting at the line for Lakeland.

"We're very inexperienced," Henry said. "Even more so with the kids we have out. Hopefully this was a game we'll learn from."

THURSTON 65, JOHN GLENN 36: Four players in double figures carried visiting Thurston to the victory.

Samantha Crews scored 15 points and LaToya Chandler added 10 for the Rockets, winless in three tries. Chandler also had six rebounds.

Christie Koester scored 14, Anne Marie Carrier and Julie Stoll 13 each and Heather White 12 for Thurston, netting its first victory in three outings.

John Glenn made 6-of-13 free throws to 9-of-22 for Thurston, which jumped out to a 16-6 lead and was up by 34-17 at the half.

Young Lady Crusaders showing promise

Sure, Madonna University's volleyball team is facing a bit of a rebuilding job. Lose four starters and that's bound to happen.

So not much could be expected of the Lady Crusaders at their season-opener at the Midway College Tournament, in Midway, Ky. Kind of a "Let's see what we got and how we match up" trip.

They ended up with a favorable answer: three match wins in four tries, and a fourth victory just a matter of a point or two away.

Last season's team was built around middle hitters Kelly McCausland and Julie Martin. This year, the middle is young and the experience is in outside hitters Karin Sisung and Erin Gregoire.

Not that any of Madonna's newcomers are lacking. That became evident when the Crusaders won their first three matches last weekend in straight sets, beating Rio Grande 15-6, 18-16, 15-4; Lindsay Wilson 15-2, 15-9, 15-8; and Spalding 15-7, 15-7, 15-8.

In their fourth match, they had Georgetown on the ropes, but couldn't get the knockout. Madonna won the first two games 15-12, 15-10, then lost the next two in overtime 15-17, 14-16; the last game was all Georgetown, 15-6.

Sisung and Gregoire led both the attack and the defense throughout the tournament. Sisung totaled 44 kills and team-best 49 digs in the 14 games, while Gregoire led the team in kills with 53 and added 43 digs.

While it is apparent the two veterans stepped up their play, some newcomers also put on a show. Like freshman Brady Malewski, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter from Redford, Thurston who totaled 40 kills,

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including a team-high 18 vs. Georgetown, and had 31 blocks (five solo) and 24 digs.

And sophomore setter Deanne Helsom, who collected 160 assists-to-kills (11.4 per game) and 30 digs. And junior Rayna Vert, a 5-11 middle hitter who transferred from Kellogg CC and led Madonna in blocks with 33 (eight solos) and also got 22 kills.

The Crusaders now host the Madonna University Invitational this Friday and Saturday.

SC: Up and down start

Schoolcraft College's trip to the Kellogg Invitational in Battle Creek last weekend revealed both the good, and the bad, for the Lady Ocelots.

SC won all three of the matches it played Friday, defeating host and defending NJCAA Region 12 champion Kellogg 7-15, 15-11, 15-12; Delta, 15-3, 15-3; and Lakeland, 15-11, 15-8.

Saturday was a different story. The Ocelots played four matches and lost them all, to Kalamazoo Valley CC 15-3, 15-9; to Mott CC 15-12, 1-15, 15-13; to Henry Ford CC 15-6, 15-6; and to Glen Oaks 15-7, 15-9.

"It's early on in the season," said SC coach Tom Teeters. "I was probably most disappointed with our serving and our serve reception. Our back row hitting was good, and our blocking showed flashes of greatness."

"But we missed quite a few serves. That

was a big disappointment."

In the 16 games the Ocelots played, they committed 45 service errors while making just 34 aces. "That's too many (errors)," said Teeters.

The attack was led by Sarah Gregorson, with 54 kills; she also had four solo blocks, 12 block assists and 40 digs for the tournament.

Megan McGinty (from Livonia Churchill) was next with 29 kills, six block assists, 43 digs and the best serve reception on the team, while Zoe Michaelis had 17 kills, six solo blocks and eight block assists.

Mindy Sullivan was next best with 15 kills and seven service aces, while setter Stacey Campain contributed nine kills, four solo blocks, seven block assists and 98 assists-to-kills. Janet Hinz added 34 digs and seven service aces.

"I think our attack will improve as the season goes on," said Teeters. "But our serve receive has to get stronger and our serve must improve."

And SC will have to get better to challenge for the Region 12 championship once again. Teeters figures at least seven other schools — Kellogg champion Grand Rapids CC, Kalamazoo Valley, Lansing, Kellogg and Glen Oaks from the Western Conference, and Mott and Henry Ford from the Eastern — could make a run at the title.

"They can all challenge for the championship," said Teeters. "You can grow with the challenge, or shrink from it if your team doesn't grow."

SC is idle until Sept. 12-13, when it travels to the Muskegon CC Tournament.

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Lutheran Westland boys soccer off to 4-0 start

Who knows what the future might bring, but the present is being pretty kind to Lutheran Westland's boys soccer team.

The Warriors ran their record to 4-0 Tuesday night with a 3-1 victory over Plymouth Christian at Haggerty Field in Hines Parkway.

Scott Randall, a senior co-captain, midfielder-center, scored a pair of first-half goals. Brad Woehke drawing an assist on the second.

Plymouth Christian's Dave Carty scored a minute into the second half to shave the lead to a solitary goal but with 25:19 left, visiting Lutheran High Westland's Ben Heiden, a

senior forward, restored the two-goal margin. Senior midfielder Mike Ripke drew the assist.

Junior stopper Mike Randall, junior sweeper Ryan Ollinger, senior linebacker Eric Falkenberg and sophomore back Jason Davis stood out defensively for the Warriors.

REDFORD CC 0, A.A. PIONEER 0: The two teams played their scoreless tie on a slippery, water-soaked field.

"There was a lot of standing water," Catholic Central coach Dana Orsucci said. "But it was probably one of the most intense 0-0 games I've ever seen."

"It was a back and forth game and there was sliding all over the place. It was kind of a crazy game."

Tuesday's draw left CC 2-1-1 this season and left Pioneer 1-1-1.

Goalie Matt Kessler notched his second straight shutout for the Shamrocks.

"Our defense played well," Orsucci said, "but we've got to finish (plays). Our offense has to start clicking."

"But considering we also had two seniors hurt who did not play and after 15 minutes two of our starters came out and did not return, I was happy with the way the guys stepped up."

"We can't complain. We just have to get healthy."

On Aug. 26, CC traveled to Milford and took home a 3-0 victory.

Jeff Boogren scored on a first-half penalty shot while Dylan Valade and Shawn Kahanec scored in the second half.

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MEN'S JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL RECRUITING

Briggs lands solid group including Westland John Glenn's Jarrett

BY C.J. RISAK
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a mistake for Schoolcraft College's administration to wait so very long to hire a men's basketball coach.

That said, it appears the administration at least partially compensated for its error — a coach wasn't hired until late in July, when the recruiting season was nearly over — by making the right choice.

The man they hired for the job is Carlos Briggs, a former NJCAA All-American who played at SC 13 years ago and remains the greatest player the school has ever produced.

Indeed, SC has been hard-pressed to produce a winning season since Briggs' tenure.

But the Detroit Benedictine graduate who starred at Baylor University after graduating from SC will bring more than a name and a reputation to his new coaching position. That was apparent when he produced a list of 12 players recruited for this season's squad in the brief time he's had.

Briggs appears well-prepared for his present task — as imposing as it may seem. He knows what he wants. He knows what to do. And he's well-organized, from the small details to the large.

Most obvious among his talents is his ability to recruit, something few of his coaching predecessors did well. Of course, the success of a recruiting class at SC can not be determined until the end of the fall semester. That's when it's announced who managed to pass enough classes to stay eligible for winter semester.

Briggs figures not all his recruits will stick for the whole season because, well, he had to take chances and take players he might not have had been able to get an earlier start in his recruiting.

"The last three weeks, that's all its been — trying to recruit guys," Briggs said.

The team he has put together isn't full of sure-fire stars — but what JC team is? A lot may depend on how well the players perform in what Briggs figures to be their most important class (at least pertaining to basketball):

Chemistry.
"In the past, we didn't have kids here who played well together," he said. "That's something we're trying to establish — team chemistry."

There are three players who were part of last season's squad that Briggs will be relying upon to provide leadership.

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It starts with Kevin Melson, a 6-foot-6, 190-pound forward from Detroit Communication and Media Arts HS, where he averaged 19 points and eight rebounds a game as a senior. Melson suffered an ankle injury last year that sidelined him for the entire SC season.

"He's our best player," said Briggs. "He's 6-6 and very mobile. We're going to ask a lot of him this year."

A weakness in Melson's game, according to Briggs, is his unselfishness: "He has to become more aggressive, he has to want to take over the game. Kevin's our go-to guy right now. We're going to ask him to step up and be a leader."

Another player SC's new coach is counting on is sophomore Pete Males, a 5-11 point guard from Garden City. "He's a good floor leader, and he can shoot the basketball real well. He's the hardest worker we have on the team," said Briggs.

"We're looking for him to be a team leader, on and off the floor. We're looking for him to set the tone."

The third returnee is Jose Bru, a 6-1, 200-pound sophomore swingman from Mexico. "He can play several positions, and he hustles all the time. He can do everything on the basketball court," Briggs said.

At the top of the list of new recruits is David Jarrett, a 6-3, 205-pound forward from Westland John Glenn. A do-everything athlete — Jarrett was a standout in football and track, as well as basketball (15 points, eight boards as a senior) — Briggs called Jarrett "probably our best athlete."

"I don't think Dave realizes how good he can be. If he gets into the gym and really works on his game, he could be one of the best to come out of Schoolcraft."

"But he needs to put in the time, to work on the fundamentals."

Another player who just came on board, enrolling recently at Schoolcraft is 6-7 Jeremy Smith (Allen Park Cabrini), who left Kansas City (Mo.) CC after averaging 12 points and eight rebounds per game. Smith, who originally was set to go to Oakland University, had a single-game highs of 27 points and 20 rebounds in KC.

Among the other recruits are two whose fathers are long-time high school coaches: Brandon Barrett, a 5-8 guard from Southfield-Lathrup who averaged 10 points and 10 assists per game, and whose

father coached at Detroit DePorres ("He came from a good program. He knows how to get the scorers the ball,"); and Derek McKelvey, a 6-3 forward/guard whose father coached him at Adrian HS ("He's probably the best shooter we have, and one of our better athletes. He's been playing basketball since he could crawl").

One of the more interesting recruits is Antonio Parker, a 6-5 graduate of Detroit Southwestern in 1995. "He's had some problems," said Briggs. "This is an opportunity for him to put things behind him."

"Here's a 6-5 guy who's quick, can score and can rebound. It's just that, sometimes he's not as focused as he needs to be. That's my job — keep him focused both on the floor and in the classroom. He's my project."

Another "elder statesman" is Gerald Steele, a 6-4, 220-pound swingman who graduated from Taft HS in Woodland Hills, Calif., in 1994. Steele hasn't played organized basketball since, but his size and inside skills were enough to convince Briggs to give him a shot.

The rest of the recruits includes Darrius Burks, a 6-6 forward from Detroit Chadsey who averaged 10 points and six rebounds a game ("He's a project, but he runs the floor well and can block shots,"); Jimar Eddins, a 6-3 forward who averaged 15 points and eight boards for Ann Arbor Pioneer ("He's a good-sized kid, and he gets off the floor,"); Tom Heisner, a 6-4, 210-pound forward who attended, but did not play at, Plymouth Canton ("He's a bruiser — we're going to give him a shot,"); and Emeka Okonkwo, a 6-2 guard and another Pioneer HS grad ('95) who played at Central State (Ohio) as a freshman, then attended Washtenaw CC last year — he'll become eligible in January.

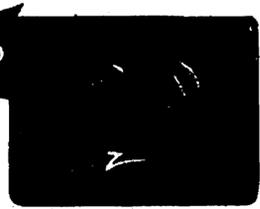
Briggs still has a couple of open slots on his roster, and there are some possibilities remaining. Who knows? Perhaps there's a player with NCAA Division I ability who'll opt to attend SC instead.

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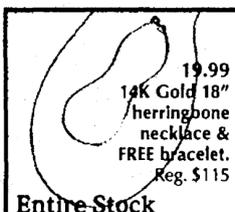
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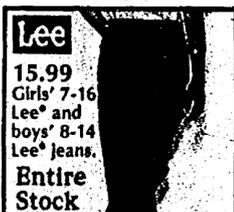
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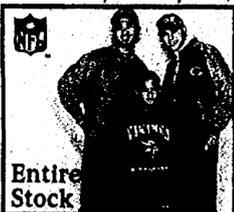
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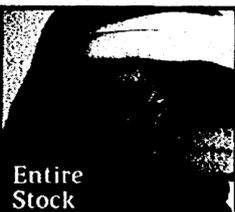
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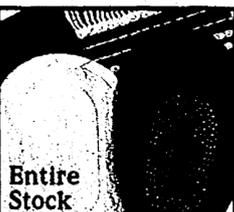
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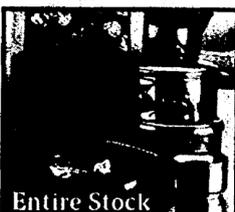
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Steven Seagal (center) with Ed Bruce (left) and Steve Palmer in "Fire Down Below," opening today at metro Detroit movie theaters.

SATURDAY



Vickie Winans performs 10 p.m. at the Farmer Jack Motor City PraiseFest, a celebration of gospel music, downtown on the riverfront at Detroit's Hart Plaza. Saturday hours are noon to 11 p.m.

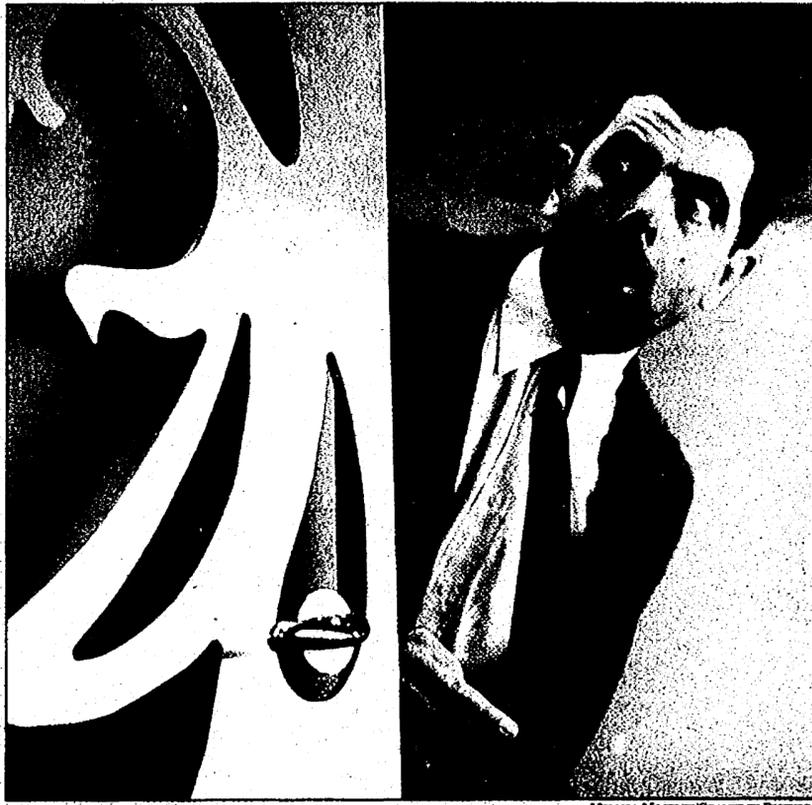
SUNDAY



Catch the tail end of the "Elephants!" exhibit noon to 5 p.m. at Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200.



Hot tip: Experience life in the "past lane" as collectors from across the nation gather with their vintage vehicles (1932 and earlier) at Greenfield Village in Dearborn for the Old Car Festival, Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 6-7, (313) 271-1976.



Comedy: Rowan Atkinson stars in the Mel Smith comedy, "Bean."

Hollywood gets serious with fall releases

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Fall movies are no laughing matter, at least as far as Hollywood is concerned. Expect film noir fatalism, fights with grizzlies, and dysfunctional families to be the bill of fare as the movies recover from a typically high cholesterol summer.

Among the nearly 50 major studio releases between now and Thanksgiving, the only one not afraid to call itself a comedy is "Bean," the feature film debut of British comic Rowan Atkinson.

Dark they are, but the 10 films below seem especially worth a look.

■ **"L.A. Confidential"** - There are already favorable comparisons to "Chinatown" in this complex police thriller set around Hollywood in the 1950s. Here Kim Basinger plays a mysterious femme fatale tailed by both the LAPD (Kevin Spacey) and the press (Danny DeVito). (Opens Sept. 19)

■ **"The Edge"** - The ads show Anthony Hopkins pitted against a charging grizzly in the Alaskan wilderness, an adventure premise from the unlikely pen of David Mamet ("Glen-garry Glen Ross"). If that isn't strange enough, Elle Macpherson plays Hopkins's wife, while Alec Baldwin may or may not be out to kill them both. (Opens Sept. 19)

■ **"A Thousand Acres"** - Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Jennifer Jason Leigh team with Jason Robards as a family divided by child abuse, adultery, jealousy and illness. Despite some major changes from Jane Smiley's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, this saga of sisterly dysfunction is buoyed by an extremely appealing cast. (Opens Sept. 19)

■ **"U-Turn"** - Oliver Stone takes a break



Odyssey: The Dalai Lama (Jamyang Wangchuk) meets Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt) for the first time, and is fascinated by his yellow hair, in "Seven Years in Tibet," an epic story about one man's odyssey of self-discovery set against the sweeping backdrop of the Himalayas and spiritual majesty of Tibet.

from dead presidents and teenage killers with this film noir-style shaggy dog story about a drifter (Sean Penn) who lands in a dusty Arizona town populated by shady characters. (Opens Oct. 3)

■ **"The Gingerbread Man"** - Another John Grisham adaptation, another femme fatale scenario, but this time with Robert Altman at the helm. The only problem: if the stu-

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Consider these alternatives

BY JOHN MONAGHAN
SPECIAL WRITER

If the Hollywood product doesn't pique your interest, the metro Detroit area's quickly growing art film screens offer plenty of alternatives.

In one of its strongest seasons in recent memory, the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts continues to dish up a number of must-see titles.

"In the Company of Men," soon to be the most talked-about film of the year, features two corporate types who plot to seduce the same woman. It plays exclusively Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7 at the Detroit Film Theatre, before opening for wide release.

Look for other alternatives at the Main Art Theatre, The Redford, Windsor Film Theatre, The Michigan, and less regularly at the Birmingham, Maple, Abbey and Star Theatres.

The Main has even started showing special movies on Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

While some titles will come and go in the blink of an eye, these are the ones you should make the effort to see before they hit video:

■ **"The Full Monty"** - When a group of English steel workers lose their jobs, they reluctantly take to the stage as male strippers. The only problem: their non-Chippendales physiques. (Opens Friday, Sept. 12 at the Main)

■ **"The Alloy Orchestra"** - The Boston-based ensemble returns to accompany four more films, including Buster Keaton in "Steamboat Bill, Jr." the 1925 version of "The Lost World" and an encore presentation of Fritz Lang's masterpiece "Metropolis." The one to see is "The Man with the Movie Camera," a 1929 Russian film with experimental visuals that should fit seamlessly with the Alloy's percussive sound. (Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14 at the DFT)

■ **"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"** - The Redford Theatre takes a break from Hollywood musicals with this rarely screened 1932 version of the classic horror tale. The transformations of Fredric March are so convincing that he won an Oscar for the role and they're still convincing today. (Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27 at The Redford)

■ **"4 Little Girls"** - Spike Lee's documentary looks at the 1963 bombing of a Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. that left several dead and gave even more momentum to the Civil Rights Movement. (Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28 at the DFT)

■ **"The Pillow Book"** - The latest from Peter Greenaway is a typically sumptuous study of a young Japanese woman's erotic obsession with body painting. Like most of Greenaway's pictures ("Prospero's Books," "The Cook, the Thief..."), it's bound to be as beautiful as it is maddening. (Friday-Sunday, Oct. 3-5 at the DFT)

■ **"Washington Square"** - Jennifer Jason-Leigh and Albert Finney star in an update of Henry James' novel, about an awkward young woman who is caught between her over-protective father and a penniless suitor. (Opens Oct. 17 at the Main)

■ **"Gamera: Guardian of the Universe"** - This recent entry (1995) in the saga of the Japanese flying turtle was a hit at the Toronto Film Festival and now lands at the Art Institute's Monday night film series. (Monday, Oct. 27 at the DFT)

STREET SCENE

Wig is back with strong new CD

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Clark S. Nova, singer/songwriter for the rock band Wig, figures that a lot of people in his former Detroit-area hometown think his band has disappeared and called it quits.

Not so. As a matter of fact, Wig played to a packed crowd at Los Angeles's notorious Viper Room last week.

"It was a big show and we rocked," said bassist Fran Falls, who along with band-mates guitarist Rob Schurgin and drum-

mer John Burke relocated from Ann Arbor to Los Angeles in mid-June.

"Clark was phenomenal. His vocals have just gotten unreal. I guess you grow as a singer. He's just gotten stronger. Our management liked it. It was cool."

Wig is working with said new management company - Deluxe, who also works with Fleetwood Mac and former Cult singer Ian Astbury - about securing a booking agent with whom to work. After that, Nova expects success.

"I can't wait until the new album

comes out," adds Nova, also known as Shawn Jimmerson, a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School who married and moved to San Francisco a year ago.

The melodic, hum-inducing "Wireland" (Island), Wig's strongest effort to date, hits the streets Tuesday, Sept. 9.

"We're growing as musicians. We started out as a really abrasive band. Now we're starting to write more melodies.

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New album: Wig - from left, drummer John Burke, former Canton resident and singer Clark S. Nova, bassist Fran Falls, and guitarist Rob Schurgin - will release its second album for Island Records, "Wireland," on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Pontiac plays host to Power Station tour debut

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Tonight Pontiac will go down in the music history books as the first U.S. tour stop of the original Power Station lineup, well sort of.

Singer Robert Palmer, guitarist Andy Taylor, and drummer Tony Thompson perform as The Power Station Thursday, Sept. 4, at Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac.

Taylor explained that his former Duran Duran and The Power Station bandmate, bassist John Taylor, had every intention of recording and performing with The Power Station. However, personal problems forced him to leave the music business.

"John's not in any band, in case you haven't noticed. He had three bands (Duran Duran, The Power Station, and Neurotic Outsiders) and he quit them all. It's not like he hates the world. To be really fair, woman, I've said this to everyone. He's a very, very dear sweet guy. He went through a divorce (from Amanda

DeCadenet) and it just so happened that we were working together at the time. It does all sort of different things to people," Taylor explained.

For John Taylor, it brought on a drinking problem for which he sought help.

"I don't think he's got the energy to hang out. Being in bands probably is not the right place for him. If he doesn't want to have a drink, he shouldn't be on tour unless everyone was on the Jesus Christ kick. That's not going to happen. We're English for God's sake."

"No, what he's doing is the best thing for him. He's got a little girl (age 6) to take care of. There's nothing more important than that."

The Power Station's self-titled debut went platinum in the mid-1980s with hits like "Some Like It Hot" and the T. Rex cover "Get It On (Bang A Gong)." The band performed live once with the original lineup on an episode of "Saturday Night Live" before

Andy Taylor and Palmer had a "huge ruck." Palmer left and returned to his solo career.

The Taylors began discussing the reformation of The Power Station in 1991 but it wasn't until two years later that they took the idea seriously.

"It was one of those things, because of the cast of characters that were involved, that if it came back around and it was the original lineup it would be fun to do. I learned a lot from them when I was 23-24, when I was greener and rough around the edges."

"I wasn't sure what would happen if we got back together. We may get there and hate the sight of each other. But it turned out different. We started playing and writing and basically everybody enjoyed themselves."

To replace Taylor, the band called upon Thompson's former Chic bandmate, bassist Bernard Edwards. At the first rehearsal, Palmer brought rough drafts of "Life Forces" and "Fancy That"

while Taylor had in hand "She Can Rock It," "Notoriety," and "Living In Fear."

After four to five weeks, the band had the 11 songs that make up its latest album "Living in Fear" (Guardian). Soon after mixing the album, Edwards went to Japan to perform with musician Nile Rogers. He died a few days later of influenza at age 43.

"Living in Fear" in no way resembles The Power Station's groovy debut effort. A straight-ahead pop album, "Living in Fear" carries a few hard rock chords in the title track and in "Dope."

"I think it's a lot more of a complete album," Taylor explained. If the band had not changed "the 10 years gap would have meant nothing."

Taylor expects this to be a one-off effort.

"There's no plan to do another one. It's an open-ended thing. If we want to we can. I would think that we would make another record if John is involved."

The Power Station performs Thursday, Sept. 4, at Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. For more information, call (248) 333-2362.

The Belgium rock band K's Choice feels fortunate for the success it has had with the single "Not An Addict" from its album "Paradise in Me" (Sony 500 Music).

"With 'Not An Addict' it was good timing. It's a good radio song. You have to be a little lucky with that, I've learned. You don't think about what when you're writing. You don't think about if it's catchy enough," singer Sarah Bettens said.

Apparently it was. The song, which builds from simple drum beats to a raging swirl of guitars, bass and drums, was one of the hit songs of this summer. Besides pushing K's Choice into the spotlight, "Not An Addict" gave Bettens the opportunity to speak her mind.

"It's not about me or about a friend. It's a subject that I wanted to say something about. I'm doing it in a different way (first person). It's such an old cliché subject and kids have heard about it a million times - what they can do and cannot do. That doesn't change the fact that it's a very big problem. Also, being around it so much I wanted to say something about it."

K's Choice, Protein and The Vents perform Saturday, Sept. 6, at the 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Doors open at 8 p.m. for the all-ages show. Tickets are \$11 in advance and at the door. For more information, call (248) 335-8100.

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dio meddles with the finished product any more than has already been reported, you might want to wait for the inevitable director's cut on video. (Opens Oct. 3)

■ "Seven Years in Tibet" - Brad Pitt gets unglamorous again as real-life Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer, who was captured by Allied forces during World War II and eventually landed in the path of the young Dalai Lama. From Jean-Jacques Annaud, who logged plenty of time in the mountains with 1989's "The Bear." (Opens Oct. 8)

■ "A Life Less Ordinary" - Director Danny Boyle reunites with "Trainspotting" star Ewan McGregor in an oddball love story. He's a disgruntled janitor who kidnaps the boss' daughter (Cameron Diaz) only to be foiled

by a pair of angels (Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo) who insist that they were meant for each other. (Opens Oct. 24)

■ "Boogie Nights" - What you didn't see in "The People vs. Larry Flynt." A behind-the-scenes look at the burgeoning adult movie industry in the 1970s should be heavy on polyester, disco, and yes, sex, which is why it has been delayed from its original May release. Mark ("Marky Mark") Wahlberg and Julianne Moore star, along with Burt Reynolds. (Opens Nov. 7)

■ "Starship Troopers" - Giant insects are apparently the stars of this war film in the guise of science fiction epic from Paul Verhoeven, no stranger to the

genre after "Total Recall" and "RoboCop." (Opens Nov. 7)

■ "The Truman Show" - After an entertaining return to slapstick ("Liar, Liar"), Jim Carrey goes high concept again with the story of an insurance salesman who realizes that his life is actually a staged TV show. With veteran director Peter Weir ("Dead Poet's Society") at the helm, this hopefully won't become another "Cable Guy." (Opens Nov. 14)

As good as these movies may sound, they are only a warmup for what looks like an amazing slew of holiday releases. Not only do we get new films from Woody Allen, Quentin Tarantino, the Coen brothers and Martin Scorsese, we finally get to see if James Cameron's mega-budget "Titanic" sinks or floats.



Deadly: Grace McKenna (Jennifer Lopez) and con man Bobby Cooper (Sean Penn) find themselves caught up in a deadly game in the black comedy/drama "U-Turn."

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We're kind of simplifying some things as we go along. I think sometimes we're trying to write more songs, per se, instead of always writing the crazy sound-tracky stuff that we can write so easily. Sometimes it's a little challenge to write these songs," Falls explained.

"Wireland" was originally due in stores last August but was pushed multiple times. Wig recorded what it thought was "the album" shortly after finishing a grueling tour in support of "Deliverance" (Island). The ambient rock band's artist and repertoire representative at Island thought differently.

"She said that the last two songs we wrote are the coolest songs on the record that we'd recorded so far," explained Nova, who could not recall which two songs about which she was speaking.

"She wanted us to write and record two more songs. Our mind-set was we just finished our record. If anybody else had said that to us we would have said OK. Since it was the label, we were kind of heady at first. But she was totally right. We did two songs and two more after that."

Like the Detroit rock band

Hoarse, Wig sees the delay of its album as a good thing.

"That was the best thing in the world for this album. Since then we wrote two more songs that weren't on the album. We remixed the whole record. We worked with some great producers and engineers," Falls explained.

That list includes Stephen Stuart-Short (Echo and the Bunnymen and Peter Gabriel), Keith Cleversley (Flaming Lips, Spiritualized, Mercury Rev), and Andy Johns (Led Zeppelin, Television), along with local producers/engineers Chris Varady, Dave Feeny, and Al Sutton.

Traces of the producers' influences can be found throughout the album. One of the future singles, "California Poppy," wraps Echo and the Bunnymen-like soaring guitars around the toe-tapping hook-laden lyrics. The twinkling guitars and Nova's distorted vocals in "Negativland," have elements of Mercury Rev. As the spelling suggests, the song expresses Wig's love of the controversial group.

"We're interested in their whole 'throwing a wrench at things' just to see where people draw their lines. We were actually arguing about it the other day

- who writes what and who owns what. In a band situation like ours, you could say that we are definitely all involved in the writing," Nova said.

"Negativland talks about who owns music and when you sample from someone else, did you author the song still and what not."

Falls - who graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in psychology for "purely self help" reasons - calls the dreamy, 8:04-minute title track of Wig's album "my little gem."

"It's my opera. It's like a three-part epic. I don't think bands are doing that very much any more."

Last month, Wig became a five-part epic with the addition of former Plymouth-Canton-area resident Wayne Faler, formerly of the hard rock band Philo Bed-dow.

"He plays rhythm guitar and keyboard stuff, some back-up vocals. He's our little utility man," Falls said. "He really thickened up our sound."

Nova, however, explained that Faler adds something else to the band.

"Sanity. We call him 'Sane Wayne.' Since the album, we've added some guitars and messed

around with some keyboard parts. He's the slack man. He's picking up all those loose ends. Rob plays so many spaced-out guitar parts that it's nice to have someone hold down the rhythm."

Although "Wireland" will be in stores next week, Falls explained that Island won't start pushing the album until early next year.

"The plans include us doing some little tours. The big push for this album doesn't happen until next year. They want us to develop with some tours here and there. Island does things differently. They're not gonna shove it down people's throats," Nova said.

"Wireland" is the band's second release for Island. "Deliverance," the first album, kind of got lost in the shuffle. Nova explained.

"The label was in disarray when we landed there. We were originally signed to Polydor but that was phased out just before 'Deliverance.' We moved to Island and they said 'Who are these guys?' They just put it out to see what would happen. We're pretty lucky to still be around on the label."

"On 'Deliverance' we were sort of figuring out what was going on (with Wig) ourselves. Things are a lot cooler now."

Falls agreed. "The label's starting to get totally behind us. The move from Michigan, it was a nice change of pace."

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STREET SCENE

Aaliyah happy with success despite rumor mill



CHRISTINA FUOCO

As an R&B singer, Aaliyah has sold more than 1 million albums, modeled for Tommy Hilfiger and toured with some of her genre's top acts.

As a teenager, Aaliyah has just passed a major milestone. The 18-year-old, A-average student graduated from Detroit's Performing Arts High School.



Aaliyah

er for us to move back to New York. The record company is based there. I'm usually there or here (Los Angeles)."

Aaliyah was born Aaliyah Houghton in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and moved to Detroit when she was 5. Throughout her school years, she participated in school plays and sang for her family.

At age 11, after singing "My Funny Valentine" on "Star Search," her uncle/manager Barry Hankerson arranged for Aaliyah a five-night stint with Gladys Knight in Las Vegas.

(Hankerson was formerly married to Knight.)

According to Aaliyah, becoming a performer was a logical career choice.

"This has been a family venture for a very long time. My uncle, he's managed a lot of other artists for over 25 years. My mom sings. I did school plays. It was a family thing. It was part of my environment. It was inevitable," said Aaliyah who now is managed by her parents.

In 1994 she released her debut effort "Age Ain't Nothing But a Number" and went platinum thanks to a pair of gold-certified singles "Back and Forth" and "At Your Best (You Are Love)."

Along with fame, came tabloid stories about the alleged marriage of Aaliyah, who was then 15, to her then-producer R. Kelly. Asked if the duo married, she giggled and said no. Nevertheless, she said, the rumors were hard to handle.

"They (Aaliyah's parents) sat down and talked with me about the business - what it details and what you go through. They told me, 'You belong to the public. You'll have very little privacy.' It was something I had to get used to. It was very hard for me

and my family," Aaliyah explained.

"But I just went out and faced it. I answered all the questions. I got through it and I'm just happy at this point my career."

After spending most of 1994 and 1995 on the road, she went into the studio to record her follow-up "One in a Million" (Blackground/Atlantic).

"Being that 'Back and Forth' did so well, and the whole album (Age Ain't Nothing But a Number) went platinum, I was definitely nervous. I was very nervous before I went in the studio. But my parents told me, 'You just have to believe in God. Put your best foot forward. Do a good job. Enjoy yourself and it'll come together,'" she said.

The result is a diverse 17-piece collection of soulful ballads ("The One I Gave My Heart To"), sensual grooves ("Hot Like Fire"), funky numbers ("Got To Give It Up"), and covers of the Isley Brothers' "Choosey Lover" and

Marvin Gaye's "Got to Give it Up." Joining her on vocals is Treach of Naughty by Nature on "A Girl Like You" and Slick Rick on "Got To Give It Up."

"I knew Naughty by Nature before I went into the studio. I saw them at a party and I was talking to them and I asked 'Would you like to be on the album?' He came into the studio and that was a lot of fun," Aaliyah said.

She did, but he recorded his parts in a separate studio so Aaliyah never got to meet him.

As a consequence of her fame, Aaliyah has become a role model for her peers, something which she enjoys.

"When you get into this business it's pretty much a responsibility that you take on whether you want to or not. It's not easy. You try to do the positive things, but I'm human. I'm going to make mistakes. I try my best to be a good role model. When I talk to them, I like to kick it

informally. I don't want to come in and lecture about being a positive teenager."

With her top grades, No. 1 records and positive spirit, she said, her family is quite proud of her.

"I'm very happy and my family is proud. There's a lot more that I want to do. I want to continue to entertain in this industry. I want to go on to college and get my degree in drama or maybe dance. I hope to go into acting at the right time in my career. But right now I'm very with the Tommy ads and doing the commercials. I pray to God that I'm able to continue this."

Aaliyah opens for Mary J. Blige, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Dru Hill, and Ginuwine, at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$42.50 and \$35. For more information, call (248) 377-0100 or (248) 645-6666.

MOVIES

'She's So Lovely' is an actor's film

By JOHN MONAGHAN SPECIAL WRITER

Think of "She's So Lovely" not so much as a movie as an actor's workshop, an endless series of emotionally charged scenes packed with conflict. There's the penniless husband and wife in a romantic and rainy night on the town, his drunken rant in the neighborhood bar and the drama of seeing her after he's been away 10 long years at a mental institution.

Fortunately, it has an extremely able cast. Sean Penn, Robin Wright Penn, and John Travolta boost what could have been a relentlessly depressing film and make it one of the year's most moving and well-acted.

"She's So Lovely" is the second film by Nick Cassavetes, son of fiercely independent actor/director John Cassavetes (his first, "Unhook the Stars," never opened in Detroit.)

Nick took an old script of his father's and transformed it into a work that stays true to the older Cassavetes' atmosphere, intensity and dedication to acting above all.

The thrust here is that a couple loves each other so purely and unconditionally despite their many faults, which include alcohol, drugs and a dangerous, live-for-the-moment philosophy.

It's a perfect companion piece to "Leaving Las Vegas," whose surprise success probably helped this movie get made.

As the film opens, Eddie (Penn) hasn't shown up for three days, so the pregnant and vulnerable Maureen (Wright Penn) reluctantly goes on a bender with the guy across the hall. When she refuses his advances, he beats and rapes her.

And that's only the first five minutes. It doesn't get much prettier. When Eddie finally gets home and sees her battered face, he's consumed with rage, but can't find the guy responsible. He shoots a medical technician instead and, when he sobers up, finds himself behind bars in a mental institution.

Meanwhile, Maureen has had her daughter, plus two more with Joey (in a seemingly effortless turn by Travolta), a hothead contractor who has given her a life in the suburbs. When Eddie is released a decade later, he immediately heads out to look for his former wife. Wright Penn, real-life wife of Sean Penn, is still best known as "Forrest Gump's" Jenny. A former model, she's filmed in the least attractive way possible. Any light that does shine on her bruised eyes and lip looks like it has been filtered through a whiskey bottle.

Penn is in fine form, equally intense in his early, passionate flourishes and later, as he slowly waxes from the Clockwork Orange-like control of rehabilitation.

It may be a possible in-joke, but as soon as he's sprung, Eddie gets a dye job. His long blonde hair can't help but remind you of Penn's breakthrough role as Spicoli in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High."

Penn's involvement in this low-budget project is not surprising. He had once planned to shoot this with the elder Cassavetes, though his own directorial tributes to the late filmmaker (especially "The Crossing Guard") have not been nearly

this good. Nick Cassavetes, meanwhile, refuses to stray from the downbeat, yet somehow "She's So Lovely" delivers something profound and universal about the way true love somehow survives in an imperfect world.

Movie advertisement for 'Fire Down Below' featuring Steven Seagal. Includes text: 'Beneath a land of wealth and beauty hides a secret that could kill millions. Undercover has never run so deep.' and a list of theaters showing the film.

Large movie advertisement for 'G.I. Jane' featuring Demi Moore. Includes quote: 'Demi Moore is brilliant!' and 'Intelligent, provocative, and highly entertaining.' and a list of theaters.

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Comprehensive movie listings section with columns for General Cinemas, Star Theatres, United Artists Theatres, and various other theaters. Lists movies like 'Kull the Conqueror', 'She's So Lovely', 'Fire Down Below', and 'G.I. Jane' with showtimes and ratings.

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A Guide to entertainment in the Metro Detroit area

THEATER

ALTERNATING CURRENTS

"Just a Phase (A Sapphic Tale)," a new romantic comedy by Royal Oak playwright Therese Szymanski, 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-28, at the Trumbull Theatre, 4208 Trumbull, Detroit. Tickets \$6 advance, \$8 at door. (248) 541-8316/308-5777

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Falsettos," through Sunday, Oct. 5, at the JET, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 8 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$13-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (248) 788-2900

1515 BROADWAY

Detroit premiere "Making Porn," a new play about the gay pornography industry written and directed by Ronnie Larsen, features members of the New York cast, through Sept. 7, 1515 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets \$20 Tuesday-Thursday, \$25, Friday-Saturday. (248) 645-6666 or (313) 965-1515.

COMMUNITY THEATER

NOVI CIVIC CENTER STAGE

"The Senior Gala," a musical production by the Novi Senior Citizens program 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, \$8 includes luncheon at noon and show, 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, \$6, 45175 W. Ten Mile. (248) 347-0400

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Open House for adults and children interested in theater, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, demonstrations, theater tours, refreshments at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Free. (248) 988-7049

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

"And On the 8th Day He Saw a Play (and He Saw It Was Good) / a Performance of One Act" benefit performance 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. Tickets \$10. (313) 532-4010/537-7716

DINNER THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

"Vacation: Impossible," an interactive comedy, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, and 6 p.m. Saturday and Monday, Sept. 6 and 8, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$99 for four persons, includes seven course Italian style family dinner and show. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH

MARQUIS THEATRE CHILDREN

"Little Red Riding Hood," 2:30 Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 7, 14 and 21, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$5.50. No children under age 3 1/2. (248) 349-8110.

CHORAL

THE INSPIRATIONAL CHOIR

20th annual concert of the Inspirational Choir of Greater Christ Temple Church under the direction of Detroit radio personality Carl B. Phillips, 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, 210 Hilton Street, one block east of Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 414-3700

CLASSICAL

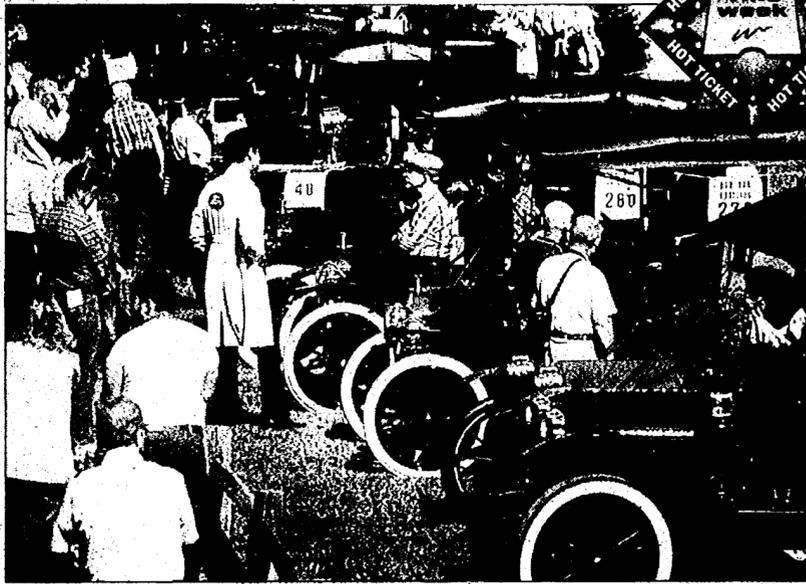
LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"Sunday, Songs and Symphony" benefit featuring bassist Stephen King of Livonia, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5, Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile Road (at Newburgh Road), Livonia. Besides concert of light, classical and popular tunes, benefit includes 30 area restaurants offering samplings of food, and a silent auction. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. (313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741.

MUSICA VIVA INTERNATIONAL CONCERTS

Presents "The Russian Virtuosi," Virtuoso bayanist Slava Semyonov and his wife Natalya with Robert Sattler, bayan, and special guest artists The Ortega-Soeve Quartet, 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14, Birmingham Unitarian Church, Woodward at Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$18 at the door. (248) 851-6987, (248) 626-4625 or (313) 593-3376.

MUSICAL THEATRE ENSEMBLE OF



HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Rev up the past: America's automotive past comes cruising to the present for Greenfield Village visitors during Old Car Festival, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7. The festival showcases nearly 300 vintage vehicles built before 1933. Related family-oriented activities include a narrated pass-in-review parade, and demonstration of how to crank start a vehicle, light headlamps, and other automotive chores. Greenfield Village is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12.50 adults, \$11.50 senior citizens age 62 and older; youth ages 5-12, \$6.25; children under 5 and members free. Greenfield Village is at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road in Dearborn, (just west of the Southfield Freeway). Call (313) 271-1976 for information.

A magical evening of song and solidarity (directed by composer Artur Grigorian) in celebration of the 6th anniversary of Armenia's independence, presented by Armenia Fund U.S.A., 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Southfield Center for the Performing Arts, 24350 Southfield Road south of 10 Mile, Southfield. Tickets \$20 adults, \$5 children 14 and under. (248) 552-8975/642-7950.

CARILLON

JENNY KING

Presents a program of folk and popular songs, noon Sunday, Sept. 7, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 822-3456

POPS / SWING

ATOMIC FIREBALLS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

BIG RUDE JAKE

With Atomic Fireballs, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. 18 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

SWINGIN' DEMONS

9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (swing) (248) 333-2362

AUDITIONS

ANN ARBOR BALLET THEATRE

Auditions for male and female dancers ages 15 and older of high intermediate to advanced talent for "The Nutcracker", noon-3:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, 548 Church St. (at University), Ann Arbor. Women must bring pointe shoes. Performances scheduled Dec. 19-21. (313) 668-1001

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Auditions for percussion opening Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6; third flute/piccolo, principal clarinet, section percussion, principal trumpet, Sept. 4-6. (313) 994-4801

AVON PLAYERS

Open auditions for Garson Kanin comedy "Born Yesterday," 7 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Sept. 21-22 at the Avon Playhouse on Tienken Road east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Performances Nov. 7-9, 14-16, 20-22. (248) 651-9518

DEARBORN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Auditions for "The Nutcracker," 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Dearborn Senior Center Gymnasium (formerly St. Barbara's School), 13500 Colson (off Schaefer Road, between

Michigan Avenue and Ford Road), East Dearborn. All dancers must have a minimum of two years serious dance training. Audition schedule: 1 p.m. children's parts (party scene); 2:30 p.m. acrobats (clowns, Arabian dancers); 3 p.m. advanced dancers (point shoes are required for female dancers); and 4 p.m. adults for non-dance roles. Performance dates are Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29, at Edsel Ford High School. (313) 563-2488/(313) 943-3095

DETROIT-WINDSOR DANCE ACADEMY

Open enrollment. Registration held daily through Sunday, Sept. 21, at the academy, 1529 Broadway, third floor, Detroit. (313) 963-0050

FIRST THEATER GUILD

Auditions for ages 6 to 18 for "Hansel and Gretel," 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple and Cranbrook, Birmingham. Performance dates (you must be available for all performances) Oct. 31 (with a special Halloween party following), Nov. 1-2 and 7-9. (248) 644-0356/646-6033/932-1149

HURON CIVIC THEATRE

Auditions for "Cabaret," 7-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Huron Civic Theatre, 32044 Huron River Dr., New Boston. Lead roles are available for five men and four women, with additional supporting roles and chorus. Those auditioning should prepare a song from the show (or one of similar style) and dress ready to learn movement. Production dates are Nov. 2-4, and 9-11. (313) 782-5380

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Auditions, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, Tuesday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road (between I-95 and Lyndon), Livonia. Tenor and bass voices especially needed. Membership not restricted to Livonia residents, and sight-reading is not a requirement. (313) 525-1447

MARQUIS THEATRE

Auditions for the following shows at the theater, 135 E. Main St. downtown Northville. Children ages 10-18 for "Halloween Madness," 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Recite a poem no longer than two minutes. For children ages 8-15 for "Aladdin," 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, recite a poem, sing a song in your vocal range. Adult auditions for "Aladdin," 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8. Reading from script, sing a song. Call (248) 349-8110 for details.

MEASURE FOR MEASURE - A MEN'S CHORAL SOCIETY

Holds auditions 6:30-9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, room 109, Alexander Music building, Eastern Michigan University,

Ypsilanti. First tenors, second tenors and basses are particularly needed. (313) 487-0280

NOVI CONCERT BAND

Band has opportunities for adults who play any instrument to join it for its 1997-1998 concert season. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. There are no auditions. (248) 932-9244

OCC SYMPHONY BAND

Auditioning clarinet, French horn, trombone and percussion players by appointment at the Oakland Community College Highland Lakes student center, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. Members are OCC students and other musicians from other communities. (248) 360-6218

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

Entering 25th season and calling for people who love to sing. Most needed are tenors, basses and baritones, some openings for altos and sopranos. Auditions by appointment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, west of Sheldon Road, Plymouth. (313) 455-4080.

ROSEDALE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Auditioning for four men and four women for "Lend Me a Tenor," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 8-9 at the Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, one-half block east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 532-4010

ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Auditions those who play stringed instruments, the oboe, trombone, and percussion, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, room 315, Royal Oak. There will be a sight-reading exercise and auditionees must bring one prepared piece. (248) 988-6991

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Auditions males and females for 15 roles in Arthur Miller's "A View From the Bridge" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2-Wednesday, Sept. 3, Liberal Arts Theater on the campus, 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Mile roads), Livonia. (313) 462-4400, Ext. 5270; The college's community choir holds auditions for all voice parts, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, (west of Inkster), Livonia. (313) 462-4435/(248) 349-8176

STAGECRAFTERS

For "Beyond Therapy," Stagecrafters 2nd Stage production, 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8 at the Baldwin Theatre, 416 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. Come prepared joke or humorous story, no longer than two minutes, and bring a nonreturnable photo. Show dates Oct. 24-31, Nov. 1-2. Call (248) 541-4832.

VANGUARD VOICES

Vanguard Voices and the Vanguard Grand Chorus are hold-

ing auditions for all voice parts. Informal rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 7, room F-113 MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. Auditions for Vanguard Grand Chorus are immediately after each rehearsal. Auditions for Vanguard Voices are also after the rehearsals but by appointment only. (313) 845-6474

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS

Auditions for the musical "Babes in Toyland," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 16-18, 60 actors/singers dancers need for speaking parts, solos, a flock of little sheep, and an army of dancing soldiers, all ages welcome, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Participation fee upon casting: \$100 PCAC members, \$125 nonmembers. Performances Dec. 5-7, school tours Dec. 8-18. (313) 416-4ART

BENEFITS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Beanie Baby Sale and Trade to benefit junior actors/ Ridgedale Building Fun, additional items include books and handmade purses, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free. (248) 853-3990

DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHORUS

"Falsettos," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre inside the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake, West Bloomfield. Tickets \$25 with proceeds to benefit Detroit Together Men's Chorus, Michigan's oldest and largest gay men's chorus. (313) 893-3631 or (248) 588-4743

CLASSES / WORKSHOPS

JINGLE BEL, INC.

Classes for children (ages 3-16) in chorus, theater, instrumental music, and visual art begin Sept. 16 at Precinct Five, 1551 East Auburn Road at Emmons, Rochester Hills. Information (248) 375-9027, registration (248) 656-6808

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD

Is hosting a children's acting workshop for children in kindergarten through ninth grade for six weeks beginning Saturday, Oct. 4 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford. The cost is \$45. Call (313) 531-0554 for information.

SWEET ADELINE CHORUS

Four week workshop offered by Spirit of Detroit Chorus Chapter (1997 Regional Champions) to improve vocal skills, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile Road west of Inkster, Livonia. \$6 for four session or bring a friend for 2 for 1 price. Registration: (313) 427-5649 or (248) 661-8134

SPECIAL EVENTS

FARMER JACK MOTOR CITY PRAISEFEST

The event, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7 at Hart Plaza in Detroit is a celebration of gospel music. Appearing are national artists including Beverly Crawford who will perform 6:50-7:35 p.m. Sunday; Vickie Winans, The Canton Spirituals, and The Clark Sisters featuring Twinkle Clark Terrell, along with the Detroit area's finest gospel performers. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30-11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 459-6969 or visit the web site, <http://www.wattsupinc.com>

CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE

11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Jaguar Affiliates Group of Michigan, a non-profit organization, presents its 30th anniversary event with donations to benefit Paws With A Cause, Hyatt Regency-Dearborn. (313) 464-3887.

PAWS FOR CELEBRATION

8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 gala evening of dinner, entertainment (Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons), fashion show (latest designs in women's and canine's fashions), art auction (work created by Center for Creative Studies students) to benefit the Michigan Humane Society and celebrate the nonprofit organization's 120th anniversary. Patron (\$176) and Benefactor (\$300) ticketholders will join Master of Ceremonies Ed McMahon for

cocktails at 6 p.m., Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy. Tickets \$75 each for Supporters. (313) 872-3400

FAMILY EVENTS

ANN ARBOR AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, featuring vintage Ford Tri-Motor plane, also aeronautical exhibitions, demonstrations, helicopter and plane rides, south of I-94 near the corner of State and Elsworth Roads, Ann Arbor. Free. 1-800-888-9487

WYANDOTTE HERITAGE DAYS

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7, living history encampments, antique auto show, arts and crafts, concerts, Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show featuring log rolling and log rolling dogs at Bishop Park on the waterfront, Wyandotte. Free. (313) 246-4520

PLYMOUTH TRAIN & TOY SHOW

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 6-7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. \$4, adults; \$1 ages 4-12. (313) 455-2110

SOUTHFIELD'S AUTUMPFEST

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, rural festival of food, entertainment, produce vendors, petting farm, kid's fun tent, clowns, hay rides at the Mary Thompson House and Farm, 25630 Evergreen, south of Southfield Civic Center. Free. (248) 354-0603

ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL

5 p.m. to midnight Friday, Sept. 5, noon to midnight, Saturday, Sept. 6, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, rides, fun, entertainment, games at Lafayette and Lincoln between 10 and 11 Mile. Free. (248) 547-1818

JAZZ

PAUL ABLER TRIO

8 p.m.-midnight Thursday, Sept. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

B SHARP JAZZ QUINTET

9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$7. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

LINDA BLANCHE TRIO

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

TERRY CALLIER

8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$12 in advance. 18 and older. (acid jazz) (248) 544-3030

KURT ELLING AND LAURENCE HOBGOOD TRIO

9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5-Saturday, Sept. 6, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$15. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

HANSOLO

With Acufuncture perform as part of "The Sessions," 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (313) 996-2747

FAREED HAQUE

8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030

KATHY KOSINS TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

SHEILA LANDIS

With Rick Matle, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Bistro 3Thirteen, 133 Walton Boulevard, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; With her trio, 8 p.m. mid-night Thursday, Sept. 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older; With Rick Matle and Dennis Sheridan, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. All ages. (248) 332-7184/(248) 645-2150/(313) 271-4441 (Jazz/Latin Jazz)

LARVAL

With Mental Landscape and Cadillac Voodoo Choir, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (avant jazz/alternative rock) (248) 544-3030

PHIL LASLEY TRIO

8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150

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RICK MATLE TRIO
With his trio, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Gargoyles' Coffee House, 7 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; With his six-piece band, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, ACO Hardware, Clawson. Free. All ages. (248) 745-9790/(248) 333-7177

CARL MICHEL TRIO
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE "JAZZ ON ORCHARD LAKE"
With Alexander Zonjic and Friends, and Grammy Award-winning pianist Bob James. Sunday, Sept. 7, St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$40 includes wine, food, car show, and jazz program. All ages. (248) 683-1750

TRI
8 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Sept. 6, Agape Caffe, 205 Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Free. All ages. (248) 546-1400

SUNNY WILKINSON
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5-Saturday, Sept. 6, and Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Scallop, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. \$10. 21 and older; With pianist Bob James, Sunday, Sept. 7, as part of Jazz on the Lake at St. Mary's College, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. \$40 includes wine, food, car show, and jazz program. All ages; 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, as part of P'jazz at the terrace at Crown Plaza Pontchartrain, 2 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. \$10. 21 and older. (248) 656-2525/(248) 683-0401/(313) 965-0200

WORLD MUSIC

DICK GAUGHAN
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50, \$11.50 members, students and seniors. All ages. (Scottish folk) (313) 761-1800

GREAT BIG SEA
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8, \$5 University of Michigan students with ID. All ages. (Celtic maritime band) (313) 761-1800

IMMUNITY
9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Mr. Sports, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Captain Tony's Key West Bar and Grill, 3336 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (313) 534-7420/(248) 288-8388

MICHAEL ROSE
With DJ Billy the Kid, 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50 in advance. 19 and older. (reggae) (313) 996-8555

D.L. TURNER
2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, creative and spell-binding harp music, Dixboro Dulcimer Store, 5740 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 665-2357

FOLK

BALDUCK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS
2-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6-Sunday, Sept. 7, as part of the fall arts festival at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Dr. (east of Fisher Road), Grosse Pointe Farms. (313) 881-9726

THE BURNS SISTERS
With Chuck Brodsky, and The Mollys, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (313) 761-1800

RFD BOYS
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$9. \$8 members, students and seniors. \$9, \$8 members, students and seniors. (bluegrass) (313) 761-1800

JOHN MCCUTCHEON
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15. All ages. (313) 761-1800

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Kevin McPeck, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 (no cover)-Friday, Sept. 5 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 (\$8); Eric Kirkland and Jim Hamm, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 (no cover)-Friday, Sept. 12 (\$8), and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 (\$8), 36071 Plymouth Road, above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (313) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
John DiCrosta, 9:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4-Saturday, Sept. 5, (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package); Bill Hildebrandt, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, (\$10, \$20.95 dinner/show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Totally Unrehearsed Theatre, 8:30 p.m.-Wednesday, Sept. 10, (\$10), 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
John McClellan and Mark Knope, Thursday, Sept. 4-Sunday, Sept. 7; Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays; Mike Armstrong and Tim Lilly, Wednesday, Sept. 10-Sunday, Sept. 14, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Showtimes: 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays (\$6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays (\$12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays (\$6). Special engagements excluded. (248) 542-9900

THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT
"Send in the Clones," at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, through October. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Free improvisational comedy set by the cast is after every performance on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and after the late shows on Fridays and Saturdays. \$8 Wednesdays, \$14 on Thursdays, \$15 on Fridays, \$19.50 on Saturdays and \$12 on Sundays. (313) 965-2222

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, runs through December 1998, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
"Special Effects," an IMAX film about special effects and how movies like "Star Wars" and "Independence Day" were done, hourly 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, hourly 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and 5 p.m. Saturdays, 1 p.m. 2, p.m. 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays; 5020 John R St., Detroit. Museum admission \$6.75 adults; \$4.75 for students and senior citizens. (313) 577-8400

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
"Africa: One Continent. Many Worlds" exhibit runs through Sunday, Sept. 7, at the museum, 315 E. Warren, Detroit. Museum hours 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Sundays; \$3 adults; \$2 children younger than 12. (313) 494-5853

U OF M-DEARBORN
"Honey Harvest," 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 in Room 144 of the Science Building, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. (313) 593-5338

POPULAR MUSIC

APHEX TWIN
With Sneaker Pimps, Linoleum, and Luke Vibert a.k.a. Wagonchrist, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$15 in advance. All ages. (techno/pop) (248) 333-2362

AUNTIE CHRIST
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in

advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

BAD LIVERS
With Valentine Six, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

BAKED POTATO
With Deep Space Six, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (funk/Deadhead) (313) 996-8555

CAREY BELL
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$10. 21 and older. (blues harmonica player) (313) 278-5340

BETTY
8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$15, \$7.50 for University of Michigan students with ID. All ages. (pop) (313) 761-1800

THE BIZER BROTHERS
8 p.m.-midnight Friday, Sept. 5-Saturday, Sept. 6, and Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, The Rattlesnake Club, 300 River Place, Detroit. Free. All ages. (pop) (313) 567-4400

MARY J. BLIGE
With Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Dru Hill, Ginuwine, and Aaliyah, 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$42.50 and \$35. All ages. (R&B) (248) 377-0100

BLUECAT
10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 852-6433

BLUE EYED SOUL
With Baked Potato celebrate the release of their CDs with party and performances, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older. (rock) (248) 544-3030

BLUE SUIT FEATURING GENE MORGAN
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

BOTFLY
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk rock) (313) 996-2747

JUNIOR BROWN
With Jack Ingram, 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$17.50. All ages. (blues) (313) 761-1800

BUTTERFLY
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor. Cover charge. 19 and older. (psychedelic trippy pop) (313) 996-2747

SCOTT CAMPBELL GROUP
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Nolan's Pub, 15316 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 824-4180

CHISEL BROS. WITH MIMI HARRIS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110/(313) 581-3650

THE CIVILIANS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Gimlicks inside Airway Lanes, 4825 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 674-0426

COURT RECORDERS
With Voodoo, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 832-2355

CRAW
With Harvey Milk and El Cabron, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

THE CRYSTAL METHOD
With DJ J. Infexus, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$12 in advance. All ages. (trip-hop) (248) 331-1999

TOMMY D BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Sept. 13, Cowleys' Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 474-

5941
DAYS OF THE NEW
6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5 in advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (248) 335-8100

DETROIT ALL STARS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Lower Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Sold out. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 451-1213

DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

DIAMOND DUKES
Celebrates release of CD with party and performance, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

TIM DIAZ
With Gary Rasmussen and Dion Roddy, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic) (248) 544-1141

DOMESTIC PROBLEMS
With Troll for Trout, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

FAITHLESS
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$7 in advance and at the door. All ages. (pop) (248) 335-8100

FOOLISH MORTALS
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 360-7450

FRANKLIN STREET BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(248) 644-4800

FULL FREQUENCY
With Pinchpoint, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

FUNDAMENTAL EXTREMISTS
With Y.O.U., Luis Resto, and Ernie Douglas the Acoustic Terminator, 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (funk/acoustic rock) (313) 832-2355

GERALDINE FIBBERS
6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

ALVIN YOUNGBLOOD HART
7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance. All ages. (313) 761-1800

THE HATCHETMEN
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 852-6433

HI-FI AND THE ROADBURNERS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6 in advance. 18 and older. (rock) (313) 833-POOL

HUFFAMOOSE
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 in advance. 18 and older. (roots rock) (248) 335-8100

INSANE CLOWN POSSE
7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. \$13 of show. All ages. (horror rap) (313) 961-5451

JILL JACK
8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (roots rock) (248) 642-9400

JIMMY JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main

St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 543-4300

JEWEL
With David Baerwald, 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Meadow Brook Music Festival, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. \$27.50 pavilion, \$20 lawn. (pop) (248) 377-0100

BIG JACK JOHNSON
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110

K'S CHOICE
With Protein and The Vents, 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$11 in advance and at the door. All ages. (alternative rock) (248) 335-8100

MIKE KING
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 544-1141

KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Daddy Longlegs, and The Rev. Right Time and The First Cuzins of Funk, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (funk/reggae) (313) 961-MELT

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5-Sunday, Sept. 6, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 855-3110

LIFE OF AGONY
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUES BAND
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5-Saturday, Sept. 6, Gimlicks inside Airway Lanes, 4825 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 674-0426

MAN OR ASTROMAN?
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All ages. (experimental) (313) 961-MELT

MOTION CONTROL
With Elephant Gerald and Down With Hatred, 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

MOTOR CITY JOSH
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

MOTOR JAM
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Woody's, 208 W. Fifth St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 349-9110/(248) 543-6911

THE MUDTONES
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5-Saturday, Sept. 6, Cowleys' Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock/blues) (248) 474-5941

MUSTARD PLUG
With The Articles, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, The Palladium, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Cover charge. All ages; 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska/Jamaican jazz) (810) 778-6404/(313) 485-5050

STEVE NARDELLA
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

NIHILIST SPASM BAND
With Gravitator, and Princess Dragon-Mom, 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (experimental rock) (313) 832-2355

THE NIXONS
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

NOBODY'S BUSINESS
9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 581-3650

RAHSAAN PATTERSON
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. \$12.50 in

advance. 21 and older. (248) 546-7610

ROBERT PENN
9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9-Wednesday, Sept. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 644-4800

PLUMLUCKO
With Machina, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

THE POWER STATION
Featuring singer Robert Palmer, and guitarist Andy Taylor, formerly of Duran Duran, 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. All ages. ('80s rock) (248) 333-2362

PULL
9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older; 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Mount Chalet, 4715 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 338-6200/(248) 549-2929

GARY RASMUSSEN
7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 271-4442

RING
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, Paycheck's Lounge, 2932 Caniff, Hamtramck. \$5. 21 and older. (rock) (248) 542-6811

ROADSIDE MONUMENT
With The Great Rain, and Shellbound, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-8555

SHINDIG
10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

THE SIDEWINDERS
10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, Union Lake Grill and Bar, 2280 Union Lake Road, Commerce Township. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (248) 360-7450

SISTER SEED
9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (acoustic rock) (248) 544-1141

SLOAN
6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$12 in advance. All ages. (alt-rap) (313) 961-MELT

SPECTRUM
With Frontier, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (313) 833-POOL

SUPRA ARGO
9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6

DINING



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Elegant dining: Leila Hamie, president and general manager of Marhaba, presents Stuffed Grape Leaves, and an Appetizer Sampler. Marhaba offers Arabic delicacies with a Lebanese accent.

Elegant Marhaba serves fine cuisine

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

I can't wait to take my friends Omar and Ghada Aboul-Hosn to dinner at Marhaba, which means hello and welcome in Arabic. They'll love it. Livonia's newest Middle Eastern restaurant, which opened Aug. 14, looks just like Ghada's dining room - elegant - and the food is also like hers, homemade with quality ingredients.

"We always wanted to do something special," said Leila Hamie of Livonia, president and general manager. "I wanted something like my dining room, very comfortable, like my home, a relaxing atmosphere."

Chances are very good you've never seen a restaurant like Marhaba. Everything's first class, and the owners spent 10 months completely renovating the building.

Crystal chandeliers light the dining room, which is filled with mahogany dining room tables, just like the one at home reserved for company. Every table is topped with a lace runner and flowers. There are also five roomy booths by the window.

"We serve real healthy food, and wanted to create a healthy atmosphere where people can enjoy it," said Hamie. "This is fine dining, it's not fast food. We like the people to be very comfortable. It is important to the digestive system to be relaxed and happy while you eat."

Everything is soothing here. The walls decorated with floral prints are a subtle beige, the carpet a rainbow pattern of soft colors, and potted plants, including a huge palm, are tucked in corners.

The banquet room provides a private setting for special dinners and get togethers, or business meetings.

Comfortable chairs, sofas and love seats are clustered around a gas fireplace in the hospitality room where you can enjoy a cup of Turkish coffee or wait for friends. A grandfather clock helps create the homey atmosphere.

Karim Alweli of Dearborn was busy making fresh bread for the lunch crowd. The diamond shaped bread is called Samon and served warm.

"It's satisfying to see people having a good time," said Hamie who operates the restaurant with her partners Sabah Ammouri of Southfield and Claudia Garmo of West Bloomfield.

"People always look forward to bread before the meal," said Ammouri. "Our bread is a little crunchy and topped with sesame seeds. It's very appetizing."

Chef Haj Abed Hashem has 30 years of experience, and has worked in Lebanon and other Arabic countries.

Marhaba has "the original Arabic kitchen," with a Lebanese accent, but besides the usual Middle Eastern fare - hummus, baba ghanouj, falafel, stuffed grape leaves, fattoush, chicken and beef shawarma, shish tawook and shish kabob, the menu includes quail, lamb chops, filet mignon, white fish, and Maskouf - barbecued whole white fish.

"We only use fresh fruits and vegetables," said Hamie, "you can taste the difference."

"Our white fish is great here," said Ammouri. "It's delicious and fresh grilled."

Marhaba also serves a variety of freshly squeezed juice such as carrot, apple, orange, lemonade, mango and fresh smoothies, too. They have applied for a liquor license. Save room for dessert - Creme Caramel, Baklava, ice cream, and rice pudding.

Marhaba
Where: 33501 Eight Mile Road (just west of Farmington Road on the south side), Livonia, (248) 615-1800.
Hours: Noon to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, Lunch; 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, dinner; 5-11 p.m. Friday, dinner; 2-10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, dinner.
Menu: Middle Eastern cuisine including fresh squeezed juice.
Cost: Appetizers range from \$2.75 to \$7.95. Entrees range from \$5.95 for stuffed grape leaves with rice and meat to \$14.50 for lamb chops. All entrees served with your choice of soup or salad, bread, Basmati rice and murrak (stew). Combination Special Platters range from \$11.75 to \$16.75. Kids menu and sandwiches also available.
Credit Cards: American Express, Visa and Mastercard
Reservations: For parties of 50 or more
Carry-out: Yes
Banquet room: For parties or business meetings.

"We stress fresh food, good service, and cleanliness here," explained Ammouri.

"Even if you have the best food in the world, if the place is not clean, it's not good," adds Hamie. "The city has received us with happiness. Everyone has been very nice, and we felt we had to do our very best."

Her husband, Hassan, was a diplomat for the Arab League, and they lived all over Europe, including Belgium, France, Switzerland, Rome, and Austria; and also in Ottawa, Canada. They, and their two daughters, Maya, 19, and Zeina, 16, have lived in the United States for nine years, six of those years in

Livonia. Maya is starting her second year at the University of Michigan-Deerborn this fall, and plans to become a doctor. Her sister is a senior at Stevenson High School.

Prior to becoming involved with the restaurant, the couple published "The International Journalist Magazine" based in Dearborn. "I am Lebanese, but I love the United States. This is a free country," said Leila. "You can say whatever you want, as long as it's true."

People build on their successes to create new opportunities, and Leila and Hassan have a plan to put their diplomacy and information gathering skills to work.

"We'd like to have international dinners in the future," said Leila. "It would be a way of introducing our customers to other foods and cultures. There were some people in here from the former Soviet Union. They told us about their food."

"For me, I wanted a mixture," explained Hassan, who offers advice and lends a hand when needed. "Something like a club, restaurant and house. A place to meet people."

"He has good views, he loves people so much, he has good taste," said Leila about her husband.

Marhaba also has a great sound system, and they also plan to offer entertainment some day. A gift shop, which will offer a variety of items from around the world, is also in the works.

You might want to get dressed up a little for dinner at Marhaba, but if you're a casual sort of person, that's OK, too.

"Once a lady came to the door and told her husband, 'We have to go, I'm not dressed right.' I told her no, come on in," said Leila, "you're fine."

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Restaurant Specials features theme dinners, menu changes, and restaurant openings. Send news items to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS

Will open its second location in Plymouth at 15077 Sheldon Road on Saturday, Sept. 6. Einstein Bros. will officially celebrate with a grand opening party on Saturday, Sept. 20. Store hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. They offer 18 varieties of bagels, 12 choices of cream cheese spread, fresh

brewed coffees, teas and espresso drinks. For lunch and dinner the bakery offers bagel sandwiches, salads, and other side orders. The other Plymouth location is 640 W. Ann Arbor Road. Einstein Bros. also recently opened a store in Dearborn at 750 N. Telegraph.

CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Sponsored by Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Waterman Center on Campus. Features tastes of 60 metro Detroit restaurants. Proceeds benefit culinary arts scholarships. Tickets two for \$75 in advance, or \$40. Call (313) 462-

MICHIGAN CHILI COOKOFF

The 19th annual Michigan Chili Cookoff, to benefit culinary arts scholarships and the Milford Mill Pond Project, is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 at Five Lakes Grill, 424 N. Main St., Milford. Tickets are \$35 per person, and include entertainment and a variety of food and beverages. The winner of this event will represent Michigan at the World Chili Cookoff in Reno, NV. Advance tickets are available at the Lark, (248) 661-4666, or Five Lakes Grill, (248) 684-7455. Tickets will also be available at

SPECIAL DINNER

"Fire on Ice" Cigar and Dinner Extravaganza in honor of the Detroit Red Wings, 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River, Novi. Tickets \$97, portion of proceeds will be donated in the name of Vladimir Konstantinov and Sergi Mnatsakanov to the William Beaumont Closed Head Injury Fund. Call (248) 305-7333, Ext. 126.

ZINGERMAN'S
Zingerman's Delicatessen, 422 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor, will

celebrate its Fiesta de Espana 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Zingerman's co-founder Ari Weinzwieg will narrate a demonstration on making paella, the Valencian rice specialty. Spanish cheeses, olive oils, vinegars and tapas will be available for sampling and sale. The cooking demonstration is free. Zingerman's will host a Spanish Cheese tasting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. The cost is \$10 per person. Call (313) 663-3400 for reservations, space is limited.

GERMAN FOOD AND WINE
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